

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Reports were given wide circulation in financial circles at this centre yesterday that our Ambassador at Berlin, Mr. Gerard, who is on his way home for a short vacation, is the bearer of a message to President Wilson asking the latter's good offices in a movement to bring about an early peace. Investigation places responsibility for the report with the head of an important financial institution, an institution so prominent and in a position to be so well-informed, that it is difficult to accept the view expressed by representatives of other financial institutions of similar prominence that real basis does not exist for the statement. However, Acting Secretary Polk of the State Department made a formal statement to newspaper correspondents who interviewed him in which he expressed entire disbelief in the report. It does not seem unlikely that the German Foreign Office or even the Kaiser himself, may have expressed a hope to Mr. Gerard, when the latter was leaving, that the war soon would end. But such a hope may hardly be stretched to mean that the Kaiser is seeking a peace founded on admitted defeat. The sensitiveness of the stock market to post-bellum conditions was indicated by the sharp breaks that were shown in quotations on the Exchange, more notably in the so-called war stocks, when the report referred to was given publicity. An Associated Press dispatch from Washington of Thursday's date is significant in connection with the report. It stated that no new step to end the European war has been taken by the United States, and so far as officials at Washington can foresee, none is likely to be taken in the near future, according to an authoritative statement of the Government's position obtained in high official circles.

While the traction trouble here is dying out in failure and grumbling talk, with some sporadic violence still continuing, the city has another trouble in some interruption of its supply of milk, one of the food articles which was mentioned as among the first to be cut off by the general sympathetic strike that refused to come when it was called. There are accusations and counter-accusations between producers and distributors. Several of the latter have appealed to the reasonable thought of both the producers and the public by broad advertisements after the example set by the railroads in the matter of "full-crew laws" and the controversies over wages. These companies say, with evident truth, that the better and more wholesome milk of to-day cannot be supplied without methods which necessarily cost more than the careless methods of forty years ago; they say they have maintained amicable relations with the producers for many years, and they justly claim that they have raised the standard of this indispensable article.

No complaint can be made merely because the farmers have an organization, for the lack of co-operative organizing has been one of the causes of the friction and obstruction which make scarcity and intolerably high prices here, while abundance exists at the soil within a moderate distance from New York. The right to organize belongs to every place and every class, and exercising it should be for the general welfare; its abuse is the constant evil. There seems to be clear evidence of such abuse in this instance.

The dairymen have a "league," to which the opprobrious term of trust may be applied without apparent injustice. If we admit that the struggle is between a producers' trust and a distributors' trust, there are reasons for suspecting that the former is the more seriously mistaken in its contention. One weighty reason is that the dairymen have resorted to violence, thus beginning by descent to the level of the traction striker. Their right to use their own milk as they choose, including spilling it on the ground, may be admitted; but they put themselves outside the pale of argument by attacking the wagons of others and destroying product not their own to dispose of. Here there is no room for discussion; only a demand for prevention and punishment. Incidentally, among the conferences and investigations already had or proposed, it appears that the head of one of our State commissions is openly espousing the side of the dairymen against the distributors, coupling the former with himself by the word "we," and using language which savors only of partisanship. To say the least, this is a position in which the innocent third party and invariable final sufferer—the consumer—is wholly disregarded.

Producer, railroad and distributor are normally engaged in bringing this article of food from the dairy to the table, the nursery and the hospital. The police power of the State is derelict if it allows bandits on the rural highways to destroy a product honestly acquired and in course of delivery to the common carrier, en route to the distributor whose wagons go their rounds before most of us are astir in the morning. One prominent distributing company advertises that it will "continue to deal with the farmers themselves and them only, and not through some scheming third party who does not even know the milk business," while the State official just mentioned is quoted as saying that these companies "should not be permitted to bunk the public into the belief that it will be necessary to raise milk prices again." The consumer is the "bunked" party always, but while the screw is in course of receiving another turn upon him, we may point out that it is not for the State to intervene between producer and the distributor to whom he sells; it is the duty of the State to repress disorder, to allow buyer and seller to make their own deals, and certainly not to take sides in a business controversy.

The prospect of settlement seemed no nearer yesterday, the producers meeting offered concessions by further demands, and the State proposing one more investigation. Has there not been too much investigating and too much interfering without investigating?

Because we have had so much of compromise in these outbreaks in course of demands for more and more money, and because of the climax of such arrangements during August in Washington, labor is everywhere incited to lawlessness. Nobody can prove, and nobody will affirm, that the surrender in August produced the traction troubles here, and now this trouble over food; but it is indisputable that the tendency is to stimulate greed into threat and outrage.

The dairymen may be overdoing it. Forcing the price of food up, and again up, may stimulate scientific and intensive agriculture, and competition may turn attention to dairy farming, a consummation quite to be desired. The farmer may get exemption, as a part of the labor class and vote, from anti-trust laws, but nobody can exempt him from the operation

of the laws of business. There are several old fables he might study with profit, for he may be letting his greed carry him too far. It may be that in quarreling with the distributing companies which handle milk he is getting in his own light. It seems quite clear that he ought, instead, to try to induce equally efficient companies (failing an effective co-operative distribution scheme of his own) to dispose of his apples, his vegetables, and his other products which now perish without the using, and profit nobody.

Bank clearings in the United States for September 1916 furnish another in the sequence of phenomenally large aggregates, thereby further reflecting the marked activity in most commercial and industrial lines; a situation in which it is hardly necessary to state the urgent demand for many commodities—explosives and supplies for the Entente armies in the main—is the dominating factor, as indicated by the nature of our exports from day to day. This latest total of clearings, moreover, and by a very satisfactory margin, sets up a new high record for any month of any year, as does that for the period since Jan. 1 establish a nine-months' high mark. The current activity, while almost universal, is not apparent in equal degree in all sections, being most noticeable, as reflected by the clearings, in localities catering to the war demand, but its general-ity is indicated by the fact that of the 162 cities included in our compilation, only two show any loss for September, and that nominal, while gains of 25% or more over the full totals of a year ago are quite common. Furthermore, in addition to New York, no less than 26 cities exhibit totals the heaviest of any month in their history, and among them such centres as Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Seattle, Salt Lake City and Denver. Finally, in all cases but 15 the September figures are records for that month. The exhibit at New York is especially good, an outcome due in part to the marked revival of speculative activity on the Stock Exchange.

For the country as a whole the aggregate of clearings, as already stated, marks a high record for September, and contrasted with 1915, which it displaces, there is a gain of 44.4%. For the nine months since Jan. 1, moreover, the current year's total is 41.8% in excess of that of a year ago. At New York the September clearings record a very heavy gain over last year—49.2%—this following an increase then of 108% over the very contracted figures of 1914. The nine months' aggregate is not alone 49.7% greater than that of a year ago, but falls only nominally short of actually equaling the twelve months' total of 1915, which was by a fair amount the high mark for such a period. Outside of New York this year's aggregate for the month exceeds last year by 36.9%, while for the longer period the increase is 31.0%. As regards the individual cities, very important gains are to be noted at many leading points, particularly at Philadelphia, 46.1%; Chicago, 31%; St. Louis, 37.1%; Cincinnati, 33%; Cleveland, 76.1%; Boston, 34.8%; Detroit, 62.2%; San Francisco, 37.1%; Los Angeles, 32.1%; Seattle, 42.3%; Salt Lake City, 55.8%; Kansas City, 44.1%; Omaha, 35.1%; Denver, 57.3%; Richmond, 86.3%; New Orleans, 36.7%; Savannah, 71.8%; Atlanta, 59.2%, and Memphis, 104.5%, the increases at the South reflecting the quite free movement of cotton at greatly enhanced values.

Dealings on the New York Stock Exchange in September were of considerably greater volume than for any month since March 1907, and constitute a record for the particular period covered. Activity was apparent immediately following the Labor holiday and every full day session subsequent to that date, with one exception, witnessed sales of over a million shares, with 2,339,060 shares changing hands on Monday, the 25th. All the leading shares participated in the activity, with the properties benefited by the war conspicuous, and transactions were at generally advancing prices. Operations totaled 29,992,582 shares, against 18,399,286 shares in 1915, and for the nine months they reached 138,862,182 shares, against 115,133,248 shares last year. Bonds, also, were freely dealt in during the month, the transactions closely approximating 100 million dollars par value, with United Kingdom 5s, Anglo-French 5s, American Foreign 6s and Dominion of Canada 5s making up some 25% of the total. Sales of bonds for the nine months at 797½ million dollars contrast with 605 millions in 1915. At Boston, too, trading in stocks and bonds was much more active during the month.

A continuation of very satisfactory commercial and industrial conditions in Canada finds interpretation in the bank clearings returns for the month of September. At a few points the aggregates are high records for any monthly period; at most cities they are the heaviest ever reported for September, and the total of all exhibits a large increase over the like period of 1915. Specifically, the gain for the month in the total for the 23 cities furnishing comparative figures is 40.8%, while for the nine months the excess over a year ago reaches 41.6%, with Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Regina, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Hamilton and Peterborough the most conspicuous contributors to it.

Cotton, which had already made a decided advance in August and September, ruling higher at the close of the last-named month than at any time since May 1911, moved upward further in value the current week, following the publication of the report of the Department of Agriculture on the status of the crop Sept. 25. That report indicated an even greater drop in condition than had been generally expected, and its announcement was signalized immediately by an excited speculation on the local exchange that carried prices for the staple up some \$3 per bale net, and the advance has since gone still further. As officially determined, the condition of the crop on Sept. 25 was only 56.3% of a normal, or much lower than usual at that date—in fact, the lowest in our record, the nearest approach thereto having been 58.3 in 1902 and 58.5 in 1909—and comparing with 60.8 at the same time in 1915 and a ten-year average of 67.2. Moreover, the Department stated that a condition of 56.3 on Sept. 25 forecast a yield per acre of but 156.3 lbs., and this, applied to the acreage (Government total), after allowing for an abandonment of 1% of planted area, indicates an aggregate production of 11,637,000 bales of 500 lbs. gross weight each, and not including linters. On the basis of the "Chronicle" acreage, however, and following the same method of calculating, the result would be over 12,750,000 bales.

According to this final report on condition for the season, every State except California and Oklahoma gives a poorer promise than on Aug. 25, noticeably

so in some cases, and especially where the outlook was distinctly poor at that time. The deterioration in Alabama during the month is stated as 9 points, making a condition at latest date only 36, and an identical drop in Mississippi puts the percentage down to 40. Elsewhere, the deterioration ranges from 3 points in Texas to 13 in Missouri, with Oklahoma unchanged, but low withal, and California showing a slight improvement. As regards indicated yield per acre in the various States, some decided declines are to be noted. The forecast for Alabama, for instance, is only 94 lbs., against 146 lbs. last year and a ten-year average of 174 lbs.; Mississippi, 114 lbs., against 167 lbs. and 193 lbs., respectively; South Carolina, 175 lbs., against 215 lbs. and 223 lbs., and Georgia 162 lbs., against 189 lbs. and 194 lbs. On the other hand, the indication for Texas is 161 lbs., against 147 lbs. last year and Arkansas, 183 lbs. against 180 lbs.

These conclusions are based, of course, upon the Sept. 25 condition, and are consequently subject to modification either way according as the climatic conditions, including time of frosts, are better or worse than average hereafter. In a memorandum issued in connection with the condition report, the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture refers not only to the heavy deterioration in the central cotton States, but explains that boll weevils have taken a heavy toll in Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana and Florida, puncturing and destroying grown bolls to a greater extent than ever before known. Serious damage, it is also stated, has been done by the pest to portions of the crop in Oklahoma, Georgia and Tennessee, and caterpillars have injured late cotton in Southern Texas and Eastern Florida.

The rapidity with which picking has been carried on is also noted in the Department's memorandum, and it finds confirmation in the statement of the amount of cotton ginned to Sept. 25, issued by the Census Bureau just prior to the announcement of the condition figures. In all, 4,062,991 bales had been ginned to the date mentioned, a high record total for the period covered and comparing with 2,903,829 bales in 1915 and 3,393,752 bales in 1914.

Count Okuma, Prime Minister of Japan, resigned on Wednesday, giving advanced age—he is 78 years old—as the reason for his action. The members of the Cabinet also tendered their resignations to the Emperor. Before he resigned, the Premier recommended to the Emperor the appointment of Viscount Takaaki Kato as his successor. The Emperor, however, appointed Count Terachi to the position. The new Premier holds highest rank in the Japanese army. Until his appointment to the Premiership he was Governor-General of Korea. This appointment is considered a victory for the army party. But it is believed that he will be able to unite the various factors in Japan.

Greece still remains nominally in the list of neutrals. But a new national Ministry, which will favor intervention on the side of the Entente Powers is about to be appointed by King Constantine. Three of the adherents of ex-Premier Venizelos will, it is stated, receive portfolios. The King accepted the resignation of the entire Kalogeropoulos Cabinet on Wednesday morning at a Crown Council held at the palace. Following the meeting the King called

in Demetrios Diamantidis, Minister of Communications in the Venizelos Cabinet, to advise him respecting the Venizelists to be chosen for the new Ministry. In addition to M. Diamantidis, the former President of the Chamber, Constantine Zavitsanos and the former Minister of the Interior, M. Kafandaris, are under consideration. Written opinions of the situation of Greece submitted by each member of the retired Cabinet to the King showed that the Minister of the Interior, M. Roufas; the Minister of Communications, M. Kaftandjoglow, and the Minister of Justice, M. Vokotopoulos, were all opposed to entering the war. There seems no reason to doubt that financially Greece is in a most uncomfortable position. According to a wireless dispatch from Rome, the Greek Government has suspended payments because of the shortage of funds.

The Allied armies, considered as a whole, appear to be making progress, but the advances are obviously being contested foot by foot. It is evident that preparations will soon be necessary for another winter's campaign, and from the military standpoint there seems slight encouragement to expect a decisive development this season. The policy of the German Chief of Staff, von Hindenburg, is obviously based on the plan to hold back the English and French advances on the west by defensive tactics and to indulge as far as possible his offensive operations in the more easterly sections, where troops probably less efficient in experience, training and equipment, though not in numbers, are to be faced. Thus the more spectacular operations are along the eastern battlefields, particularly in the Balkans. Reports from the latter permit very indefinite ideas to be gathered as to the result, owing to the unreliable and exaggerated official statements that always seem to be such an outstanding feature of Balkan warfare. Thus the Bulgarian War Office in an official statement yesterday declared that the invading army of Rumanians have been entirely dispersed, "not a single Rumanian soldier remaining" on the Bulgarian side of the river. Earlier statements from the same source declared that the Rumanian army that crossed the Danube had been annihilated. This is denied by Rumania. All the attempts of the Rumanians and Russians to advance into Dobrudja have been repulsed by counterattacks of the Teutonic Allies, though the Rumanians declare that 13 cannon have fallen into their hands in this region. In Transylvania the Rumanians have captured Austro-German fortifications near Rajd after a battle lasting three days. Near Bekokten, north of Fogaras and in the vicinity of the Hatszeg Mountains, the Rumanians are reported by Berlin as in retreat, but it is admitted by the German War Office that the invaders have made another gain in the Orsova sector. The forces of the Entente Powers have driven their line to within twelve miles of Monastir, Serbia, and have occupied the town of Buf. On the eastern part of the Macedonian front the occupation of Yenikeui near the Struma River, by the British is admitted by Berlin. The British also claim to have occupied the village of Nevolyen, on the eastern bank of the river. Italians have captured several additional towns in Albania. In Volhynia, west of Lutsk, as well as along the entire front to the Dniester, in Galicia, the Russians have started a vigorous offensive. Emperor William has gone to the front of General von Linsingen, near Lutsk, where the prin-

cial fighting is in progress. At various places in this sector and in Galicia, Petrograd asserts that the Austro-Germans have been defeated. Berlin will only concede that the Russians have reached the Teuton lines at one point north of Zubilno, and state that they were later driven from the captured position.

Grand Duke Nicholas has been recalled from his post in Turkish Armenia and given command of the combined Russian and Rumanian army that is fighting Field Marshall von Mackensen in Dobrudja. This transfer of the Grand Duke, in the opinion of British military critics, is the most significant move that has been made by any of the Allies in months. According to reports from various sources, the Dobrudja army now commanded by General Averescu, formerly Rumanian Minister of War, has been reinforced by large details of Russian troops until it has become a very powerful one. Russia since the beginning of the war has been preparing for a drive through the Dobrudja and Bulgaria to Constantinople. The shifting of the Grand Duke to Dobrudja is interpreted as an indication that preparations for this great offensive have been completed. Suddenly resuming offensive in Turkish Armenia, west of Trebizond, the Russians, with the co-operation of their fleet, have, according to advices from Petrograd, inflicted a severe defeat on the Turks.

The "saving daylight" plan that was inaugurated in Great Britain, France, Germany and other Continental countries in May last, seems to have been a success, at any rate to the extent of having caused a minimum of inconvenience. All these countries on Sunday, Oct. 1, moved their official clocks back one hour, thus restoring conditions to the old basis. In Great Britain, beginning at 3 a. m. legal time was returned to 2 a. m. In France, Greenwich time was resumed at 1 a. m., while Germany returned to normal time on Saturday at midnight. Advices cabled from Berlin state that opinions vary greatly regarding the advantage of the so-called summer time. Farmers are opposed to it, as also are the motion picture interests, while some of the theatres and the commercial classes favor it.

The announcement of the British Government's determination to issue 6% Exchequer bonds has proven sufficient to counteract the favoring war news in the London markets for securities. Another influence of the same tendency was the decision to offer the new French war loan officially at the British centre. Thus from two sources was there promise of new competition with existing investment issues. Operators found difficulty in disposing of the older classes of investments except at substantial reductions in prices. Additional restrictions on war profits caused armament descriptions to sag. The Chancellor has been subject to severe criticism on the ground that the interest on the Exchequer bonds is unnecessarily high. They are not the kind of securities that are attractive to the banks or to other short-term professional investors; but they appeal to the general public. The Government has announced that applications will be received for the new bonds in amounts of £5 and upward. The banks report that they are receiving liberal orders from customers for the new Exchequer issue.

Toward the close of the week the London markets showed some improvement, the decline in prices having attracted numerous small buyers whose united purchases revealed the fact that there was comparatively little stock offered. The Stock Exchange managers have postponed consideration of the dividend until the end of the financial year, in March. Similar action was taken last year, £2 per share being paid in April, against £7 the preceding year. The new French loan was advertised in London on Thursday. There is no limit placed upon the amount made available in the British centre, just as there is no limit on the entire issue. The price in sterling is £3 4s. 6d. per 100 francs, payable in installments in December, February and April at an exchange rate of 27½ francs to the pound. The loan was well received. Announcement that subscriptions to the loan would be payable in British Treasury bills when full payment is made on application will help the result. There has yet been no formal offering of the British Exchequer bonds, the delay presumably being for the purpose of giving the French loan a clear field. It is expected that a considerable part of the Treasury bills as they mature will be transferred into new Exchequer bonds, which finally may be funded into a longer term loan at a lower rate. The revenue of the United Kingdom for the six months ended Sept. 30 was £164,000,000, an increase of £61,050,000 as compared with the corresponding period last year. The expenditure for the half-year amounted to £904,750,000 and the borrowing to £742,500,000. Current sales of short-dated Treasury bills continue heavy. The outstanding total was increased last week by £30,000,000.

A London correspondent cables that a suggestion that Great Britain adopt after the war a decimal system of coinage, patterned after that in use in the United States, is receiving earnest consideration. There is discussion also as to the advisability of adopting a metric system of weights and measures. British trade is still very active, but is, it is said, being embarrassed by the so-called "combing" operations for recruits. The harvest now is practically over and has proved to be of satisfactory proportions. Farmers are reported to be enjoying unparalleled prices for their produce. The Bank of England for the half-year ended Aug. 31, after making provision for all contingencies, showed profits of £561,130, making the total of the "rest" on that day £3,566,402, and after providing for a dividend of 5%, less income tax, the "rest" was left at £3,020,665. The half-year dividend was paid on Thursday.

The London Stock Exchange has abandoned the proposal to reduce the abatement of fixed commissions to banks from ½ to 1-3. Home rails on the London market have been relatively firm, owing to the official statement that the additional war bonus of the railway men will be borne by the Government under its earning guarantee. New English capital issues for the quarter ending with Sept. 30 were £110,578,000, making a total of £387,324,000 for the nine months that have thus far elapsed in 1916. The London "Economist" end of September index number, to be published to-day, is 4423, making a further advance of 51 points for the month, which, however, is not so large as the 168-point advance in August. The new figure represents a 100% advance from the basic number of 2200, which is the average of the commodities in question for the five-year period 1901-1905. Cereals and meat advanced 18½

points to 1018, other food (tea, sugar, &c.) advanced 5 points to 536½; textiles are 55 points higher at 937. Minerals, on the other hand, are lower, having declined 14½ points to 858½, while heavy goods, such as timber, leather, &c., are 13 points lower at 1073.

British Consols have suffered in common with other securities, the closing quotation last evening being 59⅜, a recovery from 58¾ early in the week, and comparing with 59½ on Friday of last week. Still 59⅜ for a 2½% Consol is certainly not a sign of great weakness in the credit of a country in the third year of a war of such unexampled destructiveness and expensiveness as that now current. There recently has been some disposition on the part of anti-British interests in New York to ascribe importance to an article in the Sept. 16 issue of the "London Statist," which has recently arrived, suggesting that in the event of a long-continued war specie payments would have to be abandoned. The following paragraph suggests the tenor of the article in question:

Ought we to do as we did in the great war against revolutionary France, suspend specie payments, or ought we to show that we are rich enough and ingenious enough to do what no other nation ever has done hitherto, and go on paying in gold till peace returns? The answer, we take it, to the question is, "That depends upon the length of the war." If the great general staffs of all the Entente Powers can reasonably assure the British Government that the war will not last much more than, say, six or eight months, the Government clearly ought to exhaust its ingenuity before suspending specie payments. On the other hand, if there are reasonable grounds for thinking that the war will last throughout next year, and possibly longer, it seems safe to predict that specie payments cannot be maintained to the end.

Referring to reports cabled to London from New York of the attention that the article had attracted here the correspondent of the "Journal of Commerce" cables that much surprise is expressed in Government and representative financial circles at the cables from New York. "The article has attracted not the slightest attention on this side," the correspondent adds, "as it is regarded as a merely academic discussion of an utterly remote theoretical contingency." "It is recognized fully here," the correspondent continues, "that British banking and political authorities attach utmost importance to the continuance of specie payments and to maintaining London as a free gold market." The correspondent has made personal inquiries of the highest possible authorities and is authorized to state unreservedly that the slightest deviation from the established policy regarding specie payments would not be contemplated for an instant. The mere suggestion is regarded as highly ridiculous.

The month-end settlement at Paris was satisfactorily arranged, though money was slightly dearer, the daily loans requiring 4%. The Bourse has ruled firm this week, but characterized by a certain amount of irregularity in such movement as there has been. A 40% dividend by Rio Tinto has not, it is said, sensibly affected the price. Further issues of defense obligations have been postponed indefinitely, presumably on account of the offering of the new war loan. The French moratorium again has been extended for three months. In a statement

in the Chamber of Deputies last week, the French Finance Minister, M. Ribot, intimated that heavy increases in taxation, both direct and indirect, were inevitable next year. This foreshadows, he added, a complete revision of the present fiscal system. The Chamber of Deputies on Monday voted without discussion a plan to make the Post Office service a regular banking institution. A Postal Savings Bank system already is in existence in France, and it now is extended so that postal savings accounts may become checking accounts. This plan, it is expected, will greatly reduce the use of actual money. For a checking account the minimum deposit required is only 50 francs, and checks in the form of postal orders are payable without charge. Another law enacted by the Chamber provides a pension varying from 30 to 50 francs a month to soldiers suffering a decrease in pay on account of inability to carry on former employment where such disability results from wounds or sickness, caused by service in the army. The fact of inability to do former work is to be taken as prima facie evidence that injuries received in the army were the responsible cause. It rests with the State to prove the contrary. The outstanding amount of French Treasury bonds is 13,000,000,000 francs. The traffic statements of the chief railroad companies operating outside the army zone for the month of July, it is stated, show an increase over the same month of last year of 25% and an increase over the normal of before the war of 30%. Reports cabled from Paris indicate that the war loan promises to be an even greater success than the first. In Paris rain kept many away on the morning of the opening day, but in the afternoon there were long waiting lines outside all places where subscriptions were taken. The banks state that a large number of persons paid for their stock in gold. At one window of the Bank of France alone 300,000 francs in gold were paid over in two hours. Officials of the Ministry of Finance in charge of the issue are radiant. M. Vogues states: "I sent provisional certificates for 3,000,000 francs to a banker who at the time of the last loan sold 5,000,000 worth, all told. He just sent an urgent request for certificates for 20,000,000 francs. If the scouts of the army of thrift reached that point, it is not hard to judge the results we are entitled to expect when the lists close."

Subscription lists to the fifth war loan of Germany closed on Thursday. There have been no official figures published as to the total amount pledged, although press cables from Berlin under date Oct. 2, stated that unofficial forecasts indicate that it will exceed the total of the preceding loan. An investigation by the Reichsbank a few days before suggested a total of subscriptions at that time of more than 9,000,000,000 marks. In the fourth German war loan last spring, as reported by the semi-official Overseas News Agency of Berlin 10,712,000,000 marks were received. Although there has been some falling off in small subscriptions (quoting Berlin dispatches) it is reported that this has been more than counteracted by the large subscribers. An extremely vigorous press campaign is said to have aided materially in bringing in small subscriptions during the closing days. The Reichsbank estimates the total of German banknotes being circulated in occupied countries at 2,000,000,000 marks, of which, to quote a Berlin dispatch (dated Oct. 3) "400,000,000 will be shortly brought back from Belgium

to Berlin." This movement seems to bear close relation with recent reports that the German authorities in Belgium had seized and sent to Berlin the cash reserve of the Central Belgian Bank, the Societe de Generale de Belgique. The weekly statement of that institution, quoting a London cable of Sept. 30, now shows cash in hand reduced 250 million francs for the week and the item of "balances abroad" increased 280 million. These reserves were chiefly German banknotes, it is claimed which were forced on Belgium as a currency when Germany appropriated its gold. Germany's output of steel in August was 1,412,326 tons, compared with 1,365,641 tons in July. At a meeting last week of the German Pig Iron Association reports were read showing a continued good demand for all grades of iron. September shipments, it was stated, are expected to exceed those of August. In the second year of the war freight receipts on the German State Railways were (according to newspaper statements) 2,245,000,000 marks, comparing with 1,863,000,000 marks in the first year of the war and 2,226,000,000 marks in the last year of peace. Passenger receipts decreased 32% in the first year of the war and in the second year were 21% below the last year of peace. Iron exports are no longer permitted without a special license. It is reported that shares of the Hamburg-American Line are being bought by Dutch interests.

As in France, Berlin is striving to introduce payment by check as a means of providing a necessary expansion in current funds. Under a new decree of the Federal Council, the Reichsbank is now empowered to certify its depositors' checks. The certification is valid for but ten days from the date of issue. Press advices state that judging by the experiences of the first few days of the new regulation, the arrangement will prove popular. Although the decree primarily affects the Imperial Bank, other banks can, "in suitable cases," procure certified checks for their depositors, although these have no accounts in the Imperial Bank. This is considered one of the most important steps in the efforts of the Imperial, State and municipal authorities to substitute payment by check for cash transactions. But it is only one of a long series of measures directed to the same end. Measures are now being taken to abolish or greatly reduce the fees heretofore charged for postal checks, and the payment of taxes, bills for gas, water and electricity, and such items by check or through the post office, will be made easier. The Association of Berlin Banks and Bankers decided that, beginning on Oct. 1, it would charge its depositors the same fees for postal check payments as have been recently charged by the Imperial Bank. Much is expected of the Imperial Bank's power to certify checks. A great reduction of cash transactions, particularly at months' and quarters' end settlements, is looked for, especially since checks thus certified are legal tender.

Official bank rates at the leading European centres continue to be quoted at 5% in Paris, Vienna and Copenhagen; 5½% in Italy, Sweden and Portugal; 6% in London and Petrograd, and 4½% in Switzerland, Holland, Spain and Norway. In London the private bank rate has remained at 5½@5¾% for sixty-day and ninety-day bills. Cables from Berlin still give 4½% as the nominal private bank rate at that centre. No reports have been received by cable

of open market rates at other European centres, as far as we have been able to learn. Money on call in London has not been changed from 4½%.

The Bank of England, for the first time in several weeks, showed a gain in its gold item, namely £1,078,272, which is coincident with the cessation of gold shipments to this centre, there having been no imports of the precious metal here this week. Note circulation was expanded £529,000; hence the total reserve increased £549,000. The proportion of reserves to liabilities, however, fell to 21.23%, against 22.9% last week and 26.05% a year ago. Public deposits registered a decrease of £1,136,000, although other deposits showed the large increase of £15,918,000. Government securities continued without change. Loans (other securities) were expanded £13,781,000. The Bank's holdings of gold aggregate £54,630,522, which compares with £61,249,793 in 1915 and £56,756,912 the previous year. Reserves now stand at £36,016,000, against £46,823,273 last year and £40,378,212 in 1914. Loans amount to £109,167,000, comparing with £119,266,493 and £113,894,148 one and two years ago, respectively. The Bank reports as of Sept. 30 the amount of currency notes outstanding as £120,785,480, against £119,896,191 a week ago. The amount of gold held for the redemption of such notes remains at £28,500,000. Our special correspondent is no longer able to give details by cable of the gold movement into and out of the Bank for the Bank week, inasmuch as the Bank has discontinued such reports. We append a tabular statement of comparisons:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1916. Oct. 4. £	1915. Oct. 6. £	1914. Oct. 7. £	1913. Oct. 8. £	1912. Oct. 9. £
Circulation.....	37,064,000	32,876,520	34,828,700	29,231,625	29,170,925
Public deposits.....	52,235,000	81,375,191	17,852,333	5,993,166	10,357,468
Other deposits.....	117,402,000	98,301,697	146,646,768	41,214,915	45,398,171
Government securities	42,188,000	31,286,061	27,971,087	14,488,105	13,338,084
Other securities.....	109,167,000	119,266,493	113,894,148	25,523,459	32,855,495
Reserve notes & coin	36,016,000	46,823,273	40,378,212	24,930,796	27,192,590
Gold and bullion.....	54,630,522	61,249,793	56,756,912	35,712,331	37,913,485
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	21.23%	26.05%	24.50%	52.75%	48.84%
Bank rate.....	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%

The Bank of France this week reported a further gain in its gold holdings of 7,695,075 francs. As was the case last week, the increase was all in the amount of gold held by the Bank itself, the balance held abroad remaining without change at 674,553,075 francs. The total holdings at home and abroad aggregate 4,840,446,350 francs. Last year the amount held (all in vault) was 4,601,340,011 francs and in 1914, 4,141,350,000 francs. During the week the silver item decreased 1,735,000 francs. The total silver now on hand is 335,105,000 francs, which compares with 363,624,377 francs in 1915 and 625,325,000 francs in the year preceding. Note circulation registered the large increase of 297,081,000 francs. General deposits were expanded 4,112,000 francs. Bills discounted also showed a large increase, viz., 101,197,000 francs. Treasury deposits were increased 22,786,000 francs and the Bank's advances gained 9,039,000 francs. Note circulation is now 17,011,144,000 francs, against 13,664,084,765 francs last year and 6,683,175,000 francs in 1914. General deposits total 2,252,168,000 francs, which compares with 2,627,015,439 francs one year ago and 947,575,000 francs the year preceding. Bills discounted amount to 512,155,000 francs, as against 267,437,890 francs in 1915, while advances total 1,185,844,000 francs, against 589,974,351 francs last year. In 1914 bills discounted and advances combined,

aggregated 3,202,975,000 francs. Treasury deposits are 59,598,000 francs. A year ago they totaled 69,-277,095 francs and in 1914 382,575,000 francs. The figures here given for 1914 are those for the week ending July 30, the Bank having discontinued the publication of weekly returns with the outbreak of the war.

The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement, issued as of Sept. 30, shows the following changes: Total coin and bullion increased 11,031,000 marks, gold increased 13,148,000 marks, Treasury notes increased 180,053,000 marks, notes on other banks decreased 15,674,000 marks, bills discounted increased 3,180,913,000 marks, advances increased 772,000 marks, investments decreased 4,029,000 marks, other securities decreased 142,881,000 marks, notes in circulation increased 509,918,000 marks, deposits increased 2,586,712,000 marks, and other liabilities increased 113,555,000 marks. Total gold holdings now amount to 2,484,770,000 marks, compared with 2,419,434,000 marks in 1915 and 1,716,-071,000 marks the year previous.

So far as the local money situation is concerned there is very little to record in the direction of really new feature. The tendency continues one of distinct ease. The offering of the \$50,000,000 City of Paris loan, which occurred on Tuesday, was largely oversubscribed, the books being promptly closed. The bonds were offered at 98¾. Details of the offering appear on a subsequent page of this issue. Investors in this country are also being invited through bankers to subscribe to the new French war loan, which will constitute another demand on surplus funds. But this surplus apparently is so large that these new demands upon it makes small impression. The market has received no assistance this week from imported gold. Commercial paper is offering in a moderate way.

The weekly statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies, which was issued on Saturday last, was somewhat less favorable. The loan item registered the large increase of \$31,825,000. Net demand deposits were increased \$7,755,000. Net time deposits, however, declined \$2,056,000. Reserves in "own vaults" registered a loss of \$13,-435,000, to \$436,616,000, of which \$374,079,000 is specie. A year ago the total in own vaults was \$503,372,000, including \$433,087,000 in specie. Reserves in Federal Reserve banks showed a reduction of \$10,645,000, to \$166,394,000, compared with \$146,705,000 in 1915. Reserves in other depositories increased \$208,000, to \$54,570,000, against \$37,878,-000 last year. Note circulation is \$31,149,000, a decline of \$26,000. Aggregate reserves suffered a loss of \$23,872,000, to \$657,580,000, which compares with \$687,955,000 at the corresponding date a year ago. The reserve required, however, increased \$1,-072,560, and surplus reserves were reduced \$24,944,-560, thus carrying the total of excess reserves down to \$89,189,570, as against \$196,372,130 the year previous, and \$114,134,130 a week ago. The bank statement in fuller detail is given on a subsequent page of this issue.

Referring to money rates in detail, loans on call have covered a range of 2@2¾%, against 2@3% a week ago. On Monday and Tuesday 2¾% was the high and ruling quotation and 2½% low. Wednesday the minimum declined to 2%, although 2¾%

was still the maximum quotation as well as the basis for renewals. Thursday the range was 2@2½% and renewals were at 2½%. On Friday 2¼@2½% continued the range with 2¼% the ruling figure. For fixed maturities there were slight recessions in the longer periods. Sixty-day funds were not changed from 3@3¼%; ninety days from 3¼@3½% and four and five months from 3½%, although six months is now quoted at 3½%, against 3½@3¾% last week. At this date last year sixty days was quoted at 2¼@2½%, ninety days at 2¾%, four months at 2¾@3%, five months at 3% and six months at 3@3¼%. Commercial paper discounts are without quotable change. Trading continues to be restricted by an inadequate supply of offerings. Sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character have remained at 3¼@3½%. Names less well known still require 4%. Banks' and bankers' acceptances are quoted as follows:

	Spot Delivery			
	Ninety Days	Sixty Days	Thirty Days	Delivery within 30 Days
Eligible member banks.....	2 9-16@2 7-16	2½@2¾	2¾@2¾	3 @2¾
Eligible non-member bills.....	2 11-16@2 9-16	2¾@2½	2¾@2¾	3 @2¾
Ineligible bills.....	3¼@2¾	3¼@2¾	3¼@2¾	3½@3

A rate of 3% has been established by the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank for commercial paper maturing within fifteen days. The Federal Reserve Board has approved a rate of 3@4% on domestic acceptances at Boston. The rate of the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank on promissory notes of member banks running from one to fifteen days has been reduced from 4% to 3½%.

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

CLASSES OF DISCOUNTS AND LOANS	CITIES										
	Boston.	New York	Philadelphia.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kansas City.	San Francisco.
Commercial Paper—											
1 to 10 days maturity.....	3	3	3½	3½	---	---	3½	3	---	---	3
11 to 15 " " " " " " " "	3½	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3½
15 to 30 " " " " " " " "	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
31 to 60 " " " " " " " "	4	4	4	4½	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
61 to 90 " " " " " " " "	4	4	4	4½	4	4	4½	4	4½	4	4½
Agricultural and Live-Stock Paper—											
91 days to 6 months maturity	5	5	4½	5	4½	5	5	5	5	5	4½
Promissory Notes of Member Banks—											
1 to 15 days maturity.....	3½	3	3½	3½	3½	3½	3	4	4	3½	4
Trade Acceptances—											
1 to 30 days maturity.....	3½	3½	3½	3	3½	3½	---	3	3½	4	3½
31 to 60 " " " " " " " "	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	---	3	3½	4	3½
61 to 90 " " " " " " " "	3½	3½	3½	4	3½	3½	---	3½	3½	4	3½
Commodity Paper—											
1 to 30 days maturity.....	3½	---	3½	---	3½	3	---	3	3½	4	3
31 to 60 " " " " " " " "	3½	---	3½	---	3½	3	---	3	3½	4	3
61 to 90 " " " " " " " "	3½	---	3½	---	3½	3	---	3	3½	4	3
91 days to 6 months maturity	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5

OPEN MARKET DISCOUNT AND PURCHASE RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

Bankers' Acceptances.—Authorized discount rate for all Federal Reserve banks; minimum, 2%; maximum, 4%.
 Trade Acceptances.—Bills with maturities of 90 days or less, purchased in open market without member bank endorsement, by New Orleans branch of Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank; 3¼ to 4%.
 Commercial Paper.—Bills purchased in open market by Dallas Federal Reserve Bank; 3 to 5%.
 Bills of Exchange.—Bills purchased in open market by Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank; 3½ to 5½%.
 Bills With or Without Member Bank Endorsement.—Bills with maturities of 90 days or less purchased in open market by St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank; 2 to 4%.

The sterling exchange situation remains in the same dull and uninteresting rut that it has occupied for so long a period. Rates do not change, being supported when necessary by buying of cable transfers by a prominent international banking house. No additional importation of gold has been reported this week. The success of the City of Paris loan in New York as well as the formal offering of the French national war loan in this city through bankers are sustaining influences in the sterling exchange situation since English and French financial operations

with this country are so closely interwoven. Mr. J. P. Morgan sailed for London last Saturday. It seems to be generally presumed that his visit is connected with additional loans to be placed at this centre in the near future, as it is presumed that the \$250,000,000 collateral loan of last August was merely the initial one of a series of similar transactions.

Compared with Friday of last week, sterling exchange on Saturday was quiet but firm with demand still quoted at 4 75 11-16, cable transfers at 4 76 7-16 and sixty days at 4 71 1/2. Monday's market presented no new feature, the entire sterling situation being evidently still under the control of the British Treasury, and rates continued at 4 75 11-16 for demand, 4 76 7-16 for cable transfers and 4 71 1/2 for sixty days. Dulness marked Tuesday's operations while quotations were not changed from those ruling on the preceding day. On Wednesday trading was featureless, and rates little more than nominal; demand bills remained pegged at 4 75 11-16, cable transfers at 4 76 7-16 and sixty days at 4 71 1/2. Extreme dulness again prevailed on Thursday, and whatever business was transacted was put through at the established figures of 4 76 7-16 for cable transfers, 4 75 11-16 for demand and 4 71 1/2 for sixty days. On Friday the market ruled steady, and without change. Closing quotations were 4 71 1/2 for sixty days, 4 75 11-16 for demand and 4 76 7-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight finished at 4 75 9-16, sixty days at 4 70 3/4, ninety days at 4 68 5/8, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 71 and seven-day grain bills at 4 74 3/4. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 75 9-16.

The Continental exchanges have experienced another dull and irregular week. The most noteworthy feature has been a renewal of the pressure upon reichsmarks. Sight bills on Berlin at one time went as low as 69 5/8, although before the close a slight rally from this low point took place. As against this francs were strong, moving up to 5 83 3/4 for sight bills on Tuesday. This rise was attributed in large measure to the success attending the offering at this centre of the new City of Paris \$50,000,000 loan. Rubles were again heavy and further declines were recorded, attributed chiefly to speculative activity. Lire, however, ruled firm and slightly higher. The sterling check rate on Paris finished at 27.81 1/2, compared with 27.90 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 5 84 1/4, cables at 5 83 1/2 and sixty days at 5 89 7/8, against 5 84, 5 83 3/4 and 5 89 1/2, respectively, last Friday. Demand bills on Berlin closed at 70 1/8 and cables at 70 1/4, which compare with 70 5/8 and 70 11-16 the previous week. Kronen, following the course of Berlin exchange, were weak and finished at 12.00, against 12.02. Rubles closed at 37.80. A week ago the close was 32.05. Lire finished at 6 47 for bankers' sight and 6 46 1/2 for cables, which compare with 6 46 1/2 and 6 46 on Friday of last week.

As to the neutral exchanges, here also inactivity was the feature. Scandinavian exchange was weaker, while guilders remained without noteworthy change. Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 40 7/8 against 40 13-16 less 1-16, cables at 40 15-16, against 40 7/8 plus 1-16; commercial sight at 40 3/4 (unchanged) and commercial, sixty days, at 40 5/8 (unchanged). Swiss exchange finished at 5 31 3/4 for bankers' sight and 5 31 for cables, compared with 5 31 3/4 and 5 31 a week ago. Greek exchange (which may still be

regarded as neutral) has not been changed from 5 15 1/2 for sight bills. The quotations largely nominal. The Greek Government has suspended payments because of a shortage of money. Copenhagen checks closed at 27.35, against 27.60 (by a misprint given last week as 28.60). Checks on Norway finished at 27.85, as compared with 28.40, and checks on Sweden at 28.45, against 28.45 Friday last. Spanish pesetas finished at 20.10, the previous close.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$1,178,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Oct. 6. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$9,198,000, while the shipments have reached \$8,020,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury operations and Federal Reserve operations, which together occasioned a loss of \$10,288,000, the combined result of the flow of money into and out of the New York banks for the week appears to have been a loss of \$9,110,000, as follows:

Week ending Oct. 6.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks interior movement.....	\$9,198,000	\$8,020,000	Gain \$1,178,000
Sub-Treas. and Fed. Reserve oper..	21,092,000	31,380,000	Loss 10,288,000
Total.....	\$30,290,000	\$39,400,000	Loss \$9,110,000

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

Banks of	Oct. 5 1916.			Oct. 7 1915.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England..	£ 54,630,520	£	£ 54,630,520	£ 61,249,393	£	£ 61,249,393
France..	160,635,531	13,404,200	180,039,731	184,053,600	14,544,960	198,598,560
Germany..	123,581,256	1,048,200	124,629,456	121,148,600	1,777,350	122,925,950
Russia..	155,377,000	9,541,000	164,918,000	158,843,000	2,489,000	161,332,000
Aus-Hunc.	51,578,000	12,140,000	63,718,000	51,578,000	12,140,000	63,718,000
Spain..	45,950,000	30,232,000	76,182,000	29,875,000	29,692,000	59,567,000
Italy..	38,176,000	3,145,000	41,321,000	45,915,000	4,581,000	50,496,000
Netherl'ds	48,947,000	577,600	49,524,600	32,532,000	153,200	32,685,200
Nat. Bel. b.	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000
Switz'land	11,571,600	-----	11,571,600	9,726,000	-----	9,726,000
Sweden..	9,527,000	-----	9,527,000	6,300,000	-----	6,300,000
Denmark..	8,950,000	234,000	9,184,000	5,946,000	309,000	6,255,000
Norway..	6,282,000	-----	6,282,000	3,359,000	-----	3,359,000
Tot. week	737,285,901	70,920,000	808,205,901	725,705,993	66,176,510	791,882,503
Prev. week	734,911,276	71,225,050	806,136,326	723,778,071	67,137,490	790,915,561

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £26,982,323 held abroad.
 * The gold holdings of the Bank of Russia for both years in the above statement have been revised by eliminating the so-called gold balance held abroad.
 n July 30 1914 in both years. h Aug. 6 1914 in both years.

MILITARY WAR AND "TRADE WAR."

How much or how little of light is thrown on the possibility of peace by yesterday's report that Ambassador Gerard is bringing to our Government the Kaiser's request for its mediation, it is as yet impossible to say. Even the basis of the report is not known, and the report itself gave no particulars as to the nature of the supposed proposals. It was rendered all the more surprising by certain other recent incidents. Two noteworthy statements by public men of the belligerent countries have been made in the past few days. Each had a bearing on the attitude of England and Germany towards the character and duration of the war. Lloyd George, now Great Britain's Secretary of State for War, declared at London that "Britain has only begun to fight." "It took England twenty years," the Secretary for War continued, "to defeat Napoleon, and the first fifteen of these years were black with British defeat. It will not take twenty years to win this war, but whatever time is required it will be done. We have no delusion that the war is nearing an end, but we have not the slightest doubt as to how it is to end."

On the following day, the German Chancellor's speech to the Reichstag was considerably more in

the nature of a defense of the Government's policy than was Lloyd George's statement. Much of Bethmann-Hollweg's speech was devoted to explaining Rumania's entry into the war, and in this part of his speech the Chancellor chiefly devoted himself to bitter attacks on the motives and good faith of the Government at Bucharest. Perhaps this would have had more effect on outside opinion if people had not had their own idea as to the motives of Bulgaria in joining the war last year; but the Chancellor's statement was manifestly designed to explain to the German people why so grave a diplomatic mischance had been allowed to happen.

The rest of his speech was made up mostly of denunciation of England; the Chancellor's strong feelings being illustrated first by his declaration that Great Britain's purpose is that when the war is over "all her allies of war must toil as England's slaves in the financial life," and that a victorious England would "build on devastated Germany her dreamed-of English world dominion." Great Britain, he declared, is Germany's "most egotistical, fiercest and most obstinate enemy;" and he added that "a German statesman who would hesitate to use against this enemy every available instrument of battle that would really shorten this war—such a statesman should be hanged."

That this last declaration meant resumption of unrestricted submarine activities (as was rather generally assumed on the first reading of it) does not necessarily follow. The very fact that Bethmann-Hollweg qualified his assertion by the words "every available instrument of battle that would really shorten this war," was on its face significant. Certainly the result of Germany's submarine exploits of 1915 pointed in no such direction. Nevertheless, the bearing of these public assertions by English and German statesmen on the duration of the war, and on the present feeling of the two nationalities toward one another, is obvious. But they have their bearing also on conditions after the war, and in this respect another speech, made this week by another eminent English public man, was equally significant.

Speaking at Birmingham last Tuesday, Viscount Bryce first gave his ideas regarding a possible future world movement for guaranty of peace. After having set forth the hopes and aspirations of right-thinking men in this direction, the speaker turned his attention to the attitude of England in particular, and of belligerent Europe in general, after the end of this war. On that point Lord Bryce thus expressed himself:

"We are justly indignant at the war the enemy powers have waged. We trust that our victory will warn the world that such methods must never be resorted to again, and that those guilty of them will be punished. But is it wise to talk of banning a whole people for all time to come? To indulge in revenge will be to sow the seeds of future wars. Nations cannot hate one another forever, and the sooner they cease to do so the better for all of them. We must take a proper steps to defend ourselves from any dangers that might arise, if, after the war, the enemy countries were to resume an insidious hostility. But the talk we now hear about starting, after peace has been concluded, a new war of trade to follow the war of arms, has immense capacities for mischief. Such a trade war would prolong, would embitter afresh, those hatreds that ought to be allowed to die, and it assumes a continuance of those very things from which we expect our victory to deliver us once for all."

What the speaker clearly had in mind was the program of a possible "economic war" after the present military conflict is over—the plan for which was outlined in the declaration sent out last June by the Economic Conference of the Allies at Paris. We do not need to review those tentative proposals, already familiar to our readers, except to say that they set forth the program, not only of taking measures which would "assure the independence of the Allies" in matters of "financial, commercial and maritime organization," but, in order to guard themselves against "economic depression resulting from dumping," proposed that the Allies should fix a period "during which the commerce of the enemy powers shall be subjected either to prohibition or to a special system which shall be efficacious." In fact, among the permanent measures advocated for the period after peace, it was stated that the Allied Governments may have recourse even to "permanent prohibitions."

It is not even now clear how far this declaration (it has not yet been approved by the respective Governments) was inspired by a wish to allay temporarily that public sentiment which was demanding retaliation for Germany's practices in this war; how far it was meant to threaten the commercial classes of Germany and thereby induce them to insist on early peace, and how far it represented actual and determined purpose. Possibly all three motives existed, though in such mixture as to make it impossible to say which was really paramount.

But the Paris declaration has called forth abundant criticism, even in France and England. Not only has Lord Bryce's conclusion, that economic war would defeat the hopes of stopping or restraining future military war, been drawn by other thoughtful men, but the proposals were widely criticized as embodying an economic blunder. The London "Economist" lately remarked on the plan of economic retaliation, that the problem of doing what was proposed "without damaging ourselves and others who have fought for civilization is a problem which has been perhaps more freely discussed than deeply considered." It asks, would such a policy "hurt Germany more than it would hurt us? Would our ship-building and engineering trades benefit from the stopping of cheap raw material from Germany? Would our export trade with Germany benefit by being cut off?"

In a recent trade supplement of the London "Times," a member of Parliament insists that the proposed restriction on trade with Germany after peace is impossible unless applied to neutral countries also, since Germany could probably use such neutral countries for her own trade with England; so that, in case the Paris program is adopted, "we shall be compelled to include in our tariff schedules all neutral countries on the same level as enemy countries." To this the "Economist" adds the suggestion that a logical result of the proposed exclusion of Germany from the markets of the Allied Powers would be to drive the United States into closer trade relations, and therefore into possibly closer political relations, with the German Empire.

Our own opinion is that adoption of a drastic and thorough-going policy of the sort proposed at Paris would greatly emphasize and prolong any loss of prestige, as a world market, which England may already have suffered through this war. The probability is that cordial trade relations between the present antagonists will not in any case be fully resumed

for a long period after this present war. If so, it seems to us that all nations concerned will measurably suffer from the loss of an undoubtedly profitable mutual trade. But to make such conditions permanent, to drive political enemies into the markets of nations which are already gaining, through not having been involved in the European war, the economic power and prestige lost by Europe—deliberate adoption of such a policy for the longer future would impress us as an act of political insanity.

THE NON-PARTISANSHIP OF BUSINESS.

Essentially, business has no politics. But the persistent invasion by government into the domain of commerce and finance constitutes, every campaign, a nightmare. The business man is between the devil and the deep sea of temporary expedients. He may admit a certain police power of government in regulation, but he asks how can regulation, such as is continually proposed, exist without control, how control without ownership? It is no wonder, therefore, that the Socialist stands opposed to both the old parties.

This quadrennial riot of conflicting opinion should bring to mind, strongly, the *purpose* of a fabric of government. We need not split hairs about constitutionalism. Amend the Constitution if necessary, but first find out whether necessary. It is mere political word-play to talk of mossback and progressive—the human endeavor goes on, we are progressing all the time, progressing by the sheer force of the unwearied search for the better way, progressing under individualism.

Once the purpose of government is determined, the direction and limitation of its powers follow. The old Republican and Federalist parties framed a constitution and bill of rights, and were chiefly engaged in a balancing of powers between States and nation. But upon what basis and for what purpose, if it were not to insure the freedom of the individual in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness? Business is essential to this well-being and there was no thought of determining or predetermining how he should conduct this essential to his happiness. With the inevitable ensuing complexities of effort, the business relations became complex, interlocked, interdependent, and soon the corporation was born, and distinctively out of human need.

Then came the fiery test of States rights, and the establishment by the sword of the inalienable right of the black man to his liberty, and the birth of new parties. It is important to point out that the contest at this time was to establish the equilibrium of powers between co-ordinated governments with reference solely to the *purposes* of government to guarantee the freedom of the individual. Principles alone were involved, not practices. The New England town meeting was germinal, but the individual was free, and government, whatever its form or scope, was representative—but representative of that individual freedom. Human rights, the right to follow honest vocations and to choose them, was the chief cornerstone of this individual freedom. And it may be said that no government can be free, and no individual be free under a free government, that does not recognize the natural right of the individual to exercise his inherent energy to produce, and confirm to him the direct ownership of the tools and necessary implements of his trade, whether they take the

form of land or of movable capital. Essentially, both State and nation did this, jointly parcelling out the public domain and guaranteeing fee simple titles; the State administering, as a ministerial officer, estates; directing descent of property, and exercising police power over the open effort and the private ownership of the free individual; creating the *form* of the corporation as an instrument of the free exercise of business power by the individual. And Congress at this time had not created a single business "commission."

It is necessary to recall these facts to see whither we are tending and where business stands in the present campaign. Where in all this, or in the subsequent history, did this free individual, distinctively, by the exercise of his ballot on a clearcut issue, delegate in a representative form of government the power to the Congress to say by law how a man shall run his business, how much, if any, property he shall own, and what wages he shall pay to men who work for him? And the corporation is an artificial person created by the State with perpetual life and limited liability, and entitled to operate a business enterprise under the same *natural* laws that compel the conduct of the free individual, the purpose of every form and division of government we have being to safeguard it, as well as the individual in all legitimate pursuits.

Pass over the peopling of the Mississippi Valley, the growth of great cities, the advent and development of railroads, the expansion of trade over wide areas, the necessity of concentrating capital to conduct huge enterprises, resulting in the common good—the corporation prospered this concentration and at the same time preserved individual initiative, ownership and operation. There was not, there never has been, a change in the principle of individualism. And to-day the very recognition of the fact that commerce is "inter-State" is recognition that in its essential and natural conduct it is independent and must be, if the individual is to remain free, of both scope and power to direct, define, control, restrict, by any fabric of institutional government now existent, and whether it be State or national. Out of conditions arose the old discussion of co-operation and competition, overlooking the larger co-operation inherent in competition, the union of many in one, the unity which can only exist in diversity. And one political party began to see evils in corporate conduct of business. Follows a saturnalia of diatribe, of fustian, of appeal to prejudice, and of condemnation of a government in charge of a political party which would permit so-called evils to exist—the poor growing poorer, the rich richer, ad infinitum. Then, the Congressional lobby and the undoubted attempt by capital not only to secure relief from popular prejudice, but of undue advantage, since law was held to take the place of nature, undue discrimination and protection the place of supply and demand under free individualism.

Politics having invaded business, special legislation follows in ever growing variety, parties seeking to curry favor with the voter in its enactment. And since so-called "combination" of capital (in the really dividing and distributing form of a corporation) was such a colossal evil, it became (presto, what logic!) necessary for labor to combine, it became holy to fight the devil with fire, and the present day labor unions began their triumphant march to glory and greed. And while business goes on growing and spreading, under the God-given creative power and

tendency of the individual, under the immutable laws of mutual exchange, under the tremendous impetus of free individual accomplishment out of which springs the common good, we witness inefficient commissions, newly created and endeavoring to do the impossible, while, to use a concrete example, St. Louis makes shoes in the midst of an agricultural valley and sells them over the whole world, and while by co-operative effort, by scientific operation, a single railroad freight car can be shunted over two hundred and fifty thousand miles of track carrying the necessities and luxuries of life to every hamlet in the land. What power or purpose of government enables these things to be, save the power which guarantees individualism?

Well, the campaign comes on, and where shall we turn? We are befogged with temporary expedients. Partisanship surmounts principles. Government is fast becoming an agency of agitators, of theorists, of interests, of combinations both of labor and capital. We animadvert against the restraint of trade and straightway enact some so-called regulatory measure which restrains it the more. And the supreme issue remains, is business to be free or slave. And to paraphrase the famous saying of other days, it cannot remain part free and part slave, it must be one or the other. Is it free when a handful of the population, by threat of causing commercial disaster, can coerce Congress into passing a measure to increase their wages?

We are fast coming to look upon government as the Little Father, the sacred instrument of personal success, and fast constituting it the Czar of the commercial world. Parties go before the people and recite what they have done for business, how they have legislated prosperity over a waiting people, and how they will smooth out all the conflicts of human endeavor. The powers and purposes of government, by and for a free people, are distorted, for business cannot thus become politically partisan without abrogating its freedom. More than ever in the present campaign it is important that we see the paramount issue clearly. Shall government protect human rights, including fundamental free business rights? Shall it be individualistic or socialistic? Shall a man own what he earns, be the sovereign of his own destiny, or shall we leap from inefficient control to government ownership, and the individual become the slave of the State? Alas, we have so clouded principles with practices, so enveloped natural law with artificial expedients, that we cannot adequately express ourselves at the polls.

What is left? The business man has a vote—what shall he do with it, what *can* he do with it? Note, that he is compelled to exercise suffrage, not upon the old questions of government autonomy, which in the public mind are as dead as Morley's ghost, but upon immediate questions of effort and occupation which constitute the body of a business as free, in its potentiality, of law-shackles as the ocean tides! One thing he can do, he can study party records, protestations, promises, party accomplishments and tendencies, party candidates and party courage, and vote upon his best judgment. Our problems are intensive. The war will end some time, and they will then burn more fiercely than now. Shall we strive to bring government back to its legitimate purpose (of hanging lightly on the people), or shall we go on in our present course of fostering "regulation" and "control" until "business," without which we cannot exist as a

civilized and free people, is bound hand and foot to the idea of the perennial reformer,—of "humanizing" that which is already the most human thing in the world of men?

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS CHINA AND EVIDENCES OF HER DEVELOPMENT.

There could be no greater mistake, affecting the friendly trade relations between the United States and the Far East, than to interpret the recent clashes between Japanese and Chinese soldiers (for most part Manchurian bandits) as significant of the deliberate plan of Japan to dominate or appropriate the territory and trade of China to the exclusion of foreign nations, especially of their trans-Pacific rivals. These clashes and rumored "secret terms" of settlement and compensation are not to be understood as efforts to close the "open door." On the contrary, they are rather of the nature of action made necessary to keep the door open. To appreciate how true this is, two things must constantly be borne in mind. The first consists in the extremely unsettled condition of the Government of China. There is actual rebellion in the south; threats of rebellion in the Central Provinces; but the most immediately threatening disturbances, so far as the Peking Government is concerned, are in the north, in Manchuria and Outer Mongolia, just the territory where Chino-Japanese and Russo-Japanese interests are greatest and most sensitive. Here a plan is credibly suspected to bring about a combination between Manchurian bandits and the leading representatives of the deposed Manchurian dynasty, "The Manchurian Household," with a view to overthrow the present Chinese Government and reinstate themselves. It is not, then, the Japanese and Chinese Government forces who are looting and killing one another. It is Chinese rebels that are looting and killing both their own countrymen and the "foreign oppressor," quite indiscriminately, whenever either comes in the way of their lawless plans.

In contrast with the sinister efforts of interested parties, helped on by our not unnatural failure to understand the ins and outs of such complicated conditions, it is most refreshing to read the sane and friendly words spoken by Chairman Gary of the United States Steel Corporation, at a banquet recently given to him in Tokio. Mr. Gary assured his hosts—prominent officials and business men—that the people of this country entertained no ill-will or mean spirit of jealousy toward the Japanese; and that the great body of business men with us desired and intended fair play on both sides, and would never allow themselves to be incited to unjust hostile feeling toward the Japanese, much less to hostile and warlike action. His hosts, who as we have already indicated were the men who control such matters in Japan much more strictly than the same classes with us, most heartily reciprocated every promise and every friendly sentiment uttered by Chairman Gary. It is an excellent omen when such attempts to remove misunderstandings and to reinstate friendly relations, which have hitherto been confined for the most part to educational and social circles and their courtesies, extend to circles which so largely control the great financial and commercial interests.

The most notable recent movements and items of information about business affairs in the Far East concern financial rather than commercial or manufacturing enterprises. The specie holdings of Japan,

both at home and abroad, like our own, keep constantly increasing. In evidence of the same kind of prosperity, may be cited the notable gain in postal savings, the number of depositors having gone up more than a million and a quarter and the net increase in amount having reached nearly fifty million yen during the past twelve months. How the common people are sharing in the financial prosperity of the Empire is manifest from the fact that at the end of June 1,267,701 individual depositors had 49,910,994 yen in postal savings alone. It is to be regretted, however, by those who have all the interests of the country at heart, that the agricultural classes have had almost no perceptible share in this prosperity.

In Chosen (formerly Korea), there is also considerable increase in the economic welfare of the body of the people. But the unchecked practice of usury in the capital city of Seoul constitutes a real curse, as it has so often in the past to so many countries similarly circumstanced financially. Although the rates on money advanced on security by the banks have fallen commendably, many business men for one reason or another still prefer to borrow of the money lenders. The statistics are amusing as well as otherwise interesting; they show that Seoul deserves its title of the "happy land of usurers." Koreans and Japanese, either separately or in companies, receive on their loans from a minimum of 1.2@2% up to a maximum of 10@11% monthly. But the maximum for European money lenders reaches 15%, while the Chinese are somehow satisfied with monthly interest ranging between 1% and 10%.

The project of establishing a system of Chino-Japanese banks has now taken definite shape and has received the *imprimatur* of the Japanese Government. On August 4th the Committee of The Economic Investigation Society organized by the Government some time ago, met at the official residence of the Premier, Marquis Okuma; and the following is "the gist of the project" then decided upon:

"(1) New organs for facilitating monetary circulation shall be established in Manchuria and Central China.

(2) The organs shall be named the Manchurian Bank and the Chino-Japanese Bank, respectively.

(3) The Chino-Japanese Bank shall be placed under the joint management of Japanese and Chinese, and its capital shall be maintained on the gold standard; the aggregate capital of the bank shall be twenty million yen; permission shall be given to the bank to issue bills payable on sight; the Manchurian Bank shall be capitalized at twelve million yen; the two banks shall be permitted to issue debentures bearing premium, but the debentures shall not be issued or put on sale in Japan."

The project for raising a loan to Russia by subscription to Russian Exchequer Bonds hung fire for a time; but it is thought that the differences as to terms on the part of the two governments will soon be adjusted; and it is rumored that the sum will be fifty million yen, redeemable in one year, and the rate of interest not less than six per cent.

A very interesting and suggestive statistical report, covering the first six months of the current year, has just been issued at Seoul. In estimating its significance, the newness and smallness of such things in Korea, the part of the Japanese Empire to which the report refers, must be borne in mind. Its substance is given in the table below:

Kind of Work—	Number of Companies.	Capital in Yen.
Agricultural	19	2,063,900
Forestry	3	149,000
Marine	2	16,000
Mining	3	2,175,000
Colonization	1	10,000,000
Industry	40	1,833,220
Gas and electricity	11	970,160
Commerce	87	4,954,990
Central bank	1	10,000,000
Ordinary banks	11	3,240,000
Agricultural and industrial banks	6	1,469,890
Monetary trust	5	131,000
Transportation	26	3,420,250
Warehousing	3	185,000
Total	218	40,608,410

(It should be understood that the table includes only those banks and companies which have their head offices in the country of Chosen.)

The foreign trade of Chosen has also been increasing in an encouraging and, on the whole, healthy way. For the first seven months of 1916 it reached a total of nearly sixty-five million yen—an increase of over eight millions, as compared with the corresponding period for last year, and including both exports and imports. The principal exports are cocoons, rice, leather goods, gold and copper ores, tungsten and dried and salt fish. It is hardly worth while to give particulars, except, perhaps, in the case of tungsten, which is being found in, and exported from, Chosen in increasing quantities. But tungsten and molybdenum are still under a partial embargo, "favorable consideration being given to Great Britain, France, and other allied countries and their dependencies." "On the other hand, export to neutral countries is permitted only when there is no possibility of the shipped goods falling into the hands of the enemy."

THE UNION PACIFIC REPORT.

The Union Pacific Railroad, the same as so many other railroads, had a very good year in the twelve months covered by the present report, and the results disclosed furnish full testimony to that fact. Some of the advantages which the road enjoyed were not common to the whole railroad system of the country. By this we mean that the company not alone shared in the benefits of the present country-wide industrial prosperity, but, like the Southern Pacific Company, from which it is now completely dissociated, it had a special advantage (to which reference is made by Chairman Robert S. Lovett) in the fact that there was curtailment of shipping through Pacific coast ports to Europe and to our Atlantic ports because of the withdrawal of ships to more profitable lines as a result of the European war and the closing of the Panama Canal, with the effect of deflecting much through traffic from the water lines to the trans-continental roads. These conditions, it is stated, still exist.

The gains over the preceding year reach large proportions, and what must be particularly gratifying to the shareholders is that a very considerable proportion of the gain in gross earnings is carried forward as a gain in net. In the gross the increase over the preceding year is \$17,758,710, and of this only \$6,446,055 was consumed by augmented expenses, leaving a gain in net (before the deduction of taxes) of \$11,312,655. Of course such a showing as this is a token of the continued development of operating efficiency. The addition to expenses is not only

relatively small, but examination of the details reveals that by far the greater portion of the augmentation reflects increased maintenance outlays, the policy regarding which has always been very liberal. The outlays on maintenance accounts for 1915-1916 exceeded those of the year preceding by \$3,283,493, or 14.3%. On the other hand, the increase in the transportation expenses was no more than \$2,743,650, or 12%. What economy of operations this latter reflects will appear when we say that the increase in the volume of the freight traffic as measured by the number of tons of revenue freight carried one mile was three times as great, or over 37%. In other words, in the latest year the company carried 8,244,311,695 tons of revenue freight one mile, as against only 6,001,739,197 ton miles in the year preceding with an addition to transportation expenses of only 12%.

It hardly needs to be said that larger train loads have been an important factor in bringing about the advance in efficiency. For the latest year there was a further addition of 50 tons to the average lading of the trains, bringing the load up to 492 tons. This compares with an average of 442 tons in the preceding year and 430 tons in the year before. Including company freight, the average lading of the trains for the latest year was 608 tons, as against an average of 555 tons in 1915 and 553 tons in 1914. As indicating the advance made in that particular during the nineteen years of the company's existence, we may say that in the first year of operation the train-load, including company freight, was less than 280 tons. One of the first things the late E. H. Harriman addressed himself to when he acquired control of the property was to get more profitable results by raising the train load. To that end he spent millions upon millions of dollars in reducing grades, straightening track and making other improvements, the effect of which is to enable the road to handle an expanding volume of traffic at a diminishing cost per unit of transportation services rendered. And the benefit derived from those outlays, and from that work, have continued. The methods then inaugurated for the economical handling of the business are still in vogue and are being improved upon wherever possible.

Except for this, the returns even in a year of such favorable conditions as we are now reviewing would be poor, for the company has had to contend with a persistent decline in rates. Thus, for the latest year the system realized only 8.85 mills per ton per mile, as against 9.68 mills in 1915 and 9.78 mills in 1914. The increase in train load, however, was sufficient to more than offset the loss in rate. Consequently, for 1916 we find that the freight trains earned \$4 28 per mile run, against \$4 21 in 1915 and \$4 19 in 1914.

Gross revenues were, of course (as stated in the report), the largest in the history of the Union Pacific. They, for the first time, reached and exceeded one hundred million dollars, the total actually reaching \$104,717,005. This compares with \$86,958,295 in 1915, which was a poor year, but with \$93,638,459 in 1913, which was the previous high-water mark. It is proper to state, however, that these latter figures are not on an identical basis of comparison since a revised classification of both revenues and expenses was put into effect by the Inter-State Commerce Commission on July 1 1914. In the 1915 report the figures for the previous year were revised to accord with the new classification,

but the revision was not extended further back. In the case of the net the comparison is between \$46,134,235 in 1916 and \$34,821,580 in 1915, \$36,705,081 in 1914 and \$39,608,242 in 1913.

After allowing for 8% dividends on the common shares and 4% on the preferred shares, and setting aside \$3,524,489 for additions and betterments, there remained a surplus in the large sum of \$13,487,950, which was carried to profit and loss. In the year immediately preceding the corresponding surplus was only \$5,544,032.

The report figures out that the net income from all sources for the year, after deducting charges and allowing for dividends on the preferred stock, is equivalent to 15.65% on the outstanding common stock. It is pointed out, however, that this includes income from investments and other sources, as well as from the transportation operations. The "income from transportation operations" alone amounted to \$40,918,905, which is equivalent, it is stated, to only 7.17% upon the investment in the railroad property from which such income is derived. For the years preceding the return calculated the same way was 5.32% for 1915, 5.63% for 1914, 6.32% for 1913, 5.87% for 1912 and 7.15% for 1911. Commenting on this showing Chairman Lovett well says that such figures indicate that even in the most prosperous years the return upon the property employed in transportation service is not large; and considering the absolute necessity of expending large amounts out of surplus each year for improvements classed as "additions and betterments" by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, but which do not appreciably increase revenue or reduce expense, the net return on the railroad investment is certainly not an excessive price for the public to pay for the use of these properties.

CITY OF PARIS \$50,000,000 EXTERNAL LOAN DISPOSED OF BY SYNDICATE.

The \$50,000,000 6% 5-year municipal external gold loan referred to by us in these columns last week and which was offered to the public on Oct. 2 by the Kuhn, Loeb & Co. syndicate at 98¾, netting the investor about 6.30%, was about three times subscribed the following morning. The subscription books were then closed, although they were to have remained open until 3 p. m. Oct. 4; the bankers had reserved the right to close the same any time without notice. It is said that the subscribers got only 30% of the amount of bonds they had asked for.

The bonds, coupon in form, are in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 each. Principal and semi-annual interest (April 15 and Oct. 15) is payable in New York in United States gold coin, or, at the option of the holder (to be exercised as to principal thirty days before the date of maturity or of redemption) in Paris in francs at the fixed rate of francs 5.50 per dollar. The bonds are due Oct. 15 1921, but are redeemable at the option of the City of Paris at 102½% on Oct. 15 1918, or on any interest date thereafter on ninety days' published notice.

As stated last week, none of the proceeds of the loan will be devoted to war purposes, but will be used to increase hospital facilities, build orphan asylums, care for widows of soldiers, maintain the unemployed and for other municipal purposes.

REPUBLIC OF FRANCE NEW 5% LOAN.

A. Iselin & Co., New York, and Brown Bros. & Co., New York, Philadelphia and Boston, announce in an advertisement published on a preceding page of this issue, that by a special and exclusive arrangement with the French Government they are receiving subscriptions for the new 5% tax-free French loan, which will be in denominations of 100 francs capital and multiples thereof. The loan, which is a direct obligation of the Republic of France, will not be redeemable or convertible before Jan. 1 1931. The interest coupons will be paid quarterly in francs, Feb. 16, May 16

Aug. 16 and Nov. 16. The subscription lists were opened on the 5th inst. at the New York office of Brown Bros. & Co., 59 Wall St., and will close on or before Saturday, Oct. 28. Subscriptions will be received at the fixed rate of exchange of 5.90 francs to the dollar. This agreement also provides for delivery of the definite Rentes in New York City free of expense to the subscriber. Subscriptions may be forwarded without additional expense to the subscriber through any bank, trust company, banker or broker. The subscription price in Paris for installments is 88 3/4%. The price for payment in full is 87 1/2% ex November 1916 coupon. In New York the subscription price ex November coupon is \$14.8305 per 100 francs capital, \$148.3050 per 1,000 francs capital and \$741.5250 per 5,000 francs capital. At the above prices, should exchange return to the normal rate of 5.18 1/8, the equivalent price in New York would be 75 1/2%. At the current rate of exchange the direct yield to the investor is over 5.70%, and at normal parity of exchange is about 6 5/8%. Notes and bonds of the 5% National Defense Loan and the 3 1/2% Rentes issued in 1914 will be received in payment for the new issue at rates to be specified. Temporary receipts will be issued by Iselin & Co. and Brown Bros. & Co., jointly, exchangeable only for the definite Rentes when issued in New York.

FOREIGN COMMERCE OF FRANCE.

[From "L'Economiste Francaise," Aug. 26 1916.]

	First Seven Months 1916.	First Seven Months 1915.	Difference in 1916.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Imports—			
Articles of food.....	1,507,996,000	1,249,307,000	+258,689,000
Material needed for manu- facture.....	2,308,622,000	1,724,425,000	+584,197,000
Manufactured articles.....	1,595,693,000	1,326,012,000	+269,681,000
Total.....	5,412,311,000	4,299,744,000	+1,112,567,000
Exports—			
Articles of food.....	253,470,000	329,673,000	-76,203,000
Material needed for manu- facture.....	405,841,000	355,183,000	+50,658,000
Manufactured articles.....	1,196,427,000	885,398,000	+311,029,000
Parcels post*.....	138,111,000	93,277,000	+44,834,000
Total.....	1,993,849,000	1,663,531,000	+330,318,000

* Of which 4,677,000 francs were for parcels post containing silk fabric and silk floss. The corresponding figure for 1915 was 3,649,000 francs.

PLAN OF ALLOTMENT OF CANADIAN LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Finance Department at Ottawa on Oct. 3 issued an official statement of the system under which the allotment of subscriptions will be made to the \$100,000,000 5% gold loan which was found to be more than doubly subscribed when the application books were closed on Sept. 23. The loan is not to be increased beyond \$100,000,000 and will be allotted, it is said, on a graduated percentage scale, preference being given to subscriptions for the smaller amounts. Concerning the plan referred to, the Montreal "Gazette" of Oct. 4 prints the following:

As anticipated it does not provide for the acceptance of subscriptions in excess of the aggregate of \$100,000,000. This means that no allotments for any portion of the \$50,000,000 subscribed by the chartered banks are being made, the procedure of the department in this respect being in accord with the understanding between the Minister of Finance and the banks that subscriptions by the public would be accepted first. These subscriptions have more than supplied the amount called for in the prospectus.

Allotments in regard to subscriptions by the public will be made as follows:

1. Those of \$25,000 and under will be allotted in full.
2. From \$25,000 to and including \$100,000, the first \$25,000 in full, the remainder 30%.
3. From \$100,000 to and including \$1,000,000, the same as (2), the remainder 40%.
4. In excess of \$1,000,000, the first \$1,000,000 the same as (3), the remainder 26% approximately.

The working out of this principle will be this: Subscriptions from \$25,000 to \$100,000 will be allotted an average of 58.7% of the sum subscribed, subscriptions from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 an average of 40% of the sum subscribed; subscriptions over \$1,000,000 an average of 31.2-5% of the sum subscribed.

In the working out of the plan as stated in the foregoing it would appear, for instance, that a subscriber of \$50,000 will receive \$25,000 in full, and 30% of the remaining \$25,000, which is \$7,500, making his allotment \$32,500. Similarly, in the case of a \$100,000 subscription, there would be \$25,000 in full, plus 30% of \$75,000, or \$22,500, making a total allotment of \$47,500.

When subscriptions exceed the \$100,000 level, the first \$100,000 is apparently treated similarly to a subscription of any amount between \$25,000 and \$100,000. That is the allotment will start off with a scaling down of the first \$100,000 to \$47,500, and that \$47,500 becomes a fixed quantity in all allotments of subscriptions in excess of \$100,000. Thus, the subscriber of \$200,000 would appear to start off with an allotment of \$47,500 for his first \$100,000 and then by the terms of the system he would receive 40% of the remaining \$100,000, or \$40,000, making his total allotment \$87,500.

When \$1,000,000 is reached this system would make the allotment \$47,500 to start with for the first \$100,000, plus 40% of the balance of \$900,000, or \$407,500 in all.

With the subscriptions in excess of \$1,000,000, apparently the \$407,500 allotment becomes a fixed quantity for the first \$1,000,000, to which will be added 26% of the balance of the subscription in excess of \$1,000,000.

The following table of how the allotment plan would work out in the case of specific amounts in excess of \$25,000 would seem to be in accord with the Finance Department's announcement, the classes following the numbered subdivisions of the plan:

Subscribed.	CLASS II. Allotted.	Total Allotment.
\$30,000	\$25,000 + \$1,500	\$26,500
40,000	25,000 + 4,500	29,500
50,000	25,000 + 7,500	32,500
100,000	25,000 + 22,500	47,500
CLASS III.		
\$150,000	\$47,500 + \$20,000	\$67,500
200,000	47,500 + 40,000	87,500
500,000	47,500 + 160,000	207,500
1,000,000	47,500 + 360,000	407,500
CLASS IV.		
\$1,500,000	\$407,500 + \$130,000	\$ 537,500
2,000,000	407,500 + 260,000	667,500

COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF CONDITION OF CANADIAN BANKS.

In the following we compare the condition of the Canadian banks, under the last two monthly statements, with the return for June 30 1914:

	ASSETS.		
	Aug. 31 1916.	July 31 1916.	June 30 1914.
Gold and subsidiary coin—			
In Canada.....	45,679,218	45,480,313	28,648,841
Elsewhere.....	20,282,856	20,214,490	17,150,111
Total.....	65,962,074	65,694,803	45,798,952
Dominion notes.....	137,913,305	140,674,481	92,114,482
Deposit with Min' of Finance for security of note circulation.....	6,849,627	6,850,316	6,667,568
Deposit in central gold reserves.....	20,860,000	19,010,000	3,050,000
Due from banks.....	167,147,991	178,839,342	123,608,936
Loans and discounts.....	855,804,425	850,861,861	925,681,966
Bonds, securities, &c.....	253,657,061	238,600,428	102,344,120
Call and short loans in Canada.....	86,351,216	87,555,648	67,401,484
Call and short loans elsewhere than in Canada.....	171,389,353	177,121,733	137,120,167
Other assets.....	74,969,671	76,057,811	71,209,738
Total.....	1,840,895,723	1,841,266,423	1,575,307,413
LIABILITIES.			
Capital authorized.....	188,866,666	188,866,666	192,866,666
Capital subscribed.....	113,431,666	113,267,766	115,434,666
Capital paid up.....	113,018,937	112,852,038	114,811,776
Reserve fund.....	113,022,933	113,022,933	113,368,898
Circulation.....	122,656,083	123,630,451	99,138,029
Government deposits.....	36,018,762	35,264,128	44,453,738
Demand deposits.....	584,106,375	603,125,803	458,067,832
Time deposits.....	806,774,687	789,363,919	663,650,230
Due to banks.....	29,748,735	28,219,803	32,426,404
Bills payable.....	3,533,313	4,063,877	20,096,565
Other liabilities.....	13,668,446	14,132,167	12,656,085
Balances due to Imperial Govt. Total, not including capital or reserve fund.....	1,596,526,401	1,599,119,588	1,330,488,683

Note.—Owing to the omission of the cents in the official reports, the footings in the above do not exactly agree with the totals given.

BRITISH TREASURY REGULATIONS GOVERNING SMALL HOLDINGS UNDER SCHEME B.

The British Treasury's regulations governing the deposit under Scheme B, of securities of less than £1,000 (\$5,000) were printed in the London "Stock Exchange Weekly Intelligence" of Sept. 16. Scheme B, as we have heretofore pointed out, comprises mobilized Canadian and other neutral government securities, that designation being used to distinguish the securities from the American securities mobilized by the British Government. We give herewith the regulations under Scheme B governing small holdings:

REGULATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGES.

Deposit on Loan With His Majesty's Treasury.

(Scheme B.)

Regulations for the Deposit of Small Holdings of Bearer Securities Through the Medium of Agents.

With a view to the provision of facilities for the deposit on loan with the Treasury under Scheme B of Bearer Securities of less nominal amount than £1,000 (\$5,000), the following regulations shall become operative:

1. The securities to which these regulations shall apply are such as are accepted by the Treasury for deposit under Scheme B, with the exception of the registered stocks included in the lists published in August 1916, under Scheme B, which must be offered to the Treasury by the owner in his own name and not under these regulations.

2. Banks and other approved agencies shall be empowered to receive suitable securities in amounts of less than £1,000 (\$5,000) from the individual owners and to aggregate the same for deposit.

3. The securities so received shall be deposited with the Treasury in the name of the Agent.

4. Certificates of deposit will be issued by the Treasury in the name of the agent either—

(a) For the aggregate amount of each description of security deposited by the agent at any one time. In this case a non-negotiable memorandum of deposit will also be issued by the Treasury to the agent for delivery to each of the individual depositors, or

(b) For the amount of each security deposited by each depositor, in which case the name of the depositor will be mentioned on the certificate for purposes of identification only.

The agent may select (a) or (b) in accordance with the requirements of the individual depositors; but it is recommended that (a) should be chosen wherever possible.

5. The dividends or interest on the securities deposited together with the additional payment at the rate of 1/4% per annum will, after deduction

of income tax, be paid by the Treasury by warrant in total to the agent, upon whom will devolve the distribution among the individual depositors and the granting of certificates of deduction of tax to such of the depositors as may require them. Separate warrants will be issued to the agent in respect of aggregate amounts of the same security lodged by such agent at different times.

6. Transfer on the Treasury Register of individual holdings deposited in the name of an agent under these regulations will be possible on the same conditions as are applicable to the case of larger holdings deposited with the Treasury in the name of the owner.

As, however, the certificate of deposit will stand in the name of the agent, the deed of transfer must be executed by the agent or by a duly authorized representative of the agent, who will be required to execute such deed at the request of the individual depositor. Lodgment of transfer deeds so executed will not be accepted by the Treasury otherwise than at the hands of the agent, who will further be required to furnish to the Treasury such evidence as they may consider necessary of the desire of the depositor to effect transfer.

7. Banks will be expected to combine the securities deposited through their several branches under one offer submitted by the Head Offices.

8. The commission payable by the Treasury to agents in respect of securities deposited on loan under these regulations will be as under:

¼ per cent as at the date of deposit.		} If at such date the securities remain stand- ing in the name of the Agent.
1-16	" " 31st March 1918	
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¾ per cent as at date of termination of deposit.		

The commission will in general be computed upon the nominal amount of the security.

9. No agent shall offer or deposit under these regulations on behalf of any one individual depositor an additional amount of any security if the deposit of such additional amount would cause the aggregate amount of such security deposited by him on behalf of such depositor to be equal to or to exceed £1,000 (\$5,000), unless with the written consent of the Treasury.

10. The agent shall furnish to the Treasury from time to time such information or evidence relative to securities deposited by him on behalf of individual depositors, or with regard to matters arising therefrom, as the Treasury may require.

11. Application for approval as agent for the purpose of these regulations must be made to the National Debt Office on the prescribed form but agents who have been approved for the purposes of Scheme A (Regulations of 7th July 1916) will be considered to have been approved also for the purpose of these regulations.

National Debt Office,

19, Old Jewry, London, E. C.,

7th September 1916.

Transfer to Scheme B of Securities Deposited with the Treasury in the Name of Agents under Scheme A.

Securities that have been deposited with the Treasury in the name of an agent under Scheme A may be transferred to deposit under Scheme B in the name of such agent, provided that the agent's request for transfer is lodged at the National Debt Office.

The general regulations were printed in our issue of Sept. 2, together with the list of securities acceptable under Scheme B. A supplementary list appeared in these columns Sept. 16.

SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT BY GREECE REPORTED.

A wireless dispatch received at London from Rome on the 5th inst., reports that the Greek Government on that day suspended payments because of a shortage of money.

H. P. DAVISON'S OBSERVATIONS ON FLOTATION OF FOREIGN LOANS IN UNITED STATES.

H. P. Davison, of J. P. Morgan & Co., who is now in Europe, had something to say in the London "Financial News" of Sept. 18 concerning the placing of foreign loans in the United States. Pointing out that no single dominating financial centre controls the United States as London controls Great Britain, Mr. Davison stated that foreign Government loans raised in America have to be unusually attractive to bring in the average American investor. With reference to the recent \$250,000,000 loan to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Mr. Davison, while describing it as "a most gratifying success," added, however, that its flotation was not all "plain sailing." We quote below his remarks as given in the "Financial News":

The British loan of £50,000,000, which was completed just before I left New York, was a most gratifying success—the more gratifying in that, only a week or two before, we had successfully launched a French loan for £20,000,000 on terms which, quite apart from the very pronounced sympathy for France in America, were also exceedingly attractive. Taking the form of two-year 5% notes, amply secured by collateral, and being intended for the payment of supplies purchased in America, the British loan proved a highly popular investment, and was widely taken up. It was especially gratifying to note the general interest taken in the issue throughout the country, and not merely in the Eastern States. Chicago, for instance, was a handsome subscriber.

But I should not like to leave the impression that the flotation of the recent credit loan was all plain sailing. You must remember that before the war America was a borrowing and not a lending nation, and that since the war we have not only absorbed an enormous quantity of American securities formerly held in Europe, but have also furnished credits for foreign governments to the amount of several hundred million sterling.

You must remember, too, that foreign loans are a new experience to the average American investor. Home railways, home "industrials," farm loans, and American national and municipal bonds are the securities he has hitherto almost exclusively affected. His investment horizon, naturally enough, is pretty well bounded by his own country; and he has not yet had to look outside it to obtain a high and safe return on his money. Beyond Chicago, and still more beyond the Mississippi, the investor looks for a steady 6 or 7%, and has little difficulty in getting it. That is why

terms that may seem liberal and even generous to a European may not particularly appeal to an American.

Moreover, trade is extremely good in America, and people in general are more inclined to put their savings back into their businesses than to lock them up in securities. Again, in nearly all our States there are laws that limit the amount which a bank or a trust company may invest to a certain percentage of its capital and surplus, and in a great many cases that margin has already been reached. Then, too, we have no single dominating financial centre that controls the United States as London controls Great Britain; no American bank has branches outside its own city, and the size of the country makes it almost a physical impossibility to do business as cheaply as it can be done in England.

You will see, therefore, from all this that foreign government loans raised in America have to be unusually attractive to bring in the average American investor. But the question is not merely one of terms and of the character of the security, which, of course, permits of no discussion, and of how these issues compare with the more familiar domestic securities. There is also the question of the capacity of America to undertake fresh commitments. Until the war we had practically no experience in international finance, and not much of the machinery for engaging in it. Our people are only just beginning to appreciate the immense importance of foreign loans as an aid to foreign commerce. Their financial interests are still mainly national and not international in scope. The educative influence of a wider contact with world affairs will, no doubt, broaden them in time. But the process must necessarily be a slow one. You cannot expect a transformation of that sort overnight. We are adding, of course, all the time to our available resources, but the demand upon them has been so sudden and so tremendous that the problem of making further provision for the needs of foreign countries is becoming somewhat serious.

With regard to the American output of munitions (the organization of which has been under the control of J. P. Morgan & Co.), and Mr. Montagu's recent reference to that output in the House of Commons, Mr. Davison is quoted in the "News" as follows:

Of course we read in America what Mr. Montagu said, and it gave us, I need not say, the greatest pleasure. I am not sure whether all Englishmen realize how entirely new the munitions business was to most of the American manufacturers who have engaged in it. They have taken it up and grappled with its enormous difficulties in a very fine spirit, and I think also with very great efficiency. Of course, as is inevitable in any new industry, there have been some failures and disappointments. But our manufacturers have put their backs into the job, and a good many of them have found it by no means a remunerative undertaking.

Some firms—a very few—which were in the munitions business before the war, and have merely had to expand their existing plants and organizations to meet the demands of the Allies, have made very large profits. But those cases are exceptional, and Englishmen would probably be surprised if they knew how many of our munition makers will be satisfied if they "break even." Labor troubles, scarcity of raw materials, the large sums that have had to be sunk in providing new facilities, the shortage of skilled and experienced mechanics, and the inherent complexities of the industry have wiped out a great many extravagant expectations. It is rather curious, indeed, that while America's prosperity of to-day has been built up on war orders, and particularly on orders for munitions, the actual manufacturers of munitions, apart from a limited number, have not greatly profited by their contracts. In point of fact, I could name some who have actually lost by them.

EUGENE LAMB RICHARDS ON NEED OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS—PROPOSAL FOR SAFEGUARDING OF DEPOSITS.

The need for co-operation between Governmental activities and business interests was emphasized in an address at Danville, Ill. on the 4th inst. at the annual convention of the Illinois Bankers' Association by Eugene Lamb Richards, Superintendent of Banks of the State of New York. Superintendent Richards spoke on "the banking millenium—how can we bring it nearer?" He said in part:

One of our ablest editors has said: "America's other name is opportunity." But opportunity is menaced everywhere by the tenets of that semi-socialism, which some call pure democracy but which I call the tyranny of paternalism.

This new tyranny, this spirit of paternalism, even now is hovering over the banking interests of the nation. We find it in the perennial agitations for absolute guaranty of bank deposits by State or national Governments, and we find it in dozens of other nostrums which, so far, have made slight headway.

Shall banking become entirely a State function or remain a private enterprise with State supervision, or is there some middle way to combine the advantages of both and the disadvantages of neither? Can we make that middle way the basis of a banking millenium, and, if so, how can we bring it nearer?

After over two years of supervising the State banks and trust companies of New York, with between five and six billions of resources, I have come to be a firm believer in the middle way for banking—the middle way between absolute Government control and private ownership. I believe that the solution for most of our difficulties lies in a system of complete co-operation between banks and the State—co-operation between the State and every officer or director of banks under its supervision, with like co-operation between the banks and their depositors.

We shall probably none of us see the day of perfection, but we can at least strive to bring it nearer—the day that shall see savings banks and savings institutions completely divorced from, and not competing with, commercial banks and trust companies. That day should see more complete co-operation between the Federal Reserve system and the various State systems of banks. That day should see a perfected independent system in each State, having as an aid to each State Banking Department a State Clearing House Association of State Institutions, with power to issue Clearing House certificates and with a guaranty or sinking fund for depositors voluntarily contributed by the members of such association. When that day comes we shall have what I believe to be the ideal relation between the Government and banks—namely co-operative supervision, with the State acting to settle disputes and prevent injustice and exaction. Any step toward this final result represents sincerity in Government, the recognition of the principle to which I believe we are again turning—after being tempted to worship the graven images of semi-socialism—the principle that the least interference with business by the State brings the highest fairness, efficiency and prosperity. That policy makes for consolidation and construction. It represents progress with prudence. It represents

real financial preparedness of this country for what is surely coming—nay what is really here—an established position as the bankers of all the nations of the earth.

There has been a great change in this country's financial power and future heritage since the first of August 1914. On that day all the gold in this country amounted to less than the total deposits in the savings banks of the State of New York alone; to-day our stock of gold is equal to that of all the combined stocks of the warring nations of Europe. In a short period of time we shall have turned ourselves from a debtor into a creditor nation, and unless we sell our birthright for some socialistic mess of pottage, or some doubtful financial program, we ought to become the leaders of the world in business, trade and above all, in finance.

I believe that the present system of finance or banking should be developed and improved, but not substantially changed. But there are necessary elements in this banking millenium in which all must do their part. The Apostles of Buncombe have pictured all bankers as selfish, greedy, and honest only by force of law.

And what can you bankers do? You cannot sit silent under these attacks; for a lie uncontradicted and repeated often enough is as good as truth. You must meet these attacks both by word and by deed; by word, through frank publicity in full and open detailed information to your depositors and to people generally; by deed, in not borrowing money from your own banks yourselves and by keeping your banks clean of slow and dangerous loans made either to friends or to selfish interests. The man on the street must be made to believe not only that your financial statements are true but that your business dealings are square. This is plain speaking, but it is time for plain speaking. No matter how unjust these attacks may seem, you must bear in mind that the exceptional cases of usurious, unjust and criminal banking are charged to the whole banking community, and that no matter how unfair it may seem, the burden of disproving these charges is upon every man in this hall. The whole banking community must together face these problems of perverted opinion, unselfish, with good judgment, and with open minds.

On my mind one thought has been indelibly impressed by the events of these strenuous years following the European cataclysm. It is more than a thought. It is a conviction—the conviction that some way must soon be devised to satisfy the depositors in every bank of a State that their money is as safe as a deposit in the United States Treasury. And our wise man may be willing to accept the plan I have already suggested of voluntary contributions by members of State associations to a sinking fund to insure that any depositor shall receive his money if any member bank closes. The associations control their memberships and can examine, if necessary, any member, as the New York Clearing House does. Such a plan represents sound finance. The increased confidence of depositors will add millions to deposits, with the cost of the plan paid for many times over. Protection to depositors and profits to the bankers will go hand in hand.

Certain things, I believe, should be put upon the statutes of all the States, as they have in the State of New York. Private bankers, especially those who take small deposits, should be under the same regulations, supervision and restrictions as incorporated banks. Officers of banks should not be permitted to loan to themselves directly or indirectly. Banks should report specifically all their securities in which any of the directors or officers are directly or indirectly interested. The limitation on the amount of loans to any one man or set of men should be continued and increased rather than decreased; and in the case of savings banks there should be drastic prohibitions against any one of the trustees being allowed to profit by his position. Such laws, honestly lived up to, will make banks the servants, not the masters, of the public, and a banking corporation will become what it ought to be—"The Golden Rule, Incorporated."

As to supervision by the State, the crux of it all is to make directors direct, and to make them do it, as I have tried to do, without resorting to civil or criminal proceedings and without blacklisting anybody. The watchword of a banking department should be supervision and silence.

And what is the best method, the true method? I should say it is the simple application of honesty and frankness between the officers and the supervisor; by his telling them the truth, whether pleasant or unpleasant, and then all of them setting about industriously and intelligently to correct the evils which they have together discovered. That is the way to build, to reorganize, to reconstruct. This is applying the rule of reason to banking supervision.

To illustrate the force of ideal co-operation. I am going to give you a little of the inside and hitherto unpublished history of the first two weeks of August 1914, in New York City, when the foundations of everything were shaken by the European cataclysm. On August 1st the Stock Exchange was closed. No one knew the market value of securities. People were drawing millions from the banks, many of which were keeping open at night and on Sundays. During the preceding week depositors had drawn a hundred millions from the New York savings banks whose deposits were still more than equal to all the gold in the country. Currency and gold were being hoarded by the poor in their bedding and by the rich in safe deposit boxes. Private banks, not licensed by the Banking Department, located on the East Side of New York, with over fifty thousand depositors, were generally believed to be insolvent.

In this situation a few men worked together—the Clearing House Committee of New York City with some leading financial advisers, the Secretary of the Treasury with the Comptroller of the Currency, and I as Superintendent of Banks. In twenty-four hours a program of co-operation was agreed upon and carried out. The Federal officials took the necessary steps to insure the issue of emergency currency, the Clearing House Committee issued its certificates among the member banks and I, as Superintendent of Banks, had the savings banks immediately put in force the 60 day clause with their depositors; compelled all State banking institutions to close for business at 3 p. m.; and as a drastic piece of surgery cut out the East Side cancer by closing the insolvent private banks.

In two weeks the worst was past and a threatened panic which would have devastated our country was prevented, so that, as we all know, in six months this country began to get a grip on itself, and we entered, not upon panic and depression, but upon an upward climb toward complete public confidence and the greatest prosperity our people have ever seen.

PRESIDENT WILSON SUSPICIOUS OF WALL STREET

In addressing representatives of the Young Men's Democratic League at Shadow Lawn, Long Branch, on Saturday last (Sept. 30) President Wilson launched a vigorous attack against the Republican Party, asserting that it had outlived its usefulness. He pointed out that the Republicans contend that his foreign policy is wrong, and he argued that the certain prospect of the success of the Republican Party is that we shall be drawn in one form or other into the embroilments of the European war, and that to the South of us the

force of the United States will be used to produce in Mexico the kind of law and order which some American investors in Mexico consider most to their advantage." The President also directed his remarks to the promises of the Republicans with regard to the currency system; he declared that until the present Administration, Wall Street controlled the actions of the United States Treasury, adding that "when I say 'Wall Street' I mean some parts of Wall Street and I leave you to select the parts." "I would have you understand" he said, "that I am very much prejudiced against them ('the gentlemen in Wall Street') as they are against me." We give below the following extended extracts from his remarks, but omit entirely the early part of the speech, which was wholly political in character and undertook to show that the Democratic Party had survived where other political parties had become extinct since the inauguration of the Government of the United States.

Now the party that believes in the people and tries to do things for the people has been in power for four years, and what has happened? It has redeemed some of the promises falsely made by the attorneys for the special interests. And it has done something more interesting than that.

You remember that four years ago there was a great body of spirited Republicans who said, "This thing is becoming a fraud and a sham. We have been taking care of some people, but we have not been taking care of the great body of the people. We have not thought about their morals, we have not thought about their health, we have not thought about their rights as human beings, and we insist that you put the policy of this party in our hands, or we will go off and form a party of our own," and thereupon the great Progressive Party sprang up—great, not because it turned out to be more numerous than the party from which it had seceded, though it did that, but because it had the real red blood of human sympathy in its veins and was ready to work for mankind and forget the interests of a narrow party. I want to pay my tribute of respect to the purposes and intentions of the men who formed that group in our politics.

But the interesting thing is that, inasmuch as they did not get the opportunity, we took advantage of our opportunity to do the things that they wanted to do. And I want you young fellows to understand the reason for that. There are standpaters in the Democratic Party. There are men sitting down hard on the breeching strap. There are men who are trying to hold back and to serve what they believe to be conservatism, though it is really reaction, but the interesting thing about the Democratic Party is that those men are in a small minority in its ranks, whereas in the party of the opposition they are in a majority and are in control. The interesting thing for all politicians to remember is that the progressive voters of this country all put together outnumber either party. I venture to say they outnumber both parties put together. This country is progressive, and if you youngsters are going to be in the running, you will throw in your fortunes with the party of which the progressives have the control.

I am a progressive. I do not spell it with a capital P, but I think my pace is just as fast as those who do; it does not interfere with the running, and I am very much astonished to see the company that some gentlemen who spell their name with a capital P are keeping. They are engaged in the interesting enterprise of trying to capture a party which is fortified against them and refusing to enter a party which is already captured by those who believe in their principles. The intellectual processes by which they arrive at their conclusions are entirely obscured to my intelligence.

But you will notice that a party that merely wants control does not have to have any principles. That is the reason why surprise that a program has not been announced is unreasonable. Look over the ranks of the supporters of the Republican Party. Did you ever see a more motley company in your life? Did you ever see elements so absolutely contradictory of each other as the elements of that party? If they moved in any direction they would have to move in many directions; and if I am trying to get into power by the support of people that do not agree with one another, it is very dangerous for me to profess my own opinion.

Back of that party are those who want to inject into our politics, the politics of Europe, but not all who have that purpose in mind are on the same side. Some want to inject those politics in order to move in one direction, and others want to inject them in order to move in exactly the opposite direction.

In these circumstances it is not wise to announce your direction. Some of them are progressives, or were, and profess themselves dissatisfied with the present leadership and guidance of the party, and others are so well satisfied with it that they are afraid that the entrance of this new element will disturb some of their favorite plans, and so, look at each other with suspicion. They have only one enthusiasm and that is the enthusiasm to "get in." I see in my mind's eye this greatly motley company "enthusiastically united in a great drive for possession."

Unfortunately, however, one thing has become reasonably clear, my fellow-citizens, and it is a very serious thing indeed. One thing has become evident, not because it was explicitly stated, for nothing has been explicitly stated, but because it is unmistakably implicit in almost everything that has been said. Am I not right that we must draw the conclusion that if the Republican Party is put into power at the next election our foreign policy will be radically changed? I cannot draw any other inference. All our present foreign policy is wrong, they say, and if it is wrong and they are men of conscience, they must change it, and if they are going to change it, in what direction are they going to change it?

There is only one choice as against peace, and that is war. Some of the supporters of that party, a very great body of the supporters of that party, outspokenly declare that they want war, so that the certain prospect of the success of the Republican Party is that we shall be drawn in one form or other into the embroilments of the European war, and that to the south of us the force of the United States will be used to produce in Mexico the kind of law and order which some American investors in Mexico consider most to their advantage.

I do not find that anybody else's counsel is taken in respect of the policy that this country should pursue with regard to Mexico except those who have hitherto acted as the counsellors for the vested interests in Mexico. The whole country is acquainted with the gentlemen who have been consulted. There is no concealment, even by themselves, whose attorneys they are; they have talked to me. I know exactly what they want. I have declined to give it to them, and now they are going where they think they can get it. And there is every indication, on the surface at any rate, that their calculation is well founded.

There is a more serious aspect even than that. There is an immediate result of this thing, my fellow-citizens, from this time until the 7th of November it is going to be practically impossible for the present Administra-

tion to handle any critical matter concerning our foreign relations, because all foreign statesmen are waiting to see which way the election goes, and in the meantime they know that settlements will be inconclusive.

The conference which is being held with regard to the Mexican affairs is embarrassed every day by the apparent evidence which is being produced that hostility to Mexico is being traded upon by one of the great political parties, these gentlemen may reconcile these influences with patriotic purpose, but it is difficult for all of us to do so. And the one thing I want to lay emphasis upon in this connection is this: That a great, fundamental, final choice with regard to our foreign relationships is to be made on the 7th of November. Some young men ought to be interested in that, some men who want to see the future cleared of the passion which governs the present ought to be interested in that. Men who love to see a great peaceful force expended by America for the service of the world ought to be interested in that.

Singular, isn't it, that that should have been the only thing disclosed by the opposition? But I suspect that they are well enough content with many of the things that have been done in domestic legislation, provided they can get in and control them. Let me illustrate.

Take the Federal Reserve system. The great banking system by which the credits of this country were hitherto locked up, the credits of the average man have been released and put into action; the great system which has made it possible for us to absorb two thousand millions' worth of American securities held on the other side of the water which have been offered for sale, nearly, if not quite, 50% of the whole body of the American securities held abroad, a thing that would have been impossible otherwise.

You know that one of the many things that the Republicans promised and never did, was to reform the currency system. They did what they have always done in such circumstances. They had a thorough inquiry and report made without any promise of following it up.

The report was made after long and expensive inquiry and much interesting travel, by a committee presided over by the late Senator Aldrich, and that report is a very valuable document. It is full of a great deal of useful information, along with a great deal of useless information. I dare say that in any report the useless predominates over the useful, but if you know what you are looking for, you can find it in that report. And when we came to do this thing that ought to have been done long ago, but which because of a kind of paralysis, which cannot be called infantile, it was impossible for the Republican Party to do (I should call it a paralysis of the will), we found that we could take the skeleton of what we wanted to do from the Aldrich report, but that we could not take the heart out of it, we so absolutely altered the heart that Senator Aldrich himself denounced the thing that we produced.

Now the heart of the Aldrich plan was a single central bank which was susceptible of being controlled by the very men who have always dictated the financial policy of the Republican Party, whereas the heart of our system is not a great central bank, but a body appointed by and responsible to the Government and, by the same token, responsible to the people of the United States.

The hand is the hand of Esau, but the heart is the heart of Jacob, and that heart is the heart of the Democratic Party, the control by representatives of the people of the things that concern the whole people.

There was universal hostility among the bankers of this country, not unanimous, but universal, to the adoption of the present system, and all of that opposition got its impulse from that central group which knew that that was going to happen which did happen—that they were going to lose their grip on the Treasury of the United States.

They are perfectly content, my fellow-citizens, to take over the Federal Trade Commission, provided they can select the commissioners and suggest whom they shall consult. They are perfectly willing to have a tariff board; at least, they were willing to have it before we created it, provided, they can determine beforehand what its conclusions are going to be by determining the quality and antecedents of the men who compose it.

You can very easily determine beforehand what is going to happen. For example, if you want certain things to happen, select the most eminent—it may be the most honest—corporation lawyer in the country and put him on the Supreme Court. His character is not going to fall you. He may have as good a character as any man who ever lived, but his training is going to determine everything that he sees. You do not have to do these things corruptly; you only have to do them astutely.

Similarly, they would be perfectly content to control the board which is to govern the Rural Credit system. They would be perfectly willing to appoint the board that is to control the development of the Merchant Marine and the regulation of a marine charges in the carriage of freight on the high seas. The only thing that makes them uneasy is that Democrats should be running these things.

I am not saying this in jest, I am not saying it to make a point. I am saying it out of my personal experience. Until the present Administration Wall Street controlled the actions of the Treasury of the United States. I do not like those words, "Wall Street," because there are some men in Wall Street who have vision; there are some men who see things large and see them true; there are some men with fine, statesmanlike gifts, and I do not like to include them, but the main impulse in Wall Street is not given to it by them. When I say "Wall Street" I mean some parts of Wall Street and I leave you to select the parts. Wall Street, thus selected, formerly controlled the Treasury of the United States. Why, my fellow-citizens, it even had a desk in the Treasury Department!

Many of these gentlemen honestly believe that only they understand the interests of the country and they were genuinely uneasy to see the Treasury conducted without their consent. Again and again I have received intimations from these quarters during the last three and a half years that they would very much like to be consulted, and I have invariably returned the same answer. I have said if these gentlemen have any advice to give I shall be most pleased to receive it. All they have to do is to ask to see me and tell me in the frankest way, like any other American citizen, what they think ought to be done. But they would not accept that kind of an invitation. They wanted to be sent for and they wanted to be reasonably certain before they went that their advice would be taken. They did not want to come in on the same terms with other citizens of the United States offering their advice as to what ought to be done.

It has been interesting, and it has been very amusing, that any set of men should think that they had the absolute by the wool, that they knew what the interests of the country demanded and nobody else did. So that since they would not volunteer to come, we have made shift to conduct the Treasury of the United States without their assistance. And it must surprise them in their private thoughts to have to admit that it has been better conducted than ever before in our generation—more successfully as business administration and infinitely more helpfully to the general body of the American people. Such assistance as the Treasury of the United States can legitimately extend in times of financial stress used always to be extended to Wall Street. Now it is extended to the country.

It was no doubt shocking to see the money deposited in country banks and not in Wall Street, but the country banks knew how to use it, and they were very much nearer the great masses of the people who need it than were the great depositaries of financial resources in New York. I would not have

you consider me prejudiced against New York City. Why, gentlemen, the great City of New York is one of the most vital parts of the United States, but the City of New York does not consist of the gentlemen in Wall Street. And I would have you understand that I am very much prejudiced against them, as they are against me. No, not prejudiced, but aware.

They have suffered another inconvenience. They used to be able to do a great deal in the way of legislation by means of a lobby the people knew very little about, and the lobby, thank God, has disappeared. I do not mean the legitimate lobby, the lobby that will go to hearings of committees and argue their case in public with the reporters present, but I mean the buttonholing lobby; I mean the lobby that uses influence and not argument, that uses inducement, and not fact, that understands some special interests and does not give a cent for the general interest. That is the lobby I mean, and the little cowards scuttled the minute they were mentioned. I had only to say in a casual interview with the representatives of press that there was such a lobby when all at once the rats began to scuttle.

So the instrumentalities of control have been destroyed, and the object of the present campaign on one side is to rehabilitate them. Why do I say that, because I see, not more than you do. You see who are controlling the present campaign on the Republican side. There is no concealment about that. Two years ago the Republicans fancied that there was a reaction against the Democratic Party, because it had been going some I admit.

And so in the campaign for the Congressional elections two years ago some of their most distinguished leaders spoke very indiscreetly. They said that what this country needed was a business administration, which from one point of view we might have concurred in if they had not added this definition that what the country wanted was to return to the "Good old days of Mark Hanna." Further definition was unnecessary. The good old days of Mark Hanna. No thoughtful man in this country would propose that we should return to the methods of political control practiced by Senator Hanna.

It happened that at that time a very lovely, trustworthy gentleman was President of the United States. I mean William McKinley. He had no part discreditable to himself, so far as I know, in the political arrangements and the expenditure of unlimited money in campaigns for which Senator Hanna was responsible. But now you will notice we have returned to the good old days of Mark Hanna in the Republican Party. Some of the very gentlemen who were prominent in that odious regime are now at the head of affairs in the management of the Republican campaign. The lieutenants of Mark Hanna have returned to authority, and the lieutenants of Mark Hanna represent the choices, the determinations and, so much as we can conjecture, the policy of the Republican Party. What they want to do is to get control and then determine the policy in private conference. We are not going to be taken into their confidence.

It would not be wise for them to take us into their confidence. They want to control, possess. Those are the magic words for them. They do not think we have sense enough. They do not think we have coherence enough. They do not think a great body of free people know how to hang together in its own cause, and that a little body of men that always hangs together can in the long run manage the people, and it is up to us to show them that that is impossible. The people of the United States have frequently been fooled, but they are not often fooled several times in the same way and this barefaced attempt to fool them in the same old way is, in my judgment, one of the most futile things that was ever attempted.

Henceforth, understand that so far as I am concerned, I will excuse these gentlemen from answering questions, because I know they cannot answer them; that if they answered them, they would lose half of their following on any particular subject and the confidence of the people of the United States all together. Therefore I for my part do not intend to ask them any questions. I have other uses for my mind, because I am on to the game already.

What it is our imperative duty to do, my fellow-citizens, is to make everybody we know understand what the Democratic Party stands for and what it intends to do. It has begun a great process of liberalization for the business of this country, and it intends to strengthen that system at every point, extend it wherever it needs extension, strengthen and fortify it against all attacks and once for all make good the domination of the American people in their own affairs. On that program we are challengers to all comers. We have shown our hand. It cannot be doubted. All you have got to do, if you want to know the lines of the future policy of the Democratic Party is to extend the lines of the past policy of the Democratic Party and you have an absolute standard. You know which way we are going. The question is, do you want to head us off and it is for the young men of the country in particular.

I do not know, for my part, how the spirit of a nation gets into one generation after another, but I do know by long contact with young men that the spirit of a nation is perhaps more intense in the generations coming on than in the more sophisticated generations that have become deeply immersed in particular lines of business. The point of view of the young man is of the horizon. He looks abroad upon a wide world because he is choosing his path. He looks curiously upon many of the aspects of human affairs, because he hopes and intends to play a part of importance in some of them. And so the young men have the impulse, the momentum, the whole vision of the people more intensely in them than the older men who have grown a little tired, some of them grown a little pessimistic, some of them grown a little discouraged, some of them have had many hard knocks and have suffered many disappointments, but who yet, nevertheless with stubborn courage and steadfast strength are themselves struggling toward the light. And they are calling to the young man, "Come, recruit our ranks. Some of us are falling by the way. We need your force. We need your hope. We need your confidence. We need your capacity to get together and stay together and follow and lead. Come, strengthen the great army of men who have their eyes fixed to those horizons where shines the light of hope for men of every nation and of every generation, where rests the reassurance of the world's peace and of the world's happiness."

THE GREAT SALE OF COPPER TO THE ENTENTE POWERS.

[From the Engineering & Mining Journal of Sept. 30.]

The great sale of copper to the Allied Governments that has been talked about for several weeks back was consummated on Sept. 23, or rather, was reported then. The quantity contracted was 200,000 long tons—448,000,000 lb.—a quantity beyond all precedent for a single transaction. This is about 20% of the world's production in a year just previous to the war. It is about one-sixth of what the American capacity for the production of refined copper is expected to be in the early part of 1917. The contract is for delivery running through the first half of 1917. It may be said, therefore, that about one-third of the expected output of American refiners for the first half of 1917 has been preempted by this one purchase.

It was natural that this spectacular transaction should be the main theme of gossip, surmise and forecast in the daily papers and in Wall Street. American consumers of copper were represented as being confronted by a

famine of their raw material. Judging from that sort of talk, it was to be inferred that a new buyer had suddenly grabbed one-third of the prospective supply out of a market that is already being seriously taxed by the needs of current consumption. This is not so—not at all so.

The Allied Governments made large purchases of copper in the early part of 1916, contracting for deliveries up to the end of the year. It is the filling of these deliveries that creates to a large extent the strength of the copper market now. The war continuing—and there is no reason to forecast its early termination—it was to be supposed that the Allies would require as much copper as they are taking now. So far as the statistical position of the industry is concerned, there is no difference whether they buy it all in one transaction or buy about 33,000 tons per month later. Either way there is just as much copper left for other consumers; probably there will be as large a free surplus as there has been during the latter part of 1916, especially taking into consideration the increasing refinery capacity.

Moreover, the American consumers do not approach 1917 as a preempted market. They have, themselves, during the last fortnight been buying very heavily for the first half of the coming year, no doubt in anticipation of the great sale that has just been consummated, for if it had not been consummated on Sept. 23, it would have had to be done later. Producers supplied them with copper at about the same price as was realized in the big sale. It was natural, therefore, that the copper market should have become rather dull after the culmination of what all had been looking for. We shall see prolonged dull periods between now and the delivery of the last of the copper that has lately been sold.

It is to be remarked, furthermore, that all the copper just bought by the Allies is not necessarily going into war material. Rather does it represent the total requirements of Great Britain and part of that of her Allies. For Great Britain has now so organized her industrial affairs that the Munitions Ministry supplies everybody, including the manufacturer who is making cartridges for the front and the manufacturer who is making electrical machinery for some industrial purpose. The running of things in Great Britain is no longer at sixes and sevens. On the other hand, a good deal of the copper that has lately been sold to Connecticut brass makers is going into munitions.

What the big sale of copper has really done is to insure to certain producers, especially the Anaconda and those for which it sells, similarly as to Phelps, Dodge & Co. and to the producers selling through the American Smelting & Refining Co., the disposition of a large part of their production in 1917 at a very high price. In this respect Anaconda probably fares best as a single producer. The smaller producers, who do not participate directly in the big sale, will nevertheless do so indirectly, for they will have command of the general market in which the withdrawal of the large quantity of copper already contracted will be a backlog. The copper producers are now guaranteed an extraordinary price for their copper and phenomenal profits in 1916. They are guaranteed the same for a considerable part of 1917. They are entitled to a feeling of satisfaction.

E. P. RIPLEY ON GRANTING OF SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO LABOR.

In a circular addressed to the stockholders of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry., President E. P. Ripley reviews the incidents leading up to the enactment of the Adamson eight-hour railroad law, and recites that the result "appears to be that, according to the view of the Government, it is, under existing laws, powerless to protect the public against any nation-wide combination on the part of railroad employees paralyze by strike all the railroads in the country." He adds:

If this view is correct, it must be on the theory that the Clayton Act, which was passed and approved about two years ago, was intended to and does facilitate strikes at the expense of the public by freeing from restraint and punishment any conspiracy, no matter how widespread or unreasonable, to paralyze by strikes the rail transportation upon which the public is dependent.

Under this view of existing law upon which the Government seems to have acted, it appears that until some remedial legislation shall be adopted, the only way to avert such tieups is for Congress to grant by special legislation whatever demands labor combinations may insist upon as their price for permitting the people to continue to enjoy railway transportation.

The question, therefore, becomes of profound importance to you, both as a citizen depending upon railroad transportation, and as a holder of railroad stock, to consider what can be done to obtain necessary remedial legislation. The brotherhoods made it clear at the session of Congress just ended that they will resist with all their power any such remedial legislation, whether it seeks to prohibit strikes in advance of public investigation or to put any form of restraint upon labor combinations. It is, therefore, reasonable to assume that the public demand for a remedy will have to be persistent and forceful, or else the public will continue in its present defenseless position.

Since the precedent of abandoning arbitration and hurriedly paying the demands of railroad unions by special Congressional enactment has thus been established, does it not behoove you to exercise your influence in favor of appropriate remedial legislation?

This company believes that the Act which Congress has passed is unconstitutional, and that steps should be taken to resist it in every lawful manner.

Mr. Ripley in setting out the facts concerning the demands of the men, said in part:

The demand out of which the present controversy grew was made by the trainmen in the freight service. Broadly speaking, the pay of these trainmen has been on the basis of ten hours' work or less. A trainman got a day's pay for his run, no matter how much it fell short of ten hours, but if it exceeded ten hours he got extra pay on the basis of one-tenth of a day's pay for each hour beyond ten hours. The trainmen also got extra pay for any distance by which his run exceeded 100 miles, on the basis of one-tenth of a day's pay for each 10 miles beyond 100, and this was true even though the total run was made in much less than ten hours. In cases where the run was over 100 miles and took ten hours, a man had the option of claiming his extra pay on the basis of either excess mileage or excess hours, whichever produced the larger amount of pay.

These trainmen in freight service, acting through their four brotherhoods, demanded that their wages be increased through the expedient of paying them for the first eight hours their present standard pay for ten hours or less, and so that all time over eight hours would be paid for as extra time; and through the further expedient of increasing by 50% the pay they receive for extra time. These demands did not seek that their working day should be shortened to eight hours or at all.

The railroad companies declined to accept these demands, claiming that they were wholly unreasonable, and claiming that they would be unjust, not only to their bondholders and stockholders, but also to the general public, which ultimately, through increased rates or impaired service, would have to bear the additional burden, and would be unjust to other railroad employees, but offered, however, to submit the whole controversy to arbitration, by the Inter-State Commerce Commission or by a board of arbitration appointed under the Newlands Act.

The letter goes on to state that the men declined to arbitrate and gives the further facts which brought about the enactment of the Adamson law.

PRESIDENT SELECTS EIGHT-HOUR LAW BOARD.

In accordance with the requirements of the recently enacted Adamson Bill establishing an eight-hour day for employees of carriers engaged in inter-State and foreign commerce and employed in the running of trains, a formal announcement was made on the 5th inst. at Omaha, Neb., during the presence there of President Wilson, of the selection as members of the Commission which is to report on the effect of the eight-hour day of Major-General George W. Goethals, Governor of the Panama Canal, Commissioner Edward E. Clark of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and George Rublee of the Federal Trade Commission. Mr. Rublee was rejected by the Senate as a member of the Trade Commission, but is serving a recess appointment given him by the President. Gen. Goethals, who arrived here from Panama on the 2nd inst., and who recently obtained President Wilson's consent to resign as Governor of the Canal Zone, will act as Chairman of the new Commission. Commissioner Clark was for many years a railway operative. He began his railroad service in 1873 and in 1889 entered the service of the Order of Railway Conductors of America as grand senior conductor. Later he became Grand Chief Conductor. He was appointed a member of the Commission to determine the issues involved in the strike of anthracite coal miners by President Roosevelt in 1902. He has been a member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission since 1906, having been appointed first by Roosevelt, later by Taft and finally by President Wilson. The law creating the new Commission goes into effect on Jan. 1 next; its text was given in our issue of Jan. 9.

As indicating the attitude of Maj.-Gen. Goethals toward the eight-hour law, attention has been directed to the eight-hour order which, as President of the Panama RR. he put into effect on that road on Sept. 1. We quote the order below:

Effective Sept. 1, the working day for train crews and switching-engine crews will be limited to eight hours, except in cases of emergency, when authority for overtime must be obtained through the proper channels, either from the executive office or from the superintendent of the Panama Railroad.

The effect of this order, it is said, is to limit the actual working day of all train and switching employees on the Panama Road to eight hours per day, unless special permission is obtained from the highest authorities on the road for overtime labor.

A. B. GARRETSON ON THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

The receipt by it of two copies of an editorial written by A. B. Garretson of Cedar Rapids, President of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, for publication in the "Railway Conductor" is announced by the "Chicago Tribune" of the 3rd inst. One, the "Tribune" says, came from Cedar Rapids, and the other from the Publicity Bureau of the Democratic National Committee, Western headquarters. The "Tribune" prints the Cedar Rapids version of the editorial in part as follows:

The enactment of a nation-wide eight-hour law, applicable to train service employees, by the national Congress on the recommendation of the President of the United States, means far more to men who labor than appears within the written lines thereof.

It means the embodiment in statutory law, first, of the declaration made by President Wilson to the representatives of the four brotherhoods and to the railway managers that "the social sense had declared in favor of an eight-hour day and that it was not legitimately a proposition for arbitration.

Second, it means the throwing into the balance in favor of the establishment of a universal eight-hour day the weight of the influence of this Government.

If men desire to know what would have been the course pursued by the candidate for President on the Republican platform, all that is needed to furnish the information are the declarations made by that candidate on the public rostrum. Those utterances make it perfectly apparent that had he been at the time administering the affairs of the commonwealth, no agency of the Government would have been utilized either to recognize the justice of the claim of the employees or to forward the realization thereof.

For the purpose of securing political support of the entrenched financial interests he espouses their cause, criticizes the effort of the man whom he opposes, and attempts to minimize the result of his efforts, while at the same time making it perfectly apparent that he personally is possessed of neither the breadth of vision that recognizes the march of social events, the courage to stand for that which is right regardless of what effect it may have on his political fortunes, nor the desire to aid in the betterment of the working conditions of the men who constitute the great bulk of the citizenship of the nation, to the headship of which he aspires.

JOHN E. ROVENSKY SEES GOVERNMENTAL SUBVENTION AS SOLUTION OF AFTER-WAR COMPETITION.

At the banquet of the Rotary Club of New York City on the 3rd inst. John E. Rovensky, Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce, expressed the view that our present commercial activity, although brought into being by war conditions, had quickened our entire economic structure and become a genuine and healthy prosperity. He dwelt upon the importance of the fact that the United States is an economic unit, i. e., that it produces within its own borders practically all the commodities that are required to satisfy man's wants and consequently it requires but the normal functioning of each part of the economic body to produce that condition of perfect economic health—prosperity. Mr. Rovensky stated that he did not fear any evil results from the present influx of gold, as he believed that we would in time adopt legal measures which would insure the proper concentration of this gold within control of the Federal Reserve banks, where it would be scientifically administered for the benefit of the country as a whole. While we would undoubtedly be compelled to part with some of this gold at the conclusion of hostilities, the Federal Reserve Board could so regulate the outflow that no harmful effects would result. He stated that it seemed to him that all danger of financial panics in the future had been permanently removed by the enactment of the Federal Reserve Act. Speaking of what may happen at the conclusion of the war, Mr. Rovensky said in part:

It is almost useless to try to forecast when the war will end or just what the economic position of each country will be when peace is declared. While advantage is undoubtedly with the Allies, they themselves admit that there is much fighting before them, and the course of war may take some queer angles before the Central Powers are decisively defeated. However, as nearly as can be foreseen at the present time, it would appear that our country shall enter the period of peace with wages and commodity prices at unprecedented high levels. I doubt that it will be possible for us to attain any material decline in the general level of wages. Of course, in certain special lines, such as munitions, wages will immediately drop, but, after all, that is an unimportant part of the entire problem. If the general wage level cannot be reduced, it certainly follows that prices will likewise not be materially reduced.

What steps, then, will be advisable for us to take to meet these conditions. It seems to me that the usual remedy of a high protective tariff will be applied to protect our domestic industries from foreign competition. This, of course, will not solve the problem of how our manufacturers shall meet competition in foreign fields, and in that direction I can see but one remedy—that of Governmental subvention. It may take some time for us to become reconciled to this new departure in our national policy, but, after all, it is morally correct. By means of a subvention, an industry that could not meet foreign competition on account of the higher wage levels existing in this country may be fostered until conditions adjust themselves, and in the meanwhile the loss is spread over the entire population of the country.

We shall emerge from this war the strongest nation in the world both in point of banking power and commercial organization. Of all nations we can face the future with the most self confidence.

DEATH OF UNITED STATES SENATOR JAMES P. CLARKE.

United States Senator James P. Clarke of Arkansas, President pro tempore of the Senate, died on Oct. 1 at his home in Little Rock, Ark., from a stroke of apoplexy. He was born in Yazoo City, Miss., on Aug. 18 1854. After graduating from the law department of the University of Virginia in 1878, Senator Clarke began the practice of law at Helena, Ark., and continued in that field of work until 1897, when he moved to Little Rock, Ark., where he entered politics. He was elected a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives in 1886 and 1887; a State Senator from 1888 to 1892, being elected President of that body in his last term. He was Attorney-General of the State of Arkansas for two years and was subsequently elected Governor for two years, from 1895 to 1897. He declined a renomination and in 1905 was elected to the United States Senate. He was re-elected to that office in 1909 and 1915. Senator Clarke's attitude toward the railroad eight-hour bill was in line with his general independence of party policies; he was one of the two Democratic Senators who refused to vote for the measure, and when the bill was presented to the presiding officer of the Senate, Senator Clarke, who occupied the Chair in the absence of Vice-President Marshall, refused to sign the bill, and exercised his right under the rules to designate a presiding officer for the time being, and Senator Hughes of New Jersey, who was named to preside, signed as the Senate presiding officer. Throughout the thirteen years of his Senatorial career, Senator Clarke had many times been the leader in opposition to measures proposed by his party. Senator Clarke acted for several years as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce in the Senate, and was also the ranking Democratic member of the Foreign Relations Committee and the Committee on Military Affairs.

GROWTH OF POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITS.

The deposits in postal savings banks during the month of August, according to information furnished by the Post Office Department, show a gain of almost \$5,000,000—more than \$1,000,000 a week. A statement issued by the Department says:

The gains were not confined to any particular city or section but were general throughout the country. They reflect the nation-wide prosperity of the working classes, who are the principal patrons of the system. The next largest monthly increase was \$4,016,000 for August 1914, the first month of the European war.

Another reason for the remarkable gain is the removal of hindering restrictions on the amount that may be accepted from a depositor, brought about by an Act of Congress which was approved by President Wilson on May 18 last. Previous to that time no one could deposit more than \$100 in a calendar month or have a balance to his credit in excess of \$500. The new law authorizes the acceptance of any amount, and at any time, until the balance to the credit of a depositor amounts to \$1,000. As the liberating legislation becomes more generally known it brings to light the hidden savings of those who will not entrust their money to private institutions but have implicit confidence in the Government. A large part of the hidden money of the country is therefore fast being restored to the active channels of industry and commerce through the medium of the postal savings banks.

The principal gains for August were in the following cities:

New York City.....	\$844,806	Kansas City, Mo.....	33,101
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	342,122	St. Paul, Minn.....	30,467
Chicago, Ill.....	196,783	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	30,428
Boston, Mass.....	122,580	Uniontown, Pa.....	29,974
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	121,346	Leadville, Colo.....	28,087
Detroit, Mich.....	119,409	San Francisco, Cal.....	26,472
Philadelphia, Pa.....	77,259	Erle, Pa.....	25,732
Cleveland, Ohio.....	72,403	McKeesport, Pa.....	25,607
Buffalo, N. Y.....	68,884	Columbus, Ohio.....	24,424
Butte, Mont.....	57,753	New Haven, Conn.....	24,085
Milwaukee, Wis.....	56,014	Ironwood, Mich.....	23,627
Bridgeport, Conn.....	53,027	Jersey City, N. J.....	23,066
Portland, Ore.....	47,389	Pueblo, Colo.....	22,782
Toledo, Ohio.....	43,046	Los Angeles, Cal.....	22,627
Newark, N. J.....	40,252	Providence, R. I.....	21,198
Atlantic City, N. J.....	35,329	Tacoma, Wash.....	20,845
St. Louis, Mo.....	35,277	Waterbury, Conn.....	20,529
Akron, Ohio.....	33,546		

On Aug. 31 the postal savings service was available at 7,682 offices in the United States, Alaska, Porto Rico and Hawaii. At these offices approximately 621,000 persons have accounts with \$94,700,000 standing to their credit. Ninety offices have each more than \$100,000 on deposit those which have deposits in excess of \$500,000 are:

New York, N. Y.....	\$20,073,986	Butte, Mont.....	967,232
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	6,467,620	St. Louis, Mo.....	930,551
Chicago, Ill.....	4,239,368	Kansas City, Mo.....	853,903
Boston, Mass.....	2,300,791	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	825,583
Detroit, Mich.....	2,127,730	St. Paul, Minn.....	797,134
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	1,590,676	Newark, N. J.....	793,352
San Francisco, Cal.....	1,136,989	Los Angeles, Cal.....	746,583
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,129,482	Toledo, Ohio.....	713,109
Portland, Ore.....	1,150,466	Columbus, Ohio.....	672,549
Milwaukee, Wis.....	1,034,006	Buffalo, N. Y.....	605,267
Cleveland, Ohio.....	980,107	Tacoma, Wash.....	507,901

SUITS UNDER ANTI-TRUST ACT.

Information anent the pending proceedings against alleged combinations in restraint of trade is presented by U. S. Attorney-General Thomas W. Gregory, in a statement issued this week by the Publicity Bureau of the Democratic National Committee. Mr. Gregory gives a list of the more important suits, and compares the work of the Wilson, Taft and Roosevelt Administrations in this respect. He says:

The preservation of fair competition in trade and the prevention of monopoly are essential to the general welfare. Therefore, efficient and energetic enforcement of the Federal Anti-Trust Act prohibiting restraints and monopolizations of inter-State trade, is of the highest importance to the people.

There are now pending in the Federal Courts thirty-six proceedings under the Anti-Trust Act. There are also pending numerous investigations of alleged violations of the law. These proceedings and investigations are being conducted by the Department of Justice, which is charged by law with the enforcement of the law. Among the more important proceedings instituted under the Anti-Trust laws during the present Administration are the following:

Against Reading Company and other anthracite coal-carrying and mining companies, for the purpose of breaking up the combinations which control the supply and the price of anthracite coal.

Against the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, to require it to relinquish control of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, a competing transcontinental line.

Against the American Can Company, to dissolve a combination which controls the market for tin cans.

Against the New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, to dissolve a monopoly of the transportation facilities of New England.

Against the United Shoe Machinery Company, to cancel the so-called tying contracts by which it has monopolized trade and commerce in shoe machinery.

Against the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, to enjoin the execution of a plan for monopolizing the means of communication by wire.

Against the Eastman Kodak Company, to dissolve a combination which controls the market of kodaks and photographic supplies.

Against the Quaker Oats Company, to break up a combination which controls the market for package rolled oats.

Against the Wholesale Jewelers' Association, to break up a combination designed to prevent manufacturers from selling direct to retail dealers and consumers.

The fundamental weakness in the enforcement of the Anti-Trust Act in previous Administrations was the failure to insist upon a real dissolution of monopolies and combinations which the courts had adjudged unlawful.

In the principal case in the Roosevelt Administration—the Northern Securities case—and in the principal cases in the Taft Administration—the Standard Oil case, the Tobacco case, and the Powder case—the parts into which the unlawful monopoly was divided were left by decree of court in control of one and the same set of persons.

Such dissolutions merely change the form of the monopoly, since, of course, competition in real sense cannot exist between corporations controlled by the same persons. The law was thus virtually nullified by reason of the defective manner of its enforcement.

The present Administration, on the other hand, has insisted in every case, notably the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger case, the Anthracite Coal cases, the Kodak case, the Telephone case, the New Haven case, the Harvester case, and the Corn Products case, that the parts into which the unlawful combination was or may be divided must be separate and distinct in ownership, and must not be left under the control of the same set of men, thereby opening the way for the restoration of competitive conditions in the branches of trade or commerce which had been monopolized.

While thus endeavoring to correct the fundamental error which has characterized the enforcement of the law in the past by insisting upon more effective dissolutions of monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade, the present Administration at the same time has been solicitous to avoid prosecutions for which there is no adequate ground.

AMENDED RESERVE ACT OMITTS PROVISION AFFECTING LIMIT OF ACCEPTANCES.

During the past week or so it has been pointed out that in amending the Federal Reserve Act during the closing days of the late session, Congress inadvertently placed an unintended limit upon member banks of the Federal Reserve system desiring to accept drafts or bills of exchange. In the Reserve Act as originally passed, member banks were permitted to accept drafts or bills of exchange, drawn upon them and growing out of transactions involving the importation or exportation of goods having not more than six months sight to run, to an amount not exceeding one-half their capital and surplus. Under an amendment approved March 3 1915, the discount of acceptances to the full amount of the capital stock and surplus was made possible through the addition to the provision of the following sentence, "except by authority of the Federal Reserve Board, under such general regulations as said Board may prescribe, but not to exceed the capital stock and surplus of such banks, and such regulations shall apply to all banks alike regardless of the amount of capital stock and surplus." In extending the acceptance provision under the amendments just passed, so as to permit acceptances growing out of domestic shipments as well as out of import and export shipments, the provision quoted above was left out; the fact that it was contained in the earlier drafts of the measure and was not a matter of dispute between the two houses makes it apparent that it was dropped unintentionally. It is claimed that the omission will not affect banks already authorized to accept bills up to 100%, but why this should be so is not clear. In our issue of Sept. 16 we gave the text of the bill (as published at the time in the "Federal Reserve Bulletin") and indicated all the changes in wording from the old law. That reading of the text was correct with the single exception that it included the sentences inadvertently omitted as noted above. To avoid all misunderstanding, however, we reprint the whole Act and give the measure just as it now appears on the statute books.

[H. R. 13391]

An Act to amend certain sections of the Act entitled "Federal Reserve Act," approved Dec. 23 1913.

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

That the Act entitled "Federal Reserve Act," approved Dec. 23 1913, be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

At the end of section 11 insert a new clause as follows:

"(m) Upon the affirmative vote of not less than five of its members the Federal Reserve Board shall have power from time to time, by general rulings covering all districts alike, to permit member banks to carry in the Federal Reserve banks of their respective districts any portion of their reserves now required by section 19 of this Act to be held in their own vaults."

That Section 13 be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows: "Any Federal Reserve bank may receive from any of its member banks, and from the United States, deposits of current funds in lawful money, national bank notes, Federal Reserve notes, or checks, and drafts, payable upon presentation, and also, for collection, maturing bills or solely for purposes of exchange or of collection may receive from other Federal Reserve banks deposits of current funds in lawful money, national bank notes, or checks upon other Federal Reserve banks, and checks and drafts, payable upon presentation within its district, and maturing bills payable within its district.

"Upon the indorsement of any of its member banks which shall be deemed a waiver of demand, notice and protest by such bank, as to its own indorsement exclusively any Federal Reserve bank may discount notes, drafts, and bills of exchange arising out of actual commercial transactions; that is, notes, drafts, and bills of exchange issued or drawn for agricultural, industrial, or commercial purposes, or the proceeds of which have been used, or are to be used, for such purposes, the Federal Reserve Board to have the right to determine or define the character of the paper thus eligible for discount, within the meaning of this Act. Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to prohibit such notes, drafts, and bills of exchange, secured by staple agricultural products, or other goods, wares, or merchandise from being eligible for such discount; but such definition shall not include notes, drafts, or bills covering merely investments of issued or drawn for the purpose of carrying or trading in stocks, bonds, or other investment securities, except bonds and notes of the Government of the

United States. Notes, drafts, and bills admitted to discount under the terms of this paragraph must have a maturity at the time of discount of not more than ninety days, exclusive of days of grace. *Provided*, That notes, drafts, and bills drawn or issued for agricultural purposes or based on live stock and having a maturity not exceeding six months, exclusive of days of grace, may be discounted in an amount to be limited to a percentage of the assets of the Federal Reserve bank, to be ascertained and fixed by the Federal Reserve Board.

"The aggregate of such notes, drafts, and bills bearing the signature or indorsement of any one borrower, whether a person, company, firm or corporation rediscouted for any one bank shall at no time exceed ten per centum of the unimpaired capital and surplus of said bank; but this restriction shall not apply to the discount of bills of exchange drawn in good faith against actually existing values.

"Any Federal Reserve bank may discount acceptances of the kinds hereinbefore described, which have a maturity at the time of discount of not more than three months' sight, exclusive of days of grace, and which are indorsed by at least one member bank.

"Any member bank may accept drafts or bills of exchange drawn upon it having not more than six months' sight to run, exclusive of days of grace, which grow out of transactions involving the importation or exportation of goods or which grow out of transactions involving the domestic shipment of goods provided shipping documents conveying or securing title are attached at the time of acceptance or which are secured at the time of acceptance by a warehouse receipt or other such document conveying or securing title covering readily marketable staples. No member bank shall accept, whether in a foreign or domestic transaction, for any one person, company, firm, or corporation to an amount equal at any time in the aggregate to more than ten per centum of its paid-up and unimpaired capital stock and surplus unless the bank is secured either by attached documents or by some other actual security growing out of the same transaction as the acceptance and no bank shall accept such bills to an amount equal at any time in the aggregate to more than one-half of its paid-up and unimpaired capital stock and surplus.

"Any Federal Reserve bank may make advances to its member banks on their promissory notes for a period not exceeding fifteen days at rates to be established by such Federal Reserve banks, subject to the review and determination of the Federal Reserve Board, provided such promissory notes are secured by such notes, drafts, bills of exchange, or bankers acceptances as are eligible for rediscout or for purchase by Federal Reserve banks under the provisions of this Act, or by the deposit or pledge of bonds or notes of the United States.

"Section 5202 of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended so as to read as follows: No national banking association shall at any time be indebted, or in any way liable, to an amount exceeding the amount of its capital stock at such time actually paid in and remaining undiminished by losses or otherwise, except on account of demands of the nature following:

"First. Notes of circulation.

"Second. Moneys deposited with or collected by the association.

"Third. Bills of exchange or drafts drawn against money actually on deposit to the credit of the association, or due thereto.

"Fourth. Liabilities to the stockholders of the association for dividends and reserve profits.

"Fifth. Liabilities incurred under the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

"The discount and rediscout and the purchase and sale by any Federal Reserve bank of any bills receivable and of domestic and foreign bills of exchange, and of acceptances authorized by this Act, shall be subject to such restrictions, limitations, and regulations as may be imposed by the Federal Reserve Board.

"That in addition to the powers now vested by law in national banking associations organized under the laws of the United States any such association located and doing business in any place the population of which does not exceed five thousand inhabitants, as shown by the last preceding decennial census, may, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Comptroller of the Currency, act as the agent for any fire, life, or other insurance company authorized by the authorities of the State in which said bank is located to do business in said State, by soliciting and selling insurance and collecting premiums on policies issued by such company and may receive for services so rendered such fees or commissions as may be agreed upon between the said association and the insurance company for which it may act as agent and may also act as the broker or agent for others in making or procuring loans on real estate located within one hundred miles of the place in which said bank may be located, receiving for such services a reasonable fee or commission: *Provided, however*, That no such bank shall in any case guarantee either the principal or interest of any such loans or assume or guarantee the payment of any premium on insurance policies issued through its agency by its principal: *And provided further*, That the bank shall not guarantee the truth of any statement made by an assured in filing his application for insurance.

"Any member bank may accept drafts or bills of exchange drawn upon it having not more than three months' sight to run, exclusive of days of grace, drawn under regulations to be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Board by banks or bankers in foreign countries or dependencies or insular possessions of the United States for the purpose of furnishing dollar exchange as required by the usages of trade in the respective countries, dependencies, or insular possessions. Such drafts or bills may be acquired by Federal Reserve banks in such amounts and subject to such regulations, restrictions and limitations as may be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Board: *Provided, however*, That no member bank shall accept such drafts or bills of exchange referred to this paragraph for any one bank to an amount exceeding in the aggregate ten per centum of the paid-up and unimpaired capital and surplus of the accepting bank unless the draft or bill of exchange is accompanied by documents conveying or securing title or by some other adequate security: *Provided, further*, That no member bank shall accept such drafts or bills in an amount exceeding at any time the aggregate of one-half of its paid-up and unimpaired capital and surplus."

That subsection (e) of Section 14 be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"(e) to establish accounts with other Federal Reserve banks for exchange purposes, and with the consent of the Federal Reserve Board to open and maintain accounts in foreign countries, appoint correspondents, and establish agencies in such countries wheresoever it may deem best for the purpose of purchasing, selling, and collecting bills of exchange, and to buy, and sell, with or without its endorsement, through such correspondents, or agencies, bills of exchange, arising out of actual commercial transactions which have not more than ninety days to run, exclusive of days of grace, and which bear the signature of two or more responsible parties and with the consent of the Federal Reserve Board to open and maintain banking accounts for such foreign correspondents or agencies."

That the second paragraph of Section 16 be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"Any Federal Reserve bank may make application to the local Federal Reserve agent for such amount of the Federal Reserve notes hereinbefore

provided for as it may require. Such application shall be accompanied with a tender to the local Federal Reserve agent of collateral in amount equal to the sum of the Federal Reserve notes thus applied for and issued pursuant to such application. The collateral security thus offered shall be notes, drafts, bills of exchange, or acceptances rediscounted under the provisions of Section 13 of this Act, or bills of exchange indorsed by a member bank of any Federal reserve district and purchased under the provisions of Section 14 of this Act, or bankers' acceptances purchased under the provisions of said Section 14. The Federal Reserve agent shall each day notify the Federal Reserve Board of all issues and withdrawals of Federal Reserve notes to and by the Federal Reserve bank to which he is accredited. The said Federal Reserve Board may at any time call upon a Federal Reserve bank for additional security to protect the Federal Reserve notes issued to it."

LOANS ON REAL ESTATE.

That Section 24 be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 24. Any national banking association not situated in a central reserve city may make loans, secured by improved and unencumbered farm land situated within its Federal Reserve district or within a radius of one hundred miles of the place in which such bank is located, irrespective of district lines, and may also make loans secured by improved and unencumbered real estate located within one hundred miles of the place in which such bank is located, irrespective of district lines but no loan made upon the security of such farm land shall be made for a longer time than five years, and no loan made upon the security of such real estate as distinguished from farm land shall be made for a longer time than one year nor shall the amount of any such loan, whether upon such farm land or upon such real estate exceed fifty per centum of the actual value of the property offered as security. Any such bank may make such loans, whether secured by such farm land or such real estate, in an aggregate sum equal to twenty-five per centum of its capital and surplus or to one-third of its time deposits and such banks may continue hereafter as heretofore to receive time deposits and to pay interest on the same.

"The Federal Reserve Board shall have power from time to time to add to the list of cities in which national banks shall not be permitted to make loans secured upon real estate in the manner described in this section."

BANKING CORPORATIONS AUTHORIZED TO DO FOREIGN BANKING BUSINESS.

That Section 25 be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 25. Any national banking association possessing a capital and surplus of \$1,000,000 or more may file application with the Federal Reserve Board for permission to exercise, upon such conditions and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the said Board, either or both of the following powers:

"First. To establish branches in foreign countries or dependencies or insular possessions of the United States for the furtherance of the foreign commerce of the United States, and to act if required to do so as fiscal agents of the United States.

"Second. To invest an amount not exceeding in the aggregate ten per centum of its paid-in capital stock and surplus in the stock of one or more banks or corporations chartered or incorporated under the laws of the United States or of any State thereof, and principally engaged in international or foreign banking, or banking in a dependency or insular possession of the United States, either directly or through the agency, ownership, or control of local institutions in foreign countries, or in such dependencies or insular possessions.

"Such application shall specify the name and capital of the banking association filing it, the powers applied for, and the place or places where the banking operations proposed are to be carried on. The Federal Reserve Board shall have power to approve or to reject such application in whole or in part if for any reason the granting of such application is deemed inexpedient, and shall also have power from time to time to increase or decrease the number of places where such banking operations may be carried on.

"Every national banking association operating foreign branches shall be required to furnish information concerning the condition of such branches to the Comptroller of the Currency upon demand, and every member bank investing in the capital stock of banks or corporations described under subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of this section shall be required to furnish information concerning the condition of such banks or corporations to the Federal Reserve Board upon demand, and the Federal Reserve Board may order special examinations of the said branches, banks, or corporations at such time or times as it may deem best.

"Before any national bank shall be permitted to purchase stock in any such corporation the said corporation shall enter into an agreement or undertaking with the Federal Reserve Board to restrict its operations or conduct its business in such manner or under such limitations and restrictions as the said Board may prescribe for the place or places wherein such business is to be conducted. If at any time the Federal Reserve Board shall ascertain that the regulations prescribed by it are not being complied with, said Board is hereby authorized and empowered to institute an investigation of the matter and to send for persons and papers, subpoena witnesses, and administer oaths, in order to satisfy itself as to the actual nature of the transactions referred to. Should such investigation result in establishing the failure of the corporation in question or of the national bank or banks which may be stockholders therein, to comply with the regulations laid down by the said Federal Reserve Board, such national banks may be required to dispose of stock holdings in the said corporation upon reasonable notice.

"Every such national banking association shall conduct the accounts of each foreign branch independently of the accounts of other foreign branches established by it and of its home office, and shall at the end of each fiscal period transfer to its general ledger the profit or loss accrued at each branch as a separate item.

"Any director or other officer, agent, or employee of any member bank may, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, be a director or other officer, agent, or employee of any such bank or corporation above mentioned in the capital stock of which such member bank shall have invested as hereinbefore provided, without being subject to the provisions of Section 8 of the Act approved October 15th 1914, entitled 'An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes.'"

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LIMITATION ON REDISCOUNTS.

In setting out in its "Bulletin" for September an informal ruling concerning the extent to which a member bank may rediscount with a Federal Reserve bank the Reserve Board said:

Your letter of July 31 asking the extent to which a member bank may rediscount with a Federal Reserve bank is received.

The law places no limitation upon the amount of commercial paper which a member bank may rediscount with the Federal Reserve bank but leaves this to the judgment of the Federal Reserve bank.

The aggregate, however, of eligible notes and bills bearing the signature or indorsement of any one person, company, firm, or corporation rediscounted by a Federal Reserve bank for any one member bank shall at no time exceed 10 per centum of the unimpaired capital and surplus of such member bank, the restriction not applying to bills of exchange drawn in good faith against actually existing values. The law places a limit upon the amount of eligible acceptances which may be discounted by a Federal Reserve bank for a member bank of one-half of the paid-up and unimpaired capital stock and surplus of the member bank. This limit on the amount of acceptances rediscounted may be increased upon application to the Board to 100 per cent of the capital and surplus of the member bank.

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CHECKS STAMPED "PAYABLE IN EXCHANGE" NOT VALID.

The Federal Reserve Board has ruled informally that checks stamped "payable in exchange at current rates" are not valid negotiable instruments, and hence may not be received for collection or credit. We give the ruling below as printed in the September "Bulletin":

The Board has been informed that in some of the districts a number of member banks have induced depositors to draw checks upon them with the clause, "payable in exchange at current rates" printed or stamped upon the face of the checks.

Our counsel holds (see opinion under law department) that checks so payable are not valid negotiable instruments, inasmuch as they are not made payable in a sum certain in money, as required by law, but are made payable in domestic exchange. He is, therefore, of the opinion that Federal Reserve banks have no authority, under the law, to charge such quasi checks to the accounts of member banks but must accept payment in exchange according to the terms of the check. The common-law definition of a check is a written order for money drawn on a bank or banker, and of a draft, a written order drawn by one person upon another, directing the payment of money on account of the drawer.

Section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act provides that, "Every Federal Reserve bank shall receive on deposit at par from member banks * * * checks and drafts * * *" but does not authorize Federal Reserve banks to receive for credit or for collection, orders for exchange or other nonnegotiable instruments.

The Board therefore advises all Federal Reserve banks to notify their member banks that such items cannot be received for collection or credit and that all instruments not payable expressly and unconditionally in money will be returned at once to the senders.

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YEARLY FIGURES OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

The total transactions of the New York Clearing House Association for the year ended Sept. 30 1916 reached the large volume of \$155,742,333,909, comparing with \$96,183,554,464 the year before and \$94,888,992,273 in the year ending Sept. 30 1914. This year's total transactions were made up of \$147,180,709,461 clearances and \$8,561,624,447 balances. The average daily transactions for the year just closed amounted to \$512,310,309, of which \$484,147,071 represented exchanges and \$28,163,238 balances. The total transactions since the organization of the Clearing House sixty-three years ago aggregate \$2,878,757,069,684. The largest exchanges on any one day during the year were those for Sept. 2 1916—\$1,058,926,600; the largest balances on any one day during the year were \$61,892,084 on Oct. 16 1915; the largest transactions on any one day during the year were witnessed on Sept. 2 1916 and reached \$1,112,282,206; the smallest exchanges on any one day during the year were recorded April 22 1916 and amounted to \$232,102,078; the smallest balances on any one day during the year were those for Oct. 13 1915, viz.: \$12,264,903; and the smallest transactions on any one day during the year occurred on April 22 1916, the figures being \$254,315,227. The largest daily transactions on record are those of Sept. 2 1916, when they totaled \$1,112,282,206; the largest balances were recorded on Oct. 16 1915, and totaled \$61,892,084. The report states that the Association is now composed of 29 national banks, 16 State banks and 15 trust companies. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Assistant Treasurer U. S., New York, also make their exchanges at the Clearing House. The Clearing House Collection Department also exchanges at the Clearing House, making 63 clearing institutions. There are 21 banks and trust companies in the city and vicinity, not members of the Association, which make their exchanges through banks that are members, in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Frank A. Vanderlip, President of the National City Bank, was re-elected President of the Clearing House Association at this week's annual meeting, and Gates W. McGarrah, President of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, was chosen Chairman of the Clearing House Committee, succeeding James S. Alexander. Joseph Byrne, Vice-President of the Merchants National Bank, continues as Secretary of the Association; William Sherer has been re-elected Manager, and William J. Gilpin continues as Assistant Manager.

INVESTMENT BANKERS' ASSOCIATION—ANNUAL CONVENTION.

LEWIS B. FRANKLIN PROPOSES FEDERAL RAILROAD BOARD.

The railroad problem was discussed by Lewis B. Franklin, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York in his annual address this week as President of the Investment Bankers' Association of America. Mr. Franklin's view that the trouble with the present system of regulation is that it is founded on the supposition that the railroad corporations are malign creatures of a corrupt money power and therefore repressive measures are the only ones needed. He set out that what is wanted is intelligent action on these problems; "we do not" he said, "want legislation by compulsion—compulsion from the railroads, from the shipper, or from labor, but a fair decision based on knowledge, not on supposition, on equity, and not on political expedience." A Federal Railroad Board, with regional boards constituted in a way similar to the Federal Reserve Board, with Federal incorporation, would in Mr. Franklin's opinion provide for our railroad systems stability, freedom from inept regulation and release from outside domination. We give his remarks more fully below:

One of the most serious problems in which we are deeply interested and upon which the public needs educating is the relation of the State and Federal Governments to our great transportation systems. The regulation of Public Utility Corporations by State Commissions, now in effect to a greater or less extent in thirty-three States, has been accepted generally as wise and proper by the banker, the operator and the public. The reason for this approval by all classes is to be found in the fact that for the most part these State Commissions have recognized the sound economic principle that regulated monopoly provides the best service to the public at the lowest rates commensurate with a fair return on the investment. The questions as to what constitutes a fair return and on what basis the value of the investment should be computed are still under discussion, but progress is being made from year to year in bringing the various commissions into harmony with each other and with the operators and bankers. As a matter of fact the question of a fair return is not a theoretical question, but a very practical one. In the last analysis, a fair return must be one that will attract capital in sufficient quantities to provide adequate service, and this necessary return will fluctuate according to the price of capital for that class of undertaking in the market places of the world.

The Railroad Problem.

As regulated monopoly has become the practice in our municipalities, so regulated competition has been instituted in the relations of the Federal Government with our Inter-State transportation system. Federal regulation of railroad rates, both intra and inter-State, is, I believe, sound in principle and beneficial in practice, but it can never be practical to have our great transcontinental systems subject to one master as a whole and to forty-eight masters as to their several parts. The time is coming, and I trust is not far off, when the regulation of our railroads will be taken entirely out of the hands of the several State legislatures and placed where it belongs—in the hands of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Some of our legal friends may tell us that this cannot be done; that the sovereign power of the States granted them by the Constitution cannot be taken away; that they must continue to supervise and control the corporations which they have created. Sovereign power was not given to each State without exception, but certain important functions were reserved solely for the Federal Government, including the control of commerce between the several States and the establishment of post roads.

Constitutional Authority.

It must be remembered that at the time of the adoption of the Constitution there was in the mind of none of its framers any conception of our modern systems of railroads, of telegraphs, of telephones or of steamships. Inter-State travel was by post roads and over the establishment of such means of communication Congress was given power. This power was not limited to inter-State roads, but was general in character, thereby indicating that intra State transportation is only a part of inter-State traffic and that control should not be divided but centered in the Federal Government. I firmly believe that had present conditions of transportation existed at that time, that sole power of regulation of all transportation would have been delegated to the Federal Government, and sincerely hope that this can be shortly brought about by Federal legislation.

Construction vs. Destruction.

If it is proper for the Government to establish railroad rates and therefore in a large degree determine the gross revenue of the railroad corporations, is it not also proper that the same power should exercise supervision over such expenses as are subject to control? The trouble with the present system of regulation is that it is founded on the supposition that the railroad corporations are malign creatures of a corrupt money power and therefore repressive measures are the only ones needed. While there may in the past have been some warrant for this idea the time has come when our legislators must awake to an appreciation of the fact that the ownership of the railroads is in the hands of a great mass of the people and to the necessity of a constructive policy instead of a destructive policy. What a change in the attitude of the Government since the days of the late sixties, when Congress was busily granting aid to the transcontinental lines reaching out across the western prairies! We do not want aid of that kind now, but we do want justice. We want intelligent action on these problems. We do not want legislation by compulsion—compulsion from the railroads, from the shipper or from labor, but a fair decision based on knowledge, not on supposition, on equity, and not on political expedience.

Federal Incorporation.

It has seemed to many of those who have studied this question that compulsory Federal incorporation of all railroad corporations doing an Inter-State business is the first step toward the solution of the problem. Our transportation systems are not less important to the country at large than is our national banking system and should even more logically come under Federal control. A Federal Railroad Board with Regional Boards constituted in a way similar to the Federal Reserve Board, with Federal incorporation, would, in my opinion, provide for our railroad systems stability, freedom from inept regulation and release from outside domination.

Such intelligent supervision would lead to a restoration of confidence in railroad securities and thereby enable the companies to borrow money upon reasonable terms to provide funds with which to construct improvements necessary to good service and extensions whereby new territory can be opened up.

It is not alone to those of our members who are distributors of railroad securities that this situation is of interest. The railroad problem is the most important and at this time happens to be the most prominent example of the much larger question of the relation of Government to business, in which question every dealer in corporation securities is intensely interested. A happy solution of the railroad problem means a long step in the direction of a better understanding of the proper relationship of corporate enterprise to the State and Federal Governments, particularly if the solution is brought about through the education of the general public to a realization of their dependence upon business prosperity. Even those of us who confine our dealings to municipal bonds cannot afford to overlook this wider aspect and do all we can to assist in this work of education.

WALKER D. HINES ON THE NEEDS OF THE RAILROADS.

"The Needs and Opportunity of the Railroad Situation" were reviewed by Walker D. Hines, Chairman and General Counsel of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co., at the annual convention this week in Cincinnati of the Investment Bankers' Association of America. "The railroads need," said Mr. Hines, "and you need and the public needs first, legislation which will provide an orderly and responsible method of settling railroad labor disputes as a substitute for the terrorism of the strike; second, legislation whereby State regulations reducing net income through reductions of rates and increase of costs will be superseded by national regulation; and third, legislation whereby the power to issue stocks and bonds will be derived from the nation, and the method of their issue will be supervised by the nation. And all these things are needed to the end that railroads may raise their new capital largely through the sales of stock so as to give them a broad and sound financial basis which will make their stocks and bonds attractive investments and whereby the public will be assured of the continued development of the railroads." Mr. Hines took occasion to state that "the difficulty which is uppermost in the nation's thought to-day is the defenceless position which the railroad companies and the people themselves occupy with reference to organized railroad labor." In mentioning some of the steps which have led up to this defenceless condition, he said:

In June 1913 the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill made an appropriation for the enforcement of the Anti-Trust Law which prohibits restraints of trade but provided that no part of the appropriation should be used to prosecute labor unions. This was a striking illustration of the power of the labor unions over Congress, and was an invitation to the labor unions to go as far as they liked.

In July 1914 the locomotive engineers in the territory west of Chicago and the Mississippi River made demands for increased wages and more favorable working conditions. The railroad companies made counter demands for the modification of various working conditions which they regarded as unreasonably favorable to the engineers. The railroad companies offered to submit both sets of demands to arbitration under an Act of Congress which had been passed the year before with the approval of the railroad brotherhoods. The engineers refused to arbitrate the demands made by the railroad companies and said they would strike unless the arbitration was confined to their own demands. President Wilson intervened and urged the railroad companies to avert a strike by confining the arbitration to the points which the engineers were willing to arbitrate. The railroad companies, out of deference to the President, yielded to this unreasonable position. Here the country was face to face with a railroad strike which threatened to tie up transportation throughout the West; the arbitrary position of the railroad brotherhood was clearly disclosed; and the support which that position received paved the way for still more arbitrary action in the future.

But despite this impressive warning as to the arbitrary methods of the brotherhoods and as to the resulting public menace, Congress took no action to protect the public. On the contrary, about two months later legislation was adopted which seemed designed to remove the lid entirely and to give railroad unions and other unions still more power and to make the nation still more defenseless. This legislation was the Clayton Act, which was approved by the President on Oct. 15 1914. Sections 6 and 29 of that Act were inserted by way of compliance with the demands of the labor unions. Section 6 may be construed to provide that the existence and operation of labor unions and the action of their individual members shall not be deemed restraints of trade under the Anti-Trust Act. Section 29 may be construed to provide that strikes shall be regarded as lawful no matter how unreasonable their purpose or their method. The prevailing opinion seems to be that these sections deprive the Government of any means whatever to prevent conspiracy to restrain commerce through a railroad strike, no matter how widespread the strike or how unreasonable the motive which actuates the strike.

These were the things which were done in 1913 and 1914 which emphasized and increased the power of the railroad labor unions and encouraged them to their climax of arrogance which came last August and which is too fresh in the minds of all of you to justify discussion.

Under the law as it seems to be construed by the Government, the country has no voice whatever in preventing or postponing a railroad strike no matter how widespread it may be or how arbitrary the leaders of railroad labor may be. The result is that until there shall be some general remedial legislation, the railroads are left in a position which is full of danger to the public and full of discouragement to prospective investors whose capital ought in the public interest to be used in the further development and im-

provement of the railroads. Since the Government is unable to get the railroad unions to do anything they do not want to do, the whole pressure of the Government is exerted to get the railroads to concede whatever the unions insist upon. When Executive pressure fails, then Congress seeks to grant by hurried legislation what the labor unions demand. If such legislation proves Constitutional the railroads must try to shift the burden to the public and to do this must get the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and to some extent of State railroad commissions.

The continuance of such a condition is a menace to the soundness of present and future railroad securities, because if railroad revenue is thus put at the mercy of the railroad unions no one can have confidence in the ability of the railroad companies to continue to earn sufficient net income to pay interest, rentals and dividends and to provide the annual surplus necessary to protect railroad credit.

Of course there will be and must be consideration of this matter by Congress until some method can be found for the settlement of these controversies in a legal and orderly way in accordance with the rights of all parties concerned. But I wish particularly to emphasize that no such law can be passed except over the opposition of the railroad brotherhoods; for they have declared in the most unqualified manner that they will oppose any law which seeks to provide for an official investigation of the merits of a dispute before a strike can take place, and will oppose any other law through which the Government would interfere in any way with the unrestricted freedom of railroad labor to strike whenever it sees fit. When you consider the past record of Governmental compliance with the wishes of union labor, you will realize that it is not going to be an easy thing to get the necessary remedial legislation when that will be violently opposed by union labor. We must expect the labor unions to use in the future all the political power they can command just as they have done in the past.

Hence your influence and the influence of your customers should be employed to aid in bringing to bear the sentiment of the public generally in favor of a solution which will relieve the public from its present defenselessness and which will give railroad investments the protection of orderly decisions of these matters on their merits.

The time appears almost ripe for Congressional action on other matters of vital importance to the soundness of railroad securities.

I do not need to take up your time in pointing out how the foundations of sound railroad securities have been slowly undermined by the accumulating and conflicting regulations of forty-eight States in addition to the regulations of the Federal Government. Railroad securities are not issued in fragments according to State boundaries but are issued as a whole. They depend for their soundness upon the railroad company's present and prospective net income as a whole. Yet that single and indivisible net income is being eaten away by State action—miscellaneous, disjointed, independent and inordinately—through reductions in rates and increases in expenses. The horizon of each State is circumscribed by its own boundaries and it acts with reference to its own local interests, although nearly all of its railroad regulations have a direct and injurious effect upon the general welfare of each railroad company affected. The general welfare of each railroad in this country is a matter of national concern, and yet it is affected in countless ways by State authorities who do not and cannot look at the matter from a national standpoint. The dangerous consequences of having a single matter which is primarily of national concern regulated and impaired by forty-eight different States, no one of which has a national horizon or responsibility, are now generally appreciated.

Another point, with which likewise you are thoroughly familiar, is the necessity for uniform and national control over the power to issue and the manner of issuing railroad securities, both stock and bonds.

Under the present Statelaws, the prevailing idea is that a railroad company cannot issue mortgage bonds without obtaining the authority of each State in which any part of the mortgaged railroad lies. The authorities of each State necessarily deal with the matter according to local conceptions and without any controlling sense of responsibility for the interest of the nation as a whole. The delays and uncertainties and at times the conflicts incident to these conditions are serious and will become greater as additional States assume the power to control these matters.

There is another matter of vast importance which has been frequently touched upon in your annual meetings and with which your members are familiar. That is the proposition that the fundamental soundness of railroad bonds must depend upon the railroad company doing a large part of its financing through the issue of additional capital stock. Bonds to be sound and attractive must be protected by a wide margin of safety. If 75% of a railroad company's normal annual net income must be used to pay bond interest, it is obvious that a loss of 25% of net income in any year through business depression or exceptional disaster will bring the company to the brink of insolvency. But if only 40% of the railroad company's normal annual net income is required for bond interest, it would take a reduction of 60% in that normal net income to bring its solvency in question. This margin of safety, or the annual surplus of net income over and above fixed charges, is the fundamental element of security and attractiveness in railroad bonds.

The vital condition for the successful continuance of railroad companies under private ownership is that there shall be a reasonable prospect of earning net income sufficient to make the stock of those companies attractive investments to stockholders. You gentlemen know that in order for a 6% stock to be an attractive investment, it is necessary year in and year out for the net earnings applicable to dividends to be 8 or 9% upon that stock because the amounts needed to take care of obsolescence and of the creation of new facilities which do not produce revenue are such that it is out of the question for a railroad company to pay out in dividends all the net earnings which are theoretically applicable to dividends. This question cannot be solved on any theory that railroads can prosper by allowing them a return which is equivalent to ordinary bond interest, because no such return will ever be sufficient to support the issue of capital stock. No investor is willing to take the risk of investing in capital stock if he is to get no larger return upon it than he could get by investing in well secured bonds.

The establishment of a national method of regulation which will be unified and consistent will be calculated to remove from the railroad situation the present fear that their net income will be regulated down to a basis so low that it will be out of the question for stockholders to look forward with confidence to a continuance of dividends sufficient to make the stock an attractive investment.

GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP OF INVESTMENT BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Frederick R. Fenton, in his report as Secretary of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, at the annual convention this week, stated that during the past year the membership had increased until the high water mark had been reached. On Sept. 1 1915 the Association had 516 members, divided as follows: 127 Class "A," 177 Class "B,"

36 Class "C," and 176 branch offices. On Oct. 1 1916 the membership stood at 561, made up of 376 main and 185 branch members. With regard to the extension of the "Bulletin" service, Mr. Franklin said:

I believe in the extension of our "Bulletin" service and the enlarging of its scope. During the coming year it will be the aim of the Secretary's Office to bring this branch of our service to a greater degree of usefulness.

It seems to me that there is no better way for the Association to keep its name before the public, and, therefore, advise the public of the constructive work we are now carrying forward, than by giving the "I. B. A. of A. Bulletin" the widest circulation.

We have at the present time a circulation of approximately 1,500. Of this number 600 go to members, while the remaining 900 are divided among the public service commissioners of the several States, universities, legislative reference bureaus, public libraries. Perhaps the most numerous requests filed for the "Bulletin" emanate from the legislative reference bureaus, and the universities throughout the country.

We have always made it a point to give special attention to the legislative reference bureaus. It is by this source that by far the greater number of bills are from, that are introduced in the State legislatures. They are a source of information to which the State legislators refer when they have any matter under consideration which they think should be regulated by law.

As to the universities, I have carried on a large amount of correspondence with them, and have made it a point to inquire what particular use was made of the extra "Bulletins" required. Without going into the matter too much in detail, I found the major number were used to form the basis of lectures, and were distributed for research purposes.

Therefore, we should increase in every possible manner the efficiency of the "Bulletin" service, and the circulation, never losing sight of our past high standards.

The compilation of our annual proceedings entails a large amount of work each year. The Association has now issued four volumes representing the complete history of the Association. In addition to distributing the proceedings to our members they are also placed in the hands of public service commissions, universities and other public bodies.

The Chicago Public Library informs us that the proceedings and publications of our Association are the only complete and authentic history of blue sky legislation in existence and that they are in great demand.

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING RAILROAD ISSUES

In the report of the Railroad Bond Committee of the Investment Bankers' Association, John E. Blunt Jr., of Chicago, Chairman, stated that early in the year inquiries were sent to members to ascertain the extent of their interest in railroad bonds and the attitude of investors toward these securities. From replies received the Committee has drawn the following conclusions:

First.—Only between 25% and 30% of our membership is actively interested in railroad bonds, and 75% of these are located in Eastern cities.

Second.—There has been a comparatively large decrease, and this holds good even in the East, in the proportion of railroad bonds handled by our members and the attitude of investors is much less favorable to railroad bonds than it was five years ago.

The report continues:

There can be no doubt in the mind of any of us that the raising of capital for railroad purposes is growing more difficult each year, and the railroad problem is probably the most important internal question before the American people to-day. In its solution members of the Investment Bankers' Association have a vital interest. Our position as intermediaries between the railroads and the investors should be one of great influence and our duty, as I see it, is threefold:

First.—We must endeavor to turn public sentiment from its attitude of antagonism to one of fair play to the railroads.

Second.—We must use our efforts to prevent that kind of financial mismanagement which has resulted in disaster to some of our best systems and which to-day more than any other one thing prevents the recognition of the just needs of the railroads.

Third.—Above all we must insist on the proper protection of the capital invested in the railroads and surround railroad mortgages with such safeguards that they may hold their place among our prime investments.

Before proceeding with our specific recommendations, I will take a few moments of your time to present some figures which will bear repeating, even though they are well known to you. The following table gives the amount of railroad stock and bonds in the hands of the public in the years 1904 and 1914, and shows the large relative increase in the bondholders' investment during that period:

	1904		1914		Increase.
Stock	\$6,011,404,923	38.2%	\$4,397,040,970	45.9%	\$1,614,363,953
Bonds	9,708,292,092	61.8%	5,188,426,741	54.1%	4,519,865,261
	\$15,719,696,925		\$9,585,467,711		\$6,134,229,214

It is with the bondholders that this Association is most concerned. Their investment is nearly \$10,000,000,000, and, aside from the amount held abroad, is distributed among private investors, savings banks, insurance companies and other institutions. There are said to be 11,000,000 savings depositors and 30,000,000 policyholders, so that a large portion of our population has a direct interest in this question. This investment has been made without the idea of profit at a rate of interest averaging not more than 4½%, merely to secure a moderate income and safety of principal, but even here there have been large losses entirely out of proportion to the rate of return. No material claims of watered stock can be applied to this class of investment. Can any one deny its right to complete protection?

Our subject is so broad and its angles so numerous that it is impossible for your committee to do more than cover what seem to be some of the most important points, and we are offering for your consideration the following recommendations:

First.—That railroad bonds be issued providing for three classes of bonds under one mortgage, covering both road and equipment.

(a) Sinking fund bonds running, say, 50 years, redeemable at a moderate premium with a cumulative sinking fund sufficient to retire both principal and interest at maturity.

(b) Convertible bonds without the sinking fund provision on the theory that investors desiring the convertible feature shall forego the sinking fund privileges. The conversion of these bonds into stock from time to time should increase the equity behind the remaining bonds.

(c) Equipment bonds payable serially from 1 to 20 years, the present method of issuing serial bonds, payable in 1 to 10 years secured on equipment alone to be discontinued as rapidly as practicable.

Second.—Provision on the part of railroads for adequate charges on account of depreciation of equipment.

Third.—Federal incorporation of railroads and approval of issues of railroad securities by some Federal Commission.

Fourth.—Changes in the form of railroad reports.

The sinking fund recommendation is identical with that suggested by last year's committee, and it is on this point that your committee has spent its greatest efforts. The attitude of the Association is shown by the responses received from its members to the following question: "Do you believe that a reasonable sinking fund would materially broaden the market for railroad bonds?" There were 197 affirmative and only 11 negative replies.

Members of your committee have interviewed prominent financiers, railroad Presidents and members of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. While there is considerable opposition from all of these sources, several of the Presidents of the largest systems have expressed themselves favorably on the subject, and I believe some progress has been made. Although none of the larger railroad mortgages issued during the year contains any sinking fund provisions, there are several of moderate size that provide for substantial sinking funds, including one issued by an important Western system, which provides for the payment of the entire principal within 40 years. It so happened that one of the members of this committee and your Chairman were concerned in the negotiations for this issue, and we were much gratified at the attitude of the company in question in adopting practically every important suggestion that we made.

ROBERT L. OWEN ON THE FEDERAL RESERVE ACT AND ITS RELATION TO INVESTMENT BANKING.

At the banquet on Wednesday of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, which brought to a close this week's annual convention of the Association in Cincinnati, Senator Robert L. Owen was the chief speaker. Taking for his subject "The Federal Reserve Act, and Its relation to Investment Banking", he spoke in part as follows:

Many men have claimed to be the author of the Federal Reserve Act. The fact is, the Federal Reserve Act was born out of the experience of men. The principles of that Act were first put into effect, probably by Great Britain, in a panic immediately after the Civil War. In 1866, when, by Ministerial promise, the Bank of England, which, though owned by private stockholders, is to all intents and purposes a Governmental institution, was permitted to issue legal tender notes against other securities than gold, in violation of the English Act of 1849; but, because of the exigency and need of immediate currency, the Ministerial powers gave a permit to use the printing press and manufacture legal-tender notes against commercial bills. It abated the panic within 24 hours. Three times that has occurred in England.

The great German Empire followed that experience, and gave authority by statute law to the Reichsbank to issue legal tender notes against commercial bills of a certain qualified class, under a penalty of a five per cent interest charge, payable to the Government, and which would serve as a means for automatic retirement of those notes; and in that way they got protected against inflation.

The principle of the Federal Reserve Act, which is of great importance to this country, is the fact that commercial bills of a qualified class can be used by the Federal Reserve banks as a basis of issuing money to the business men of the United States. In the old days, under our laws, we concentrated the reserves of the banks of the country, first in 40 odd reserve cities, then in the three central reserve cities, then at last they were pyramided in New York, where the New York banks were compelled to rely upon each other, where those who wanted currency in the country relied upon New York to furnish that currency, and therefore there was built up in New York the reliance on stocks and bonds, used as collateral for call loans, and these call loans went into the millions; and when any sudden demand came that alarmed the banks of the country, they had no remedy whatever except to call upon the borrower to make good his call loan. The borrower under such circumstances had no recourse except to sell his securities upon a falling market.

Under conditions of that kind we have been visited with a number of severe panics, the recent one being in 1907, and also in 1894 and 1893. These panics have swept this country. They have made the business men in this country tremble for fear, and have prevented tens of thousands, and hundreds of thousands of men from engaging in legitimate manufacturing business, in legitimate commerce, in other avenues, which would be well warranted, if there had been any stability in our financial system, any stability in the credit market.

Under the American system men are compelled of necessity to extend credit, and do extend credit, and under such conditions where there is no stability in the credit market, it was easy to destroy confidence; and we have talked learnedly in the past about our troubles being due to loss of confidence, and have some times forgotten that the loss of confidence was unavoidable, because the banks of the country owed ten times as much money as the banks had in their vaults, and if ten per cent of their depositors at any one time were to call for the payment of the deposits in cash, the banks would have nothing with which to transact current business and to pay a check on a deposit.

It was no wonder that the banks of this country were in a state of continual trepidation, whenever there was a threat of a panic, or a disturbance of confidence.

I believe for us that period is gone, and gone forever.

Under our present system commercial bills can be used to issue money, Federal Reserve notes—they are not bank notes either. The banks of this country tried hard to make them bank notes. They are notes of the United States, with the taxing power behind them, and as good money as the world has ever seen, secured in cash by a credit of a man who takes his note to his local bank, and is worthy of a loan; secured, second, by the member bank that endorses that note; secured, third, by the Federal Reserve bank that takes that note; secured, in fact, by all of the banks of this country who are members of that system, and secured by the stockholders of those banks, under the double liability clause; and finally, secured by the taxing power of the people of the United States. There never was in the history of the world a security of more stability and dignity.

But what has that to do with the investment banking business? It has much to do with your business. It gives for the first time in this country an assured stability in business. It brings into activity every human agency available in our country. It brings to employment every man willing to labor. It brings a condition, not of temporary prosperity, but

of continued stable business prosperity, in this country, which cannot be broken.

Any individual who indulges in unsound business methods, will, of necessity, go into a personal liquidation, as he merits; but, in the future, no man will have the ground cut from under his feet, by a sudden panic, such as swept over this country in October 1907, when nearly every bank from the Atlantic to the Pacific, closed its doors from Saturday to Monday night. The American people had the wit, even in that exigency, to manufacture an artificial currency in the form of clearing house certificates; in the form of cashed checks, pay checks, certificates of deposit, and numerous other forms which availed at the time, as a medium of currency; and the people of the country had the good sense to stand by the banks and not to demand the payment of their deposits in cash; but the exigency will never arise again in this country, and you will find that those of you who deal in municipal securities will have a widening field, a more stable field—I call your attention to the stability of the interest rate, since the Federal Reserve Act went into effect, practically no fluctuation. In a few days the interest rate in New York went to 6%; but the rate is comparatively stable now, without the fluctuation of a single point, and the reason of that is perfectly plain—because those who have a right to ask credit; those who have a right to demand currency, can open these proper securities obtained by the currency that they need, and when a man can get currency, and know they can get currency—then they don't want it.

The United States is entering into a new era, and in my judgment the world is entering into a new era. Since the Federal Reserve Act went into effect, the bankers of this country have gained in deposits over six thousand millions, and that is a sum so gigantic that the human imagination can hardly conceive it. It is a little bit difficult to ascertain where that line of deposits comes from. A part of it is undoubtedly due to money which was hoarded in this country, and which was gradually put back into employment under conditions that the holders of it believed they were safe in marching forth on. A part of it is due to drawing out of stockings of the cowardly depositor who was unwilling to trust the bank, some ninety odd millions of dollars through the postal savings system by which the Government puts itself behind the depositor and re-deposits that fund with the bank. A part of it is due to the bringing into this country of European gold; but a very large part of it, in my opinion, is due to the extension of credit by the bankers of this country, which reappear as deposits. So that in my judgment the Federal Reserve Act has a very far-reaching effect upon your business as investment bankers. The stabilizing of finance and commerce and industry means that the public will become buyers of your securities in gradually increasing degrees to the extent of their means. It means that the spirit of confidence which has been established in this country will be useful to you in your field because it will enlarge your clientele and enable you to place your securities in a constantly widening circle. It has occurred to me that while you are organizing your committees, looking after your interests, that you would do well to have a committee charged with the duty of looking after national legislation in that suggestions might be made from your body, this Association, of a useful character in framing the laws of this country. In writing the Federal Reserve Act infinite pains were taken to get the point of view of the bankers of this country. I, myself, spent days listening to the arguments, personally and directly, with the leading bankers of the United States, in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis; and I invited their confidence, and I imposed upon them the duty of instructing me, as far as possible, as Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the Senate.

And it is, therefore, the part of wisdom, that an organization such as this, that is skilled in investment securities, that might have something to say of value in improving our financial condition, ought to find some means of expressing its opinion, and doing it with intelligent directness, in order that Congress may understand what is needed in this country, and what should be done. One of the most important principles of government I succeeded in putting into the Federal Reserve Act, to which I want to call attention I will speak of in a moment. We have had some merriment made of the rule of the people to-night by our good friend who has so kindly and generously entertained us, but the people of the United States comprise every shade of opinion, political, religious, intellectual—every point of view, and the great body of opinion of the people of this country is the sheet-anchor of our safety. The rule of the few in this country is the only element of serious danger to our stability. It is the rule of the few in Europe, where they made a mistake somewhere—we do not know just where, and it is not for us to say, but it is evident that the human brain fell down in the administration of government in Europe, and those people are at each other's throats destroying human life on a scale so gigantic as to make the entire world tremble with anxiety and fear. We have in this country a minority system, which is directly at variance with the fundamental principles upon which every one of our State governments was founded. Every State government has in it, as a fundamental principle, the principle that the sovereignty resides in the people; and they have a right to alter, amend, or change that government whenever it fails to meet the requirements of giving protection to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And yet we have only in a comparatively small degree written upon our statutes the mechanism by which that sovereignty shall be exercised without undue or sinister influence. In the Senate of the United States I could not pass a Corrupt Practices Act because of the hostility of a few in that body and the rules of the Senate adopted in 1806, which give unlimited right of debate to any garrulous debater, or any man who is unwilling to allow a bill to pass.

It is minority rule, and it is bad minority rule. It should not be endured in a free republic. The Senate of the United States should have the right by a majority vote to determine when it will dispose of any pending question. It has not that right now, under its own rules. I say, you should have a committee to represent your interests, about the mechanism by which you shall have your prayers properly heard and administered; if they are right, and they must involve a system by which the majority will be empowered to exercise government. In the Federal Reserve Act you will find a preferential ballot system, and I call your attention to it as citizens of the United States, and I would call your attention to it as members of the Investment Bankers' Association because I regard it as of fundamental national importance. The preferential ballot automatically coheres a majority, and no nomination can be made except by a majority, and no election can be made except by a majority, and an organized group of politicians on the inside of either party at present is able to dictate nominations by the plurality system, dividing the majority of their own party first, and then dividing and conquering the unorganized rule of the others. And the politicians of both parties keep them from enjoying that privilege. This matter could only be understood by giving it attention; it can only be understood by giving it thoughtful attention; it can only be understood, thoroughly understood, by putting the microscope on it, and unless some man calls the attention of the country to these principles, I will be longer delayed than it should be. I call your attention to the fact that the Civil War in the United States was due to a defect of government in this country. We had a Constitution which was not amendable; we had a Supreme Court which was not recallable; and the Dred Scott Ac

was passed, nationalizing slavery, and we could not change the decision, and we fought it out at the cannon's mouth as the only available political remedy. We should not let that recur to the United States, and I call your attention to the fact that we are face to face with a struggle between the interests of organized labor and organized capital in this country, and we have no mechanism that is adequate to thoroughly meet these differences if they arise upon constitutional questions.

You talk of stability, you talk of conservatism—important as these things are to investment bankers, let me tell you that if you quietly sit still and permit the structure of government to be so defective as to be unable to deal with these great questions which will arise, you put your capital in jeopardy, and you put your lives in jeopardy as well.

Your interests are not affected by the Federal Reserve Act alone; your interests are also affected and will be affected by the other Acts which have passed, relating to it indirectly. Your interests will be affected in a very important way by the Rural Credits Act, because the Rural Credits Act is going to bring forward the need of those who are cultivating the soil of America, with those that have idle money to invest, and those bonds which will be issued, based upon landed estates, under the safeguard of Federal management, will cut a very important figure in enlarging your own field.

It will stimulate agriculture in this country and enable the people to buy a much larger volume of securities than ever before. In Germany they say that the average wheat yield is 35 bushels an acre; in the United States it is between 12 and 14 bushels per acre. Our people do not use a sufficient amount of wisdom in tilling their soil; they do not use a proper kind or a proper quantity of artificial stimulants to the soil. The United States has now by Act proposed to spend \$15,000,000 for making nitrates, and when the nitrates are not needed for the manufacture of powder, they will be used for fertilizers. The United States by the Smith-Lever Act is sending a demonstrator of agriculture to every single county in the United States, and many counties are supplementing that work with their own funds. They are teaching scientific agriculture; they are teaching scientific husbandry; they are teaching scientific horticulture; economies of the farm, too. Those things mean a greater purchasing power on the part of the people of the United States; it means a larger field for you, because of this larger purchasing power. I therefore commend your friendly interest on behalf of the Rural Credit system when these bonds are issued. I think you should take a friendly hand and place those bonds with the view to build up this country as a patriotic service and above all the service of building up America to make it what it should be; and, incidentally, you will serve your own interests thereby.

CORPORATION OF FOREIGN BONDHOLDERS.

The subject of foreign bondholders was discussed at this week's meeting of the Investment Bankers' Association by Bernard Rosenthal, his report thereon being in part as follows:

The Corporation of Foreign Bondholders was founded in 1868 and was incorporated by an Act of Parliament in 1898.

Under the Act of Incorporation the Council of the Corporation, which is comparable to an executive committee, consists of twenty-one directors, of whom six are nominated by the Central Association of Bankers, six by the London Chamber of Commerce and nine by the Council as a whole. The Corporation has at its disposal about \$1,000,000, the income of which it spends principally to maintain a competent organization whose principal duty is the protection of the interests of the holders of foreign securities. It attempts to protect such interest mainly in two ways:

First, through the force of public opinion, which it seeks to educate through annual reports, which are circulated all over the world, containing comprehensive information regarding the financial condition of a great many foreign countries, the information being regarded as among the most authoritative obtainable. In addition to this, it keeps elaborate records regarding the economic and financial conditions of the various States with whose debts it is called upon to deal and such records are placed at the disposal of investors or other interested parties.

In the forty-first annual report for the year 1914 comprehensive reports were made concerning the financial condition of:

Argentina,	Province of Buenos Ayres,	Columbia,
Costa Rica,	Ecuador,	Egypt,
Greece,	Guatemala,	Honduras,
Liberia,	Mexico,	Nicaragua,
Paraguay,	Portugal,	Salvador,
Santo Domingo,	Spain,	Turkey,
U. S. of America,	Uruguay,	Venezuela.

The report also furnishes a list of the bond issues in default at the time.

The second principal way in which the Corporation of Foreign Bondholders attempts to serve the interests of holders of foreign securities whenever their rights have been prejudiced by the action of foreign governments is through the formation of committees, similar to our own protective committees. It sometimes does this on its own initiative more often when the help of the Council has been solicited by interested bondholders. In either case when the Council lends its help and advice in the formation of a committee its President and Vice-President, and sometimes one or two other directors, become members of the committee.

During the time in which this Corporation of Foreign Bondholders has been in existence, it has been concerned in the settlement of debts aggregating not much short of the sum of five billion dollars, and the value of the Corporation's services in this connection may be judged from the fact that at public meetings resolutions have been passed expressing cordial appreciation of the services of the Council in connection with the debts of Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Columbia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Venezuela.

Could not the Investment Bankers' Association occupy, in a measure, a position here similar to that occupied by the Council of Foreign Bondholders in Britain? It is probable that were we to ask for the active help and co-operation of the Corporation of Foreign Bondholders that we would get it and with such help it might be that the Investment Bankers' Association, with its power and prestige, would do invaluable work for American investors at small expense.

MANUFACTURERS OF FOREST PRODUCTS AND THE WAR.

The manufacturers of forest products, with the exception of the pulp and paper manufacturers, have not shared the prosperity of the "war brides," according to the report of the Committee on Timber Land Bonds of the Investment Bankers' Association. We quote further from the report as follows:

On the contrary the war and lack of ocean shipping facilities has been a great burden as evidenced by the export figures for the last three years. Exports of wood products for the Government fiscal year 1914 were approximately \$103,000,000, they fell to about \$50,000,000 in 1915 and were only \$60,000,000 for 1916. Nevertheless, increased domestic demand and curtailment in several branches of the trade has brought about an improved situation. Conditions cannot be termed prosperous, but they are very much better than they were. While there have been a few failures of timber companies during the year, there were not many and it is believed that they represented the afterglow of the period of injudicious financing rather than any present inherent weakness.

The best figures we can obtain indicate that the total amount of timber and pulp bond issues financed in the United States, exclusive of Mexican and South American issues, aggregates to date only about \$293,000,000. Of these approximately \$43,000,000 have defaulted, or about 14 1-3%. We are informed that already approximately \$9,000,000 of these defaults have paid out in full or that such payment is assured.

There was presented at the last session of Congress two bills, the passage of which would greatly help the lumber industry. Both of these bills passed one House, but did not come to a vote in the other. It is hoped that they may be made laws at the next session of Congress. The first had to do exclusively with timber and provided for the exchange of intermixed Government timber holdings for those held by others. The passage of this law will not only increase the value of the Government's timber by blocking it up, but will materially lessen the operating costs of many lumber companies by decreasing the amount of railroad necessary to build.

The other law, known as the Webb bill, applied to practically all American industries and in effect provided for combinations of American manufacturers or producers in so far as their export or foreign trade was concerned, legalizing such combinations. May we particularly call to the attention of your committee on legislation, this latter bill and urge upon them the many advantages to be gained for our country by its passage?

INVESTMENT BANKERS COLLECTING STATISTICS REGARDING FOREIGN FINANCE.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the Investment Bankers' Association, through its Chairman, Barrett Wendell Jr., of Boston, in its report made at the annual meeting of the Association, stated that: "When it became evident that the United States would be required to finance foreign loans, owing to the shutting off of the European market, the committee of 1914-1915, of which Mr. Bulkeley was Chairman, wrote a letter to the Ministers of Finance of the principal countries of the world asking them to send to the Association statistics concerning the finances of their respective governments." "We have," says the committee, "continued this work, and hardly a steamer arrives without bringing some response. These documents, when received in New York by Mr. Rosenthal, Secretary of the Foreign Relations Committee, whose work has been most untiring, are forwarded to the Secretary's office of the Association in Chicago, and are there placed in your library. A list of the documents has been published from time to time in the bulletins during the past year. The Secretary's office reports that it has 331 books on file, practically every one of them treating of foreign finance."

SAVINGS BANK LAW FOR INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY BONDS.

The work of the Committee of Public Service Corporations of the Investment Bankers' Association, according to the report submitted by Chairman John E. Oldham of Boston, was largely taken up during the year with the consideration of provisions for a proposed savings bank law for investment in public utility bonds. The report states that the publication of the series of reports of all commission decisions in the United States, known as Public Utilities Reports Annotated, with its careful editing, indexing and digesting, has in its opinion been one of the most important single happenings in the public utility field in the last two years affecting in the most vital ways the consumer, the investor, the operator, the manager and the banker. Through these reports, it states, the useless matter is separated from the decisions of interest and importance, all decisions of value are printed and distributed monthly in temporary form and later in bound volumes at most reasonable cost; the decisions are carefully analyzed, head-noted, indexed and digested, and the whole mass of the results of commission activities throughout the country is available in every office in the United States almost as soon as promulgated.

The Committee sets out that preliminary to taking up the matter of provisions for proposed savings bank law covering public utility bonds, it seems desirable at the outside to have it clearly understood that it is not making definite recommendations and that such proposals as are made are suggestions rather than recommendations. In part the report says:

The requirements and purposes of savings banks wherever located appear to be much the same; the aim being to invest small savings safely and pay depositors dividends at the rate of 4% annually. Generally speaking, the average expense, including taxes, of running savings banks amounts to a sum equivalent to about 3/4 of 1% of the deposits and an additional 1/4 to 1/2 of 1% is desired for the purpose of a reserve. To pay dividends of 4%, therefore, requires an average return on investments not

far from 5%. The opportunities for investment in different States, however, vary to such an extent that the methods of obtaining a 5% return also show considerable variation. In some States 50 to 60% of savings bank assets are found to be invested in real estate mortgages and personal loans; and as these investments usually yield fairly generous returns, such long term securities as are purchased can be of a kind to yield a lower income return than would be the case if the yield from the bulk of the investments were not so large. Under such circumstances the long term securities held are valued rather for their marketability than for their income producing qualities, while the lower rates from these investments, when combined with the returns from real estate mortgages and personal loans still yield approximately 5%.

In States of slow industrial growth, however, where a few new enterprises are being developed, opportunities to invest in local real estate mortgages and personal loans are often very limited, and it therefore becomes necessary to seek among other forms of investment something which will produce income enough to bring up the general level and permit a 4% dividend rate for the depositor. Situations of this kind apparently provide the most favorable field for the introduction of well secured public utility bonds to savings bank investment, inasmuch as such bonds are adapted to yield the desired income as well as to furnish the necessary requirements of safety and form assets of reasonable marketability. In the suggestions which follow, the Committee has undertaken to provide more especially for such situations as described, where opportunities for investment in real estate mortgages and personal loans are limited, and where it is accordingly desirable and necessary to look for other kinds of investment which will assist in obtaining the rate of income required for the purposes referred to.

At some future time your Committee believes consideration should be given to framing a law which would meet the requirements of other situations.

In regard to the kinds of utilities which afford a suitable field for savings bank investment, your committee believes it is advisable, for the present at least, to include only companies furnishing artificial gas, electric light and power, local transportation and telephone and telegraph service. It is suggested that the recent development of the jitney and other independent systems for local transportation makes it desirable to specify in the law that local transportation companies must operate cars running on tracks.

The committee, after some study of various utility properties and the market for their securities, would suggest that companies must have at least \$500,000 gross earnings in order that their securities may qualify for investment. This, also, has been a matter of some experimenting in order to place the requirements at the proper point; and it has been found that companies of this size usually operate in substantial centres of population and have a substantial amount of property investment. Further, companies with earnings of the above amount usually require bond issues of a size which insures a considerable distribution and consequently a better market than is possible with smaller issues. As in other cases the decision must be arbitrary, but it is believed that \$500,000 gross earnings fairly marks the point where the advantages of a well established market for the securities of a corporation may be expected to exist.

The committee would suggest, in order that there may be assurance that earnings are derived from a general distribution of service as the law intends, that if 10% or more of the gross earnings is derived from any one customer the revenue from that customer shall be excluded in determining the size of the corporation for this purpose of qualification. It is not the intent, however, to exclude these earnings in the other provisions of the law.

In regard to telephone companies the committee believes that gross earnings of at least \$1,500,000 should be required in order to give the assurance that a company occupies either a large and permanent centre of population or else covers a large area so as to include a proper field for long-distance communication and give a full telephone service, long distance as well as local.

The committee suggests that investment should be limited to companies located within the United States, and believes that investment can to advantage be further limited to those States only which have public utility commissions with powers of protection of utilities and their investments. It is believed that sufficient protection is afforded where a commission, through control of rates, can assure to a company a fair return on its property investment, honestly and prudently made, and where the laws provide that any new utility must obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the commission before starting in business. Consequently, the committee suggests the further restriction of investment to utilities located in States which give such protection.

The committee suggests that in selecting the securities of companies which qualify for investment, the principle should be followed of allowing only bonds which are secured by a direct lien on operating property from which the company's gross earnings are derived, and are the direct or assumed obligations of the company which qualifies, or are bonds of leased and operated properties guaranteed as to both principal and interest by endorsement by such a company.

This limits investment to mortgage bonds, except that the committee believes that an exception may safely be made in the case of a bond issue secured by entire issues of first mortgage bonds of operating properties whose gross earnings are included in a company's statement of gross earnings, as such an issue would give in effect a first lien on operating property.

It is believed that a provision should be included similar to that in some existing savings bank investment laws, permitting a company's securities to remain legal, although the company fails in one fiscal year to maintain its standard of general credit. This should follow the existing laws, however, in not allowing further investment in such a company's securities until the company has again attained the required standard and in not allowing the term of probation to extend more than one year.

INVESTMENT BANKERS—RECOMMENDATIONS OF REAL ESTATE BONDS COMMITTEE.

In the report of the Real Estate Bonds Committee of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, presented at the annual meeting on the 3d inst., Charles A. Otis, Chairman, observed that, broadly speaking, the scope of the committee includes effort to bring about improvement in legislation, particularly in the direction of greater uniformity. It would also seem, he said, that efforts should be of more avail through concerted action in the direction of Federal legislation, instead of trying to alter or patch up or harmonize the present State laws. The following recommendations were contained in the report:

First. We recommend the appointment of a sub-committee to take up with the proper committee of the lower House of Congress the matter of seeing what could be done in the direction of national legislation. In this

connection we make supplementary suggestions that the proper legal talent be consulted, probably before this sub-committee undertake any definite work; that is to say, such a committee should have pretty complete legal advice as to proceeding with any national lobby. It might be that suggestion of any effort along national lines will not be found practicable, but if found so, in our judgment, it would be well to proceed along broad and vigorous lines.

Second. We would recommend in particular that all States follow the example of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, wherein the mortgagee has full control of the property as soon as necessary legal steps can be taken, a feature which has done much, indeed, to render popular the foregoing States as fields for loaning operations, and no doubt it is an influence in the direction of lowering interest rates. The laws of many States should no longer make it practically impossible for mortgagees to sell their interest in foreclosure before the end of long redemption periods.

Third. We recommend effort in the direction of modifying present laws on the subject of interest rates—a lower maximum legal rate in some States and a higher one in others. In brief, law should be amended so that the legal rate of interest per annum can be higher in territory where new capital is in demand for the purpose of injecting new energy and purpose into farming and the building industries. For instance, in Connecticut, where competition makes it difficult to secure better than 5% under sound mortgage investments, the State law permits a maximum legal rate of 12% per annum, whereas in North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky, where new capital could be relied upon to give new life to farming and other industry, it is impossible to get legally a higher rate than 8% per annum.

Fourth. We recommend that steps be taken to solve the problem presented by the State system under which property is exempt from levy or attachment—what we generally call homestead exemption. A summary of the great extent to which losses in this respect differ in various States have made some writers express themselves to the effect that it seems impossible, therefore, to make the loans with any degree of safety, although in many of the States the homestead exemption can be waived.

Fifth. This committee recommends the appointment of a sub-committee for the censoring of advertising of real estate bonds by members and non-members of the Association, in order to put a proper check on irresponsible and flamboyant promotions. While the better class of houses handling this type of bonds are not a subject for criticism in this respect, it is, however, an unfortunate fact that a number of smaller and less responsible firms have used methods of advertising of the most flamboyant nature, which cannot but injure the cause of real estate bonds in general. A great movement is on foot in the direction of clean and honest advertising. The New York Stock Exchange with its recent restrictions on advertising of its members has aimed at greater protection to investors. Of course, any censorship of advertising must be judicious and carefully considered, and must not err in the direction of too good conservatism. Nevertheless, this is an important part of our recommendation, because publicity in this direction is certain to call attention to our efforts in the direction of a new deal and a new era in the sale of real estate bonds.

Marketability for this class of securities, said the report, "would come with increased confidence and the field is golden because land is after all our real basic value. We can readily imagine the opportunity in bonds predicated upon real estate when we consider the surprising increase in the volume of building operations in this country. It is one of the best gauges of the degree of confidence with which a nation views its own immediate future."

BLUE SKY LAWS—INVESTMENT BANKERS.

The Blue Sky laws were discussed in the annual report of the General Counsel of the Investment Bankers' Association, from which we take the following:

The appeals in the blue sky decisions are to be argued in the United States Supreme Court within the next few weeks. We are rushing our brief to completion by the end of this week. We are therefore only able to prepare a very brief report of the important work of the past year.

A year ago the second Michigan suit had been brought but had not been argued. It was argued in November 1915, and we again obtained a sweeping decision holding the Act unconstitutional. A similar decision was rendered in South Dakota on substantially the same Act. The Ohio Act was then attacked by other parties in the Federal Court in that State. The suits brought necessarily involved the important principles for which we have been contending and it seemed necessary for us to obtain leave to file a brief before the Court in the Ohio case. In this brief as in our other brief we particularly contested the principle that the business of buying and selling securities could be made the subject of discretionary executive license and control. The cumulative effect of this work appears in the Ohio decision which presents the most clean-cut and effective pronouncement yet obtained of the principle of freedom of private business from executive control.

The Michigan, South Dakota and Ohio cases are now before the United States Supreme Court and will all of them be argued this fall. In the United States Supreme Court we have retained Mr. Wickersham, who will appear with us and we are hoping to secure from that Court a decision sustaining our position upon the general principles for which we have contended, but when we say that a recent writer, who has made a list of over five hundred cases, involving the due process of law question, cited by the United States Supreme Court, has found that in only three of these cases has the Act in question been held unconstitutional, you will realize that though we feel some confidence in the outcome of this litigation, we do not feel overconfident at the present time.

Perhaps we might mention that blue sky Acts had been introduced in Virginia, Kentucky and Maryland. The Acts in Kentucky and Maryland failed of adoption and in Virginia, upon our suggestion, the main part of the so-called Bank Supervisors' Act was substituted for the original bill and adopted by the legislature.

INVESTMENT BANKERS ON FARM LOAN ACT.

With reference to the new rural credit legislation the Committee on Agricultural Credits of the Investment Bankers' Association of America (William R. Compton of St. Louis, Chairman) stated that without attempting to analyze or criticize the bill which has now become a law, "we certainly wish the creation of our Legislature success and trust that it may be instrumental in aiding agriculture in our country, which is the backbone of national prosperity." The work of

the committee was confined largely to watching legislation at Washington and endeavoring to have removed from the final bill some of the objectionable features. Anent the legislation the report says:

The law at best is complex and needs careful study to interpret properly. Briefly, it provides for the creation of:

(1) Twelve Federal Farm Loan banks, located so as to serve the entire country and Alaska. Capitalization of each bank to be not less than \$750,000. Any unsubscribed stock after a period of thirty days is to be purchased by the Government.

(2) National Farm Loan Association, to be chartered by the Federal Farm Loan Board on the recommendation of the Federal Farm Loan banks, organized by ten or more farmers, land owners and prospective borrowers.

(3) Joint Stock Land banks, chartered by the Federal Farm Loan Board, capitalized at not less than \$250,000.

Certain provisions of the Act are susceptible of divergent opinions as to the practicability of their nature. For instance, Federal Farm Loan banks are made Government depositaries; farm loan securities issued under the system are exempt from all forms of taxation and are legal investments for trust funds and security for public deposits. All borrowers are required to pay, in addition to interest, a sum of money which, amortized over a term of years, will pay the principal during the life of the loan.

It is not probable that the system will be in workable shape for some time to come. The effect on the marketing of farm mortgage securities, or on the investment field generally, is difficult to forecast; but we are not of the opinion that the marketing of these securities will have any appreciable effect on the business of the members of this Association.

The duties of the Committee seeming to be at an end, the report recommended that no reappointment be made.

INVESTMENT BANKERS' ASSOCIATION—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Lewis B. Franklin, of the Guaranty Trust Co., was re-elected President of the Investment Bankers' Association of America at this week's annual meeting, and Frederick R. Fenton, of Devitt, Tremble & Co., Chicago, was re-elected Secretary. Among the five Vice-Presidents two were re-elected, namely Allen G. Hoyt, of the National City Company, New York, and John E. Blunt Jr., of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., Chicago; the newly-elected Vice-Presidents are Barrett Wendell Jr., of Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston; H. P. Wright, of the H. P. Wright Investment Co., Kansas City, and William G. Baker Jr., of Baker, Watts & Co., Baltimore. J. Sheppard Smith, of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis, has been elected Treasurer of the Association. Baltimore was decided upon as the next meeting place of the Association, subject to confirmation by the Board of Governors. The Association went on record as favoring the taking up in an active manner of the question of the deposit of legal opinions accompanying municipal bonds and the filing of these with a central office under the control of the Association. The addresses of Walker D. Hines, Senator Owen and President Lewis B. Franklin (of the Guaranty Trust Co., New York) and many of the reports presented at the meeting are given above in large part. Another report which attracted attention was that of William C. Baker Jr., of Baltimore, Chairman of the Municipal Bond Committee. In this report Mr. Baker says:

A large part of the total net indebtedness of States and municipalities, which aggregates more than \$4,000,000,000 to-day, has been incurred under hastily drawn and inadequate statutes. Many millions to-day represent the cost of improvements which long since have been thrown into the scrap heap, so that the credit of taxing power which should be available for present needs is being drained to pay for the deficit of former generations. Sound legislation is needed to remedy this.

Steps should be taken by all investment bankers to improve the laws relating to municipal bonds. None of the investment bankers are averse to municipal borrowing, but are averse to reckless borrowing. Investment bankers should limit the life of municipal bonds to the probable life of the improvement.

BANKING, LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

Twenty-five shares of bank stock were sold at the Stock Exchange this week and no sales of either bank or trust company stocks were made at auction. Extensive tables reporting bid and asked quotations, deposits, surplus, &c., of banks and trust companies in all important cities in the United States are published monthly in the "Bank and Quotation Section," the October issue of which accompanies today's "Chronicle." Bid and asked quotations for all New York City bank and trust company stocks are also published weekly in another department of this paper, and will be found to-day on page 1293.

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J. P. Morgan sailed last Saturday (Sept. 30) for London on the American Line steamship New York. Within the last two months two others identified with the Morgan firm, H. P. Davison and A. M. Anderson, head of the bond department, have journeyed to Europe. Current reports that Mr. Morgan's visit foreshadows new loan arrangements are, of course, mere surmise.

Subscriptions to the fifth German 5% war loan are being accepted by the Transatlantic Trust Co., 67 William St., this city, who have handled the four previous loans of the German Government offered in this country. It was stated at the office of the trust company that the last loan is being subscribed to more freely than any of the previous German issues handled by them.

Ernest K. Satterlee, one of the examiners attached to the New York State Banking Department, has resigned his position to accept the treasuryship of the Franklin Savings Bank of this city. He has also been elected a trustee of this bank. Mr. Satterlee had been connected with the State Banking Department since 1912 and previous to that time was for a number of years one of the national bank examiners for Eastern New York. For several years he was in the employ of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

The second annual convention of corporations operating The Morris Plan of industrial loans and investments opened at the Hotel Astor this city on the 4th inst. Last year, there were twenty-five Morris Plan companies in the United States; to-day there are fifty-three, extending from Manchester, N. H., by way of Boston, Providence, Hartford, New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Atlanta to Cleveland, St. Louis, Denver and San Francisco, and several others are in process of formation. The convention was held under the auspices of the Industrial Finance Corporation, which organizes and installs The Morris Plan companies, and provides a small proportion of their capital. The Morris Plan Company of New York, now one year and nine months old, is lending \$3,000,000 a year to small borrowers, while \$12,000,000 additional is being lent by other companies. Total loans to date Sept. 30, numbered about 172,500 and aggregated \$22,000,000. The convention closed last night (Friday) with a dinner at the Hotel Astor, at which Herbert L. Satterlee served as toastmaster.

The enlarged capital of \$10,000,000 of the Chase National Bank of this city was listed on the Stock Exchange on the 2nd inst. The increased capital, amounting to \$5,000,000, was authorized by the stockholders on Sept. 7; it was offered pro rata, at par (\$100) to shareholders of record that date, payment to be made by Oct. 2.

On October 5 the Sherman National Bank of this city announced that its capital had been increased from \$200,000 to \$300,000, and its surplus from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The Sherman National opened for business on Nov. 1 1907 with capital stock of \$200,000 and surplus of \$50,000, and has as its President, Edward C. Smith, ex-Governor of Vermont.

On Sept. 11 Governor Whitman commuted the sentence of Adolph Mandel, East Side private banker, who was sentenced on May 4 1915 by Justice Davis in the Supreme Court of New York to serve not less than two and one-half years nor more than five years in Sing Sing Prison for accepting a deposit when he knew his bank to be insolvent. He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$3,000, or serve over and above his definite term a day for each dollar unpaid. Several hearings have been held before Governor Whitman on the application for commutation and, it is said, he reached his decision after it was brought out that Mandel had been of assistance in straightening out the bank's affairs and had made restitution as far as possible. Depositors, it is stated, were in favor of the commutation.

Jacob Blank, a director of the Mechanics Bank of Brooklyn, died on Oct. 1. Mr. Blank was also a member of the Advisory Committee of the Broadway Branch of the Mechanics Bank, and was an organizer of the old Merchants Bank, which was merged with the Union Bank of Brooklyn.

Francois R. Hart and Louis K. Liggett have resigned from the directorate of the American Trust Company of Boston in compliance with the requirements of the Clayton Law, which forbids the interlocking of directorates. James A. Parker of the firm of Charles Head & Company has been elected a Director of the American Trust Company.

Herbert E. Stone was recently elected an Assistant Cashier of the Second National Bank of Boston.

A new institution, the Manufacturers National Bank, is slated to open for business in Cambridge, Mass. on Jan. 1. It will have at its head ex-Mayor Timothy W. Good of Cambridge. The bank will be capitalized at \$200,000, and will occupy quarters in Kendale Square, a new building, it is said, being erected for that purpose. The other officers of the new bank chosen up to the present time comprise the following: E. H. Marsters, Chairman of the Board; William Crane, Albert E. Lynch, W. E. Webster Jr., and Fred. A. Wiggin Vice-Presidents.

The suspension was announced yesterday of L. T. Layton & Co., brokers, of 742 Real Estate Bldg., Philadelphia. Lowder T. Layton, head of the firm, is a member of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, having been admitted to membership on July 27 1909.

John W. Kaiser and Henry Lorenz were chosen Assistant Cashiers of the Ohio National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, at a meeting of the directors on Sept. 26. Mr. Kaiser has served as Auditor for the Ohio National and will continue in that capacity.

The German American Trust Co. of Denver announces the death on Sept. 28 of Adolph J. Zang, Vice-President of the company and one of its founders.

Edward S. Lacey, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, member of the Executive Committee and a director of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, died on Oct. 2, in his eighty-first year. Mr. Lacey was born in Chili, N. Y., in 1835. He later moved to Charlotte, Mich., and was elected the first Mayor of that city. He served as a member of the Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth Congresses from the Third Michigan District. In 1889 President Harrison appointed him Comptroller of the Currency. He held this position for three years, until 1892, resigning it to accept the position of President of the newly organized Bankers National Bank of Chicago. When that institution was consolidated with the Commercial National Bank on Aug. 20 1909, Mr. Lacey was chosen Chairman of the board of directors. In 1910 he was chosen head of the Advisory Committee of the united bank, which position he had since held.

The new Bank of Commerce & Savings in Chicago, Ill., opened for business on Monday, Oct. 2. The new organization, which is a State institution, has a capital of \$500,000 and a surplus of \$100,000. W. F. Van Buskirk, former Vice-President of the Standard Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, is President of the bank, while William M. Grissom will serve as Cashier.

Mark Skinner, formerly Vice-President and Manager of the Commercial National Bank of Great Falls, Mont., has been made Vice-President of the First National Bank of St. Paul and assumed his duties in that capacity on Oct. 2. Mr. Skinner has a wide acquaintance throughout the Northwest, and for several years has taken an active and aggressive part in financial affairs in Montana. He entered the employ of the First National Bank of Great Falls as a clerk some 20 years ago, remaining with that institution until elected Cashier. He resigned from that position to found the Commercial Bank & Trust Co. of Great Falls, which was organized as a State bank. Within a few days of a year from its opening, this bank showed footings of more than a million dollars, a notable record for a new bank in a city the size of Great Falls, which already had four vigorous and healthy financial institutions. Mr. Skinner has long been one of the active leaders in the Montana Bankers' Association, and for four years he was Secretary and Treasurer of the organization.

C. W. Thompson has been chosen First Vice-President of the National City Bank of Memphis, Tenn., to succeed Capt. W. H. Kyle as Active Vice-President of that bank. Mr. Thompson is Chairman of the County Commission, Vice-President of the jewelry firm of the Mullford-Thompson Co., and a partner in the firm of Thompson & Tobin, insurance agents, in Memphis. Captain Kyle, while serving on the Mexican border with the Chickasaw Guards, will retain his Vice-Presidency in the bank.

R. B. Bishop of Fort Worth, Tex., has severed his connection with the Reynolds Mortgage Co. of that city and taken up his permanent residence in New Orleans, in order to facilitate his work as Vice-President of the Bankers' Loan & Securities Co., a Southern mortgage and bond company controlled by a group of Louisiana and Mississippi bankers

and capitalized at \$1,500,000. This institution has just completed and is now occupying one of the most attractive banking rooms in New Orleans. For the past five years Mr. Bishop was Vice-President and General Manager of the Reynolds Mortgage Co., through which institution, it is said, he has controlled the largest farm mortgage business in Texas. Prior to the organization of the Reynolds Mortgage Co., he was identified for many years with the Land Mortgage Bank of Texas, a \$5,000,000 mortgage loan bank controlled by English interests. It is announced by James L. Wright, President of the Bankers' Loan & Securities Co., that a branch office of the company will be opened in Fort Worth in the near future, through which will be handled a large volume of Texas mortgage paper. This extension of the Bankers' Loan & Securities Co. is the first of a series of branches to be created in the Southern Gulf States.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR AUGUST.

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

FOREIGN TRADE MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. (In the following tables three eiphers (000) are in all cases omitted.)

	Exports			Imports		
	1916.	1915.	1914.	1916.	1915.	1914.
January.....	\$380,039	\$267,879	\$204,067	\$184,351	\$122,148	\$164,743
February.....	401,784	299,806	173,920	193,935	125,123	148,045
March.....	410,742	296,012	187,499	213,590	157,982	182,555
April.....	398,569	294,746	162,553	218,236	160,576	173,762
May.....	474,804	274,218	181,733	229,158	142,285	164,252
June.....	464,637	288,547	157,072	245,795	157,695	157,539
July.....	445,472	298,469	154,139	183,223	143,245	159,677
August.....	509,770	290,609	110,367	199,247	141,804	129,768
September.....	.....	300,655	158,052	.....	151,236	139,711
October.....	.....	336,152	194,711	.....	149,173	138,090
November.....	.....	327,670	205,878	.....	155,497	126,467
December.....	.....	359,306	245,633	.....	171,833	114,657
Total.....	.....	\$3,555,669	\$2,113,624	.....	\$1,778,597	\$1,789,276

	Exports			Imports		
	1916.	1915.	1914.	1916.	1915.	1914.
January.....	\$10,313	\$892	\$6,914	\$15,008	\$6,896	\$10,442
February.....	13,685	1,054	9,079	6,016	12,727	3,209
March.....	10,774	924	2,632	9,776	25,620	7,842
April.....	11,503	814	407	6,132	16,203	3,460
May.....	11,919	1,277	10,835	27,322	31,136	1,973
June.....	8,312	3,822	43,107	122,735	52,342	3,817
July.....	9,365	2,192	35,669	62,108	17,263	3,392
August.....	11,780	1,128	18,126	41,239	61,641	3,045
September.....	.....	2,034	21,887	.....	42,062	2,762
October.....	.....	2,939	59,202	.....	79,669	5,944
November.....	.....	3,661	14,527	.....	69,982	7,392
December.....	.....	11,889	131	.....	45,413	4,109
Total.....	.....	\$31,426	\$222,016	.....	\$451,954	\$57,888

	Exports			Imports		
	1916.	1915.	1914.	1916.	1915.	1914.
January.....	\$4,636	\$5,188	\$4,009	\$1,852	\$2,287	\$2,384
February.....	4,947	3,425	3,592	2,596	2,400	1,911
March.....	5,748	3,150	3,882	2,880	2,477	2,567
April.....	4,866	4,371	4,543	2,176	2,605	2,214
May.....	6,212	4,741	4,845	2,725	2,352	1,755
June.....	4,644	3,969	4,639	3,183	3,623	1,822
July.....	4,337	3,965	3,953	2,426	3,903	1,240
August.....	5,815	3,378	3,627	2,517	3,504	2,097
September.....	.....	3,366	5,390	.....	2,737	1,864
October.....	.....	5,237	3,972	.....	3,219	2,724
November.....	.....	5,971	3,838	.....	3,376	2,765
December.....	.....	6,831	5,32	.....	2,603	2,909
Total.....	.....	\$53,599	\$51,602	.....	\$34,484	\$25,959

	Merchandise			Gold			Silver		
	1916.	1915.	1914.	1916.	1915.	1916.	1915.	1914.	
January.....	+145,685	+145,731	+49,324	-4,795	-6,204	+2,784	+2,901	.....
February.....	+207,849	+174,683	+25,575	+7,660	-11,673	-2,351	+1,025	.....
March.....	+186,271	+138,630	+4,944	+998	-24,896	+2,868	+679	.....
April.....	+180,333	+134,170	-11,209	+5,331	-15,389	+2,680	+1,768	.....
May.....	+245,616	+131,933	-2,549	-15,403	-29,859	+3,487	+2,389	.....
June.....	+218,892	+110,852	-457	-114,423	-49,520	+1,461	+847	.....
July.....	+262,749	+125,224	-5,838	-52,713	-15,071	+1,911	+962	.....
August.....	.....	+118,805	-19,401	-29,459	-60,513	+3,298	-426	.....
September.....	+310,753	+149,419	+16,341	.....	-40,028	.....	+629	.....
October.....	.....	+186,979	+56,631	.....	-76,730	.....	+2,018	.....
November.....	.....	+172,173	+79,411	.....	-57,321	.....	+2,595	.....
December.....	.....	+188,473	+130,976	.....	-33,524	.....	+4,228	.....
Total.....	.....	+1,777,072	+324,348	.....	-420,528	.....	+19,115	.....

Totals for merchandise, gold and silver for eight months:

Eight Months (000s omitted)	Merchandise			Gold			Silver		
	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports
1916.....	3,435,873	1,667,067	1,768,806	87,581	290,325	202,742	41,194	20,355	20,839
1915.....	2,230,887	1,150,859	1,080,028	10,903	223,828	212,925	32,193	22,549	9,644
1914.....	1,311,349	1,270,361	40,988	135,770	37,180	98,590	33,090	15,927	17,163
1913.....	1,515,182	1,156,300	358,882	73,583	41,673	32,010	43,166	24,332	18,834
1912.....	1,416,347	1,188,075	228,272	43,159	34,589	8,570	46,337	32,653	13,684
1911.....	1,259,703	1,007,748	251,955	15,910	40,473	24,563	44,588	29,535	15,053

Excess of imports. Similar totals for the month of July for six years make the following exhibit:

One Month (000s omitted)	Merchandise			Gold			Silver		
	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports
1916.....	955,251	281,970	673,281	21,175	103,346	82,171	10,132	4,943	5,209
1915.....	529,078	285,049	244,029	3,320	78,904	75,584	7,344	6,807	557
1914.....	264,506	289,445	24,939	61,795	6,437	45,358	7,580	3,338	4,242
1913.....	348,900	276,713	72,187	9,848	13,663	3,815	9,844	6,200	3,644
1912.....	316,730	303,424	13,306	9,763	438	9,325	12,669	7,388	5,281
1911.....	271,852	244,000	27,852	2,659	6,700	4,041	10,144	7,674	2,470

Excess of imports.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

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

London.	Sept. 30.	Oct. 2.	Oct. 3.	Oct. 4.	Oct. 5.	Oct. 6.
Week ending Oct. 6.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
3 Liver, per oz.	d. 32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 9-16	32 3/4	32 3/4
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents.	59	58 3/4	59 1/4	59 1/4	59 1/4	59 1/4
British 4 1/2 per cents.	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4
French rentes (in Paris) fr. 62.00	62.00	61.90	61.80	61.80	61.80	61.80
French War Loan, 5% (in Paris)	fr. 90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz.	Oct. 5.	Oct. 6.	Oct. 7.	Oct. 8.	Oct. 9.
	69 1/4	69 3/4	68 3/4	68 3/4	67 3/4

c Ex-interest.

TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

LAKE SUPERIOR IRON ORE SHIPMENTS.—Shipments of iron ore from the Lake Superior region during September amounted to 9,600,786 tons. This total greatly exceeds the tonnage for any previous September and, in fact, represents the third largest monthly movement in the history of the trade, having been surpassed in July and August 1916 only, when 9,750,157 tons and 9,850,140 tons, respectively, were shipped. For the season to Oct. 1 the tonnage amounts to 48,816,650 tons, as compared with 34,669,566 tons in 1915, 26,709,413 tons in 1914 and 39,273,417 in 1913, the previous record year. In the following we compare the shipments from the various ports for Sept. 1916, 1915 and 1914, and for the season to Oct. 1:

Port (tons)	September			To Oct. 1	
	1916.	1915.	1914.	1916.	1914.
Escanaba	922,517	1,015,820	553,959	5,630,994	4,011,682
Margate	557,140	539,879	335,928	3,026,845	2,313,532
Ashland	1,235,328	1,028,303	692,141	6,051,712	3,329,382
Superior	9,445,171	1,567,935	1,901,422	9,760,966	5,997,023
Duluth	3,455,611	2,428,689	1,126,532	16,174,159	11,807,219
Two Harbors	1,465,019	1,292,460	581,325	8,171,974	6,710,528
Total	9,600,786	7,863,146	5,431,307	48,816,650	34,669,566

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings of the Canadian banks for the month of September 1916 show an increase over the same month of 1915 of 40.8%, and for the nine months the gain reaches 41.6%.

Clearings at—	September.			Nine Months.		
	1916.	1915.	Inc. or Dec.	1916.	1915.	Inc. or Dec.
Montreal	295,337,209	206,673,288	+42.9	2,606,547,552	1,792,541,200	+45.4
Toronto	196,413,726	138,247,404	+42.1	1,800,649,493	1,313,132,482	+37.1
Winnipeg	150,558,359	102,276,346	+47.2	1,373,752,221	814,139,207	+68.7
Vancouver	29,600,373	24,390,842	+21.9	228,933,856	204,950,633	+11.7
Ottawa	26,069,383	17,396,374	+51.1	185,573,473	133,114,956	+21.2
Quebec	15,735,004	14,049,560	+12.0	135,913,966	113,014,956	+20.3
Halifax	10,090,285	8,375,614	+20.5	90,933,152	74,745,528	+21.7
Hamilton	16,643,549	12,312,115	+35.2	149,846,415	106,719,328	+32.0
St. John	6,962,621	7,032,534	-1.0	65,812,911	58,075,593	+13.3
Calgary	17,068,129	12,013,783	+41.7	151,781,851	107,093,822	+41.7
London	7,347,901	6,887,872	+5.2	72,137,459	65,491,961	+10.0
Victoria	7,003,376	5,316,333	+31.3	59,123,966	57,386,019	+3.0
Edmonton	10,000,000	7,182,158	+39.2	81,698,128	75,508,725	+8.1
Regina	11,142,068	6,664,203	+67.2	77,511,232	60,114,965	+28.7
Brandon	2,351,227	1,878,252	+25.2	19,927,901	16,685,380	+19.4
Lethbridge	2,624,754	1,381,138	+90.0	18,995,395	11,722,473	+62.0
Saskatoon	5,237,215	3,922,548	+33.5	42,358,999	28,494,591	+48.6
Moose Jaw	4,211,620	2,861,396	+47.2	34,033,970	24,751,473	+37.5
Brandon	2,656,570	1,991,039	+33.4	23,624,422	18,500,506	+27.1
Fort William	2,259,704	1,560,745	+44.8	19,134,728	15,828,884	+20.9
New Westminster	1,252,274	1,147,837	+9.1	10,103,876	10,091,804	+1.0
Medicine Hat	1,571,989	949,460	+65.5	13,205,916	7,838,619	+68.5
Peterborough	2,223,912	1,548,213	+43.6	19,345,441	14,814,851	+30.6
Sherbrooke	2,138,278	Not incl. in total.		15,646,966	Not incl. in total.	
Kitchener	1,913,014	Not incl. in total.		12,973,933	Not incl. in total.	
Total Canada	824,951,332	535,839,056	+40.8	7,271,949,392	5,134,848,856	+41.6

The clearings for the week ending Sept. 30 in comparison with the same week of 1915 show an increase in the aggregate of 33.2%.

Clearings at—	Week ending September 30.				
	1916.	1915.	Inc. or Dec.	1914.	1913.
Montreal	72,711,118	49,316,236	+47.4	47,186,291	60,906,228
Toronto	48,339,986	33,881,818	+42.7	37,539,180	64,262,155
Winnipeg	36,503,409	32,719,468	+11.6	31,916,389	39,851,856
Vancouver	7,410,833	5,664,801	+30.8	7,914,469	12,366,611
Ottawa	5,730,796	5,461,703	+4.9	3,560,970	4,274,124
Quebec	3,440,990	3,073,467	+11.9	3,701,893	2,930,921
Halifax	2,015,022	1,811,084	+11.3	1,834,046	2,083,283
Hamilton	3,958,727	3,239,106	+22.2	3,046,174	3,864,131
St. John	1,734,604	1,301,309	+33.3	1,309,347	1,563,724
Calgary	3,689,992	2,755,318	+33.5	3,659,125	5,363,883
London	1,667,598	1,401,630	+19.0	1,908,999	3,974,656
Victoria	1,526,926	1,170,492	+30.4	1,446,579	1,537,238
Edmonton	1,948,105	1,750,291	+11.3	2,200,000	3,841,794
Regina	2,926,597	1,806,783	+62.0	2,051,423	2,554,403
Brandon	487,894	410,138	+19.0	603,880	684,898
Lethbridge	556,472	332,728	+67.4	457,301	651,647
Saskatoon	1,322,531	1,134,286	+16.6	1,128,369	1,791,665
Moose Jaw	1,153,542	767,187	+50.3	970,794	1,077,194
Brandon	806,430	509,803	+58.4	473,024	660,392
Fort William	546,311	373,534	+46.3	797,411	915,260
New Westminster	2,699,415	2,553,483	+5.5	363,568	457,858
Medicine Hat	407,152	322,016	+26.2	435,355	572,001
Peterborough	555,600	376,833	+47.5	382,807	-----
Sherbrooke	549,654	Not incl. in total.		-----	-----
Kitchener	438,132	Not incl. in total.		-----	-----
Total Canada	199,634,020	149,916,803	+33.2	154,797,347	198,183,122

Pacific and Other Western Clearings brought forward from first page.

Clearings at—	September.			Nine Months.		
	1916.	1915.	Inc. or Dec.	1916.	1915.	Inc. or Dec.
San Francisco	311,471,859	227,318,845	+37.1	2,420,002,949	1,926,989,541	+25.0
Los Angeles	107,900,819	81,683,713	+32.1	924,014,002	762,229,639	+21.2
Seattle	73,013,668	50,610,005	+42.3	546,007,467	448,404,351	+21.5
Portland	58,935,038	46,475,783	+26.8	443,408,077	397,940,819	+11.5
Spokane	21,115,499	15,628,396	+35.1	171,036,958	136,326,038	+25.5
Salt Lake City	14,810,456	23,757,232	+58.8	335,108,155	234,978,984	+42.6
Tacoma	6,638,481	8,369,647	+25.2	83,220,158	73,909,374	+11.2
Oakland	10,090,462	15,033,107	+47.0	160,471,970	131,203,645	+22.2
Sacramento	11,703,084	8,507,007	+37.6	87,769,062	69,050,839	+27.2
San Diego	9,117,097	7,828,429	+16.5	84,757,719	72,423,480	+17.0
Fresno	6,266,812	4,723,808	+32.7	41,670,939	31,434,918	+21.0
Stockton	6,185,521	4,820,199	+28.3	48,950,662	34,918,718	+40.2
San Jose	4,397,199	3,211,523	+36.9	28,405,650	24,250,430	+17.5
Bolinas	5,300,000	4,312,529	+22.9	36,586,327	29,762,346	+22.9
Pasadena	3,779,501	2,944,258	+28.4	36,022,606	32,267,374	+11.6
North Yakima	2,553,174	1,910,074	+33.7	16,366,579	14,101,708	+16.1
Reno	1,927,811	7,254,023	+37.5	14,272,769	11,038,910	+29.6
Ogden	5,632,025	3,222,730	+43.6	46,307,791	29,556,514	+56.2
Santa Rosa	1,185,377	1,038,800	+14.1	8,346,135	8,295,462	+0.6
Long Beach	2,387,643	2,040,519	+17.0	22,519,935	19,645,311	+14.6
Bakersfield	2,376,201	1,502,404	+58.2	20,049,176	14,815,700	+35.3
Total Pacific	707,787,040	522,082,290	+35.6	5,599,491,981	4,500,083,103	+23.6
Kansas City	448,576,753	311,225,183	+44.1	3,365,354,250	2,692,434,320	+25.0
Minneapolis	124,199,477	109,189,945	+13.7	996,740,240	869,833,103	+14.0
Omaha	113,995,010	84,391,012	+35.1	897,643,141	791,573,387	+12.8
St. Paul	59,121,683	50,168,937	+17.8	559,477,587	452,446,019	+23.0
Denver	61,278,630	38,061,932	+57.3	468,062,044	347,084,259	+34.6
St. Joseph	40,884,728	30,291,592	+35.0	393,770,672	280,803,626	+29.5
Des Moines	27,222,226	23,043,862	+18.1	245,503,418	205,997,124	+19.2
Sioux City	19,365,697	14,115,254	+37.2	160,908,566	122,841,798	+31.0
Wichita	23,774,796	15,129,204	+57.1	183,244,780	139,668,514	+31.3
Duluth	29,988,375	28,696,805	+4.5	193,425,424	144,419,472	+33.9
Linton	12,168,211	9,547,126	+27.5	112,801,908	87,022,028	+28.9
Topeka	8,232,570	6,330,965	+30.0	66,918,765	56,987,008	+17.4
Dayton	7,958,854	6,598,806	+21.2	71,689,852	65,709,616	+28.7
Cedar Rapids	1,631,811	7,254,023	+35.0	69,377,427	68,104,009	+1.8
Fargo	7,010,738	5,982,017	+17.0	64,890,011	45,590,549	+42.7
Sioux Falls	5,546,800	4,415,488	+25.6	49,529,322	38,788,953	+27.0
Colorado Spgs.	4,503,156	2,939,504	+53.2	31,983,832	26,294,022	+21.6
Pueblo	2,372,502	1,575,913	+50.6	19,370,616	18,194,281	+6.5
Fremont	2,380,060	1,547,578	+53.8	18,787,709	15,241,835	+23.3
Hastings	2,037,175	905,312	+125.1	13,255,530	8,162,055	+62.4
Aberdeen	3,757,566	3,356,864	+11.9	31,784,100	22,293,000	+42.6
Helena	6,895,459	4,618,412	+47.4	52,894,927	40,725,550	+29.9
Waterloo	7,533,585	6,667,795	+13.0	81,419,134	62,236,863	+30.8
Billings	3,332,033	2,185,133	+52.6	25,017,147	18,380,858	+36.5
Joplin	2,215,883	4,630,991	+110.0	58,397,889	32,832,767	+71.7
Grand Forks	2,484,000	1,893,000	+31.2	20,043,500	13,445,400	+52.5
Lawrence	1,055,544	822,826	+28.3	8		

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for the nine months of 1916 and 1915 are given below:

Description.	Nine Months 1916.			Nine Months 1915.		
	Par Value or Quantity.	Actual Value.	Aver. Price.	Par Value or Quantity.	Actual Value.	Aver. Price.
Stock (Sh.)	138,862,182			155,183,248		
(Val.)	\$11,966,510,505	\$11,204,376,624	93.6	\$9,971,922,865	\$8,304,319,965	83.3
RR. bonds	585,893,500	542,415,437	92.6	590,944,700	480,108,345	81.3
U. S. Govt. bonds	697,950	734,057,903.8	815.000	832,834,102.2		
State, &c., bonds	211,064,000	201,771,365	95.6	17,536,500	15,955,167	91.0
Bank stks.	191,800	407,102,212.2	139.300	139,300	244,606	175.6
Total	\$12,704,362,753	\$11,949,694,585	93.6	\$10,577,358,365	\$8,810,460,917	83.3

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange each month since Jan. 1 in 1916 and 1915 is indicated in the following:

SALES OF STOCKS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Mth.	1916.			1915.		
	Number of Shares.	Values.		Number of Shares.	Values.	
		Par.	Actual.		Par.	Actual.
Jan.	15,956,944	1,427,403,335	1,301,244,816	5,076,210	435,534,000	302,461,298
Feb.	12,126,205	1,025,902,310	904,417,409	4,383,449	380,932,785	262,372,421
Mar.	15,197,585	1,331,870,900	1,204,214,208	7,862,308	681,471,315	535,476,914
1st qr.	43,280,734	3,785,177,145	3,527,876,433	17,321,967	1,497,039,000	1,100,310,633
Apr.	12,523,507	1,118,264,050	1,001,472,487	21,022,930	1,799,438,335	1,619,407,302
May	16,427,576	1,421,290,750	1,322,476,934	12,581,040	1,037,762,960	958,264,713
June	12,823,833	1,071,814,645	1,014,902,417	11,004,042	912,619,430	832,487,913
2d qr.	41,774,916	3,611,369,445	3,398,581,838	44,608,012	3,749,818,725	3,410,189,923
July	85,055,650	7,390,546,590	6,926,728,271	61,929,979	5,246,857,725	4,510,450,561
6 mos.	9,187,868	802,658,015	754,216,904	14,371,633	1,288,908,620	958,643,288
Aug.	14,626,082	1,266,413,175	1,118,942,473	20,432,350	1,791,656,625	1,434,975,418
Sept.	29,992,582	2,600,892,725	2,404,488,976	18,399,269	1,644,499,895	1,400,247,098
3d qr.	63,805,532	4,569,968,915	4,277,648,533	53,203,269	4,725,065,140	3,793,869,404
9 mos.	138,862,182	11,966,510,505	11,204,376,624	115,183,248	9,971,922,865	8,304,319,965

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 1916 and 1915:

MONTHLY CLEARINGS.

Month.	Clearings, Total All.			Clearings Outside New York.		
	1916.	1915.	%	1916.	1915.	%
Jan.	\$ 20,070,094,925	\$ 13,483,433,873	+48.8	\$ 7,743,292,698	\$ 6,195,741,340	+25.0
Feb.	18,236,249,705	11,912,182,657	+53.1	7,129,512,488	5,430,346,110	+31.3
Mar.	20,679,675,539	13,848,400,164	+49.3	8,131,801,038	6,283,286,462	+29.4
1st qr.	58,986,020,239	39,244,016,694	+50.3	23,004,806,224	17,909,373,912	+28.4
April	19,315,241,747	15,013,083,834	+28.6	7,692,625,092	6,201,418,760	+24.0
May	20,657,279,666	14,626,775,839	+41.2	8,096,352,324	5,991,630,329	+35.1
June	20,597,096,945	14,122,200,944	+45.9	8,044,195,053	6,096,718,945	+32.0
2d qr.	60,570,228,358	43,762,059,717	+38.4	23,833,172,469	18,289,767,584	+30.3
6 mos.	119,558,248,587	83,006,076,411	+44.0	46,837,778,693	36,199,141,406	+29.4
July	19,366,856,923	14,929,402,551	+29.7	7,928,114,051	6,233,988,983	+27.2
Aug.	19,752,395,060	14,271,230,069	+38.4	7,985,078,254	5,733,787,898	+39.2
Sept.	22,762,230,728	15,763,585,903	+44.4	8,406,289,543	6,139,222,625	+36.9
3d qr.	61,881,482,701	44,964,218,523	+37.6	24,319,481,848	18,106,999,566	+34.3
9 mos.	181,437,731,301	127,970,294,934	+41.8	71,157,260,541	54,306,141,002	+31.0

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of September and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

(000,000 omitted.)	September				Jan. 1 to Sept. 30			
	1916.	1915.	1914.	1913.	1916.	1915.	1914.	1913.
New York	14,356	9,624	4,628	7,455	110,280	73,664	65,480	70,354
Chicago	1,722	1,314	1,150	1,308	14,596	11,069	11,955	11,888
Boston	775	575	461	575	7,644	5,721	5,757	6,096
Philadelphia	1,077	737	561	654	9,206	6,051	5,909	6,291
St. Louis	442	322	279	332	3,740	2,945	2,953	3,087
Pittsburg	272	219	209	229	2,453	1,902	2,002	2,206
San Francisco	311	227	205	217	2,420	1,927	1,860	1,940
Cincinnati	144	108	94	103	1,263	978	998	983
Baltimore	160	131	147	149	1,640	1,282	1,405	1,473
Kansas City	449	311	277	240	3,365	2,692	2,093	2,075
Cleveland	224	127	96	104	1,659	1,083	951	956
New Orleans	109	79	62	77	886	678	684	690
Minneapolis	124	109	131	131	997	870	915	901
Louisville	70	61	49	63	689	524	531	530
Detroit	203	125	104	100	1,585	1,120	1,041	987
Milwaukee	88	63	67	66	733	606	633	625
Los Angeles	108	82	87	93	924	762	882	910
Providence	38	29	28	31	365	299	299	306
Omaha	114	54	77	76	897	702	649	661
Buffalo	66	48	46	52	569	432	447	459
St. Paul	59	50	45	45	559	432	419	379
Indianapolis	45	36	33	35	402	320	312	325
Denver	61	39	38	37	459	350	338	344
Richmond	76	41	33	34	625	352	309	301
Memphis	37	18	20	28	282	227	266	272
Seattle	72	51	55	59	546	448	479	484
Hartford	36	30	19	20	308	253	204	188
Salt Lake City	45	29	24	25	335	235	223	230
Total	21,283	14,669	9,025	12,330	169,037	118,533	110,050	115,754
Other cities	1,479	1,094	1,003	1,117	12,000	9,487	9,725	9,745
Total all	22,762	15,763	10,028	13,447	181,437	127,970	119,775	125,499
Outside New York	8,406	6,139	5,400	5,991	71,157	54,306	54,305	55,145

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs Figures brought from page 1337.—The statements below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Chicago	190,000	1,613,000	2,530,000	2,922,000	967,000	200,000
Minneapolis	3,703,000	41,000	1,455,000	1,320,000	435,000	274,000
Duluth	1,377,000		71,000	443,000	274,000	117,000
Milwaukee	87,000	339,000	259,000	1,299,000	784,000	117,000
Toledo		203,000	31,000	52,000		
Cleveland	8,000	20,000	106,000	60,000		
St. Louis	93,000	959,000	106,900	367,000	70,000	6,000
Peoria		142,000	396,000	237,000	149,000	26,000
Kansas City		2,201,000	251,000	595,000		
Omaha		825,000	121,900	619,000		
Total week '16	334,000	11,442,000	3,891,000	7,720,000	3,745,000	1,064,000
Same week '15	421,000	18,591,000	5,390,000	6,780,000	3,871,000	847,000
Same week '14	499,000	16,838,000	2,441,000	8,258,000	4,320,000	771,000
Since Aug. 1						
1916	3,289,000	103,725,000	33,699,000	63,519,000	20,577,000	6,009,000
1915	3,017,000	99,205,000	30,514,000	61,129,000	17,335,000	4,978,000
1914	4,007,000	123,651,000	33,951,000	70,131,000	21,003,000	5,332,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Sept. 30 1916 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
New York	124,000	1,708,000	206,000	604,000	327,000	11,000
Portland, Me.	25,000	171,000	30,000	161,000	5,000	
Baltimore	69,000	768,000	214,000	907,000		356,000
Galveston	18,000	38,000	28,000	5,000		
New Orleans	50,000	814,000	46,000	28,000		
Galveston		360,000				
Montreal	163,000	2,069,000	197,000	518,000	3,000	
St. John						
Boston	31,000	317,000	20,000	59,000		12,000
Port Arthur	200,000					
Halifax	60,000					
Total week '16	768,000	7,162,000	736,000	2,650,000	335,000	379,000
Since Jan. 1 '16	20,328,000	310,089,000	48,823,000	146,630,000	23,034,000	9,114,000
Week 1915	549,000	9,266,000	316,000	3,169,000	345,000	606,000
Since Jan. 1 '15	19,426,000	195,842,000	45,056,000	114,195,000	8,624,000	8,854,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Sept. 30 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
New York	1,575,852	210,494	113,927	14,786		61,594	1,968
Portland, Me.	171,000		115				
Boston	301,519	42,857					
Philadelphia	904,000		33,000			48,000	
Baltimore	1,161,179		86,717	501,908	272,136	15,000	
Norfolk			38,000	368,000			
Mobile		23,000	18,000	5,000			
New Orleans	422,000	48,000	34,000	5,000	4,000	8,000	4,000
Galveston							
Montreal	2,634,000	326,000	100,000	28,000	17,000	558,000	
Port Arthur	200,000						
Halifax	6,000						
Total week	7,621,550	650,351	429,				

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

APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTERS.

Table with 2 columns: Bank Name and Capital. Includes 'The National Bank of America at Gary, Ind.' with \$100,000 capital and 'The Lincoln National Bank of St. Louis, Mo.' with 200,000 capital.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL APPROVED.

Table with 2 columns: Bank Name and Increase. Includes 'The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, N. Y.' with a \$5,000,000 increase and 'The Sherman National Bank of New York, N. Y.' with a 100,000 increase.

DIVIDENDS.

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

Large table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, Banks, and Miscellaneous.

Large table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Continued), Street and Electric Railways, Banks, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive.

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. b Less British income tax. c Correction. d Payable in stock. e Payable in common stock. f Payable in scrip. g On account of accumulated dividends. h Declared 3%, payable 1 1/2% Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 14, and 1 1/2% Feb. 1 1917 to holders of record Jan. 15, 1917. i Declared on common stock 2 1/2%, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 28; 2 1/2% payable Mar. 1 1917 to holders of rec. Feb. 26 1917; 2 1/2% June 1 1917 to holders of rec. May 29 1917; 2 1/2% payable Sept. 1 1917 to holders of rec. Aug. 29 1917.

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 with columns: Shares, Stocks, Per cent.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh.

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

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh.

By Messrs. Francis Henshaw & Co., Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh.

Imports and Exports for the Week.—The following are the reported imports of merchandise at New York for the week ending Sept. 30 and since the first week of January: FOREIGN IMPORTS AT NEW YORK.

Table with columns: For Week, 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913.

EXPORTS FROM NEW YORK.

Table with columns: For the week, 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF SPECIE AT NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Week ending Sept. 30, Exports, Imports.

Of the above exports for the week in 1916, \$342,310 were American gold coin.

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Sept. 30:

Additions of over \$3 1/2 millions to the gold reserves of the Federal Reserve banks, due largely to liquidation of earning assets, are indicated by the statement as at close of business on Sept. 29. All the banks except New York, Chicago and San Francisco report substantial gains of gold, mainly through transfers on the books of the Gold Settlement Fund. New York's slight decrease in gold reserve is more than offset by its gain of silver. The bank reports the liquidation during the week of 3.9 millions of paper and U. S. securities, also the change of a favorable to an adverse balance in account with other Federal Reserve banks as against net withdrawals of almost 10 millions of deposits. Philadelphia's gain of \$860,000 in total reserve is due primarily to increased deposits, offset to a large extent by a decrease in its net balance due to other Federal Reserve banks. A gain of about 1.4 millions in total reserve shown for the Cleveland bank is the combined result of an increase by over 2.4 millions in total net deposits, the liquidation of about 0.9 million of paper and securities on the one hand and an increase by 1.9 millions in the net balance due from other Federal Reserve banks. Galus in reserve reported by the Richmond and St. Louis banks are traceable in the main to increases in net deposits, while Minneapolis' increase in cash reserve is accompanied by a considerable reduction in its net balance due from other Federal Reserve banks, also to some increase in net deposits.

All classes of earning assets show smaller totals than at the end of the immediately preceding week. Discounted paper on hand declined about 1.75 millions, Dallas, Richmond and Chicago reporting the largest decreases. Of the total discounts, about \$800,000 is the amount advanced by the Reserve banks on member banks' own notes, secured by eligible collateral.

Acceptances on hand show a decrease of about 3.3 millions, following the liquidation of considerable amounts of bankers' paper by the four Eastern banks. Of the total bills, including acceptances on hand, 41.9% mature within 30 days and 34.3% after 30 but within 60 days. Transactions in Government securities are reported by nine banks, resulting in a decrease by over 1 million in the amount of U. S. bonds and of 1.1 millions in the total of Treasury notes held. The total of municipal warrants in the hands of the banks underwent but little change, though almost all the banks report transactions under this head. Aggregate earning assets decreased about 7.2 millions and constitute at present 332% of the banks' paid-in capital, as against 345% the week before. Of the total earning assets, 43.8% is represented by acceptances, 25.3% by U. S. bonds; 14.1% by discounts; 13% by Government securities.

Government deposits show a decline of about 1 million, Chicago, Kansas City and San Francisco reporting considerable net withdrawals of Government funds for the week. Net member bank deposits increased about 3.3 millions, all the banks except Boston, New York and San Francisco showing larger net totals than the week before.

Federal Reserve bank notes in circulation are now in excess of 3 millions. The total of Federal Reserve notes issued to the banks is given as \$213,907,000, an increase of \$4,189,000 during the week. Against this total the Agents hold \$197,572,000 of gold and \$17,054,000 of paper. The banks report a total of \$196,538,000 of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation and aggregate liabilities of \$13,216,000 on notes issued to them by the Agents.

The figures of the consolidated statement for the system as a whole are given in the following table, and in addition we present the results for each of the eight preceding weeks, thus furnishing a useful comparison. In the second table we show the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve Federal Reserve banks. The statement of Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (the third table following) gives details regarding the transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and the Reserve Agents and between the latter and the Federal Reserve banks.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 29 1916.

Table with columns: Res. 29 1916, Res. 22 1916, Res. 15 1916, Res. 8 1916, Res. 1 1916, Aug. 25 1916, Aug. 18 1916, Aug. 11 1916, Aug. 4 1916.

Statement of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.—The following detailed statement shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Sept. 30. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the totals, actual figures at end of the week are also given. In order to furnish a comparison, we have inserted the totals of actual condition for each of the three groups and also the grand aggregates for the three preceding weeks.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURN.

Table with columns: CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Discounts, Investments, etc., Gold, Legal Tender, Silver, Nat. Bank Notes, Federal Reserve Notes, Reserve with Legal Depositors, Add'l Deposits with Legal Depositors, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, National Bank Circulation. Rows include various banks like Bank of N.Y., Chase Nat. Bank, etc., and summary rows for totals and averages.

STATEMENTS OF RESERVE POSITION. Table with columns: Averages, Actual Figures. Rows include Members Federal Reserve Bank, State Banks, Trust Companies, and Grand Aggregate. Columns include Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve, Inc. or Dec. from Previous Week.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. a This is the reserve required on Net Demand Deposits in the case of State Banks and Trust Companies, but in the case of Members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also the amount of reserve required on Net Time Deposits, which was as follows: Sept. 30, \$1,890,850; Sept. 23, \$2,012,700; Sept. 16, \$2,105,150; Sept. 9, \$2,135,950. b This is the reserve required on Net Demand Deposits in the case of State Banks and Trust Companies, but in the case of Members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also the amount of reserve required on Net Time Deposits, which was as follows: Sept. 30, \$1,793,300; Sept. 23, \$1,926,800; Sept. 16, \$2,116,550; Sept. 9, \$2,127,950.

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

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

Table with columns: Item, Amount, Date. Rows include Loans and investments, Gold, Currency and bank notes, Total deposits, Deposits, Reserves on deposits, and Percentage of reserve.

RESERVE.

Table comparing State Banks and Trust Companies across categories: Cash in vaults, Deposits in banks and trust cos., Total.

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

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

We omit ciphers in all these figures.

Table showing weekly combined results from July 8 to Sept. 30, with columns for Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Specials, Other Money, Total Money Holdings, and Entire Reserve on Deposits.

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

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

Large table with multiple columns: Capital, Profits, Loans, Discounts, Investments, Gold, Legal Tender, Silver, Nat. Bank Notes, Federal Reserve Notes, Reserve with Legal Deposits, Additional Deposits, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, National Bank Circulation.

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

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

Table with columns: Item, Amount, Date. Rows include Nat. banks, Trust cos., Total, and weekly breakdowns from Sept. 23 to July 29.

Note.—National bank note circulation Sept. 30, \$9,185,000; exchanges for Clearing House (included in "Bank Deposits"), banks, \$17,999,000; trust companies, \$2,455,000; total, \$20,455,000. Capital and surplus at latest date: banks, \$64,175,000; trust companies, \$41,295,200; total, \$105,470,800.

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

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

The provisions of the law governing the reserve requirements of State banking institutions were published in the "Chronicle" March 28 1914 (V. 93, p. 963). The regulations relating to calculating the amount of deposits and what deductions are permitted in the computation of the reserves were given in the "Chronicle" April 4 1914 (V. 93, p. 1045).

STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table comparing State Banks in Greater N. Y. and Trust Cos. in Greater N. Y. across categories: Capital as of June 30, Surplus as of June 30, Loans and Investments, Gold, Currency and bank notes, Deposits, Reserve on deposits, P. c. of reserve to deposits, Percentage last week.

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

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

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table with columns: Item, Amount, Date. Rows include Circulation, Loans, dis'ts & investments, Individual deposits, Due to banks, Time deposits, Exchanges for Clear. House, Due from other banks, Cash reserve, Reserve in Fed. Res'v Banks, Reserve with other banks, Reserve excess in bank, Excess with Reserve Agent, Excess with Fed. Res'v B'k.

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

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Oct. 6 1916.

The Money Market and Financial Situation.—The general financial and industrial situation remains practically unchanged and the security markets have continued, without interruption, the course pursued for several weeks past.

As implied above, there is no perceptible decrease in industrial activity. The exports of iron and steel in August were nearly 60,000 tons in excess of all previous records, and preliminary reports of the outward movement of general merchandise in September indicate that it continued enormous.

On the other hand, the Government report as to this year's cotton crop was disappointing in that its percentage of condition was the lowest ever recorded at this season since these estimates began in 1870. As a consequence, cotton has sold higher this week than at any time since the period of extreme heat and drought in the summer of 1910.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange throughout the week has continued pegged at about recent quotations. The situation was not affected by reports current on Friday of possible peace negotiations in the near future.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.71 1/2 for sixty days, 4.75 11-16 for checks and 4.76 7-16 for cables.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5.89 1/4 for long and 5.84 1/4 for short. Germany bankers' marks were 70 1/2 for sight, nominal for long and nominal for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 27.81 1/2 fr.; week's range, 27.81 1/2 fr. high and 27.80 1/2 fr. low. The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table with columns: Actual, State Days, Cheques, Cables. Rows include Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, 20c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. St. Louis, 15c. per \$1,000 discount bid and 10c. discount asked.

State and Railroad Bonds.—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week.

The volume of business in the market for railway and industrial bonds was not so heavy as that of last week. Prices were generally higher, the advance in some cases being noteworthy.

Among the Government issues, Anglo-French 5s, American Foreign Securities 5s, United Kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland 5s and the Dominion of Canada issues, as usual, were the most active.

Sales on a s-20-f. basis, indicating presumably sales on foreign account, have increased considerably, being \$94,000 as against \$18,000 a week ago.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to \$5,000 Panama 3s reg. at 103; \$25,000 Panama 3s coup. at 103 and \$1,000 4s coup. at 110 1/2.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—It has become almost unnecessary to point out that sales of securities at the stock market have aggregated over a million shares daily. Despite large sales for the purpose of taking profits, prices have, as a whole, advanced.

tional loss for the week. Baltimore & Ohio advanced from 88 3/4 to 90 3/4, closing at 89. Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul gained 1 1/2 points to 97 3/4, the final figure being 96 1/2.

The industrial issues were irregular. From a list of 25 most active, 14 declined and 11 advanced. Bethlehem Steel, as usual the most spectacular feature, fell away from 569 1/2 to 549 1/2.

For daily volume of business see page 1292. The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending Oct. 6, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Acme Tea, Adams Express, Amer Bank Note, etc.

Outside Securities.—Business at the Broad Street "Curb" has been brisk and sales have shown a considerable increase in volume over those of a week ago.

Standard Oil issues were less active than last week. Ohio Oil fluctuated between 309 and 300, closing at 307, and Prairie Oil & Gas lost 10 points for the week.

A complete record of "curb" transactions for the week will be found on page 1292.

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Record of sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Saturday Sept. 30	Monday Oct. 2	Tuesday Oct. 3	Wednesday Oct. 4	Thursday Oct. 5	Friday Oct. 6
100 1/2	106 3/4	106 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
100 1/4	106 3/4	106 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
100 1/2	106 3/4	106 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
100 1/4	106 3/4	106 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
100 1/2	106 3/4	106 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
100 1/4	106 3/4	106 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
100 1/2	106 3/4	106 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
100 1/4	106 3/4	106 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
100 1/2	106 3/4	106 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
100 1/4	106 3/4	106 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2

STOCKS NEW YORK EXCHANGE	Sales for the Week Shares	PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 On basis of 100-shares lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1915	
		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
Ach Topeka & Santa Fe...	45,800	100 1/4 Apr 22	108 3/4 Oct 5	92 1/2 Feb	111 1/4 Nov
Atch Topeka & Santa Fe...	3,400	98 3/4 Aug 30	102 Feb 24	96 Jan	102 1/2 Nov
Atlantic Coast Line RR...	5,300	106 1/2 Apr 19	121 1/2 Oct 5	93 Mar	116 Nov
Baltimore & Ohio...	42,600	82 3/4 Apr 24	96 Jan 4	68 Feb	96 Dec
Brooklyn Rapid Transit...	1,030	72 1/2 Aug 30	80 Jan 15	67 Feb	79 1/2 Nov
Canadian Pacific...	16,200	183 1/2 Mar 1	183 1/2 Jan 3	185 July	194 Nov
Cheapeake & Ohio...	72,800	58 Apr 24	69 1/2 Oct 5	35 July	64 Nov
Chicago Great Western...	14,200	11 1/4 Apr 24	15 1/2 Jan 3	10 Apr	17 Nov
Chicago Mllw & St Paul...	29,300	33 Apr 24	40 1/2 Oct 6	25 1/2 May	41 1/2 Nov
Chicago & Northwestern...	4,900	91 Apr 22	102 1/2 Jan 3	77 1/2 July	101 1/2 Dec
Chicago Rock Isl & Pac...	35,300	165 Apr 13	175 Jan 11	163 July	180 Nov
Clev Clin Chle & St Louis...	8,500	15 1/2 Apr 22	24 1/2 June 21	10 1/2 July	38 1/2 Apr
Colorado & Southern...	700	70 Feb 2	86 June 14	63 Feb	77 Oct
Delaware Lack & Western...	1,800	24 1/2 Apr 24	36 1/2 June 13	24 Mar	37 1/2 Nov
Delaware Hudson...	600	48 Apr 1	61 Sept 27	45 Jan	60 Nov
Denver & Rio Grande...	9,400	40 Mar 13	57 1/2 June 10	35 Sep	52 Nov
Detroit & Mackinac...	106,900	14 1/2 Apr 20	15 1/2 Oct 4	13 1/2 Aug	15 1/2 Nov
Detroit & Mackinac...	106,900	216 Mar 18	238 Sept 26	100 1/2 Jan	238 Nov
Erie...	10,000	32 Apr 22	43 1/2 Jan 3	19 1/2 Feb	45 1/2 Nov
Erie...	10,000	42 Apr 22	59 1/2 Jan 3	32 Feb	50 1/2 Nov
Erie...	10,000	54 1/2 Jan 3	64 1/2 Jan 3	27 Feb	54 1/2 Dec
Erie...	10,000	116 1/2 Jan 3	127 1/2 Jan 4	112 1/2 Jan	128 1/2 Nov
Erie...	35,000	33 1/2 June 20	50 1/2 Jan 3	25 1/2 Jan	54 Oct
Erie...	35,310	10 1/2 Apr 26	10 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr	11 1/2 Apr
Erie...	26,310	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr	9 1/2 Apr
Erie...	26,310	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr	9 1/2 Apr
Erie...	26,310	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr	9 1/2 Apr
Erie...	26,310	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr	9 1/2 Apr
Erie...	26,310	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr	9 1/2 Apr
Erie...	26,310	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr	9 1/2 Apr
Erie...	26,310	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr	9 1/2 Apr
Erie...	26,310	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr 26	9 1/2 Apr	9 1/2 Apr

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

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT., Sales for the Week, NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1915. Rows list various stocks like Industrial & Misc. (Con.) Par, Butte & Superior Copper, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. g Less than 100 shares. f Ex-rights. a Ex-div. and rights. b New stock. c Par \$25 per share. s Ex-stock dividend. z Ex-dividend. n Par \$100 per share.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending Oct. 6.

Table with columns: Interest Period, Price Friday Oct. 6, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending Oct. 6.

Table with columns: Interest Period, Price Friday Oct. 6, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

Main table of bond listings on the left side, including entries like Delaware & Hudson (Cont), 1st Bond 8 1/2% 4 1/2s, etc.

Main table of bond listings on the right side, including entries like Leh Val Coal Co 1st gu g 5s, Registered, etc.

* No price Friday; latest bid used this week. † Due Jan. ‡ Due Feb. § Due April. ¶ Due May. § Due June. † Due July. ‡ Due Aug. § Due Oct.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ending Oct. 6, Interest Period, Price Friday Oct. 6, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Rows include NY Cent & H R RR (Conv), Rutland 1st con g 4 1/2s, etc.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ending Oct. 6, Interest Period, Price Friday Oct. 6, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Rows include Peoria & Pekin Un 1st g 6s, 2d gold 4 1/2s, etc.

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

SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES.

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Range Since Jan. 1

Range for Previous Year 1915

Main table containing stock prices and ranges for various companies, organized by industry (Railroads, Miscellaneous, Mining, etc.) and listing columns for dates and price ranges.

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

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Sept. 30 to Oct. 6, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists various bonds like Alaska Gold deb 6s A, Am Ag Chemical 5s, etc.

Chicago Stock Exch.—Sept. 30 to Oct. 6, both incl.

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists various stocks like American Radiator, Ame. Shipbuilding, etc.

z Ex-dividend. a Ex-dividend 2%, stock dividend 40%. b Ex-div., ex-rights.

Pittsburgh Stock Exch.—Sept. 30 to Oct. 6, both incl.

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists various stocks like American Sewer Pipe, Am Wind Glass Mach, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks—(Cont.), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists stocks like West-house Elec & Mfg, Westinghouse Machine, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange from Sept. 30 to Oct. 6, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists various stocks like American Gas of N J, American Rys pref, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists various stocks like Amer Gas of Elec 5s, Amer Gas of Elec 6s, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Complete record of the transactions at the Baltimore Stock Exchange from Sept. 30 to Oct. 6, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists various stocks like Alabama Co, 1st preferred, etc.

Table of stock prices and weekly ranges for various companies like Monon Vall Trac, Alabama Coal & Iron, and others.

Table of stock prices and weekly ranges for companies like Etowah Milling & Power, Falls Motors Corp., and others.

Volume of Business at Stock Exchanges

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

Table showing daily, weekly, and yearly transactions at the New York Stock Exchange, including shares, par value, and bond sales.

Table showing transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore exchanges, including shares, bond sales, and par value.

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from Sept. 30 to Oct. 6, both inclusive. It covers all the sales for the week ending Friday afternoon.

Table of transactions in the New York Curb market, listing various stocks like Aetna Explos., Am Int Corp, and others.

Table of transactions in the New York Curb market, listing various stocks like Alaska-Brit Col Metals, Alaska Mines Corp, and others.

Table with columns: Mining (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists various mining stocks like Dundee Arizona Copp, Emma Copper, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists various bonds like Cerro de Pasco Cop 5s 1925, City of Paris (France), etc.

*Odd lots. †No par value. ‡ Listed as a prospect. § Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. ¶ New stock, par value \$10.00. ** Old stock, par value \$25.00. *** Unlisted. †† Ex-100% stock dividend. ††† 50% paid. †††† Ex-cash and stock dividends. ††††† \$10 paid. †††††† When issued. ††††††† Ex-dividend. †††††††† Ex-stock dividend.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies

Table listing various banks and trust companies in New York City, including Banks-N.Y., Amer Exch, Atlantic, Battery Park, Bowers, etc.

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

New York City Realty and Surety Companies

Table listing various realty and surety companies in New York City, including Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M, Casualty Co, City Invest, etc.

Quotations for Sundry Securities

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

Table listing Standard Oil Stocks and Tobacco Stocks. Includes Anglo-Amer Oil new, Atlantic Refining, Borneo-Scrymmer Co, etc.

Table listing Short Term Notes. Includes Am Cot Oil 5s 1917, Amer Locom 5s July '17, J-J 100s, etc.

Table listing Bonds. Includes Pierce Oil Corp conv 6s, 1024, 83, 85.

Ordinance Stocks—Per Share.

Table listing various ordinance stocks like Acton Explosives pref., Amer & British Mfg, Prairies Pipe Line, etc.

RR. Equipments—Per Cent.

Table listing railroad equipment stocks like Baltimore & Ohio 4 1/2s, Buff Roch & Pittsburgh 4 1/2s, etc.

Industrial and Miscellaneous

Table listing industrial and miscellaneous stocks like American Brass, American Chote com, American Chote pref, etc.

* Per share. † Basis. ‡ Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. § New Stock. ¶ Flat price. ** 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 railroads 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 'Periods'.

AGGREGATES OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

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

a Includes Cleveland Lorain & Wheeling R.R. b Includes Evansville & Terre Haute. c Includes Mason City & Fort Dodge and the Wisconsin Minnesota & Pacific. d Includes not only operating revenue, but also all other receipts. e Does not include earnings of Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Ry. f Includes Louisville & Atlantic and the Frankfort & Cincinnati. g Includes the Texas Central and the Wichita Falls lines. h Includes the St. Louis, Mountain & Southern, the Lakeshore & Michigan Southern Ry., Chicago & Indiana & Southern R.R., and the Duluth & Allegheny Valley & Pittsburgh R.R. i Includes the Northern Ohio R.R. j Includes the Northern Central. * We no longer include the Mexican road a in any of our totals.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of September. The table covers 25 roads and shows 12.42% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Fourth week of September, 1916, 1915, Increase, Decrease. Lists 25 railroad companies and their earnings for the week of Sept 29-30, 1916, compared to Sept 29-30, 1915.

For the month of September the returns of 26 roads show as follows:

Summary table for the month of September showing Gross earnings (26 roads) for 1916 and 1915, with an increase of 7,757,942 and a percentage increase of 12.87%.

It will be seen that there is a gain on the roads reporting in the amount of \$7,757,942, or 12.87%.

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

Large table with 5 columns: Roads, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Lists numerous railroads and industrial companies with their earnings data for the current and previous years.

Table titled 'New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad and Subsidiary Companies'. It contains multiple columns of financial data, including Operating Revenues, Operating Income, Other Income, Gross Income, Net Income, and Balance, Surplus. It lists various subsidiaries and their financial performance.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Cuba RR, Deny & Rio Grande, New York Central.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Boston & Albany, Lake Erie & Western, Michigan Central.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Cleveland & St. L., Cincinnati Northern, Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Total all lines.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Pennsylvania RR, Baltimore Ches & Atlantic, Cumberland Valley.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Long Island, Maryland Del & Va., N Y Phila & Norfolk.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Phila Balt & Wash., Phila & Camden Ferry, West Jersey & Seashore.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Pennsylvania Company, Grand Rapids & Ind., Pitta Cin Chic & St. L.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Vandana, West Penn Power and Subsidiary cos.

Table with columns: Total East P. & E., Total West P. & E., Total All Lines. Rows include Whole Penn. RR. System, 8 mos '16, 12 mos '16.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Rio Grande South, St Louis Southwestern.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Alabama Power, Chicago Telephone, Michigan State Tel.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Missouri & Kansas Tel., Mtn States Tel. & Tel., New York Telephone.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Southwestern Tel. & Tel., New York Dock Co., 8 mos '16, 12 mos '16.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Atlantic Gulf & West Indies, Carolina Pow & Lt., Pac Lt & Pow Corp.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include U S Public Service, West Penn Power and Subsidiary cos.

Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes. Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes. After allowing for miscellaneous charges to income for the month of Aug. 1916, total net earnings were \$439,719, against \$503,503 last year, and for the period from July 1 to Aug. 31 were \$501,237 this year, against \$439,374.

After allowing for miscellaneous charges to income for the month of Aug. 1916, total net earnings were \$142,524, against \$91,090 last year, and for the period from July 1 to Aug. 31 were \$255,368 this year, against \$150,605.

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Month of June, July 1 to June 30. Rows include Globe Express Co., Express privileges-Dr., Revenue from transport'n., Operations other than trans., Total operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Express taxes, Operating income.

Table with columns: Month of June, July 1 to June 30. Rows include Southern Express Co., Total from transportation, Express privileges-Dr., Revenue from transport'n., Operations other than trans., Total operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Uncollectible rev. from trans., Express taxes, Operating income.

Table with columns: Month of June, July 1 to June 30. Rows include Great Northern Express Co., Total from transportation, Express privileges-Dr., Revenue from transport'n., Operations other than trans., Total operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Uncollectible rev. from trans., Express taxes, Operating income.

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 various railroads and their financial performance.

Table for Detroit United, Aug '16, showing Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Fixed Chgs. & Taxes, and Balance, Surplus.

Table for New York Street Railways, showing Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Current Year, Previous Year for various roads.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes. c Other income amounted to \$81,151 in July 1915, agst. \$85,390 in 1915.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railways and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month.

Illinois Central Railroad.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1916.)

The full text of the remarks of President Markham is given on subsequent pages; also the detailed operating revenues and expense and income account for three years, comparative balance sheet for two years and numerous tables, including comparative traffic and operating results, &c.

OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR JUNE 30 YEARS.

Table showing Average miles operated, Revenues (Freight, Passenger, Mail, express & miscell., Incidentals, &c.), Expenses (Total oper. revenues, Maint. of way & struct., Maint. of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General, &c., expenses, Transporta'n for invest.), Total oper. expenses, Net operating revenues, Taxes accrued, Uncollectibles, Operating income, Hire of equipment, Joint fac. rents, &c., Interest on bonds, Other interest, Miscellaneous, Dividends, Skt. fund, &c., reserves, Add'ns & betterments, Total deductions, Balance, surplus.

x Deducted by the company from profit and loss, but here shown for the sake of simplicity. * Comparison with items so marked is slightly inaccurate, the figures having been changed in later years, the final results, however, remain unchanged.—V. 102, p. 1896, 1340.

b Represents income from all sources. c These figures are for consolidated company. f Earnings now given in milreis. g Includes constituent companies.

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

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Lists various railroads and their financial performance.

Union Pacific Railroad.

(19th Annual Report—Year ending June 30 1916.)

On subsequent pages will be found extracts from the report of the board of directors, signed by Robert S. Lovett, Chairman of the Executive Committee; also the comparative income account and balance sheet for two years.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Average miles operated, Equipment, Locomotives, Passenger cars, Freight cars, Road service equipment, Passenger Traffic, Freight Traffic, Tons commercial freight carried, Tons company freight carried, Average revenue per ton mile, Receipts per revenue train mile, Tons per revenue freight train mile.

a Mixed train statistics included, except under train and locomotive miles; also motor cars and special train service excluded. b Based on waybill tonnage, commercial freight only. c Mixed trains included in freight-train performance; special train service not included. d Based on conductor's tonnage, less waybill tonnage covering company freight. e Based on waybill tonnage.

EARNINGS AND OPERATING EXPENSES.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Freight, Passenger, Mail and express, Miscellaneous, Total revenues, Maintenance of way & structure, Traffic expenses, General expenses, Miscellaneous operations, Transportation expenses, Transportation for investment.

Total operating expenses \$58,582,770 \$52,136,715 \$55,140,224 Net operating revenue \$46,134,235 \$34,821,580 \$36,705,081 Taxes 5,310,698 4,641,474 5,078,807

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Net operating income, Other Income, Interest on bonds, Dividends on stocks owned, Balance of interest on loans, Rent for lease of road, Hire of equipment, Miscellaneous income.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Total other income, Total net income, Deduct, Interest on bonds held by public, Sinking fund requirements, Hire of equipment—balance, Rent for lease of road, Miscellaneous expenses, Additions and betterments, Preferred dividends, Common dividends.

Total deductions \$40,639,430 \$37,939,235 \$39,730,507 Balance, surplus \$13,494,805 \$5,544,032 \$9,331,426

*Comparison with items so marked are slightly inaccurate, due to changes made in later yrs.; final results, however, remain unchanged.—V.103,p.489.

Chesapeake & Ohio Railway.

(38th Annual Report—Year ending June 30 1916.)

The remarks of President Geo. W. Stevens at length, together with the balance sheet and income account in detail, are published on subsequent pages.

EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS, &C.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Average miles operated, Equipment, Locomotives, Passenger cars, Freight cars, Road, camp and ballast, Operations, Passengers carried, Pass. carried one mile, Rate per pass. per mile, Freight (tons) carried, Freight (tons) carr. 1 m., Rate per ton per mile, Av. rev. train load, Earns. per pass. tr. mile, incl. mail and express, Earns. per ft. train mile, Earns. per mile of road.

FISCAL RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Revenues, Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, Miscellaneous, Total revenues, Expenses, Maintenance of way & structure, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, General, Miscellaneous operations, Transportation for investment, Total expenses, Per cent expenses to earnings, Net revenues, Other income.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Total, Deduct, Interest on debt, Taxes, Loss on elevator, Rentals of leased roads, joint tracks, &c, Miscellaneous, Dividends, Total, Surplus.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30. [Excluding stocks and bonds owned of auxiliary companies. The balance sheet of June 30 1916 is given on a subsequent page.]

Table with columns for years 1916, 1915. Rows include Assets, Road & equip't, Improvements on leased propa., Misc. phys. prop., Securs., prop'ty &c. cos. pladg., Co's bds pledged, Advances, Construc. funds, Cash in treas. &c., Cash for interest and dividends, Cash for mat'rd notes, &c., Agts. & condue., Traffic balances, Loans & bills rec., Misc. accounts, Mat'ls & supp., Securs. in treas., Unpledged, Deferred assets, Total.

Total \$316,750,824 \$295,434,000 Total \$316,750,824 \$295,434,000 —V. 103, p. 60.

Chicago Great Western RR.

(7th Annual Report—Year ending June 30 1916.)

The report of President Samuel M. Felton, together with the balance sheet of June 30 1916, will be found on subsequent pages. See also Railroad News Department.

STATISTICS FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Operations, Average miles operated, Tons fght. (rev.) carried, Tons (rev.) 1 mile, Av. train load, No. passengers carried, Pass. carried 1 mile, Rev. pass. per mile, Oper. revenue per mile.

EARNINGS AND EXPENSES.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Operating Revenue, Freight, Passenger, Mail, express and miscellaneous, Incidental, &c., Total operating revenue.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Operating Expenses, Maintenance of way and structures, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General expenses, Miscellaneous operations, Transportation for investment.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Total, Net revenue, Taxes, Uncollectibles.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Operating Income, Income from securities, &c., Rentals and miscellaneous.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Total Income, Deduct, Interest on C. G. W. bonds, Interest M. C. & Ft. D. bonds, Other interest, Property rental paid, Hire of equipment (balance), Miscellaneous, Dividends.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Total deductions, Balance, surplus.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with columns for years 1916, 1915. Rows include Assets, Road & equip., Inv. in affil. cos., Stocks, Bonds, Advances, Other investm'ts, Misc. phys. prop., Cash, Traffic, acc. bal., Loans & bills rec., Agts. & condue., Misc. accounts, Mat'ls & suppl's, Unexstg. dis- count on bds., Oth. unadj. accts., Liabilities, Common stock, Preferred stock, C. G. W. 1st 4s., Minn. Term. 3 1/2s., M. C. & P. D. 1st 4s., W. M. & P. 1st 4s., Misc. obliga. &c., Traffic, acc. bal., Accts. & wages, Miscel. accounts, Mat'd Int. unpd., Unmat'd Int., &c., Taxes accrued, Oper. reserves, Other unadj. accts., Accr'd deprec'n., Add'n's to prop'y, Profit and loss.

Total \$335,842,903 \$335,490,646 Total \$335,842,903 \$335,490,646 —V. 103, p. 117.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad.

(65th Annual Report—Year ending June 30 1916.)

Below we show the comparative income account for three years and statistics for four years. The remarks of President M. H. Smith and Chairman H. Walters, together with a comparative balance sheet for two years, will be published next week.

ROAD AND EQUIPMENT.

Table with columns for years 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Average miles operated, Equipment, Locomotives, Passenger cars, Freight, &c., cars, Roadway cars, Operations, Passengers carried, Pass. carried one mile, Rate per pass. per mile, Freight (tons) carried, Fgt. (tons) carr. 1 mile, Rate per ton per mile, Av. train-load (rev.) tons, Earn. per rev. pass. tr. m., Earn. per rev. frt. tr. m., Gross earnings per mile.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.			
	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.
Earnings from—			
Freight	\$44,658,860	\$36,953,794	
Passengers	11,488,086	10,850,047	
Mail	932,676	926,833	\$59,906,467
Express	1,462,498	1,240,500	
Miscellaneous	1,775,973	1,629,841	
Total operating revenues	\$60,317,993	\$51,606,015	\$59,906,467
Operating Expenses—			
Maintenance of way and structures	\$8,314,204	\$8,993,389	
Maintenance of equipment	10,910,744	10,310,563	
Transportation expenses	17,663,609	17,449,811	\$45,012,305
Traffic expenses	1,480,734	1,349,705	
General	1,285,213	1,249,517	
Miscellaneous operations	270,893	212,660	
Transportation for investment	Cr. 134,885	Cr. 133,857	
Operating expenses	\$39,790,481	\$39,431,789	\$45,012,305
Per cent operating expenses to earnings	(65.97)	(76.41)	(75.13)
Net operating revenues	\$20,527,512	\$12,174,226	\$14,894,162
Taxes	2,237,583	2,136,713	2,600,288
Uncollectibles	24,023	6,065	5,719
Operating income	\$18,265,905	\$10,031,448	\$12,288,155
Income from investments, rents, &c.	4,456,169	3,429,596	2,887,987
Total income	\$22,722,075	\$13,461,044	\$15,176,142
Deduct—			
Interest on bonds	\$7,681,718	\$7,475,562	\$7,123,033
N. & D. RR. rent	119,867	119,617	118,710
Other rents, &c.	881,359	914,101	883,360
Sinking fund, &c.	85,281	91,632	405,275
Dividends	(6%) 4,320,000	(5) 3,600,000	(7) 5,040,000
Total deductions	\$13,088,226	\$12,300,902	\$13,571,379
Balance, surplus	\$9,633,849	\$1,260,142	\$1,604,863

The comparison with 1913-14 is slightly inaccurate, due to changes made in later years.—V. 103, p. 666.

Northern Pacific Railway.

(Income Statement for Year ending June 30 1916.)

	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.
Gross earnings	\$75,939,231	\$63,171,653	\$70,449,575
Operating expenses	40,366,412	37,108,049	43,082,457
Net earnings	\$35,572,819	\$26,063,604	\$27,367,118
Taxes, &c.	\$6,079,029	\$4,475,110	\$5,030,584
Operating income	\$30,493,790	\$21,588,494	\$22,336,534
Other income	8,479,258	10,442,959	5,650,124
Gross income	\$38,972,448	\$32,031,453	\$27,986,658
Interest, rents, &c.	\$13,242,574	\$13,208,633	\$8,331,411
Dividends (7%)	17,360,000	17,360,000	17,360,000
Balance, surplus	\$8,369,874	\$1,462,820	\$2,295,247

—V. 103, p. 666.

Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad.

(Results for Year 1915-16 Reported to N. Y. Stock Exchange.)

The following statement has been made to the New York Stock Exchange as of Sept. 13 1916 for the old company prior to consolidation of July 31 (see new stock listing on p. 1210).

	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.	1912-13.
Average miles operated	1,646	1,646	1,646	1,646
Gross revenue	\$10,721,512	\$10,111,975	\$9,620,675	\$9,707,004
Operating expenses	7,022,098	6,903,594	6,893,126	6,707,751
Taxes, &c.	473,575	465,178	440,521	382,242
Operating income	\$3,225,839	\$2,743,204	\$2,287,028	\$2,617,011
Other income	954,147	94,433	105,391	155,698
Total income	\$4,179,985	\$2,837,637	\$2,392,420	\$2,772,709
Interest, rents, &c.	3,466,350	2,651,033	2,545,812	2,320,515
Balance, sur. or def.	sur\$713,635	sur\$186,604	def\$153,392	sur\$451,894

—V. 103, p. 1210, 844.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.			
	1916.	1915.	
Assets—			
Road & equip't.	\$66,097,991	\$63,620,677	
Sec. of affil., &c.			
cos.—pledged	1,297,176	1,771,078	
Cash	166,240	203,140	
Securities owned—			
Stocks		978,996	
Bonds		2,134,972	
Notes		5,500,000	
Loans (depos. & bills rec.)	202,591		
Agents & condue.	463,199	360,757	
Cos. & individuals		488,643	
Material & supp.	486,577	378,193	
Miscell. accounts	507,965	113,666	
Disct. on stock	1,359,088		
do on fund. debt	2,767,393		
Unadjusted accts.	209,233	1,637,274	
Total	74,147,452	77,193,996	
Liabilities—			
Common stock	22,650,272	15,370,200	
Preferred stock		5,917,500	
Bonds & notes (see "Ry. & Ind." See) 46,510,651	41,448,095		
Equip. trust notes		8,957,750	
Bills payable	*810,500	1,103,801	
Vouchers & wages	1,560,636	1,167,798	
Traffic, &c., bills	238,545	246,685	
Transit accounts		75,395	
Miscell. accounts	135,439	80,769	
Matured interest	131,176	100,508	
Taxes accrued	320,403	325,639	
Accrued int., &c.	516,596	498,339	
Oper., &c., reserves	269,798	200,142	
Deprac'n reserve	725,299	654,757	
Unadjusted accts	251,280	356,237	
Profit and loss	26,315	290,591	
Total	74,147,452	77,193,996	

*Includes 14.98 in second main track.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry. ("Cotton Belt Route").

(25th Annual Report—Year ended June 30 1916.)

Below we show a comparative income account for three years and general statistics for four years. The remarks of Chairman and President Edwin Gould, together with the comparative balance sheet for two years, will be published next week.

CHARACTER OF STEEL RAIL IN MAIN TRACK JUNE 30.					
Miles.	85-lb.	75-lb.	70-lb.	60-lb.	55-lb.
1916	8.95	1,045.44	30.67	44.15	383.15
1915	8.95	1,045.07	30.67	44.15	382.91

BALLAST AND BRIDGES IN MAIN TRACK JUNE 30.					
Miles.	Rock.	Gravel.	Cinders.	Burn Clay.	Soil, Tres., &c. Total.
1916	*189.89	631.46	80.74	212.42	412.83
1915	*189.82	672.58	78.05	144.62	442.27

*Includes 14.98 in second main track.

OPERATIONS, EARNINGS, EXPENSES, CHARGES, &c.

	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.	1912-13.
Average miles operated	1,754	1,754	1,754	1,609
Passengers carried	2,429,184	2,505,801	3,080,323	2,586,534
Pass. carried 1 mile	86,256,162	88,410,690	113,672,192	100,170,761
Rate per pass. per mile	2.56 cts.	2.29 cts.	2.34 cts.	2.61 cts.
Tons freight moved	3,745,130	3,181,267	3,495,537	3,657,994
do do 1 mile	891,104,359	747,474,244	830,028,078	871,585,750
Rate per ton per mile	1.03 cts.	1.06 cts.	1.12 cts.	1.13 cts.
Earns. per pass. tr. mile	\$1.1086	\$1.0310	\$1.3938	\$1.4588
Earns. per frt. tr. mile	\$3.5721	\$3.2543	\$3.3308	\$3.4233
Gross earnings per mile	\$6.970	\$6.060	\$7.373	\$8.262

a Not including company's freight

INCOME ACCOUNT (ENTIRE SYSTEM).			
	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.
Operating Revenue—			
Passenger	\$2,207,074	\$2,030,950	\$2,659,656
Freight	9,183,185	7,891,642	9,295,143
Mail and express	550,627	448,933	502,203
Miscellaneous	125,559	111,057	155,665
Incidental, &c.	158,005	145,279	179,237
Total operating revenues	\$12,224,449	\$10,627,861	\$12,791,904
Expenses—			
Maintenance of way & structures	\$1,393,106	\$1,585,884	\$1,937,045
Maintenance of equipment	2,268,904	2,076,048	2,662,760
Traffic expenses	520,675	450,245	505,820
Transportation expenses	3,761,922	3,808,827	4,152,954
General expenses	520,674	521,878	515,091
Miscellaneous operations	50,353	47,776	60,130
Transportation for investment	Cr. 108,948	Cr. 129,498	
Total operating expenses	\$8,406,785	\$8,361,154	\$9,833,800
Net operating revenue	\$3,817,664	\$2,266,707	\$2,958,104
Taxes accrued	599,076	581,778	601,886
Uncollectibles	3,334	2,188	
Total operating income	\$3,215,254	\$1,682,741	\$2,356,218
Hire of equipment—balance	717,698	588,197	530,435
Joint facilities	241,923	236,263	221,169
Interest on investments, &c.	320,012	398,760	316,614
Total net income	\$4,494,887	\$2,905,961	\$3,424,435
Deduct—			
Fixed bond interest	\$2,098,190	\$2,098,190	\$2,098,190
Interest on 2d M. income bonds held by public	121,700	121,700	121,700
Other interest and miscellaneous	193,992	184,812	90,954
Rents—leased roads	277,154	276,263	259,279
Rents—joint facilities, &c.	536,395	505,980	518,541
Total deductions	\$3,227,432	\$3,186,954	\$3,088,664
Balance, surplus for year	sur\$1,267,455	def\$280,993	sur\$355,771
Preferred dividends			(2%) 497,341

—V. 103, p. 1211, 1033.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1916.)

Below are the comparative income account and general statistics for several years past. The plan of reorganization was given last week on page 1211. The general remarks of the receiver, W. M. Duncan, together with the comparative balance sheets for two years, will be published another week.

OPERATIONS AND FISCAL RESULTS.

	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.	1912-13.
Average revenue mileage	512	512	491	459
Operations—				
Total tonnage (revenue)	13,877,353	8,290,069	12,076,785	11,667,451
Tot. tonnage 1 m. (rev.)	1302625501	651,739,754	1192862166	1255097127
Freight train miles	a1,634,994	a1,137,347	a1,569,143	1,674,315
Av. net tons per tr. mile	825	609	794	789
Revenue per ton per mile	0.603 cts.	0.673 cts.	0.549 cts.	0.539 cts.
Revenue per train mile	\$4.80	\$3.86	\$4.17	\$4.04
Passengers (No.)	1,691,514	1,484,352	1,789,128	1,754,901
Passengers 1 mile (No.)	41,849,503	35,231,336	40,257,750	41,899,992
Rev. per pass. per mile	1.50 cts.	1.57 cts.	1.54 cts.	1.49 cts.
Gross earnings per mile	\$17,933	\$10,599	\$15,604	\$17,056
Net earnings per mile	\$6,296	\$2,711	\$4,812	\$4,240

a Includes mixed train miles.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.
Operating Revenue—			
Coal freight	\$2,447,143	\$684,550	\$2,690,441
Ore and general freight	5,406,127	3,700,870	3,854,458
Passengers	627,476	653,630	621,034
Miscellaneous	763,771	489,019	492,491
Total operating revenue	\$9,184,516	\$5,428,069	\$7,658,424
Operating Expenses—			
Maintenance of way, &c.	\$1,158,889	\$804,591	\$1,000,063
Maintenance of equipment	*1,757,744	1,043,748	1,287,186
Traffic expenses	102,486	112,250	110,185
Transportation expenses	2,741,217	2,088,758	2,663,369
General expenses, &c.	199,893	190,393	235,857
Total operating expenses	\$5,960,229	\$4,039,740	\$5,296,660
Net operating revenue	\$3,224,287	\$1,388,329	\$2,361,764
Taxes	452,393	385,907	396,831
Operating income	\$2,771,894	\$1,002,422	\$1,964,933
Miscellaneous	36,947	20,273	63,369
Total income	<		

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Assets	1915.	1916.	Liabilities	1915.	1916.
Railroads, properties & franchises	\$1,380,370	\$1,599,479	1st pref. stock	5,000,000	5,000,000
Trust equipment	860,493	940,493	Preferred stock	20,000,000	20,000,000
Misc. stnk. fund			Common stock	17,948,600	17,948,600
Invested	2,172,790	2,026,377	Stk. fl. 4% bonds	23,854,000	23,854,000
Uninvested	80	1,039	Underlying bonds assumed	12,298,000	12,541,000
Invest. in secur.	764,537	735,719	Equip. trust notes and certificates	280,000	360,000
Fund for redemp. of furica & Cliff Hoarse Ry. bonds	10,000	10,000	5% promiss. notes	1,000,000	1,000,000
Funds for acquirement of stocks of underlying co's.	1,834	1,834	Income def. notes	740,000	740,000
Materials & supp.	511,995	535,965	Cal. Ry. & Power Co. notes pay.	1,925,000	1,925,000
Prepaid insurance	15,279	14,449	Notes payable	15,120	70,183
Cash	181,409	215,064	Accts. payable	397,212	451,850
Special deposits	50,313	143	Salaries & wages	97,745	135,431
Notes receivable	5,054	2,315	Bond int. due and unclaimed	48,190	48,430
Accts. receivable			Accrued bond int.	395,368	403,723
Affiliated co's.	227,644	158,290	Acce'd int. on notes	41,031	46,122
Others	33,624	54,995	Accrued taxes	207,956	229,634
Accrued interest	44,922	42,026	Deposits received & unred. tickets	62,579	63,903
Diss. on fund. debt	804,823	876,680	Reserves for note sinking funds	477,497	676,414
Unadjusted assets	61,399	67,857	Other reserves	1,834	1,834
			Deprec. reserve	955,498	880,990
			Reserve for power deficiency, Sierra & S. P. Pow. Co.	109,169	
			Surplus	1,270,610	1,018,657
Total	\$7,126,410	\$7,395,801	Total	\$7,126,410	\$7,395,801

Note.—The company had contingent liabilities at June 30 1916 as guarantor of principal and interest of the San Francisco Electric Ry. bonds, total issue, \$1,416,000, and Gough St. Ry. bonds, total issue, \$45,000.—V. 102, p. 1211, 530.

General Motors Co., Detroit.

(Report for the Fiscal Year ending July 31 1916.)

The remarks of President W. C. Durant will be found at length on subsequent pages, together with the comparative balance sheet, income account and profit and loss account for two years. Some of the tables were given briefly in advance of the annual report in last week's "Chronicle" on page 1208. As to the recapitalization plan see V. 103, p. 1214.

The remarkable development of the company's business is disclosed by the following:

Years ending July 31—	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.
Cars sold, number	132,088	76,098	58,937
Gross sales	155,900,296	94,424,841	85,373,303
Net profits (after depr., taxes, &c.)	21,145,108	14,925,322	7,917,413
General Motors Co.'s proportion	23,812,288	14,794,193	7,819,969

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Steel Co. (and Subsidiary Companies).
(Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1916.)

Pres. Wallace H. Rowe, Pittsburgh, Sept. 8, wrote in sub.: The gradual improvement in all branches of the iron and steel industries that began during the last half of 1914 continued throughout the fiscal year, thus enabling us to operate our plants and departments to maximum capacity. The gross sales for the late year were \$21,848,036, an increase of \$10,198,172, while the net profits, after setting aside \$500,000 for depreciation, were \$4,564,067, an increase of \$3,705,907.

Shipments of Co.'s Products—	1915-1916	1914-1915
Pig iron, billets and bars	244,118	214,823
Hoops, bands and cotton ties	40,530	36,488
Wire rods, plain wire, nails, fencing, &c.	334,113	234,921
Miscellaneous products	618,761	333,773
Totals	618,761	333,773

The amount expended for maintenance during the fiscal year is \$800,841 and in addition thereto, numerous betterments and improvements to your property have been made during the course of the year at a cost of \$109,375. Appropriations were made for the construction of four additional open-hearth furnaces, for the purpose of completing the steel making unit of 12 open-hearth furnaces, and to give the co. an increase of 50% in its steel ingot production. Two of the furnaces were built by contract and were finished and put into operation on Aug. 10 1916; the other two furnaces are in course of construction by the company's own forces, and are soon to be completed; they are expected to be put into operation Oct. 1 1916. The benefits expected from the operation of these new open-hearth furnaces will only be reflected in the new fiscal year.

Notes.—Of the \$5,000,000 notes outstanding June 30 1915 there have been redeemed during the fiscal year \$3,000,000 and of the remaining notes \$1,000,000 were called for redemption and paid on July 1 1916, and the remaining \$1,000,000 have been called for redemption Oct. 1 1916. (V. 103, p. 916.)

Depreciation.—We have set aside from the profits of the present year the sum of \$500,000 as a reserve for depreciation of plants, buildings, &c.

Ore Properties.—The ore property of the company, situated at Riverton, Minn., on the Cuyuna iron ore range, has been in continuous operation since the opening of the season, and is showing a satisfactory increase in the shipments of ore over the past season. Experience having demonstrated the advisability of adding to the capacity of the crushing and washing plant, necessary additions were made and the results have proven satisfactory. During the year there were redeemed and canceled \$25,000 notes of the Pittsburgh Steel Ore Co. issued Feb. 1 1915.

Dividends.—Dividends on the preferred stock of the company were resumed on Sept. 1 1916 and regular quarterly payments have been made throughout the year. In addition thereto, the accumulated dividends on the preferred stock, amounting to 7%, were paid during the year, namely 3 1/2% on Dec. 22 1915 and 3 1/2% on Jan. 31 1916. (V. 102, p. 349.) Payment of dividends at the rate of 8% per annum on the common stock of the company was also resumed, the first quarterly payment having been made on April 1 1916. (V. 102, p. 1254.)

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.	1912-13.
Gross sales (x net sales)	\$21,848,036	\$11,649,864	\$11,024,694	\$11,854,888
Mfg., &c., cost (including replacements, &c.)	15,608,867	9,429,709	9,311,396	9,327,082
Provision for depreciation	500,000			
Gross profits on ops.	\$5,739,169	\$2,220,155	\$1,713,298	\$2,327,082
Selling exp., taxes, &c.	1,194,260	1,373,640	\$1,165,299	\$1,186,339
Interest charges (net)			201,720	31,995
Balance	\$4,544,909	\$846,515	\$547,279	\$1,108,748
Other income	19,168	11,645	73,272	\$4,922
Net profits all sources	\$4,564,067	\$858,160	\$620,551	\$1,113,670
Pref. dividends—(14%)	\$1,470,000		(7)\$735,000	(7)\$735,000
Common dividends—(4)	280,000		(2)140,000	(8)560,000
Balance, sur. or def. sur.	2,814,067	sur.\$858,160	def.\$453,449	def.\$101,330

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Assets	1915.	1916.	Liabilities	1915.	1916.
Real est., plant, &c.	\$19,333,635	\$18,670,355	Preferred stock	10,500,000	10,500,000
Invest'ns (at cost)	42,005		Common stock	7,000,000	7,000,000
Cash	1,003,597	2,134,101	Coup. gold notes	2,384,000	5,400,000
Bills & accts. rec.	2,438,513	2,605,897	Purch. money M.		21,283
Inventories	3,330,733	5,103,159	Accounts payable	1,865,372	992,501
Special deposits	\$1,019,378		Deprec'n reserve	500,000	
Miscellaneous	44,457	24,615	Repairs, &c., res.	321,563	248,287
Adv. royalties, &c.	259,089	152,349	Profit and loss	5,380,473	\$2,566,403
Total	\$27,951,408	\$26,698,477	Total	\$27,951,408	\$26,698,477

* Includes special deposits for redemption of notes July 1 1916, \$1,000,000, and miscellaneous deposits, \$19,378.—V. 103, p. 1122, 946.

International Agricultural Corporation, New York.
(7th Annual Report—Year ended June 30 1916.)

President Stephen B. Fleming says in substance:

Results.—The operating earnings for the year were \$2,107,778, which is in excess of 3 1/2 times the amount required to meet the annual bond interest charge, as against \$663,984 for the year ending June 30 1915. After deductions of bond interest charge, all amortization charges and an additional sum of \$339,641 on account of re-valuation of assets, and depreciation charges belonging to prior periods, there remains a net surplus of \$1,034,054, which overcomes the deficit of \$976,725, as shown June 30 1915, and leaves the company with a surplus at July 1 1916.

Bonds.—First mortgage bonds for \$595,000 were retired during the year. The bonds retired during the past three years amount to \$1,830,600, which is \$884,600 in excess of the annual sinking fund requirement of \$325,000. This excess reduction was the result of bonds being offered to the sinking fund at less than their par value. During the year current liabilities have been reduced \$2,965,422, contingent liabilities \$1,197,604, a total reduction of \$4,163,026.

Acid Delivery.—Failure of a large seller of sulphuric acid to fulfill its contracts for the delivery of acid to this company deprived us of substantial additional profits. [See Tennessee Copper Co. V. U. S., 337 U. S. 109, p. 698.] Fertilizer Business.—This business has, in the bagged goods department, shown a gratifying increase in tonnage and in earnings. The higher prices obtainable for sulphuric acid in its natural state, and our sales of the same as such, account for a decreased tonnage sold of bulk acid phosphate, it being much more profitable to sell acid than to consume it in manufacture.

Owing to prohibitive rates to European ports, many of which have been closed entirely to all shipping, our sale of phosphata rock was just about the same as the previous year.

Improvements.—The improvements made during the past two years to the fertilizer plants and mining properties give to the company manufacturing and mining facilities which are fully equal to those of our competitors. With the exception of ordinary repairs, no large expenditures for plant improvements will be necessary during the present year.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30.

	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.	1912-13.
Gross profit on operations	\$2,793,893	\$1,844,799	\$1,934,494	\$1,718,332
Operating, &c., expenses	742,595	1,198,815	1,104,049	1,054,441
Net earnings	\$2,051,303	\$645,984	\$830,445	\$664,391
Divs. from jdy. own. corps.	58,475	18,000	208,730	
Gross income	\$2,107,778	\$663,984	\$1,039,175	\$664,391
Bond interest	581,906	616,900	616,529	650,000
Balance, surplus	\$1,525,872	\$47,084	\$392,646	\$14,391
Amort. of bd. disc., organization exp., &c.	246,040	207,106	241,636	175,884
Profit on bonds purch'd.	Cr. 93,364			
Extraord. exp., &c.	350,641		66,102	
Preferred dividends				(314)457,303
Bal., sur. or deficit, sur.	\$1,034,054	def.\$160,022	sur.\$34,908	def.\$618,796

* Profit on bonds purchased at a discount and cancelled under operation of sinking fund.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, INCLUDING AFFILIATED (i. e., 100% OWNED) COMPANIES.

Assets	1915.	1916.	Liabilities	1915.	1916.
Real est., plant, &c.	\$21,364,935	\$21,323,096	Preferred stock	13,055,500	13,055,500
Patents	309		Common stock	7,303,500	7,303,500
Investments	3,100,945	3,335,697	1st M. bonds	11,169,400	11,726,200
Cash	444,526	596,129	Bonds assumed on property purch.	28,000	46,000
Accts. rec. (less res.)	4,005,957	2,917,847	Accounts payable	460,160	214,660
Notes receivable		1,678,612	Loans and notes payable		1,166,092
Inventories	751,000	1,970,765	Interest on bonds & loans accrued		237,022
Due from jointly owned corp's.	366,902	730,404	Due jointly-owned corporations		11,644
Other companies	1,081,224	975,001	Special reserves	240,434	361,618
Prepaid exp., &c.	2,492,663	2,329,266	Surplus	58,329	
Cash in escrow account, settle' of claims	120,807				
Cash in sink. fund.	23	16			
Deficit		975,725			
Total	\$37,769,437	\$37,333,157	Total	\$37,769,437	\$37,333,157

Note.—There are also contingent liabilities consisting of endorsements on notes receivable of the corporation and paper of jointly-owned corporations amounting to \$1,914,636, not included above.—V. 102, p. 2080, 1720.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

Alabama Great Southern RR.—Earnings.—	Operating Net (after taxes)	Other Interest, Prof., Inc.	Conv. Divs.	Bal. Surplus.
1915-16	\$5,841,402	1,681,301	383,915	614,358
1914-15	4,776,639	944,263	249,433	553,621

Ann Arbor RR.—Earnings.—	Gross Earnings	Net (after taxes)	Other Income	Total	Balance, Surplus.
1915-16	\$2,684,399	\$693,622	\$34,926	\$428,489	\$300,060
1914-15	2,310,902	520,123	34,292	453,658	100,757

Aurora Elgin & Chicago RR.—Earnings.—	Gross Earnings	Net (after taxes)	Other Interest, Prof., Inc.	Total	Balance, Surplus.
1915-16	\$1,950,510	\$651,003	\$257	\$480,210	sur.\$102,055
1914-15	1,903,137	603,790	1,091	443,438	def. 19,557

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—The Girard Trust Co., Phila., as trustee, will be prepared on Oct. 10 to deliver definitive 4 1/2% certificates of Equipment Trust of 1916 at its office, Broad and Chestnut Sts., Phila., on surrender of its interim certificates. Exchange will also be made at the office of the B. & O. R. R., 2 Wall St. Holders are asked to file their request for N. Y. delivery prior to Oct. 7 1916.—V. 103, p. 406, 238.

Boston & Maine RR.—Oct. 1 Interest Defaulted.—This company, as a result of the receivership, has failed to pay

the interest due Oct. 1 on the \$11,700,000 outstanding 4 1/2% debenture bonds, due 1929. See V. 88, p. 157; V. 103, p. 1031, 937.

Results for Fiscal Years.—

Table with 4 columns: June 30 Years—1915-16, 1914-15, June 30 Years—1915-16, 1914-15. Rows include Gross earnings, Net, after taxes, and Other income.

California Railway & Power Co.—Dividend Reduction—Financial Plan.—This company has declared a dividend of 1% on its \$2,800,000 Prior Preference stock, payable Oct. 2 to stockholders of record Sept. 20. The last regular quarterly dividend was 1 3/4% July 1.

Digest of Official Statement Dated Oct. 2.

While United Railroads of San Francisco has hitherto punctually paid the interest upon its notes held by this company, it is apparent, in view of the prospective reorganization of United Railroads of San Francisco (see that company below) that it is unlikely that United Railroads will be able to make remittances during the period of such reorganization.

The affairs of Sierra & San Francisco Power Co., all of whose stock this company owns, are showing a gratifying improvement. Its executive officer has advised us that "it is gratifying to report that the interest coupon on the second mortgage Series B bonds, matured July 1 1916, was paid in cash and that for the first time in the history of the company it closed its fiscal year with a net surplus, after providing for operating expenses, taxes, depreciation and interest on all classes of outstanding bonds for the entire year."

Income Statement.—

Table with 7 columns: June 30, Total Income, Net Income, Precious Surplus, Total for Divs., Prior Pref. Divs., Total Surplus. Rows for 1915-16 and 1914-15.

Cape May Delaware Bay & Sewell's Pt. Ry.—Receiver.—Vice-Chairman for incoming in the New Jersey court at Camden on Sept. 28 appointed Alfred M. Cooper of Cape May Court House as receiver, for the property operating a trolley line at Cape May, N. J.—V. 94, p. 982.

Chicago Great Western RR.—Annual Report—Position of Bonds.—The company's annual report for the late fiscal year is cited at much length on other pages of this issue of the "Chronicle," disclosing a surplus from the operations of the year amounting to \$1,763,994, after deducting all fixed charges.

In view of this showing, President S. M. Felton calls attention to the very low price at which the company's bonds are selling compared with others of similar class. It hardly seems reasonable, he says, that the first mortgage bonds of a first-class road, which is bonded at but \$25,000 a mile and earning three times their interest charges, should be selling below 70.—V. 103, p. 1117.

Chicago Lake Shore & Eastern Ry.—Income Statement.

Table with 5 columns: June 30, Inc. lease of road, Other Income, Taxes, &c., Divs. Paid, Balance, sur. or def. Rows for 1915-16 and 1914-15.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Protective Committees.—In connection with the filing of a bill of foreclosure by the holders of the \$111,140,000 outstanding First & Refunding Mtge. 4% bonds, the following branch line security holders' committees have been formed:

- (1) For the St. Paul & Kansas City Short Line RR. First Mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds (\$12,400,700 outstanding); Eugene Meyer Jr., Horace E. Andrews and Willis D. Wood.
(2) For the Rock Island Arkansas & Louisiana RR. First Mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds (\$12,965,000 outstanding); Henry Ruhlender, Andrew J. Miller and Timothy S. Williams.

Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry.—Earnings.

Table with 4 columns: June 30 Years—1915-16, 1914-15, June 30 Years—1915-16, 1914-15. Rows include Gross earnings, Net, after taxes, and Other income.

Chicago Utilities Co.—Suit re Telephone Sale.—The Chicago Tunnel Co., owning the Automatic Telephone Co. system in Chicago, on Sept. 29 filed suit in the Illinois Circuit Court for \$8,000,000 against the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., charging breach of contract in the matter of the failure of the American Co. to complete the purchase of the Automatic system. See V. 103, p. 1121, 758.

Cincinnati Findlay & Fort Wayne Ry.—"Adjustments" Approved—Further Deposits.—The holders of over 85% of the 1st M. 4% gold bonds have, it is announced, "approved of the adjustments" made by the bondholders' committee in behalf of depositors under protective agreement dated Dec. 17 1914.

Holders of undeposited bonds to participate must deposit their bonds with Bankers' Trust Co., depositors, on or before Oct. 13 1916. The nature of the "adjustments" is not divulged, but they are presumably part of a plan for disposing of the bonds for cash or securities or both, on some basis, to an existing company, possibly the B. & O., as part of the C. H. & D. readjustment (V. 102, p. 1059, 1346, 1895). See also V. 103, p. 1210.

Cincinnati Hamilton & Dayton Ry.—Adjustments.—

See Cincinnati Findlay & Fort Wayne Ry. above.—V. 103, p. 665.

Cities Service Co., N. Y.—Sale of New Pref. Stock—Dividend Policy.—Montgomery, Clothier & Tyler, J. & W. Seligman & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. and Henry L. Doherty & Co., have purchased the \$8,000,000 6% cumulative pref. stock, sale of which was authorized by the directors Thursday, to provide for the purchase of the capital stock of the Crew Levick Co. A public offering is expected next week.

Digest of Official Statement, Dated Oct. 6.

At a special meeting held Thursday, Oct. 5, the board of directors authorized the issuance of \$8,000,000 of pref. stock and \$18,800 of common stock, for the purchase of the capital stock of Crew Levick Co. (V. 103, p. 1117), Ponca (Okla.) Refining Co., Cushing (Okla.) Refining Co., and the Producers' Refining Co., Galveston, Tex. These properties will be subject to a bonded debt of approximately \$5,500,000.

The policy of Cities Service Co., from its organization, has been to pay no cash dividends on the common stock in excess of 6%, but to re-invest

all earnings in excess of this amount. To insure that this policy will be carried out, the directors voted that the certificate of incorporation be amended to conform with the following resolutions, viz.:

(a) Until such time as there has been invested in the property of Cities Service Co., or its subsidiaries, from the earnings of the company, a sum equal to the entire par value of the pref. stock then outstanding, there shall be no dividends paid in cash on the common stock in excess of 6% per annum, unless the company shall for a period of six months have purchased and retired all pref. stock that can be purchased in the open market at 110% of par or less; and

(b) Until the foregoing has been complied with, no surplus, or portion of surplus, created by an increase due to the re-valuation of assets already carried on the books, may be used as a basis for the distribution of cash dividends on the common stock.

The present twelve months' earnings of the properties now controlled by the company are sufficient to pay 6% in cash on both classes of stock and leave earnings in excess of \$6,000,000 to be put back into the property.

Had all of these properties been owned by Cities Service Co., for the full twelve months, the following statement will show the amount which would have accrued for the period ending Aug. 31 1916:

Table with 2 columns: Gross earnings, Preferred dividends, Net earnings. Values: \$10,982,255, \$3,347,464, 10,732,255 16% dividend on common, 1,299,068.

Surplus for 12 months on aforesaid basis. \$6,085,723. On aforesaid basis the dividend on the pref. stock during the 12 months' period was earned 3.4 times over.

Subsidiary Company Bonds Offered.—See St. Joseph Ry., Lt., Ht. & Power Co. below.—V. 103, p. 1117, 1031.

Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: June 30, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Other Income, Int. Rents, Balance, sur. or def. Rows for 1915-16 and 1914-15.

Elgin Joliet & Eastern Ry.—Income Statement.—

Table with 6 columns: June 30, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Interest, Divs. Paid, Balance, sur. or def. Rows for 1915-16 and 1914-15.

Flint & Pere Marquette RR.—Committee.—

See Pere Marquette RR. below.—V. 99, p. 1345.

Florida East Coast Ry. (Flagler System)—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: June 30, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Water Int. on Inc. Bonds, Int. on Int. Bonds, Balance, sur. Rows for 1915-16 and 1914-15.

Grand Trunk Ry.—Not Officially Advised as to Declaration of Dividend.—

A telegram from the company's office in Montreal, received in New York on Sept. 30, says: "Referring to your letter, we have not as yet been officially advised by our London office regarding dividends on stock."—V. 103, p. 1118, 938.

Illinois Central RR.—Proposed Terminus.—

Tentative plans for the construction of a new terminal station at Chicago were submitted to the Chicago City Council on Sept. 20. The plans provide for a building to accommodate the traffic of not only the Illinois Coal. RR., but also for all other lines not using the Union Station and the Chicago Northwestern station.

The construction will provide for an entrance for trains on three levels, and the electrification of suburban traffic. The cost of the improvement is set at upwards of \$20,000,000.

See report of the company for the late fiscal year on a previous page.—V. 102, p. 1896, 1346.

Illinois Traction Co.—Sub. Co. Bonds.—

This company has applied to the Illinois P. U. Commission to authorize the St. Louis, Springfield & Peoria RR. a controlled property, to issue \$392,000 First and Refunding bonds.—V. 103, p. 406, 145.

Interborough Consolidated Corp.—Notes Paid.—

The issue of \$2,500,000 10-year 5% notes of 1915 were all paid off on July 1 1916 and a new loan was made for 9 months for \$2,300,000 at 4 1/2% due April 1 1917.—V. 102, p. 1163.

Kansas City Mexico & Orient RR.—Resale.—

A press dispatch yesterday from Kansas City said:

Unless the purchasers of the road can raise approximately \$3,000,000 by noon, Oct. 9, the former sale of the road will be set aside and a receiver named to resell the property. This was the announcement of Judge Pollock in U. S. District Court here at a hearing in which the bondholders of the original company asked for transfer back to them of about \$18,000,000 bonds. The sum of \$6,000,000 was to be paid by Oct. 9 by the purchasers of the railroad after the receivership had been dissolved. Only half of the amount has been raised, it was announced.—V. 103, p. 320.

Lehigh & New England RR.—Annual Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: June 30, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Divs. Paid, Balance, sur. Rows for 1915-16 and 1914-15.

Louisville Henderson & St. Louis Ry.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: June 30 Years—1915-16, 1914-15, June 30 Years—1915-16, 1914-15. Rows include Gross earnings, Net, after taxes, and Other income.

Louisville & Nashville RR.—Ann. Report—New Director.

The comparative "Income Account" will be found on a preceding page. Lyman Delano of Wilmington, N. C., has been chosen a director to fill an existing vacancy.

The comparative "Balance Sheet" for 2 years, together with the remarks of President M. H. Smith and Chairman H. Walters, will be published next week.—V. 103, p. 666.

Massachusetts Electric Companies.—Earnings.

Table with 5 columns: June 30, Divs. on stocks, Misc. Income, Total Income, Interest, Divs. Paid, Balance, Deficit. Rows for 1915-16 and 1914-15.

Mississippi Central RR.—Earnings for June 30 Years—

Table with 4 columns: June 30, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Bond Sinking Fund, Balance, sur. or def. Rows for 1915-16 and 1914-15.

Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.—Additional Bonds.—

The company has just sold \$1,000,000 First Consolidated Mtge. 5% gold bonds in lieu of that amount of First Mtge. 7% bonds, which matured July 1 1913, thus increasing the amount of the First Consolidated Mtge. issue to \$10,108,000 as of Oct. 2 1916.

White, Weld & Co., N. Y., have purchased and re-sold \$700,000 of this issue, the remainder being held for company funds. The offering price was on a 4.20% basis.—V. 103, p. 239.

Nevada-California-Oregon Ry.—Earnings—Purchase.—
 June 30 Gross Net (after Other Bond Sinking Balance
 Year— Earnings. Taxes, &c.) Income. Int. &c. Fund. Deficit.
 1915-16—\$399,221 \$49,840 \$2,036 \$63,835 \$13,640 \$25,599
 1914-15—377,749 411,425 2,579 59,776 13,795 \$2,417
 This company has applied to the Calif. RR. Commission for authority to purchase the entire property, &c., of the Sierra & Mohawk Ry., whose entire \$250,000 capital stock it owns.—V. 102, p. 1626.

New Orleans Ft. Jackson & Grand Isle RR.—Sold.—
 A syndicate, consisting of Bernard McCloskey, Hugh McCloskey, Frank B. Hayne, C. E. Algyer, C. P. Ellis, Les Benoit, T. G. Bush and Genere Dufour, of New Orleans, on Sept. 27 purchased this property at receiver's sale for \$175,300. Development of the line, it is understood, will commence shortly.—V. 103, p. 939.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—New Bonds.—
 The shareholders on Oct. 25 will vote on authorizing an issue of \$700,000 7-year 5% gold debentures, payable \$100,000 annually, containing an agreement that if any additional mortgage be placed upon the property these debentures will be equally secured thereby. The proceeds from the sale of these debentures is to be used for the construction of a new terminal passenger station and appurtenances at New Haven, Conn. Compare V. 103, p. 1210, 1119.

Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co.—Deposits.—
 Announcement was made on Sept. 29 that 85,500 shares of common stock had been deposited with the Citizens' Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, under the plan for sale of control, being 95% of the total outstanding common shares, which was required. Holders of certificates evidencing deposit are notified to present them to the Citizens' Savings & Trust Co. and receive the first payment of 3%.

New Stock.—The shareholders voted on Oct. 2 to increase the authorized amount of 6% cumulative preferred stock from \$5,000,000, of which \$4,600,000 is outstanding, to \$10,000,000.

Hodenpyl, Hardy & Co. of New York and E. W. Clark & Co. of Philadelphia, who have taken over the company, will not make it a part of the Commonwealth Power, Railway & Light Co., but will handle it under a separate holding company.—V. 103, p. 1210, 844.

Northern Pacific Ry.—New Vice-President.—
 George T. Earl, former Sec. & Asst. Treas., has been elected Third Vice-Pres., and E. A. Gay was appointed Sec. & Asst. Treas. Other retiring officers were re-elected, but the position of Chairman remains vacant.—V. 103, p. 666, 522.

Paris (Tex.) Transit Co.—Capital Stock Increased.—
 This company has filed a certificate at Austin increasing its capital stock from \$150,000 to \$160,000.—V. 78, p. 1393.

Pere Marquette RR.—Separate Committee for Flint & Pere Marquette 1st M. 6s and 4s.—The committee named below has been organized to represent the holders of the Flint & Pere Marquette RR. 1st M. 6% and 4% bonds due 1920 (\$5,000,000 outstanding) (or Old Colony Trust Co. certificates of deposit therefor), and will shortly call for deposits with the Title Guaranty & Trust Co. of N. Y. as depository. An advertisement on another page says in part:

After various conferences it has seemed to the undersigned necessary to form a committee to represent solely holders of the above described bonds and for the purpose of obtaining the full value of their mortgage security. We have accordingly organized as such a committee. It is our opinion that in the reorganization the said First Mortgage bonds should either—
 (a) be left undisturbed—with the three years past due interest thereon paid in cash.
 (b) be paid off at par and interest in cash.
 (c) be given in exchange securities of the reorganized company which shall have an assured cash value equivalent to not less than principal and accrued interest of present bonds.
 We shall endeavor at an early date to obtain payment—out of the net earnings of the railroad during the past three years—of past due interest upon the bonds which we represent.
 Committee.—Edward H. Ladd Jr., Chairman, of Ladd & Wood; George E. Ide, Pres. of the Home Life Insurance Co.; John M. Holcombe, Pres. Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Frederick H. Shipman, Treas. New York Life Insurance Co.; and George S. Coe of A. M. Kilder & Co., with Wood, Cooke & Selts as counsel, 63 Wall St.; Huntington Lamm as secretary, 7 Wall St., and Title Guaranty & Trust Co., depository, 176 Broadway, N. Y.—V. 103, p. 930, 844.

Pittsburgh Railways Co.—Fares.—
 In a decision handed down by the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission on Sept. 28 the 10-cent night fare was declared abolished, and the company ordered to refund all excess fare to holders of slips showing additional fares paid. The Commission held that the company's methods used in establishing the schedule constituted a violation of law. The company on Sept. 29 filed an appeal in the State Superior Court.—V. 102, p. 1958.

Rapid Transit in New York.—Contracts, &c.—
 A connection between the Broadway subway line, at Fulton and Church Streets, and the concourse of the Hudson Terminal Bldg., has been approved by the Public Service Commission, following an agreement entered into between the N. Y. Consol. RR. and the Hudson & Manhattan RR.
 The Commission has awarded the contract for the construction of I-B of Route 12, a part of the connection between the Brighton Beach Line and the Fourth Ave. subway, to the Degnon Contracting Co. for \$810,265. This is the last section of the connection between the two lines.
 The contract for the installation of the tracks on the Seventh Ave. branch of the Lexington Ave. line, at \$229,440, was awarded to Engel & Hevenor, N. Y., was approved by the Commission on Sept. 13 last.
 The Commission also awarded a contract to Kaufman & Garecy, N. Y., at \$103,080 for installation of tracks on main portion of Culver Line, Bklyn.
 The Interborough Rapid Transit Co. on Sept. 11 placed in service the new connection between the Grand Central subway station, and the Queensboro subway, making it possible to transfer between the two lines without going into the street.—V. 103, p. 1033, 239.

Rock Island Arkansas & Louisiana RR.—Committee.—
 See Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. above.—V. 91, p. 1161.

St. Joseph Ry., Light, Heat & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—A. B. Conant & Co., Boston, are offering privately, if, when and as issued, at 94½ and interest, yielding about 5½%, \$826,000 First & Refunding Mtge. 5% sinking fund gold bonds, dated July 1 1916, due July 1 1946, \$1,000,000.
 Interest J. & J. at New York without deduction for normal Federal income tax. Redeemable on any interest date at 102½ and interest. Trustees, Bankers Trust Co., N. Y., and Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis. Legal investment for Maine savings banks.

Data from Letter of Pres. Frank W. Frueauff, Aug. 5 1916.
Organization.—Incorporated in 1895 in Missouri as a consolidation, and controls without competition the entire electric light and power and central heating business, and owns and operates the street railway system in St. Joseph, Mo., and, through a subsidiary, the interurban line between St. Joseph and Savannah, Mo., which line it will own and operate directly,

upon the completion of this financing. Population served is estimated at 89,000.
Capitalization (Including Present Issue).— Authorized. Outstanding.
 First Mortgage 5s, 1937— 25,000,000 \$5,000,000
 First & Refunding 5s, 1946 (present issue) 15,000,000 826,000
 5% cumulative preferred stock 2,500,000 1,550,000
 Common stock 3,500,000 3,500,000

Security.—A first lien on the interurban electric line between St. Joseph and Savannah, Mo., and a general lien on the remainder of the property, subject only to \$5,000,000 First Mtge. 5s (closed issue), due in 1937, to retire which an equal amount is reserved. Additional bonds can be issued only for 85% of the cost of additions, extensions, &c., when the net earnings are 1½ times the total annual interest charges, including bonds to be issued, or for 85% of First Mtge. bonds retired, through the supplemental sinking fund. The physical value leaves a large equity above the amount of all outstanding bonds.

Property.—Includes (a) Light and Power Dept.—A modern steam generating plant of 7,600 k. w. capacity and 843 miles of primary and distributing lines; an additional 5,000 k. w. turbine will be installed within the next year. (b) Street Railway Dept.—48 miles of trackage in city lines, 90 motor cars, with 36 additional trail cars available; nearly all lines are double-tracked. (c) Steam Heating Dept.—Boilers have a capacity of 5,520 b. h. p. the steam is used by light and power department to generate electric current and the exhaust steam by the steam-heating department; 3 miles of mains are now in service. (d) St. Joseph & Savannah Interurban Line.—Connects St. Joseph and Savannah, 11½ miles.

Statistics.— 1915. 1916.
 Number of electric meters 10,337 Pass. carried on car lines 19,770,427
 Sales of electricity, k.w.h. 10,612,186 Steam-heating customers 226

Franchises.—For electric service, unlimited in point of time; also several street railway franchises, the most important also unlimited in point of time.
Sinking fund.—1% of bonds outstanding, for purchase or redemption of bonds of this issue at 102½% of First Mtge. bonds at 105% or optionally 2% for construction, additions or improvements. While any First Mtge. bonds are outstanding, the company must pay, as a supplemental sinking fund, an additional 1% of the amount of bonds of that issue outstanding, to be applied as above set forth, or may expend in construction 1% of the amount of the bonds outstanding.

Combined Earnings for the Year ending June 30 1916.
 Gross earnings \$1,371,882 Less interest on outstanding bonds, incl. this issue \$291,300
 Net, after taxes 612,491

Balance \$321,192
Territory Served.—Is noted for its packing interests, jobbing houses, railroad facilities and banking institutions. It is also the centre of a rich agricultural district. The deposits of the 16 banks aggregate \$25,000,000 and the clearings for 1915 amounted to \$384,978,736.—V. 103, p. 939, 845.

St. Louis Springfield & Peoria RR.—Bonds.—
 See Illinois Traction Co. above.—V. 102, p. 63.

St. Paul & Kansas City Short Line RR.—Committee.—
 See Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. above.—V. 94, p. 1058.

Sheboygan Electric Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Paine, Webber & Co., Boston, Chicago and New York, having sold the greater part of the issue, are offering the unsold portion at par and dividends of the outstanding \$350,000 7% cumulative pref. stock. A circular shows:

Preferred as to assets and dividends. Divs. Q-J. Authorized and issued with the approval of the Wisconsin RR. Comm.
Organization.—The company, formerly the Sheboygan Ry. & Elec. Co., was organized in Wisc. in 1895. Owns and operates the electric light and power and street railway properties in Sheboygan, Wisc., and the interurban line from Sheboygan to Elkhart Lake, with the exception of the eight miles from Plymouth to Elkhart Lake, which is operated under a 28-year lease. It sells power in Sheboygan Falls, Plymouth and Elkhart Lake. Population served, 30,000.

Capitalization (as of Aug. 31 1916).— Authorized. Outstanding
 Cumulative 7% preferred stock \$1,000,000 \$350,000
 Common stock 750,000 200,000
 First and Refunding 5s (including those reserved to retire underlying issues) 5,000,000 1,550,000

Property.—34 miles of city and interurban railway standard gauge trackage, car barns, and rolling stock, including modern semi-convertible type interurban cars, a 3,500 k. w. steam generating power plant, and the light and power distribution systems serving Sheboygan and Sheboygan Falls. The interurban line from Sheboygan to Elkhart Lake by way of Sheboygan Falls and Plymouth is about 20 miles long and is of standard railway construction, with heavy rock ballast, 70-lb. rail for greater part of distance. Eight miles of this trackage is leased.
 Sheboygan contains 132 manufacturing establishments representing an invested capital of more than \$21,000,000, with an annual product valued at over \$25,000,000. Manufactured articles include: agricultural implements, brooms, brick and tile, brass ware, furniture, beer, knitted goods, pianos, shoe leather and wagon and automobile bodies.

Earnings for the Twelve Months ended June 30.
 1915. 1916.
 Gross earnings \$362,611 \$322,474 Balance \$87,189 1915.
 Net, after taxes 164,689 126,462 7% pref. div. 2,500
 Interest Charges 77,500 Surplus \$62,689

Franchises and Rates.—Operates under indeterminate permits under the supervision of the RR. Commission and is protected against competition. The rates are approved and controlled by the Commission, and are considered mutually advantageous.

Preferred Stock Restrictions and Provisions.—No additional preferred stock shall be issued at less than par and except for money or property at its true value. No priority stock shall be issued except by the vote of two thirds of the preferred stock outstanding.
 Except with the approval of the Wisc. RR. Commission, or of the preferred stockholders: (a) no floating debt shall be created in excess of quick assets of more than 20% of the gross earnings; (b) no additional funded debt shall be created except under provisions substantially similar to those of the 1st Ref. mortgage.

No additional preferred stock shall be issued unless earnings are twice the amount required for dividends on the stock outstanding and to be issued unless authorized by a majority of preferred stock. The preferred stockholders may elect a majority of directors when four consecutive quarterly dividends are not earned, or whenever the property is shown to be inefficient or depleted.

Management.—The company will be operated under the management of Kelsey, Brewer & Co. See Sheboygan Ry. & Elec. Co. V. 103, p. 759.

Sierra & Mohawk Ry.—Sale.—
 See Nevada-California-Oregon Ry. above.—V. 99, p. 1367.

Tampa & Jacksonville Ry.—Bondholders' Committee.—
 A committee composed of Henry L. Cohen, 61 Broadway, Chairman, H. A. Smith, Hartford, and Wm. Shillaber Jr., New York, and Graham Adams, 61 Broadway, Secretary, is looking after the interests of the bondholders. There are \$480,000 bonds outstanding. Coupons from and including Oct. 1914 are in default.—V. 89, p. 1543.

Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.—Decision.—
 Justice Greenbaum in the Supreme Court at New York on Oct. 2 handed down a decision holding that the company must carry out the terms of its guaranty of \$3,500,000 1st M. 30-year 5% bonds of the Kanawha & Hocking Coal & Coke Co., issued in 1901, and which were defaulted, principal and interest. The suit was brought against the company by Daniel E. Pomeroy, Lewis E. Clarke, Walter Buckner and Stacy G. Richmond, holders of 2,387 \$1,000 bonds. See V. 102, p. 2167.

Union Traction Co., Philadelphia.—Directors.—
 James G. Balfour and John C. Gilpin were recently elected directors, succeeding George W. Elkins, who has resigned, and Jacob S. Disston, deceased.—V. 103, p. 1120.

United Railways Investment Co.—Sub. Company Plans.
 See United Railroads of San Francisco below.—V. 101, p. 1466, 1469, 846.

by the Chinese Government with the various foreign governments or banking groups. At the present time there are only about 6,000 miles of railroad in China.

The present agreement is the outcome of negotiations carried on by W. F. Carey, on behalf of Siemens & Carey, the well-known railway contractors of St. Paul.

American Real Estate Co.—Receivership Proceedings.—Judge Leonard Hand in the U. S. District Court at New York on Oct. 4.

American Rolling Mill Co., Middletown, O.—Earnings. June 30 Net Profits \$1,512,512 Other Income \$46,775 Accrued Int. Divid. \$177,483

American Sugar Refining Co.—A Century of Sugar Refining in the United States, 1816-1916.—The payment of the 100th dividend upon its stock.

In 1816 the total amount of sugar refined in New York City in a year did not exceed 9,000,000 pounds, while to-day our largest refinery can refine approximately that amount in 48 hours.

At the wharves of the company's refineries located in Brooklyn, Jersey City, Boston, Philadelphia and Chalmette, just below New Orleans.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Litigation.—See Chicago Utilities Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 103, p. 1212, 1120

Amoskeag Manufacturing Co.—Report.—June 30 Rec'd from Sales \$20,684,294 Cost of Manuf. \$13,351,641

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—Production.—Month in 1916 Pounds 28,200,000 July 28,200,000 August 28,800,000

Associated Dry Goods Corporation.—Stock Ready.—Notice is given, by adv. on another page, that the stock of this new company formed pursuant to the plan of reorganization.

Associated Merchants Co.—New Stock Ready.—See Associated Dry Goods Corporation above.—V. 103, p. 1212.

(The) Autocar Co.—Bonds Offered.—Montgomery, Clothier & Tyler, Phila., New York and Pittsburgh, are offering at par and interest, yielding 5%.

Int. A. & O. Denom. \$1,000. Callable as a whole, but not in part, at 102½ and int.

Data from Letter of Pres. David S. Ludlum, Sept. 27 1915. Organization.—Incorporated in Pa. Aug. 30 1899, and manufactures and sells commercial automobile trucks of 1½-2-ton capacity.

1916 \$100,000 additional treasury stock was sold for cash, and on June 30 1916 a cash dividend of 5% was declared on \$1,500,000 paid-in capital.

Earnings.—Since 1911, when the company discontinued the manufacture of pleasure cars, it has made a net profit each year, and for the past two years and eight months show net earnings at the rate of over \$500,000 per annum.

Growth of Business.—Statement of the Annual Net Factory Sales. 1909—\$1,017,053 | 1911—\$1,567,268 | 1913—\$1,725,335 | 1915—\$2,776,673

Butte & Superior Copper Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of \$5 (50%) has been declared on the \$2,726,000 stock (par \$10) along with the regular quarterly \$1 25 (12½%), both payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 15.

Carbon Steel Co.—Status.—Gilbert Elliott & Co., New York, have favored us with the following: The company has outstanding \$342,000 refunding 5s, due 1937; \$600,000 6% bonds, due April 1 1917; \$500,000 6% notes, due July 1 1916.

Chicago Telephone Co.—Sale Litigation.—See Chicago Utilities Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 103, p. 1121, 940.

Citizens Gas Co. of Indianapolis.—Earnings.—6 Mos. end. Gross Net (after Other Bond Rental on Balance. June 30 Earnings. Taxes) Income. Int. &c. Oper. Prop. Surplus.

Civic Investment & Industrial Co.—Initial Dividend.—An initial quarterly dividend of 1% has been declared on this company's stock, along with dividends of 3/8 of 1% on the stock of the Cedars Rapids Power Co. and 2% on that of the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Co.

Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—June 30 Year Gross Earnings \$249,417 Net (after Taxes) \$95,475 Other Income \$983

Columbia Gas & Electric Co.—Official Statement to N. Y. Stock Exchange, with Full Description of Properties, Earnings, Balance Sheet, &c.—On subsequent pages of the present number of the "Chronicle" will be found the very complete statement recently made by this company to the N. Y. Stock Exchange.

Combination Bridge Co., Sioux City.—Sold—Plan Off. This company's 1,940-ft. steel bridge over the Missouri River was sold on Aug. 29 last to W. L. Dilly of Omaha, Neb., the bondholders' committee being unable to purchase and reconvert the property.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—Preferred Stock.—Eugene Meyer Jr. & Co., New York, recommend by adv. on another page the 7% cumulative preferred shares, convertible share for share into common shares at any time at option of holder.

Reports and Documents.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1916.

To the Stockholders of the Illinois Central Railroad Company:

The following report of the operations and affairs of your Company for the year ended June 30 1916 is respectfully submitted by the Board of Directors:

The number of miles operated on June 30 1915 was.....4,767.14
On June 1 1916 there was a reduction in the mileage due to putting in crossover at Aberdeen Junction, Miss., and a consequent reclassification of a portion of the former main track as side track, of.....21
The number of miles in operation on June 30 1916 was.....4,766.93
The average miles of road operated during the year were.....4,767.12

INCOME.

The income account for the year as stated below is compiled in accordance with the Inter-State Commerce Commission's classifications and, for comparative purposes, the account for the preceding year is restated:

	1916.	1915.	Increase (+). Decrease (-).
Average miles operated during year.....	4,767.12	4,770.03	-2.91
Railway operating revenues:			
Freight (including bridge tolls and miscellaneous freight).....	\$50,045,039 44	\$44,446,221 85	+\$5,598,817 59
Passenger (including bridge tolls and miscellaneous passenger).....	13,582,091 99	12,851,677 38	+730,414 61
Mail.....	1,146,298 72	1,050,706 59	+95,592 13
Express.....	1,872,273 76	1,589,501 31	+282,772 45
Other passenger train.....	480,885 99	457,177 96	+23,708 03
Other transportation.....	906,517 68	766,286 52	+140,231 16
Incidental and joint facility.....	1,044,234 98	949,980 64	+94,254 34
Total railway operating revenues.....	\$69,077,342 56	\$62,111,552 25	+\$6,965,790 31
Railway operating expenses:			
Maintenance of way and structures.....	\$9,506,526 60	\$8,866,250 34	+\$640,276 26
Maintenance of equipment.....	16,547,749 43	13,943,804 48	+2,603,944 95
Traffic.....	1,252,366 08	1,238,731 70	+13,634 38
Transportation.....	21,841,049 72	22,217,902 68	-376,852 96
Miscellaneous operations.....	375,222 27	355,991 97	+19,230 30
General.....	1,763,356 06	1,655,794 46	+107,561 60
Transportation for investment—Cr.....	Cr.112,542 42	Cr.303,278 88	+190,736 46
Total railway operating expenses.....	\$51,173,727 74	\$47,975,196 75	+\$3,198,530 99
Net revenue from railway operations.....	\$17,903,614 82	\$14,136,355 50	+\$3,767,259 32
Railway tax accruals.....	3,724,020 73	3,233,838 38	+490,182 35
Uncollectible railway revenues.....	24,507 09	24,044 24	+462 85
Railway operating income.....	\$14,155,087 00	\$10,878,472 88	+\$3,276,614 12
Non-operating income.....	9,620,743 92	7,958,827 25	+1,661,916 67
Gross income.....	\$23,775,830 92	\$18,837,300 13	+\$4,938,530 79
Deductions from gross income.....	11,968,266 19	11,978,138 47	-9,872 28
Net income.....	\$11,807,564 73	\$6,859,161 66	+\$4,948,403 07
Disposition of net income:			
Income applied to sinking and other reserve funds.....	111,725 00	107,875 00	+3,850 00
Income appropriated for investment in physical property.....	41,206 50	46,027 77	-4,821 27
Total appropriations of income.....	\$152,931 50	\$153,902 77	-\$971 27
Income balance transferred to credit of profit and loss.....	\$11,654,633 23	\$6,705,258 89	+\$4,949,374 34

REVENUES.

The operating revenues amounted to \$69,077,342 56 this year, as compared with \$62,111,552 25 last year, an increase of \$6,965,790 31, or 11.21 per cent.

Revenue from the transportation of freight, including bridge tolls and miscellaneous freight, amounted to \$50,045,039 44, an increase as compared with the previous year of \$5,598,817 59, or 12.60 per cent. The increase in freight traffic was general in practically all classes of business although the increase in the transportation of bituminous coal and lumber was more marked than in the other commodities. The tonnage of bituminous coal transported exceeded that of the previous year by 13.53 per cent and constituted 40.16 per cent of the total tonnage carried by the Company. The lumber moved, while not as great in volume as in the year ending June 30 1914, showed an increase over last year of 20.77 per cent. The larger portion of the increase in freight revenue was on the lines north of Cairo and east of Dubuque, although there was a substantial increase in freight revenue on the lines south of the Ohio River and a moderate increase on the lines west of Dubuque.

Passenger revenue, including bridge tolls and miscellaneous passenger, amounted to \$13,582,091 99, an increase over the preceding year of \$730,414 61, or 5.68 per cent. The increase in the revenue from the transportation of passengers was general over the entire system, but the total revenue was not equal to that for the year ending June 30 1914.

Table No. 12 contains general details as to freight and passenger traffic.

EXPENSES.

The operating expenses for the year were \$51,173,727 74, as compared with \$47,975,196 75 the previous year, an increase of \$3,198,530 99, or 6.67 per cent.

MAINTENANCE OF WAY AND STRUCTURES.

The expenditures for maintenance of way and structures amounted to \$9,506,526 60, being \$640,276 26, or 7.22 per cent, in excess of the previous year. The increase was occasioned by large expenditures made to restore tracks and bridges damaged by the tornado and high water in and near New Orleans, La., in October 1915, to increased rates of wages paid section men and to increased expenditures for maintenance of buildings, fences and miscellaneous other work.

Some of the important renewals made, the cost of which was charged to operating expenses, were as follows:

2,110,328 cross ties were renewed, being equivalent to 680.69 miles of continuous track, or 9.05 per cent of all ties in track, including sidings.

26.83 miles of track were relaid with new steel rail, and 13.89 miles with second-hand steel rail, replacing rail of the same weight.

5,647 lineal feet of pile and timber bridges were replaced by embankments.

1,899 lineal feet of iron and 3,110 lineal feet of concrete pipe culverts were installed.

382 miles of ballasted track were repaired or renewed to restore the track to its original standard.

For particulars as to work, the cost of which was charged wholly or in part to "Road and Equipment," attention is invited to remarks of this report under "Physical Changes."

MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT.

Maintenance of equipment expenditures amounted to \$16,547,749 43, being an increase of \$2,603,944 95, or 18.67 per cent, as compared with last year. The greater portion of the increase for the year was due to heavier charges for repairs, depreciation and retirements of freight-train cars.

Charges for depreciation amounted to \$2,652,185 01, being an increase over last year of \$560,589 17.

207 locomotives received general repairs this year, as compared with 246 in the previous year, and 376 were given thorough repairs, as against 404 last year.

327 passenger train cars were given medium repairs this year, as against 561 last year, and 263 received heavy repairs, as compared with 148 last year.

The average mileage per serviceable locomotive for the year was 27,480 miles.

The average age of locomotives was 11.98 years, of revenue freight train cars 9.35 years and of passenger train cars 16.19 years.

TRAFFIC EXPENSES.

Traffic expenses were \$1,252,366 08, an increase of \$13,634 38, or 1.10 per cent.

TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES.

Transportation expenses amounted to \$21,841,049 72, a decrease of \$376,852 96, or 1.70 per cent. Additional super heater locomotives of greater tractive power were substituted on portions of the main lines for locomotives of lighter power, resulting in a further substantial increase in the train load. The special attention referred to in last year's report in connection with fuel economy, loss and damage and other claims, has been continued and the results of the year's operations show substantial decreases in those items. Increases in the rates of pay have been granted to a number of the different classes of employees in the transportation department.

MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS.

Expenses for miscellaneous operations were \$375,222 27, an increase of \$19,230 30, or 5.40 per cent, as compared with the preceding year.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

General expenses amounted to \$1,763,356 06, an increase of \$107,561 60, or 6.50 per cent. The greater portion of this increase was due to expenses incurred by the Company in connection with the valuation of its physical property being made in accordance with the requirements of an Act of Congress providing for the physical valuation of railroads.

TAXES.

Taxes amounted to \$3,724,020 73 this year, being an increase of \$490,182 35, or 15.16 per cent, as compared with last year. The greater portion of this increase was for taxes accruing to the State of Illinois, due in part to an increase in the Charter Tax caused by increased gross receipts on the Charter Line this year as compared with the previous year, and partially to a substantial increase in the taxes on the Non-Charter Lines growing out of increase in levy rates throughout the State. There were substantial increases in taxes in other States through which the Company's lines extend, due in some instances to increased gross receipts and in other cases to increased levy rates and assessments. There was also a marked increase in the Federal Excise Tax.

FINANCIAL.

The general balance sheet, Table No. 4, shows the financial condition of the Company at the close of the year, as compared with the previous year.

CAPITAL STOCK AND FUNDED DEBT.

The Capital Stock remained unchanged during the year.

\$1,900,000 00 of Illinois Central Equipment Trust Certificates, Series "D," were issued and sold in January, 1916.

There were delivered to the Trustee and canceled under the terms of the mortgage \$2,000,000 00 Illinois Central Railroad Company First Lien Equipment Bonds. Additional bonds of this issue to the amount of \$7,817,000 00 were also surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation in connection with the release of retired and other equipment covered by the mortgage.

There were retired and canceled under the terms of the several Trust Agreements \$800,000 00 of Illinois Central Equipment Trust Certificates, Series "A," \$350,000 00 of Illinois Central Equipment Trust Certificates, Series "B," \$198,000 00 of Illinois Central Equipment Trust Certificates, Series "C," and \$95,000 00 of Illinois Central Equipment Trust Certificates, Series "D."

SECURITIES OWNED.

There were acquired during the year \$1,257,000 00 of The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Company Five Per Cent Gold Improvement Bonds, in liquidation of indebtedness for improvements made to that Company's property.

The entire capital stocks of the Herrin Northern Railroad Company, Fredonia & Reeds Railroad Company, Benton Southern Railroad Company, and Johnston City Southern Railroad Company, the amount in each case being \$2,500 00, were purchased during the year. These companies were organized in the interest of your Company for the purpose of constructing several branch lines in the southern portion of the State of Illinois.

The Central Fruit Dispatch, which was organized in January, 1912, to take over the refrigerator service business of this Company, having proved unprofitable, the operations were discontinued as of Sept. 1 1914. The liquidation of the Company's affairs was practically completed during the past year and your Company surrendered to the Central Fruit Dispatch all but five shares of its Capital Stock and charged off to Profit and Loss \$547,430 89, this sum representing the depreciation in value of the stock. The amount written off is included in the item "Miscellaneous Debits," in Table No. 3.

\$70,000 00 of Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans Railroad Company Equipment Trust Certificates, Series "A," held in the treasury, matured and were redeemed during the year.

The Peoria & Pekin Union Railway Company redeemed \$12,500 00 par value of its Five Per Cent Debenture Bonds, maturing Aug. 1 1915.

\$96,000 00 par value of The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Company Five Per Cent Gold Improvement Bonds were transferred to the Insurance Fund, and \$56,000 00 par value were sold.

INSURANCE AND OTHER FUNDS.

The changes in the Insurance Fund during the year and the condition of the fund at the close of the year are shown in the following table:

	Year Ending June 30 1916.	Year Ending June 30 1915.
Amount at credit of fund beginning of year.....	\$2,215,372 56	\$2,129,835 52
Added through monthly charges to operating expenses.....	60,000 00	60,000 00
Collected from lessees account of insurance.....	1,099 92	1,099 92
Interest received on investments of the fund.....	111,725 00	107,875 00
Fire losses collected.....	29,784 20	12,604 82
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	\$2,417,981 68	\$2,311,415 26
Losses by fire.....	\$58,327 07	\$50,714 86
Premiums paid for reinsurance.....	48,279 78	45,327 84
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	\$106,606 85	\$96,042 70
Amount at credit of fund June 30.....	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$2,311,374 83	\$2,215,372 56

The balances in the sinking funds as of June 30 1916, and the increases during the year, were as follows:

The Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, Trustee—Cairo Bridge Contingent Fund, \$504,180 00.

The Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, Trustee—Cairo Bridge Sinking Fund, \$381,998 59, an increase of \$37,418 35.

United States Trust Company of New York, Trustee—Sinking Fund for Western Lines Bonds, \$1,522,298 45, an increase of \$104,410 72.

United States Trust Company of New York, Trustee—Sinking Fund for Omaha Division Bonds, \$210,869 15, an increase of \$17,947 65.

ROAD AND EQUIPMENT.

There was expended during the year for Road and Equipment (including improvements on subsidiary properties) \$6,097,616 21. The following is a classified statement of these expenditures:

	Additions and Deductions on Opened Lines.	Advances for Additions and Deductions to Lines of Subsidiary Companies.
<i>Road:</i>		
Engineering	\$42,513 68	\$24,879 24
Land for transportation purposes	173,137 95	23,249 24
Grading	155,007 43	78,101 85
Tunnels and subways	76 27	253 39
Bridges, trestles and culverts	622,411 27	374,906 88
Ties	46,486 17	43,670 99
Rails	155,750 83	120,020 15
Other track material	224,672 48	258,537 41
Ballast	17,137 25	36,945 01
Track laying and surfacing	125,235 99	102,679 25
Right of way fences	5,581 75	8,653 30
Snow and sand fences and snowsheds	124 01	Cr. 124 17
Crossings and signs	112,123 00	14,098 21
Station and office buildings	154,609 23	Cr. 36,223 83
Roadway buildings	3,403 19	13,843 49
Water stations	35,021 52	35,599 95
Fuel stations	3,503 72	818 98
Shops and enginehouses	141,952 10	361,349 52
Grain elevators	1,066 59	Cr. 120 02
Wharves and docks	409 94	4,923 62
Coal and ore wharves	---	2,473 21
Telegraph and telephone lines	2,684 39	10,579 34
Signals and interlockers	109,945 70	130,154 98
Power plant buildings	2,725 56	4,098 82
Power transmission systems	52 90	Cr. 633 15
Power distribution systems	1,163 71	---
Power line poles and fixtures	407 61	2 89
Miscellaneous structures	430 63	---
Paving	4,318 33	1,727 97
Roadway machines	69,535 09	1,164 06
Roadway small tools	30 29	Cr. 943 90
Assessments for public improvements	43,242 85	28,429 02
Revenues and operating expenses during construction	Cr. 300 00	---
Other expenditures—Road	97,554 17	35,013 12
Shop machinery	39,674 77	25,811 31
Power plant machinery	8,760 00	7,382 98
	Covered by Equipment Trust Series "C."	Covered by Equipment Trust Series "D."
Steam locomotives	Cr. \$14,859 63	\$1,076,574 46
Freight train cars	Cr. 8,699 52	1,308,789 30
Passenger train cars	Cr. 421 70	2,692 28
Motor equipment of cars	---	8,000 00
Floating equipment	---	Cr. 12,770 09
Work equipment	---	Cr. 27,056 32
<i>General:</i>		
Organization expenses	---	18 10
Law	---	266 30
Interest during construction	---	4,367 11
Other expenditures—General	---	6,852 58
	---	10 60
	Cr. \$23,980 85	\$2,385,363 76
	---	\$1,447,964 01
	---	\$2,288,269 29

The following shows the amount advanced during the year to each of the subsidiary companies, these amounts being included in total advances shown in Table No. 6 of this report:

Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans RR	\$1,690,081 92
Canton Aberdeen & Nashville RR	46,283 58
South Chicago RR	3,770 84
Blue Island RR	4,042 79
Dubuque & Sioux City RR	482,888 59
Kensington & Eastern RR	983 39
Batesville Southwestern RR	57 40
Bloomington Southern RR	12 30
Johnston City Southern RR	Cr. 2,496 50
Benton Southern RR	52,371 55
Herrin Northern RR	11,869 83
Fredonia & Reeds RR	Cr. 2,496 50
Total	\$2,288,269 29

PHYSICAL CHANGES.

The physical condition of the Company's road and equipment was materially improved during the year.

There is given below a summary of the principal improvements, the cost of which was wholly or partially charged to Road and Equipment.

ROADWAY AND STRUCTURES.

There were 249.78 miles of track laid with 90-pound new steel rail and 121.04 miles of track relaid with second-hand steel rail during the year, all of which replaced rail of lighter pattern.

Eighty-four new industrial sidings were built or extended, making a net addition for the year of 6.72 miles, after allowing for industrial tracks taken up.

One hundred and eighty-two new Company sidings were built or extended; allowing for tracks taken up, there was a net addition for the year of 32.64 miles.

Freight yard facilities were increased at Indianapolis, Ind., by the construction of 2.54 miles of sidings, and at Dubuque, Ia., by the construction of 1.78 miles of track.

Grade reduction work between Princeton, Ky., and Paducah, Ky., including the enlargement of the yard facilities at Princeton, was completed during the year.

The grade crossing elimination work at Grand Crossing, Chicago, Ill., and also the grade reduction at Mattoon, Ill., were completed during the year. The elevation of tracks through Cicero, Ill., and the grade crossing elimination work between 79th Street and 116th Street, Chicago, Ill., were continued. Preliminary arrangements are being made for the elevation of tracks at Indianapolis, Ind.

A new drawbridge was installed over the New Basin Canal at New Orleans. Steel bridges on the Kentucky Division were strengthened, so as to permit of their use by Mikado type locomotives.

The renewal of bridges over the several street crossings between 63rd Street and 67th Street, Chicago, Ill., was begun during the year.

An electric interlocking plant was installed at Pontiac, Ill., replacing the mechanical one. The work of installing similar plants at Rockport, Ky., and at Pullman Junction, Ill., is in progress.

Subways were completed at Franklin Street, and Prairie Avenue, Decatur, Ill., Phinney Park Boulevard, Fort Dodge, Ia., and at Harahan, La.

New station buildings were completed at Storm Lake, Ia., Millwood, Ky., Kensington, Ill., Mt. Pulaski, Ill., Lincoln, Ill., and LaSalle, Ill. Others are in course of construction at Raleigh, Ill., Argyle, Wis., and Bryant, Miss. Station buildings were enlarged or improved at Hallidayboro, Ill., Cherokee, Ia., Wingo, Ky., and Jackson, Miss.

The construction of a new office and depot building at 63rd Street, Chicago, Ill., was commenced. New freight houses were constructed at Evansville, Ind., and Lincoln, Ill., and an extension is now being built to the freight house at Cairo, Ill.

Water stations were improved by the installation of 100,000-gallon steel tanks to replace wooden tanks of smaller capacity at Kensington, Ill., Olney, Ill., Freeport, Ill., Vandalia, Ill., Rockford, Ill., Gravel Switch, Ky., and Jackson, Tenn. At Benton, Ill., Dixon, Ill., Cherokee, Ia., and Fulton, Ky., the existing water facilities were improved.

New mechanical facilities, consisting of an engine house, car shop, wash-out plant, office and turntable, were constructed at Dyersburg, Tenn., and a ten stall roundhouse, eighty-five foot turntable, boiler and wash-out buildings, power house, oil house and cinder conveyors put in at Jackson, Tenn.

Improvements were made to mechanical facilities at Freeport, Ill., Waterloo, Ia., Fort Dodge, Ia., Cherokee, Ia., and Nonconah Yard, Memphis, Tenn.

The erection of new mechanical coaling plants at Effingham, Ill., Assumption, Ill., Hart, Ill., Waterloo, Ia., and Cecilia, Ky., is in progress.

A new eighty-five foot steel turntable was installed at Clinton, Ill., and second-hand turntables were put in at Dodgeville, Wis., Corinth, Miss., and Aberdeen, Miss.

The installation of electric block signals reported in progress last year embracing 39.9 miles of track, was completed and additional installations made, aggregating in all an increase for the year of 294.1 miles of track. With the trackage previously equipped there was a total of 1,556.5 miles of protected track at the close of the year.

Block signals are now being installed at various points on the Mississippi and Louisiana Divisions aggregating 452.2 miles, at Unionville, Ind., 1.4 miles and between Munger and Coleman, Ill., 3.5 miles, a total of 457.1 miles. With the completion of the work on the Mississippi and Louisiana Divisions the railroad between Chicago, Ill., and New Orleans, La., will be completely block signalled.

7,663 lineal feet of permanent bridges and trestles were constructed, replacing pile and timber bridges, trestles and embankments.

1,652 lineal feet of permanent bridges and trestles were rebuilt or replaced by embankments.

30,058 lineal feet of pile and timber bridges or trestles were rebuilt or replaced by embankments.

EQUIPMENT.

Forty-eight Mikado type freight locomotives and three switching locomotives were added during the year. Seventy-two locomotives were retired and fifteen small saddle-tank type switching locomotives engaged in shop service were transferred to work equipment, resulting in a decrease of thirty-six locomotives for the year, but an increase of 1,121,318 pounds in the tractive power. During the year one Atlantic type and two Pacific type passenger engines were converted into superheated locomotives, thus increasing their tractive power 7,460 pounds. This increase is included in the general increase for the year as stated above.

No new passenger-train cars were added during the year. Fourteen cars, heretofore included in work equipment, were changed to passenger-train equipment as thirteen smoker and excursion cars and one mail and express car. Six passenger and chairs cars, one smoker and excursion car, one baggage and express car and one coach assigned to mixed train service, or a total of nine cars were destroyed, resulting in a net increase of five passenger-train cars for the year.

One thousand one hundred and fifty-one new freight-train cars were added and three thousand three hundred and eighty-one cars were sold, destroyed or transferred to other service, making a net decrease of two thousand two hundred and thirty cars during the year. Nine thousand one hundred and eighty-one cars were rebuilt during the year. In the process of rebuilding, only such parts of the original car were retained as were in first class condition, the result being that the rebuilt equipment was practically equal to new cars suitable to present day requirements. The average capacity of cars owned at the close of the year was 41.69 tons as against 41.46 tons last year, and the total capacity of cars was 2,567,570 tons, compared with 2,647,730 tons.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The volume of freight traffic handled and the revenue derived therefrom were the largest in the Company's history. A large portion of the increased revenue this year was undoubtedly due to a recovery from the depression in business existing last year. There was, however, a substantial increase in both the volume of tonnage and revenue over the year ended June 30 1914, during which year the Company moved a larger volume of freight and received greater freight revenue than in any previous like period.

As a result of the large expenditures made in recent years for the extensive improvement of the road-bed and for increased facilities, as well as for the acquisition of a large number of heavy locomotives of increased tractive power and cars of greater capacity than those formerly in service, your company was in a position to take care of the increased volume of business during the past year with a material reduction in Transportation Expenses as compared with the two preceding years.

Equipment Trust Certificates amounting to \$1,900,000 were issued under a lease and agreement dated January 3 1916, known as "Illinois Central Equipment Trust, Series 'D,'" for the purpose of providing funds in part with which to pay for 50 locomotives and 1,000 refrigerator cars. The equipment covered by this Trust was received and placed in service during the year.

The number of the Company's stockholders as of June 30 1916 was 10,697, as compared with 10,963 on the same date of the previous year.

The number of pensioners on the pay rolls at the close of the year was 530, and the amount of pensions paid during the year was \$144,063 34, an increase of \$14,794 01 over the preceding year.

The Board takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation to the officers and employees for their loyal and efficient service during the past year.

By order of the Board of Directors.

C. H. MARKHAM,
President.

TABLE 2—INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEARS ENDING JUNE 30 1916 AND 1915.

	1916.	Per Cent of Total Operating Revenues.	1915.	Per Cent of Total Operating Revenues.	Increase.	Decrease.
Average Miles Operated	4,767.12		4,770.03			2 91
Rail-Line Transportation—						
Freight	\$46,457,338 45	67.26	\$41,212,270 70	66.35	\$5,245,067 75	
Bridge tolls and miscellaneous freight	3,587,700 99	5.19	3,233,951 15	5.21	353,749 84	
Passenger	13,374,593 34	19.36	12,640,597 28	20.35	733,996 06	
Bridge tolls and miscellaneous passenger	207,498 65	0.30	211,080 10	0.34		\$3,581 45
Excess baggage	138,162 68	0.20	138,678 09	0.22		515 41
Parlor and chair car	26,914 60	0.04	24,209 00	0.04	2,705 60	
Mail	1,146,298 72	1.66	1,030,706 59	1.69	95,592 13	
Express	1,872,273 76	2.71	1,589,501 31	2.56	282,772 45	
Milk	240,994 45	0.35	237,850 77	0.37	13,143 68	
Other passenger train	74,814 26	0.11	66,440 10	0.11	8,374 16	
Switching	865,974 56	1.25	711,078 97	1.14	154,895 59	
Special service train	28,013 12	0.04	23,059 55	0.04	4,953 57	
Other freight train	7,530 00	0.01	18,750 00	0.03		11,220 00
Water transfers—other	5,000 00	0.01	12,500 00	0.02		7,500 00
Total rail-line transportation revenue	\$68,033,107 58	98.40	\$61,161,571 61	98.47	\$6,871,535 97	
Incidental Operating Revenue—						
Dining and buffet	\$329,996 32	0.48	\$296,673 58	0.48	\$33,322 74	
Hotel and restaurant	122,587 44	0.18	114,506 19	0.18	8,081 25	
Station, train and boat privileges	76,652 83	0.11	74,974 15	0.12	1,678 68	
Parcel room	32,839 95	0.05	28,221 70	0.05	4,618 25	
Storage—freight	90,478 99	0.13	99,374 28	0.16		\$8,895 29
Storage—baggage	11,785 85	0.02	12,865 29	0.02		1,079 44
Demurrage	224,435 65	0.32	219,505 22	0.35	4,930 43	
Power	204 00				204 00	
Rents of buildings and other property	61,528 34	0.09	52,298 57	0.09	9,229 77	
Miscellaneous	127,260 66	0.18	82,886 41	0.13	44,374 25	
Total incidental operating revenue	\$1,077,970 03	1.56	\$981,505 39	1.58	\$96,464 64	
Joint Facility Operating Revenue—						
Joint facility—Cr	\$5,545 69	0.01	\$6,071 70	0.01		\$526 01
Joint facility—Dr	Dr.39,250 74	Dr.0.06	Dr.37,596 45	Dr.0.06		1,654 29
Total joint facility operating revenue	Dr. \$33,735 05	Dr.0.05	Dr. \$31,524 75	Dr.0.05		\$2,210 30
Total railway operating revenues	\$69,077,342 56	100.00	\$62,111,532.25	100.00	\$6,965,790 31	
Railway Operating Expenses—						
Maintenance of way and structures	\$9,506,526 60	13.76	\$8,866,250 34	14.28	\$640,276 26	
Maintenance of equipment	16,547,749 43	23.96	13,943,804 48	22.45	2,603,944 95	
Traffic	1,252,366 08	1.81	1,238,731 70	1.99	13,634 38	
Transportation—rail line	21,841,049 72	31.62	22,217,902 68	35.77		\$376,852 96
Miscellaneous operations	375,222 27	0.54	355,991 97	0.57	19,230 30	
General	1,763,356 06	2.55	1,655,794 46	2.67	107,561 60	
Transportation for investment—Cr	Cr.112,542 42	Cr.0.16	Cr.303,278 88	Cr.0.49		199,736 46
Total railway operating expenses	\$51,173,727 74	74.08	\$47,975,196 75	77.24	\$3,198,530 99	
Net revenue from railway operations	\$17,903,614 82	25.92	\$14,136,355 50	22.76	\$3,767,259 32	
Railway tax accruals	\$3,724,020 73		\$3,233,838 38		\$490,182 35	
Uncollectible railway revenues	\$24,507 09		\$24,044 24		\$462 85	
Railway operating income	\$14,155,087 00		\$10,878,472 88		\$3,276,614 12	

	1916.	Per Cent of Total Operating Revenues	1915.	Per Cent of Total Operating Revenues.	Increase.	Decrease.
Non-operating Income—						
Hire of freight cars—credit balance	\$772,290 55				\$772,290 55	
Rent from locomotives	79,789 93		\$87,893 88			\$17,103 95
Rent from passenger-train cars	287,180 91		272,135 24		15,045 67	
Rent from floating equipment	12,871 23		3,845 00		9,026 23	
Rent from work equipment	65,771 34		66,515 50		744 16	
Joint facility rent income	1,185,943 27		1,212,570 88		26,627 61	
Income from lease of road	7,099 38				7,099 38	
Miscellaneous rent income	240,423 34		223,033 77		17,389 57	
Miscellaneous non-operating physical property	36,114 58		36,239 06			124 48
Separately operated properties—profit	57,176 69		96,302 22			39,125 53
Dividend income	1,665,848 89		1,833,409 52			167,560 63
Income from funded securities	4,420,781 31		3,345,770 55		1,075,010 76	
Income from unfunded securities and accounts	651,595 07		648,126 89		5,468 18	
Income from sinking and other reserve funds	124,225 09		120,375 09		3,850 00	
Miscellaneous income	22,662 43		14,609 74		8,052 69	
Total non-operating income	\$9,620,743 92		\$7,958,827 25		\$1,661,916 67	
Gross income	\$23,775,830 92		\$18,837,300 13		\$4,938,530 79	
Deductions from Gross Income—						
Hire of freight cars—debit balance			\$221,187 08			\$221,187 08
Rent for locomotives	\$12,033 56		13,691 16		1,567 60	
Rent for passenger-train cars	65,835 69		54,100 93		\$11,734 76	
Rent for floating equipment	2,137 88				2,137 88	
Rent for work equipment	11,799 47		10,510 05		1,289 42	
Joint facility rent deductions	730,239 22		644,604 06		85,635 16	
Rent for leased roads	5,512,901 60		5,227,180 36		285,721 24	
Miscellaneous rent deductions	9,813 15		8,680 73		1,132 42	
Miscellaneous tax accruals	5,970 71		5,944 56		26 15	
Separately operated properties—loss	28,673 29				28,673 29	
Interest on funded debt	5,536,941 67		5,487,883 34		49,058 33	
Interest on unfunded debt	39,235 98		295,528 99			256,292 92
Maintenance of investment organization	534 00		364 35		169 65	
Miscellaneous income charges	12,129 67		8,552 95		3,576 72	
Total deductions from gross income	\$11,968,266 19		\$11,978,138 47			\$9,872 28
Net income	\$11,807,564 73		\$6,859,161 66		\$4,948,403 07	
Disposition of Net Income—						
Income applied to sinking and other reserve funds	\$111,725 00		\$107,875 00		\$3,850 00	
Income appropriated for investment in physical property	41,206 50		46,027 77			\$4,821 27
Total appropriations of income	\$152,931 50		\$153,902 77			\$971 27
Income balance transferred to credit of Profit and Loss	\$11,654,633 23		\$6,705,258 89		\$4,949,374 34	

TABLE 3—PROFIT AND LOSS.

Dividend appropriations of surplus—		Balance June 30 1915	\$4,814,263 17
Dividend payable March 1 1916	\$2,732,400 00	Balance transferred from income	11,654,633 23
Dividend payable Sept. 1 1916	2,732,400 00	Profit on road and equipment sold	1,102 91
	\$5,464,800 00	Unrefundable overcharges	33,778 00
Surplus appropriated for investment in physical property	9,577 64	Donations	9,577 64
Debt discount extinguished through surplus	9,592 04	Miscellaneous credits—	
Unaccrued depreciation prior to July 1 1907 on equipment retired during the current fiscal year	401,695 20	Unclaimed vouchers, wages and miscellaneous drafts	\$41,212 91
Difference between cost of property retired and not replaced and net value of salvage recovered	132,487 16	Other miscellaneous items	216,651 49
Miscellaneous debits	660,830 92		257,864 40
Balance June 30 1916	10,092,236 39		
	\$16,771,219 35		\$16,771,219 35

TABLE 4—CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 1916, AND COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEAR.

ASSET SIDE.	1916.	1915.	Increase.	Decrease.
Investments—				
Road and equipment to June 30 1907	\$95,198,329 47	\$95,198,329 47		
Investment in road—securities:				
Stocks—unpledged	86,570 54	86,570 54		
Bonds—pledged	13,718,070 67	13,718,070 67		
Net balance receivable from agents and conductors	49,870,161 31	46,060,814 39	\$3,809,346 92	
Total road and equipment	\$158,873,131 99	\$155,063,785 07	\$3,809,346 92	
Miscellaneous physical property	\$1,360,928 45	\$1,328,029 33	\$32,899 12	
Investments in affiliated companies:				
Stocks—unpledged	\$39,139,441 79	\$40,634,143 57		\$1,494,701 78
Bonds—unpledged	4,893,700 00	4,976,200 00		82,500 00
Bonds—pledged	13,946,000 00	13,946,000 00		
Notes	1,339,466 00	1,340,603 82		1,137 82
Advances	18,434,791 12	16,292,150 70	\$2,142,640 42	
	\$77,753,398 91	\$77,189,098 09	\$564,300 82	
Other investments:				
Stocks—unpledged	\$5,489 00	\$5,519 10		\$30 10
Bonds—unpledged	9,339,750 00	8,234,650 00	\$1,105,100 00	
Bonds—pledged	27,305,679 38	27,305,679 38		
Notes, advances, etc.	1,989,059 98	3,078,777 15		1,089,717 17
	\$38,639,978 36	\$38,624,625 63	\$15,352 73	
Total Investments	\$276,627,437 71	\$272,205,538 12	\$4,421,899 59	
Current Assets—				
Cash	\$5,637,520 62	\$2,585,515 08	\$3,052,005 54	
Special deposits	278,341 94	195,154 46	83,187 48	
Loans and bills receivable	2,159,247 89	3,689,770 08		\$1,530,522 19
Traffic and car service balances receivable	116,840 17		116,840 17	
Net balance receivable from agents and conductors	2,413,434 99	2,226,329 68	187,105 31	
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	4,145,065 07	4,341,676 02		196,610 95
Material and supplies	6,141,588 20	5,348,241 73	793,346 47	
Interest and dividends receivable	3,101,027 88	2,028,008 89	1,073,018 99	
Total current assets	\$23,993,066 76	\$20,414,695 94	\$3,578,370 82	
Deferred Assets—				
Working fund advances	\$11,764 18	\$12,762 89		\$998 71
Insurance and other funds	2,561,374 83	2,465,372 56	\$96,002 27	
Other deferred assets	208,009 73	219,396 84		11,387 11
Total deferred assets	\$2,781,148 74	\$2,697,532 29	\$83,616 45	
Unadjusted Debts—				
Other unadjusted debts	\$862,546 12	\$845,738 76	\$16,807 36	
Grand total	\$304,264,199 33	\$296,163,505 11	\$8,100,694 22	

The book value of the securities listed above is \$90,720,078 28, and on the balance sheet is included in the items—

Table listing investments in affiliated companies (stocks and bonds), other investments, and deductions from liabilities.

TABLE 11—GENERAL OPERATING RESULTS FOR THE YEARS ENDING JUNE 30 1916 AND 1915.

Main operating results table for 1916 and 1915, including categories like Train and Locomotive Mileage, Freight Car Miles, and Passenger Car Miles.

* Figures restated so as to show motor car statistics separately.

TABLE 12—GENERAL TRAFFIC RESULTS.

Main traffic results table for 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913, and 1912, including Freight Traffic, Passenger Traffic, and Motor Car statistics.

Motor Car Statistics stated separately for the years 1914 and 1915. Total Operating Revenues, Operating Expenses, and Net Operating Revenues, and Statistics relating thereto, restated in each of the years 1912 to 1915, inclusive, so as to conform with the Inter-State Commerce Commission's classification, effective July 1 1914.

TABLE 13—CLASSIFICATION OF REVENUE FREIGHT YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1916 AND 1915.

Classification of revenue freight by product of agriculture, products of forests, products of animals, products of mines, and miscellaneous goods.

TRAFFIC EXPENSES.

	This Year.	Last Year.	Increase.	Decrease.	Per Ct.
Superintendence	\$459,538 10	\$452,077 84	\$7,460 26		1.7
Outside agencies	948,272 34	883,829 10	64,443 24		7.3
Advertising and industrial and immigration bureaus	655,577 61	511,212 07	144,365 54		28.2
Miscellaneous	198,534 08	216,380 29		\$17,846 21	8.2
Total	\$2,261,922 13	\$2,063,499 30	\$198,422 83		9.6

TRANSPORTATION AND MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS EXPENSES.

	This Year.	Last Year.	Increase.	Decrease.	Per Ct.
Superintendence and dispatching	\$945,356 83	\$892,844 38	\$52,512 45		5.9
Station expenses	3,186,320 88	3,003,455 71	182,865 17		6.1
Yard labor	1,786,369 17	1,576,694 39	209,674 78		13.3
Fuel for yard locomotives	604,354 75	561,531 34	42,823 41		7.6
Yard supplies and expenses	105,867 40	93,349 71	12,517 69		13.4
Enginehouse expenses—yard	235,013 25	228,650 31	6,362 94		2.8
Train engine-men and motormen	3,541,922 86	2,986,695 72	555,227 14		18.6
Fuel for train locomotives	6,682,852 33	5,878,001 09	804,851 24		13.7
Supplies for train locomotives	601,381 43	518,587 90	82,793 53		16.0
Enginehouse expenses—train	1,060,640 62	964,558 19	96,082 43		10.0
Trainmen	3,438,851 73	2,938,987 52	499,864 21		17.0
Train supplies and expenses	1,390,370 64	1,330,734 41	59,636 23		4.5
Miscellaneous	769,561 23	720,761 10	48,800 13		6.8
Loss, damage and casualties	1,194,988 32	1,130,379 12	64,609 20		5.7
Operating joint facilities	116,396 36	91,366 83	25,029 53		27.4
Total Transportation Expenses—Rail	\$25,660,247 80	\$22,916,597 72	\$2,743,650 08		12.0
Transportation Expenses—Water Line	\$135,051 45	\$145,589 44		\$10,537 99	7.2
Dining cars and hotels	\$1,490,711 76	\$1,308,727 97	\$181,983 79		13.9
Other miscellaneous operations	66,476 80	4,460 97	62,015 83		
Total Miscellaneous Operations Expenses	\$1,557,188 56	\$1,313,188 94	\$243,999 62		18.6
Total Transportation and Miscellaneous Operations Expenses	\$27,352,487 81	\$24,375,376 10	\$2,977,111 71		12.2

GENERAL EXPENSES.

	This Year.	Last Year.	Increase.	Decrease.	Per Ct.
Salaries and expenses of officers, clerks and attendants	\$1,853,735 88	\$1,829,382 39	\$24,353 49		1.3
General office supplies and expenses	153,521 65	162,681 36		\$9,159 71	5.6
Law expenses	313,841 46	348,786 70		\$34,945 24	10.0
Pensions	158,580 87	133,542 64	25,038 23		18.7
Valuation expenses	128,697 55	98,824 34	29,873 21		30.2
Miscellaneous	265,108 40	293,603 51		\$28,495 11	9.7
General joint facilities	18,319 60	16,475 53	1,844 07		11.2
Total	\$2,891,805 41	\$2,883,296 47	\$8,508 94		.3

INCOME ACCOUNT.

(Excluding all offsetting accounts between the Union Pacific Railroad Co., Oregon Short Line Railroad Co., and Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co.)

	This Year.	Last Year.	Increase.	Decrease.
TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS.				
Operating Revenues	\$104,717,005 06	\$86,958,295 22	\$17,758,709 84	
Operating Expenses	58,582,770 07	52,136,714 91	6,446,055 16	
Revenue over Expenses	\$46,134,234 99	\$34,821,580 31	\$11,312,654 68	
Taxes	5,310,698 49	4,641,474 25	669,224 24	
Operating Income	\$40,823,536 50	\$30,180,106 06	\$10,643,430 44	
OTHER INCOME. (Excluding Income from Investments, and Sources other than Transportation Operations.)				
Hire of equipment—balance	\$220,154 91	\$103,661 05	\$116,493 86	
Rents from use of road	71,160 00	71,331 86		\$171 86
Rents from use of joint tracks, yards, and terminal facilities	1,080,531 73	959,779 75	120,751 98	
Miscellaneous rents	56,799 63	51,923 99	4,875 64	
Miscellaneous income	123,453 45	106,714 93	16,738 52	
Total	\$1,552,099 72	\$1,293,411 58	\$258,688 14	
Total Operating and Other Income	\$42,375,636 22	\$31,473,517 64	\$10,902,118 58	
DEDUCTIONS. (Excluding Interest on Funded Debt, and Miscellaneous Charges, other than Transportation Operations.)				
Rents for use of joint tracks, yards, and terminal facilities	\$1,322,018 10	\$1,150,177 13	\$171,840 97	
Miscellaneous rents	26,876 57	4,212 06	22,664 51	
Miscellaneous charges	107,836 04	116,832 90		\$8,996 86
Total	\$1,456,730 71	\$1,271,222 09	\$185,508 62	
Income from Transportation Operations	\$40,918,905 51	\$30,202,295 55	\$10,716,609 96	
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS AND SOURCES OTHER THAN TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS.				
Dividends on stocks owned	\$4,331,904 00	\$4,540,094 50		\$208,190 50
Interest on bonds, notes, and equipment trust certificates owned	6,528,970 59	6,434,507 84	\$94,462 75	
Interest on loans and open accounts—balance	839,878 43	988,977 82		149,099 39
Miscellaneous income	50,990 75	46,169 42	4,821 33	
Total	\$11,751,743 77	\$12,009,749 58		\$258,005 81
Total Income	\$52,670,649 28	\$42,212,045 13	\$10,458,604 15	
Deduct:				
Interest on Funded Debt	\$13,810,312 64	\$13,803,926 08	\$6,386 56	
Miscellaneous Charges, other than Transportation Operations	71,202 41	3,759 80	67,442 61	
Total	\$13,881,515 05	\$13,807,685 88	\$73,829 17	
Net Income from all Sources	\$38,789,134 23	\$28,404,359 25	\$10,384,774 98	
DISPOSITION OF NET INCOME				
Dividends on Stock of Union Pacific Railroad Co.:				
Preferred stock:				
2 per cent paid April 1	\$1,990,870 00	\$1,990,870 00		
2 per cent payable October 2	1,990,870 00	1,990,870 00		
Common stock:				
2 per cent paid January 3	\$4,445,832 00	\$4,445,832 00		
2 per cent paid April 1	4,445,832 00	4,445,832 00		
2 per cent payable July 1	4,445,832 00	4,445,832 00		
2 per cent payable October 2	4,445,832 00	4,445,832 00		
Appropriated for Additions and Betterments				
	\$3,524,489 14	\$1,083,468 89	\$2,441,030 25	
Sinking Fund Requirements				
	\$11,626 67	\$11,800 00		\$173 33
Total Appropriations of Income	\$25,301,183 81	\$22,860,326 89	\$2,440,856 92	
SURPLUS, TRANSFERRED TO PROFIT AND LOSS	\$13,487,950 42	\$5,544,032 36	\$7,943,918 06	

Operating Revenues for this year are the largest in the history of the Union Pacific System, amounting to \$104,717,005 as against \$86,958,295 last year, and \$93,638,459 in 1913, the largest in any previous year. This extraordinary increase is due to the business revival affecting all lines of traffic, which set in in our territory about October 1 1915, and the curtailment of shipping through Pacific Coast ports to Europe and our Atlantic ports on account of the withdrawal of ships to more profitable lines as a result of the European war and the closing of the Panama Canal; and these conditions still exist. Operating Revenues for last year, with which comparison is made in the above table, were lower than for several previous years, due to the general business depression which prevailed throughout that year. Operating Expenses increased \$6,446,055, of which \$3,283,493 was in Maintenance and \$2,743,650 in Transportation Expenses—Rail; and the latter increase is due to handling the large volume of business which resulted in an increase of \$17,758,710 in Operating Revenues.

The "Net Income from all sources" for the year, after deducting all fixed and other charges, and dividend on preferred stock, is equivalent to 15.65 per cent on the outstanding common stock of \$222,293,100, as against 10.98 per cent for the year previous. It is, of course, to be noted that this is from Investments and Other Sources as well as Transportation Operations. The "Income from Transportation Operations," as shown in the above summary, amounted to \$40,918,905, which is equivalent only to 7.17 per cent upon the investment in the railroad property from which such income was derived (\$570,636,971), as shown by the General Balance Sheet. It is interesting in this connection to note that the percentage of return from Transportation Operations upon the investment in the railroad property from which such income was derived was, for the last five years, as follows: The fiscal year ended June 30 1915, 5.32 per cent; 1914, 5.63 per cent; 1913, 6.32 per cent; 1912, 5.87 per cent; 1911, 7.15 per cent.

This indicates that even in the most prosperous years the return upon the property employed in transportation service is not large; and considering the absolute necessity of expending large amounts out of surplus each year for improvements classed as "Additions and Betterments" by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, but which do not appreciably increase revenue or reduce expense, the net return on the railroad investment is certainly not an excessive price for the public to pay for the use of these properties.

APPROPRIATION OF INCOME FOR ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS.

Additions and Betterments, including double track and equipment, authorized during the year, including those coming over unfinished from the previous year, aggregated \$11,182,251, of which \$4,844,729 was expended prior to June 30 1916. Of the total Additions and Betterments thus authorized, there were items aggregating \$3,524,489 14 which, in view of the financial condition of the company, it was believed should be charged against Current Income.

Of this amount, \$1,762,915 02 was expended during the year.

Each improvement was carefully considered in determining whether the cost should be paid for out of current income or be capitalized, and its character and special circumstances, rather than any general rule, governed the decision.

Formerly railroad companies were allowed, at their discretion, to charge expenditures of the character above specified, as well as other Additions and Betterments, to Income and treat the same as "Deductions from Income" for the year, in the same manner as Interest on Funded Debt, and other charges. But by revised accounting regulations of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, all such expenditures subsequent to June 30 1909 were required to be charged to Investment in Road and Equipment—in other words, to "Capital Account." In order, therefore, to apply any of the earnings to the property in excess of ordinary maintenance and repairs, as defined by the Commission, it is necessary to set aside the amount as "Appropriated Surplus" to offset the charge to the Investment in Road and Equipment account as the expenditures are made. Hence item in the General Balance Sheet "Appropriated for Additions and Betterments," \$4,607,948 03, which is made up of the items above specified, \$3,524,489 14, and \$1,083,458 89 appropriated last year.

Prior to July 1 1907 the company had, from time to time, appropriated Income for Additions and Betterments; and expenditures out of Income for such purposes aggregated \$13,310,236 52, as shown by a deduction from the item "Investment in Road and Equipment" in the General Balance Sheet. The practice, however, was discontinued until last year, when, notwithstanding the necessity of carrying such expenditures in the Balance Sheet as Surplus, though appropriated, it was determined to return to the practice of appropriating some of the current Income each year toward some of the expenditures which, while absolutely necessary for proper maintenance and development of the property, yet do not appreciably increase revenue or reduce expenses.

It is to be borne in mind, however, that, while no appropriations were made out of Income for Additions and Betterments during the years 1908-1914, the company continued its policy of building up and improving its properties, as shown by the following table of expenditures for Additions and Betterments (including double track and equipment) and for Extensions and Branches during each of those years.

Year Ended June 30—	Additions & Betterments, Including Double Track and Equipment.	Extensions and Branches.	Total Expenditures for Capital Account.
1908.....	\$12,799,668	\$9,551,399	\$22,351,067
1909.....	5,849,838	11,172,582	17,022,420
1910.....	12,948,695	18,361,161	31,309,856
1911.....	20,197,633	17,154,949	37,352,582
1912.....	6,725,312	12,982,718	19,708,030
1913.....	6,939,773	9,549,254	16,489,027
1914.....	17,732,211	5,179,736	22,911,947
Total.....	\$83,193,130	\$83,951,799	\$167,144,929
Average per year.....	\$11,884,733	\$11,993,114	\$23,877,847

Instead, however, of charging a portion of the more unproductive of such expenditures against the Income of the year in which they were made, as had been done in some cases prior to 1907, the entire expenditures for Additions and Betterments were charged to Capital Account, in strict accordance with the accounting regulations of the Commission.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

(Excluding all offsetting accounts between the Union Pacific Railroad Co., Oregon Short Line Railroad Co., and Oregon-Washington RR. & Navigation Co.)

CREDIT.		
Balance, June 30 1915.....		\$96,962,242 10
Balance from Income Account.....		\$13,487,960 42
Net profit from sale of Southern Pacific Company stock.....	\$16,099,190 21	
Proceeds from sale of bonds of Union Pacific Coal Company to its Sinking Fund.....	201,000 00	
Difference between proceeds from sale of property and book cost thereof.....	12,153 07	
Liabilities written off, being unclaimed.....	57,909 15	
Miscellaneous credits.....	5,470 89	
Total.....		\$16,375,723 32
DEBIT.		
Difference between cost of property retired and not to be replaced and net value of salvage recovered.....	\$117,265 52	
Cost of surveys of projected lines not constructed, surveys abandoned.....	47,205 41	
Difference between investment in the Oregon & Washington Railroad Company and appraised value of lands owned by said Company, which constitute its only assets, and are not used for railroad purposes or subject to any mortgage.....	2,150,000 00	
Loss arising from liquidation of the Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company, representing investment in capital stock of that company.....	310,198 95	
Uncollectible accounts.....	8,191 78	
Adjustments in accounts.....	5,548 28	
Miscellaneous debits.....	10,694 86	
Total.....		2,649,105 80
Not credit from miscellaneous transactions.....		13,726,617 52
Increase during the year.....		\$27,214,567 94
Profit and Loss—Credit Balance, June 30 1916.....		\$124,176,810 04

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

(Excluding all offsetting securities and accounts between the Union Pacific RR. Co., Oregon Short Line RR. Co. and Oregon-Washington RR. & Navigation Co.)

ASSETS.	June 30 1916.	June 30 1915.	Increase.	Decrease.
Investments:				
Road and Equipment	\$606,558,299 03	\$603,443,340 95	\$3,114,958 08	
Less: Receipts from improvement and equipment fund	\$22,611,091 13	\$22,151,091 13	\$460,000 00	
Appropriations from income and surplus prior to July 1 1907, credited to this account	13,310,236 52	13,310,236 52		
Total	\$35,921,327 65	\$35,461,327 65	\$460,000 00	
Investment in road and equipment	\$570,636,971 38	\$567,982,013 30	\$2,654,958 08	
Improvements on leased railway property	\$7,750 74	\$504 88	\$7,245 86	
Deposits in lieu of mortgaged property sold	11,188 57	56,658 80	45,470 23	
Miscellaneous physical property	1,971,579 25	965,079 40	1,006,499 85	
Total	\$1,090,518 56	\$1,022,243 08	\$68,275 48	
Investments in affiliated companies:				
Stocks	\$12,951,771 25	\$11,968,583 42	\$983,187 83	
Bonds and notes	36,183,786 12	35,765,132 03	418,654 12	
Advances	11,997,731 22	14,800,383 25	2,802,652 03	
Total	\$61,133,288 59	\$62,534,098 67	\$1,400,810 08	
Investments in other companies:				
Stocks	\$89,095,498 25	\$89,095,498 25		
Bonds, notes, and equipment trust certificates	103,080,032 53	104,420,281 63	\$1,340,249 10	
Total	\$192,175,530 78	\$193,515,779 88	\$1,340,249 10	
Sinking Funds	\$335,712 38	\$339,838 44	\$4,126 06	
Total Investments	\$825,372,021 69	\$825,393,973 37	\$21,951 68	
Current Assets				
Cash	\$12,234,368 79	\$9,691,221 02	\$2,543,147 77	
Time deposits	11,500,000 00	350,399 00	11,150,000 00	
Special deposits	281,105 89	263,172 29	17,933 60	
Loans and bills receivable	10,768,505 48	6,023,863 14	4,744,642 34	
Traffic and car service balances receivable	1,948,257 60	1,287,130 10	661,127 50	
Net balance receivable from agents and conductors	739,488 54	649,057 51	90,431 03	
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	2,458,654 94	2,439,230 53	19,424 41	
Material and supplies	9,534,305 95	8,983,247 14	551,058 81	
Interest and dividends receivable	2,623,195 14	2,745,629 93	\$122,434 79	
Rents receivable	62,832 82	62,832 82		
Other current assets—Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. capital stock applicable to payment of extra dividend	\$799,454 20	1,648,454 20	\$849,000 00	
Miscellaneous items	87,512 44	82,360 73	5,151 71	
Total Current Assets	\$53,037,681 79	\$34,163,366 59	\$18,874,315 20	
Deferred Assets:				
Working fund advances	\$27,743 48	\$35,932 59	\$8,189 11	
Other deferred assets—Land contracts, as per contra	675,836 81	964,942 71	289,105 90	
Miscellaneous items	1,305,591 85	663,849 97	\$641,741 88	
Total Deferred Assets	\$2,009,172 14	\$1,664,725 27	\$344,446 87	
Unadjusted Debts:				
Rents and insurance premiums paid in advance	\$1,133 93	\$1,133 93		
Other unadjusted debts	626,771 50	\$873,743 69	\$246,972 19	
Total Unadjusted Debts	\$627,905 43	\$873,743 69	\$245,838 26	
Grand Total	\$881,046,781 05	\$862,095,808 92	\$18,950,972 13	

LIABILITIES.	June 30 1916.	June 30 1915.	Increase.	Decrease.
Capital Stock:				
Common Stock	\$222,293,100 00	\$222,293,100 00		
Preferred Stock	99,543,500 00	99,543,500 00		
Funded Debt	\$321,836,600 00	\$321,836,600 00		
	334,629,850 00	334,022,265 00	\$607,585 00	
Total	\$656,466,450 00	\$655,858,865 00	\$607,585 00	
Current Liabilities:				
Traffic and car service balances payable	\$552,531 03	\$582,492 96	\$29,961 93	
Audited accounts and wages payable	7,023,209 18	5,112,848 93	\$1,910,360 25	
Miscellaneous accounts payable—Due to Affiliated Companies	5,431,001 65	5,040,970 40	390,031 25	
Other accounts payable	297,161 75	73,215 51	223,946 24	
Interest matured unpaid: Coupons matured, but not presented	326,984 55	207,810 00	119,174 55	
Coupons and interest on registered bonds, due July 1	3,781,580 70	3,776,946 00	4,634 70	
Dividends matured unpaid: Dividends due but uncalled for	108,486 00	104,356 09	4,129 91	
Extra Dividend on Common Stock declared January 8 1914, payable to stockholders of record March 2 1914, unpaid	871,695 31	1,793,479 58	\$921,784 27	
Dividend on Common Stock payable July 1	4,445,832 00	4,445,832 00		
Funded debt matured unpaid	3,000 00	3,000 00		
Unmatured dividends declared: Dividends on Preferred and Common Stock payable October 2	6,436,702 00	6,436,702 00		
Unmatured interest accrued	1,486,316 08	1,481,149 04	5,167 04	
Unmatured rents accrued	241,912 92	241,912 92		
Other current liabilities	454,931 42	132,391 75	\$322,539 69	
Total Current Liabilities	\$31,461,344 59	\$29,101,194 24	\$2,270,150 35	
Deferred Liabilities:				
Other deferred liabilities: Principal of deferred payments on land contracts, as per contra	\$675,836 81	\$964,942 71	\$289,105 90	
Contracts for purchase of real estate	1,660,000 00	1,660,000 00		
Miscellaneous items	292,152 78	196,631 26	\$95,501 52	
Tax liability	2,895,734 60	2,792,160 66	103,573 94	
Total Deferred Liabilities	\$5,523,724 19	\$5,613,754 63	\$90,030 44	
Unadjusted Credits:				
Insurance Reserve: Reserve for Fire Insurance	\$788,296 70	\$665,703 51	\$122,593 19	
Reserve for depreciation	19,848,267 96	18,920,817 07	927,450 89	
Other unadjusted credits—Contingent interest	1,174,264 38	663,238 82	511,025 56	
Miscellaneous items	1,136,153 97	1,170,805 50	\$34,651 53	
Profit from sale of Southern Pacific Co. Capital Stock	\$22,946,983 01	\$21,420,584 90	\$1,526,418 11	
		16,130,150 10	\$16,130,150 10	
Total Unadjusted Credits	\$22,946,983 01	\$37,550,715 00	\$14,603,731 99	
Total Liabilities	\$716,398,501 79	\$728,214,828 87	\$11,816,027 08	
Corporate Surplus:				
Appropriated for additions and betterments	\$4,607,948 03	\$1,083,458 89	\$3,524,489 14	
Reserved for depreciation of securities	35,418,052 00	35,418,052 00		
Funded debt retired through income and surplus	91,300 14	61,286 53	27,013 61	
Sinking fund reserves	354,169 05	353,240 53	928 52	
Total Appropriated Surplus	\$40,471,469 22	\$36,919,037 95	\$3,552,431 27	
Profit and Loss—Credit Balance	\$24,176,810 04	\$6,962,242 10	\$17,214,567 94	
Total Corporate Surplus	\$164,648,279 26	\$133,881,280 05	\$30,766,999 21	
Grand Total	\$881,046,781 05	\$862,095,808 92	\$18,950,972 13	

* On June 30 1916 there remained unpaid on account of the Extra Dividend on Common Stock declared January 8 1914, payable to stockholders of record March 2 1914, \$871,695 31, which is carried as Current Liabilities under account "Dividends Matured Unpaid." Of this amount \$799,454 20 is represented by \$326,608 par value preferred and \$584,965 par value common stock of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. The cash portion of the dividend unpaid amounted to \$73,241 11 and is included in account "Cash." a includes \$757,530 Demand Notes of The Chicago & Alton Railroad Company accepted in payment of interest on General Mortgage 6% Bonds. The amount was not included in Income Account, and, pending collection of notes, is carried in Account Contingent Interest.

Note.—The increases and decreases in Assets and Liabilities are explained on page 11 [of pamphlet report.]

The increase in "Investment in Road and Equipment" is made up as follows:

Extensions and Branches.....	\$1,110,864 94
Additions and Betterments, <i>excluding Equipment</i>	4,172,203 09
Equipment.....	672,525 86
Total Increase.....	\$5,955,593 89
From which there was deducted:	
Cost of property retired from service and not to be replaced, charged (less salvage) to Profit and Loss, in conformity with regulations of <i>Inter-State Commerce Commission</i> :	
Sidings and Industry tracks.....	\$64,861 80
Shop machinery and Tools.....	54,729 59
Water Stations and Fuel Stations.....	61,701 29
Buildings and structures.....	59,783 17
Other miscellaneous property.....	10,619 19
	\$251,695 04
Cost of Real Estate sold.....	30,585 74
Cost of equipment retired from service:	
53 Locomotives.....	\$663,729 55
65 Passenger-train cars.....	557,067 48
2,087 Freight-train cars.....	1,031,135 13
537 Work equipment.....	253,397 03
4 Locomotive tenders.....	12,055 00
Dining Car equipment.....	40,970 84
Total.....	2,558,355 03
Amount received from the Trustee of the Union Pacific Railroad Co., First Railroad and Land Grant Four Per Cent Mortgage in payment for expenditures for Additions, Betterments and Equipment.....	460,000 00
Total Deductions.....	\$3,300,635 81
Net increase in "Investment in Road and Equipment" during year.....	\$2,654,953 08

Final decree having been entered taxing costs and settling other details in the Court proceedings pursuant to which the Southern Pacific Stock was disposed of, as described in previous annual reports, that account was closed as of Dec. 31 1915, and the credit balance on account of the Southern Pacific stock transaction, amounting to \$16,099,190 20, was credited to Profit and Loss.

By order of the Board of Directors,

ROBERT S. LOVETT,

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY

REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JULY 31 1916.

Detroit, Michigan, September 26 1916.

To the Stockholders:—

Your directors submit the annual report of General Motors Company and its subsidiary companies for the fiscal year ending July 31 1916.

The income and profit and loss accounts include simply the share of General Motors Company in the earnings and surplus of the subsidiary companies.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JULY 31 1916 AND 1915.

	1916.	1915.
Net profits for year after deducting expenses of manufacture (including maintenance), selling and administration as well as taxes, insurance and depreciation.....	\$29,146,107 51	\$14,926,322 28
General Motors Company proportion thereof.....	\$28,812,287 96	\$14,794,100 76
Accrued interest on General Motors Company 6% First Lien notes.....	22,727 55	336,387 34
Balance.....	\$28,789,560 41	\$14,457,803 42
Preferred dividends for 12 months at rate of 7%.....	1,048,964 00	1,048,964 00
Undivided profits for 12 months.....	\$27,740,596 41	\$13,408,839 42
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.		
Profit and Loss Surplus, July 31 1915.....		\$19,985,159 94
Add balance of undivided profits (after payment of Preferred dividend) for twelve months, ending July 31 1916, as per Income Account above.....		27,740,596 41
		\$47,725,756 35
Less: Cash Dividends paid on Common Stock:		
October 15 1915—5%.....	\$8,253,391 53	
February 15 1916—10%.....	1,651,178 31	
May 1 1916—5%.....	825,589 15	
		10,730,159 99
Profit and Loss Surplus July 31 1916.....		\$36,995,596 36

The net profits of \$29,146,107 51 are after deducting all expenses of General Motors Company, and also after deducting \$1,018,476 54, a sum deemed sufficient to cover depreciation of buildings and equipment. The plants have been maintained in good operating condition.

Full charges have been included in operating expenses to cover all depreciation in inventories during the year just closed. Inventories at the close of the year were on a thoroughly conservative basis of valuation. The increase of \$11,051,051 82 in the value of inventories is due to the greatly increased volume of business being carried on by the Company at the close of the fiscal year.

The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, as of July 31 1916, as compared with July 31 1915, is to be found on following page. Income and Profit and Loss accounts for July 31 1916, compared with July 31 1915, will be found on following page.

CAPITAL STOCK.

The capital stock of the Company outstanding in the hands of the public, on July 31 1916, was as follows:

Preferred stock 7% Cumulative.....	\$14,985,200 00
Common stock.....	16,511,783 05

This represents an increase during the year of \$5,000 Common stock.

FUNDED DEBT.

The Company has no funded debt, the \$2,328,000 00 6% First Lien notes outstanding July 31 1915 having been paid at maturity, October 1 1915, and the Voting Trust dissolved.

OTHER INDEBTEDNESS.

The only indebtedness of the Company and its subsidiary companies on July 31 1916 consisted of current accounts payable of \$7,264,443 70 (composed wholly of obligations for merchandise, &c.), and \$2,690,832 07 liabilities accrued, but not due, for pay rolls, taxes and other sundry items.

The current accounts payable on July 31 1916 were \$5,883,535 76 greater than on July 31 1915. This increase is due to the larger volume of business being carried on by the Company.

WORKING CAPITAL.

The net working capital as shown by the balance sheet of July 31 1916 amounted to \$43,664,671 40, as follows:

	1916.	1915.
Current Assets—		
Cash.....	\$22,476,574 86	\$14,526,124 14
Marketable securities of municipalities and other corporations.....	286,000 00	1,001,000 00
Notes (\$102,829 46 in 1916) and accounts receivable including drafts against shipments in transit.....	5,829,633 20	3,944,680 75
Inventories.....	25,100,349 97	14,049,298 15
Prepaid expenses.....	389,630 14	533,585 97
Total Current Assets.....	\$33,882,188 17	\$34,054,689 01
Less Current and Accrued Liabilities—		
Current accounts payable.....	\$7,264,443 70	\$1,380,907 94
Taxes and pay-rolls accrued not due.....	2,690,832 07	1,270,302 43
	\$9,955,275 77	\$2,651,210 37
Total Current and Accrued Liabilities.....	\$9,955,275 77	\$2,651,210 37
	\$43,926,912 40	\$31,403,478 64

Brought forward	\$43,926,912 40	\$31,403,478 64
From which deduct amount reserved for three months' proportion of Preferred Dividend payable Nov. 1	262,241 00	262,241 00
Net Working Capital	\$43,664,671 40	\$31,141,237 64
Increase in net working capital during the year as above	\$12,523,433 75	
To which should be added the reduction in debt during the year through the payment of the balance of 6% First Lien Five-year notes outstanding	2,328,000 00	
Cash Dividends paid on Common Stock	10,730,158 99	
Total additions to the net working capital during the year	\$25,581,592 75	

In addition there was expended during the year \$3,726,751 61 for additions to real estate, plants and equipment without incurring any new capital obligations therefor. It will also be seen that the Company had \$22,476,574 86 cash on hand on July 31 1916, as against \$14,526,124 14 July 31 1915, a gain in cash of \$7,950,450 72.

The marketable securities aggregating \$286,000 00 shown above are the balance of high grade short term obligations of municipalities and corporations shown in last year's report which have not as yet matured.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

Balance in real estate, plants and equipment at July 31 1915, before deducting reserve for depreciation	\$22,753,422 53	
Expended during the year	3,726,751 61	
	\$26,480,174 14	
Less: Plant and equipment sold	\$113,621 08	
Plant values applied against reserve for depreciation	2,019,052 92	2,132,674 00
Balance in real estate, plants and equipment July 31 1916	\$24,347,500 14	

The above expenditure of \$3,726,751 61 was for additions to real estate, plants and equipment made necessary by the great growth of the business.

Your directors have deemed it wise to apply against the reserve previously set aside for depreciation, the sum of \$2,019,052 92 to the reduction of plant values.

GENERAL.

Gross sales of General Motors companies in the year just closed amounted to \$156,900,295 71, as compared with \$94,424,841 47 for 1915. The number of cars sold, 132,088, compared with 76,068 during the preceding year.

It is gratifying to report that all of your companies have shown substantial profits for the fiscal year just closed and there continues to be a good demand for their products.

The Preferred dividends have been paid during the year at the full rate of seven per cent.

The Common stock received its first cash dividend on October 15 1915, when a dividend of fifty per cent., being \$50 00 per share was paid to stockholders. Quarterly dividends of five per cent., being \$5 00 per share per quarter, were paid during the fiscal year just closed.

Your directors wish again to express their high appreciation of the loyalty and efficiency of your officers and employees.

By order of the Board of Directors,
W. C. DURANT, *President.*

Detroit, Michigan, September 23 1916.

Mr. W. C. Durant, President, Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:—I submit herewith the following statements showing the results of operation and the financial condition of General Motors Company and its subsidiary manufacturing companies, consolidated, for the periods named:—

Statement 1. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, as of July 31 1916, compared with July 31 1915.

Statement 2. Income account July 31 1916, compared with July 31 1915.

Statement 3. Profit and Loss account July 31 1916, compared with July 31 1915.

Yours,
W. H. ALFORD, *Comptroller.*

STATEMENT 1—CONDENSED COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH THE MANUFACTURE OF MOTOR CARS AND PARTS AS OF JULY 31ST 1916 AND 1915.

ASSETS.	July 31 1916.		July 31 1915.	
Fixed Assets: real estate, plants and equipment	\$24,347,500 14		\$22,753,422 53	
Less: reserve for depreciation	5,981,095 44		6,933,570 68	
	\$18,366,404 70		\$15,819,851 85	
Patents, agreements, &c.	355,800 00		413,500 00	
Miscellaneous Investments	358,428 50		367,184 50	
Current and working assets:				
Cash in banks and on hand	\$22,476,574 86		\$14,526,124 14	
Marketable securities of municipalities and other corporations	286,000 00		1,001,000 00	
Notes (\$102,829 46 in 1916) and accounts receivable	5,629,633 20		3,944,680 75	
Inventories	25,100,349 97		14,049,295 15	
Prepaid expenses	389,630 14		533,585 97	
Total Current and Working Assets	53,882,188 17		34,054,689 01	
Good-will, representing excess of appraised value over book value of subsidiary companies owned, less reserve	7,934,198 14		7,934,198 14	
Total	\$80,897,019 51		\$58,589,423 50	
LIABILITIES.				
Capital Stock:				
Preferred stock (authorized \$20,000,000) Issued	\$18,038,400 00	\$18,038,400 00	\$18,038,400 00	
Less: in treasury of General Motors Co.	3,053,200 00		3,053,200 00	
In hands of public	\$14,985,200 00	\$14,985,200 00	\$14,985,200 00	
Common stock (authorized \$40,000,000) Issued	\$19,874,030 00	\$19,874,030 00	\$19,874,030 00	
Less: in treasury of General Motors Co.	3,362,246 95		3,367,246 95	
In hands of public	16,511,783 05	16,511,783 05	16,506,783 05	
Total in hands of public	\$31,496,983 05	\$31,496,983 05	\$31,491,983 05	
Funded Debt:				
6% First Lien Five-year Sinking Fund Gold Notes				2,328,000 00
Outstanding Capital Stock (par value) and surplus of subsidiary companies, being the portion not owned by General Motors Co.—				
Capital Stock	\$540,500 00		\$528,000 00	
Surplus	687,958 19		454,423 14	
Total	\$1,228,458 19		982,423 14	
Current Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$7,264,443 70		\$1,380,907 94	
Taxes and Pay-rolls Accrued not due	2,690,832 07		1,270,302 43	
Total Current Liabilities	9,955,275 77		2,651,210 37	
Reserve for three months' proportion of Dividend on Preferred Stock, payable Nov. 1	262,241 00		262,241 00	
Reserves for sundry contingencies	958,464 14		888,406 00	
Surplus	36,995,597 36		19,985,159 94	
Total	\$80,897,019 51		\$58,589,423 50	

STATEMENT 2—INCOME ACCOUNT.

	Year ending July 31 1916.	Year ending July 31 1915.
Net Profits after deducting expenses of manufacture (including maintenance), selling and administration as well as taxes, insurance and depreciation	\$29,146,107 51	\$14,926,322 28
General Motors Company proportion thereof	\$28,812,287 96	\$14,794,190 76
Accrued Interest on General Motors Company 6% First Lien Notes	22,727 55	336,387 34
Balance	\$28,789,560 41	\$14,457,803 42
Preferred Dividends at rate of 7%	1,048,964 00	1,048,964 00
Undivided Profits	\$27,740,596 41	\$13,408,839 42

STATEMENT 3—PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

	Year ending July 31 1916.	Year ending July 31 1915.
Profit and Loss surplus at the beginning of the year	\$19,985,159 94	\$6,689,427 51
Add undivided profits per Income Account above	27,740,596 41	13,408,839 42
	\$47,725,756 35	\$20,098,266 93
Less:		
Cash dividends paid on Common stock, 65% v.l.:		
Oct. 1915—50%	\$8,253,391 53	
Feb. 1916—10%	1,651,178 31	
May 1916—5%	825,589 15	
Charged off Plants and Equipment		\$113,106 99
	\$10,730,158 99	113,106 99
Profit and loss surplus July 31	\$36,995,597 36	\$19,985,159 94

THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1916.

Richmond, Va., September 21 1916.

To the Stockholders:

The Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Board of Directors, for the fiscal year ended June 30 1916, is herewith submitted.

The average mileage operated during the year by the Chesapeake & Ohio Lines was 2,375.2 miles, an increase over the previous year of 6.0 miles. The mileage at the end of the year was 2,385.6 miles, an increase of 13.9 miles over mileage on June 30 1915.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR.

Operating Revenues were.....	\$48,239,012 10
(Increase \$3,774,975 11, or 22.24%)	
Operating Expenses were.....	31,789,179 22
(Increase \$4,232,765 72, or 15.36%)	
Net Operating Revenue was.....	\$16,449,832 88
(Increase \$4,542,209 39, or 38.15%)	
Taxes were.....	1,587,407 08
(Increase \$237,910 12, or 17.63%)	
Operating Income, Taxes deducted, was.....	\$14,862,425 80
(Increase \$4,304,299 27, or 40.77%)	
Miscellaneous Income was.....	1,181,534 42
(Increase \$163,315 34, or 16.04%)	
Rentals and Other Payments were.....	\$16,043,960 22
(Increase \$173,523 14, or 21.30%)	
Income for the year available for interest was.....	\$15,055,669 95
(Increase \$4,294,091 47, or 39.90%)	
Interest (54.31% of amount available) amounted to.....	8,176,454 11
(Increase \$78,412 25, or 0.95%)	
Net Income for the year, equivalent to 10.96% on capital stock outstanding, amounted to.....	\$6,879,215 84
(Increase \$4,215,679 22, or 158.27%)	

RETURN ON PROPERTY.

The following table shows the amount of return to your Company, from transportation operations only, upon its investment in road and equipment at the termination of each fiscal year of the five-year period ended June 30 1916:

	Property Investment.	Total Operating Income.	% of Return.
Fiscal year ended June 30 1916.....	\$248,710,281 86	\$14,410,191 96	5.79%
Fiscal year ended June 30 1915.....	246,193,467 59	10,058,639 87	4.09%
Fiscal year ended June 30 1914.....	243,132,472 21	9,844,660 14	4.05%
Fiscal year ended June 30 1913.....	236,429,988 62	9,273,205 37	3.92%
Fiscal year ended June 30 1912.....	230,650,068 20	10,542,941 88	4.57%
Yearly average for five fiscal years ended June 30 1916.....	\$241,023,251 70	\$10,823,927 84	4.49%

FINANCIAL.

The changes in funded debt in the hands of the public during the year were as follows:

	Sold.	Retired.
5% Convertible 30-Yr. Secured Gold Bonds.....	\$40,180,000 00	
4 1/2% Equip. Trust Certs.—Series "O".....	3,160,000 00	
5% 5-Year Secured Gold Notes.....		\$33,000,000 00
5% Klineon Coal Co. 1st Mtge. Bonds.....		200,000 00
4% Big Sandy Ry. 1st Mtge. Bonds.....		56,000 00
4% Coal River Ry. 1st Mtge. Bonds.....		34,000 00
4% Greenbrier Ry. 1st Mtge. Bonds.....		19,000 00
4% Raleigh & Southwestern Ry. 1st Mtge. Bonds.....		5,000 00
Equipment Trust Obligations.....		1,255,392 00

Net Increase..... \$43,340,000 00 \$34,569,392 00 \$8,770,608 00

Other changes in obligations shown under funded debt on balance sheet of June 30 1916 were as follows:

	Increase.	Payments.
5% First Lien & Improvement Mtge. Bonds.....	\$6,995,000 00	
6% Equip. Contract—General Equip. Co.....		\$9,400 00
5% Equip. Contract—Standard Steel Car Co.....		612,667 01
5% Equip. Contract—Central Locomotive & Car Works.....		66,488 38
6% Equip. Contract—American Locomotive Co.....		156,046 28
5 1/2% Equip. Contract—Central Locomotive & Car Works.....	725,000 00	215,000 00
Net Increase.....	\$7,720,000 00	\$1,059,601 67
	\$6,000,398 33	

Five per cent Convertible Thirty-Year Secured Gold Bonds, of a face amount of \$40,180,000, maturing April 1 1946, were issued under a closed mortgage dated April 1 1916 to Central Trust Company of New York, trustee, secured by a face amount of \$45,920,000 of your company's First Lien and Improvement Mortgage Bonds and sold to provide funds for the retirement of \$33,000,000 Five-Year five per cent Secured Gold Notes called for payment at a premium of 1%, June 1 1916, and for other capital purposes.

Four and one-half per cent Equipment Trust Certificates Series "O," amounting to \$3,160,000, were issued and sold to provide funds for payment of equipment shown in table on page 19 [pamphlet report].

Five per cent First Lien and Improvement Mortgage Bonds, of a face amount of \$6,995,000, were issued during the year for additions and betterments and other capital purposes. Of the aggregate of these bonds outstanding, \$1,345,000 are held in the treasury for future additions and betterments.

Your Company acquired during the year 18,496 additional shares of the capital stock of the Chesapeake & Ohio Northern Railway Company, payment for which was made out of cash derived from the sale of the Kanawha & Michigan Railway Company stock mentioned on page 7 of last year's report. Of the proceeds of the sale there is still deposited with the Trustee for future investment the sum of \$2,129,000.

There were also acquired 591 shares of capital stock of the Pond Fork Railway Company, which is constructing a line

of railroad from a point near Madison, W. Va., up Pond Fork of Coal River, and additional shares of capital stock of the White Sulphur Springs, Inc., and the Cincinnati Inter-Terminal Railroad Company. Additional First Mortgage Bonds of the Elkhorn & Beaver Valley Railway Company were acquired at par in reimbursement for advances for construction purposes.

Securities of the Chesapeake & Ohio Equipment Corporation, issued in respect of the cost of twenty-four Mallet locomotives, were acquired by your Company and the cost of same is included in property account.

Further shares of stock and First Mortgage Bonds of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company of Indiana were issued in respect of the cost of certain additions and betterments made to that line and were pledged under your Company's First Lien and Improvement Mortgage.

A statement of charges to property accounts will be found below, showing a net addition of \$2,527,411 09; that is, \$1,551,837 61 was added to cost of road and \$975,573 48 was added to cost of equipment.

A schedule of securities owned June 30 1916 will be found on page 17 [pamphlet report].

During the past seven years your Company's increase in capital liabilities in hands of the public, its principal acquisition of stocks and bonds of other companies, and its expenditures for equipment, branch line construction, second track, and other additions and betterments, have been as follows:

Capital Obligations Issued or Assumed:	Par Value.
General Mortgage 4 1/2% Bonds.....	\$3,716,000 00
First Consolidated Mortgage 5% Bonds.....	2,000,000 00
Convertible 4 1/2% Debentures.....	31,390,000 00
Three-Year 4 1/2% Collateral Trust Notes.....	25,000,000 00
One-Year 5% Collateral Trust Notes.....	3,500,000 00
Five-Year 5% Collateral Trust Notes.....	33,000,000 00
C. & O. Convertible 5% Secured Gold Bonds.....	40,180,000 00
Coal River Ry. Co. First Mtge. 4% Bonds.....	3,000,000 00
Raleigh & Southwestern Ry. Co. First Mtge. 4% Bonds.....	860,000 00
Big Sandy Ry. Co. First Mtge. 4% Bonds.....	229,000 00
Virginia Air Line Ry. Co. First Mtge. 5% Bonds.....	900,000 00
Equipment Trust Certificates Series "N".....	1,706,000 00
Equipment Trust Certificates Series "O".....	3,160,000 00
Equipment Contracts, Various.....	4,809,390 00
Realizing.....	\$153,444,390 00
Less:	\$145,428,990 92
Capital Obligations Paid or Purchased:	
Peninsula Division First Mtge. 6% Bonds, matured Jan. 1 1911.....	\$2,000,000 00
Greenbrier & New River RR. Co. First Mtge. 5% Bonds redeemed Feb. 1 1911.....	339,000 00
General Funding and Improvement Mtge. 5% Bonds.....	7,302,000 00
Greenbrier Ry. Co. First Mtge. 4% Bonds retired Nov. 1 1911.....	2,000 00
Three-Year 4 1/2% Collateral Trust Notes.....	25,000,000 00
One-Year 5% Collateral Trust Notes.....	3,500,000 00
Five-Year 5% Secured Gold Notes.....	33,000,000 00
Klineon Coal Co. First Mtge. Bonds.....	200,000 00
Equipment Trust Payments.....	12,027,000 00
Through Sinking Funds:	
Big Sandy Ry. Co. First Mtge. 4% Bonds.....	382,000 00
Coal River Ry. Co. First Mtge. 4% Bonds.....	191,000 00
Greenbrier Ry. Co. First Mtge. 4% Bonds.....	137,000 00
Raleigh & Southwestern Ry. Co. First Mtge. 4% Bonds.....	43,000 00
Costing.....	\$84,123,000 00
Acquisitions:	\$60,709,843 83
Stocks of:	
The C. & O. Railway Co. of Indiana.....	\$5,998,800 00
Elkhorn & Beaver Valley Ry. Co.....	30,000 00
Gauley & Meadow River RR. Co.....	116,300 00
The Hocking Valley Ry. Co.....	7,671,900 00
The Cincinnati Inter-Terminal RR. Co.....	56,000 00
Logan & Southern Ry. Co.....	292,100 00
Levisa River RR. Co. (of Ky.).....	50,000 00
The Levisa River RR. Co. (of Va.).....	50,000 00
Kanawha Bridge & Terminal Co.....	400,000 00
The Silver Grove Land & Building Co.....	200,000 00
White Sulphur Springs, Incorporated.....	2,560,000 00
First National Bank Building Corporation (Richmond, Va.).....	180,000 00
The Chesapeake & Ohio Northern Ry. Co.....	1,897,500 00
Pond Fork Ry. Co.....	59,100 00
Miscellaneous.....	30,960 00
Costing.....	\$19,592,600 00
Bonds of:	\$20,928,771 89
The C. & O. Railway Co. of Indiana First Mtge. 5%.....	\$6,869,000 00
Elkhorn & Beaver Valley Railway Co. First Mtge. 5%.....	1,031,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	218,000 00
Costing.....	\$8,118,000 00
Properties of:	
Coal River Ry. Co.....	\$2,304,359 88
Raleigh & Southwestern Ry. Co.....	816,562 42
Virginia Air Line Ry. Co.....	1,071,947 12
Costing.....	4,192,869 42
Construction of:	
Extension of Branch Lines, costing.....	\$1,595,592 15
Second Track (170.5 miles) and Additions and Betterments, costing.....	16,488,838 92
(Excluding \$2,320,823 99 expended on Chicago Line to April 30 1916, for which securities have been acquired.).....	18,084,431 07
Equipment:	
Additional equipment acquired (less retirements).....	19,849,327 85
(Excluding \$24,586 89 expended on Chicago Line to April 30 1916, for which securities have been acquired.).....	
Costing.....	\$69,772,570 88

GENERAL REMARKS.

The equipment inventory as of June 30 1916 was as follows:

Locomotives owned	610	Inc.	5
Locomotives leased	217	Inc.	5
Total	827	Inc.	10
Passenger train cars owned	341	Dec.	17
Passenger train cars leased	29		
Total	370	Dec.	17
Freight train and miscellaneous cars owned	23,868	Dec.	43
Freight train cars leased	20,902	Dec.	1,533
Total	44,770	Dec.	1,576

The decrease in equipment is due principally to the retiral of old equipment, in place of which your Company has contracted for 2,000 70-ton steel coal cars, 1,000 30-ton box cars and 20 passenger train cars.

The changes during the year in the accrued depreciation of equipment account were as follows:

Balance to credit of account June 30 1915	\$4,904,279 67
Amount credited during year ended June 30 1916 by charges to:	
Operating expenses	\$794,073 45
Charges to account for:	
Accrued depreciation on equipment retired during year	
34 locomotives, 3 passenger train cars, 4,138 freight train and work cars and 2 barges	\$333,034 80
Accrued depreciation on cars changed in class during year	7,788 69
Total	340,823 49
	453,249 96

Balance to credit of account June 30 1916	\$5,357,529 63
Operating Revenues	
amounted to	\$48,239,012 10
Net Operating Revenue	\$16,449,832 88
Operating Ratio	65.9%
Tons of Revenue Freight carried one mile	10,296,523.340
Revenue train load, tons	1,003
Revenue tons per loaded car	34.0%

Among the new local industries are the following: 26 manufacturing of mineral, metal and other products, 9 manufacturing of farm implements and farm products, 3 manufacturing of lumber products, all giving employment to approximately 3,700 persons, with annual pay-roll of approximately \$2,300,000, producing approximately 8,350 car loads of inbound and outbound freight. At the close of the year there were on your Company's lines 330 separate mines for producing coal and coke, all of which were in actual operation. Of the 1,304 coke ovens, 1,154 were in operation. Of the 14 iron furnaces, having a total daily capacity of 2,705 tons, 13, having a daily capacity of 2,605 tons, were in operation. During the year 174 new settlers were located on your Company's lines, their purchases aggregating \$7,950 acres.

The construction of the Chesapeake & Ohio Northern Railway is rapidly approaching completion, and this line will doubtless be in operation in time to handle coal shipments for the Great Lakes at the opening of navigation in the spring of 1917. This line extends from Limeville, Kentucky, on your Company's main line, to the line of the Norfolk & Western Railway near Waverly, Ohio, a distance of 30.4 miles, and this will afford a short route to the Lake for shipments from your Company's lines through trackage rights already arranged for over the Norfolk & Western Railway from Waverly to the Hocking Valley Railway at Valley Crossing, near Columbus.

A spur track 4.7 miles in length, leaving the main line at Penniman Junction, just east of Williamsburg, Va., and extending to the plant of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company at Penniman, has been completed.

Extensions during the year have been completed as follows: An extension of Gauley and Rich Creek Branch 0.1 mile, Dingess Run Branch of the Guyandot Valley Line 0.8 mile, Horse Creek Branch 5.1 miles, Peter Cave Fork Branch 2.0 miles, and Beech Creek extension of the Coal River Line 1.6 miles. 3.4 miles of second track between Balceny Falls, Va., and Greenlee, Va., have been completed and 0.3 mile of track of the Raleigh & Southwestern Branch has been abandoned. The change of line at Walbridge, Ky., resulted in a decrease of 0.1 mile of track.

The revenue coal and coke tonnage was 26,979,519, an increase of 26.5 per cent; other freight tonnage was 10,640,135, an increase of 22.0 per cent. Total revenue tonnage was 37,619,654 tons an increase of 25.2 per cent. Freight revenue was \$39,079,087 19, an increase of 24.9 per cent. Freight train mileage was 10,262,082 miles, an increase of 14.3 per cent. Revenue ton miles were 10,296,523,340, an increase of 26.5 per cent. Ton mile revenue was 3.80 mills, a decrease of 1.0 per cent. Revenue per freight train mile was \$3.808, an increase of 9.3 per cent. Revenue tonnage per train mile was 1,003 tons, an increase of 10.7 per cent; including Company's freight the tonnage per train mile was 1,064 tons, an increase of 10.6 per cent. Tonnage per locomotive, including Company's freight was 937 tons an increase of 7.7 per cent. Revenue tonnage per loaded car was 34.0 tons, an increase of 5.3 per cent. Tons of revenue freight carried one mile per mile of road were 4,335,013, an increase of 26.2 per cent.

There were 6,804,183 passengers carried, an increase of 4.9 per cent. The number carried one mile was 281,348,788 an increase of 4.4 per cent. Passenger revenue was \$5,998,043 81, an increase of 5.3 per cent. Revenue per passenger per mile was 2.132 cents, an increase of 0.8 per cent. Number of passengers carried one mile per mile of road was 118,453, an increase of 4.2 per cent. Passenger train mileage was 4,963,002, a decrease of 0.9 per cent. Passenger revenue per train mile was \$1.208, an increase of 6.2 per cent; including mail and express, it was \$1.425, an increase of 5.9 per cent. Passenger service train revenue per train mile was \$1.463, an increase of 6.4 per cent.

There were 23,920.5 tons of new rails (1,265.3 tons 125-lb., 16,727.1 tons 100-lb., 204.5 tons 97-lb. Frictionless rail, and 5,723.6 tons 90-lb.), equal to 154.7 track miles, used in renewal of existing main tracks.

There were 1,763,343 Cross Ties used in maintaining existing tracks, an increase of 126,700.

There were 899,507 yards of ballast (507,609 stone) used in maintaining existing tracks, an increase of 314,066 yards.

The average amount expended for repairs per locomotive operated was \$3,291 41; per passenger train car, \$1,021 40; per freight train car, \$106 38.

The thanks of the Board are tendered to the officers and employees for loyal and efficient services performed during the year.

By order of the Board of Directors.
GEO. W. STEVENS, *President.*
FRANK TRUMBULL, *Chairman.*

THE CHESAPEAKE & OHIO LINES.—GENERAL BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 1916.

ASSETS.

(Excluding Stocks and Bonds owned of The C. & O. Ry. Co. of Indiana and of The C. & O. Equipment Corporation.)

Property Investment.			
Cost of Road		\$173,439,123 66	
Cost of Equipment		50,887,476 65	
Improvements on Leased Railway Property			\$224,326,600 31
Securities of Proprietary, Affiliated and Controlled Companies—Pledged—			3,770 14
Stocks—See Schedule, page 18 (pamphlet report)	\$12,958,599 44		
Bonds—See Schedule, page 18 (pamphlet report)	4,110,407 01		
	\$17,069,006 45		
Securities—Issued or Assumed—Pledged.			
Bonds—See Schedule, page 18 (pamphlet report)	45,920,001 00	\$62,980,007 45	
(Includes First Lien and Improvement Mortgage 5% Bonds \$45,920,000 00. See Contra.)			
Miscellaneous Investments.			340,421 90
Physical Property			
Special Funds, and Funded Debt Issued and Reserved.			
First Lien and Improvement Mortgage Bonds—Available for Additions and Betterments	\$1,345,000 00		
R. & S. W. Ry. Co., First Mortgage Bonds—Reserved for Construction	40,000 00		
Fores Creek Branch—Cash	44,987 59		
Special Deposits account of Construction and Equipment	6,158,219 39	7,588,206 98	70,917,636 33
(Includes Cash and Note—Balance Proceeds K. & M. Ry. Co. Stock Sale.)			
Working Assets.			\$295,248,006 78
Cash in Treasury	\$5,903,395 30		
Cash in Transit	1,101,775 54		
Cash deposits to pay Interest and Dividends	87,005,170 84		
Cash deposits to pay Equipment Trust Principal	447,778 33		
Cash deposits to pay Matured Bonds and Scrip	112,000 00		
Cash deposit to pay C. & O. Grain Elevator Insurance Claims	514,154 17		
Loans and Bills Receivable	16,268 78		
Traffic Balances	525,110 82		
Agents and Conductors	1,213,282 17		
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable	868,188 95		
Other Working Assets	1,202,937 94		
	51,824 11	\$11,956,716 11	
Materials and Supplies		3,231,713 23	
Securities in Treasury—Unpledged.			
Stocks—See Schedule, page 17 (pamphlet report)	\$4,829,223 45		
Bonds—See Schedule, page 17 (pamphlet report)	657,551 75	5,486,775 20	
Deferred Assets.			
Unmatured Interest, Dividends and Rents	\$93,189 79		
Advances to Proprietary, Affiliated and Controlled Companies	108,417 92		
Advances, Working Funds (Fast Freight Lines, &c.)	37,466 18		
Special Deposits with Trustees, Various Mortgage Funds	35,073 81		
Cash and Securities in Sinking Funds	59,886 01		
Cash and Securities in Insurance Reserve Fund	59,318 04		
Sundry Accounts	436,259 66	827,612 41	
Total			\$316,750,823 73

LIABILITIES.

(Excluding Stocks and Bonds owned of The C. & O. Ry. Co. of Indiana and of The C. & O. Equipment Corporation.)

Table of Liabilities including Capital Stock (Common, First Preferred, Second Preferred), Funded Debt (various mortgages and bonds), Equipment Trust Obligations, Working Liabilities (Loans, Traffic Balances, Unpaid Wages), Deferred Liabilities (Unmatured Interest, Taxes, Accrued Depreciation), Appropriated Surplus, and Profit and Loss—Balance.

GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1916 AND COMPARISON WITH YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1915. Table with columns for 1916, 1915, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), and Per Cent. Includes Operating Revenues, Operating Expenses, Net Operating Revenue, and Deductions from Gross Income.

COST OF PROPERTY JUNE 30 1916. The Cost of Road as of June 30 1915 was \$173,210,086 05. Added for—Additions and Betterments during year ended June 30 1916: Branch Lines, New Second Track, Eliminating Grade Crossings, etc. Less: Sundry Credits. Difference between face value of securities of auxiliary companies and the prices at which they were taken over.

CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1916.

To the Stockholders of the Chicago Great Western Railroad Co.:
The Board of Directors submit herewith their report for the year ended June 30 1916:

OPERATING REVENUE.

The detailed statement of operating income indicates an increase of \$1,146,659 92 in the total Railway Operating Revenue in this year, over the preceding year, of which \$1,107,224 46 was from transportation, \$847,156 91 being from freight, and \$206,606 32 from passenger.

Operating Revenue this year was the largest of any year since the organization of the present company, notwithstanding the decrease in the average revenue per ton mile from 7.00 mills in 1915 to 6.84 mills in 1916. This decrease in average revenue per ton mile alone diminished the freight revenue for 1916, \$247,788. On the other hand, the average revenue per passenger mile in 1916 was 2.011 cents, as compared with 1.950 cents in 1915, which produced an increase of \$100,085 in the total passenger revenue for 1916. Taken together these changes in the average revenues effected a decrease of \$147,703 in the total revenue from transportation in 1916.

In considering the revenue in 1916, it should be borne in mind that more than the indicated increase for the year was earned in the eight months beginning with November, the total revenue for the first four months of the year (July to October inclusive) being \$119,115 less than for the preceding year. This resulted from the unusual conditions growing mainly out of the European war.

OPERATING EXPENSES.

Maintenance of Way and Structures increased \$200,958, principally in Road Maintenance; Bridges, Trestles and Culverts; Rails; Other Track Material; Track Laying and Surfacing; Water Stations; Tools and Supplies, and Maintaining Joint Tracks, Yards and Other Facilities. And decreased \$94,747, principally in Ballast; Station and Office Buildings; Fuel Stations; Signals and Interlocking; Removing Snow and Ice, and Injuries to persons.

The final increase under this heading was \$106,211.

Maintenance of Equipment increased \$199,324, principally in the following accounts:

Shop Machinery; Steam Locomotive Repairs; Steam Locomotive Retirements; Freight Train Cars Depreciation; Work Equipment Repairs; Work Equipment Depreciation, and Injuries to Persons.

And decreased \$161,188, principally in Freight Train Cars Repairs; Freight Train Cars Retirements; Passenger Train Cars Repairs; Passenger Train Cars Retirements, and Work Equipment Retirements.

The final increase under this heading was \$38,136.

Traffic Expenses increased \$5,119, principally in Advertising account. And they decreased \$20,158, principally in the accounts of Outside Agencies; Traffic Associations, and Stationery and Printing.

The final decrease under this heading was \$15,039.

Transportation Expenses increased \$182,566, principally in the following accounts:

Station Employees; Yard Conductors and Brakemen; Yard Enginemen; Fuel for Yard Locomotives; Train Enginemen; Fuel for Train Locomotives, and Trainmen.

And decreased \$75,317, principally in Enginehouse Expenses; Operating Joint Yards and Terminals; Lubricants for Train Locomotives; Train Supplies and Expenses; Clearing Wrecks; Damage to Property; Loss and Damage of Freight, and Injuries to persons.

The final increase under this heading was \$107,249.

Miscellaneous Operations increased \$15,414, in the accounts of Dining and Buffet Service, and Hotels and Restaurants. Last year there was a credit of \$467, while this year there was none.

The final increase under this heading was \$15,881. (It will be noted that the revenues from dining cars and hotels and restaurants increased \$20,405 46.)

General Expenses increased \$24,319, principally in Valuation (Federal) Expenses and Joint Facilities, and decreased \$15,742, principally in the accounts of Stationery and Printing, and Other Expenses.

Last year there was a credit of \$14,256 growing out of settlement of an old account.

The final increase under this heading was \$22,833.

ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

BUILDINGS.

Petersburg.—A station building 16 x 40 feet in size of frame construction has been completed. There were no station facilities at this point before.

Oelwein.—A small addition has been made to the passenger station to enlarge the kitchen facilities.

Goodhue.—The station building has been enlarged by the addition of another waiting room.

Stewartville.—A station building 24 x 80 feet in size, of frame construction, is being built to replace the one destroyed by fire.

Minneapolis.—Extensive alterations and additions are being made to the old freight and passenger station located

at Tenth street and Washington avenue, and this building has been leased for a long term of years as a storage warehouse.

COALING STATIONS.

Clarion.—The one-hundred-ton steel mechanical coaling station mentioned in last year's report has been completed and placed in operation.

Council Bluffs.—A one-hundred-ton steel mechanical coaling station, equipped with scales, has been completed, replacing the old wooden coaling trestle at that point.

Red Wing.—A fifty-ton frame mechanical coaling station, equipped with scales, has been completed, replacing the old wooden coaling trestle.

Hayfield.—A fifty-ton frame mechanical coaling station, equipped with scales, has been completed, replacing the old wooden coaling trestle.

Graf.—The power plant at this coaling station has been improved by replacing the gasoline engine with an oil engine, and the substitution of a more efficient hoist for the one in use.

WATER STATIONS.

Byron.—A new 100,000-gallon steel tank has been erected, replacing a 50,000-gallon wooden tank, and oil engines have been installed for power, replacing the old steam plant.

South Freeport.—The old steam pumping plant at this station has been replaced by modern oil engines.

Thorpe.—The 100,000-gallon steel tank mentioned in last year's report has been completed and placed in service.

Oelwein.—The ten-inch pipe line for conveying water from the shop grounds to the roundhouse, mentioned in last year's report, has been placed in service.

Carroll.—A pumping plant consisting of a 15-horse-power oil engine has been built, greatly reducing the cost of the water purchased from the city.

Waterloo.—An oil engine pumping plant has been built, eliminating the necessity of purchasing water from the city, thereby materially reducing the cost.

Marshalltown.—A 15,000-gallon wooden tank has been built, replacing one of 12,000 gallons, and a twelve-inch water column has been installed.

Valeria.—An oil engine pumping plant has been installed, replacing the old steam plant.

Dearborn.—An oil engine has been installed, replacing the old steam pumping plant.

ICE HOUSES.

South Des Moines.—A 650-ton addition has been made to the frame ice house, increasing its capacity to 2,650 tons.

Clarion.—A 1,200-ton ice house has been erected at this point in addition to the former icing facilities.

St. Paul.—The old ice house has been replaced by a new one of 1,950 tons capacity.

Boom Island.—A 750-ton addition has been made to the present ice house, making its total capacity 2,250 tons.

BRIDGES.

Durango.—The bridge across the Maquoketa River, consisting of eleven 28-foot I-beam spans resting on pile piers, has been replaced with three 70-foot through, plate-girder spans on concrete piers and abutments.

Altura.—Bear Creek Viaduct on Winona Branch, consisting of twenty 44-foot steel, deck truss spans on steel towers, has been reinforced to carry modern equipment.

ECONOMIES.

By the installation of a plant for reclaiming and repairing track material, by welding machines, electrical machines of various kinds, and many minor improvements to tools and machinery, a saving of \$22,054 per annum has been effected.

The saving from the use of gasoline section cars in place of the old fashioned hand car has continued, and the experience in their use since their installation some years ago has been most gratifying. They are saving approximately \$39,000 per annum, with greater efficiency in the work of the section forces.

The modern coaling stations which have been installed from time to time are now effecting a saving of \$31,000 per annum.

By the substitution of gasoline and oil engines and electricity for the old steam plants at water stations an average annual saving of \$26,000 is now being realized.

EQUIPMENT.

The equipment has been increased during the year by additions as follows:

1 Steel postal car, 1 Russell Wing snow plow, 2 Automatic dump cars, 5 Switching locomotives, 10 Mikado-type freight locomotives.

Contracts have been made for additional equipment which had not been delivered before the close of the year, as follows:

3 Pacific-type passenger locomotives, 7 Santa-Fe-type freight locomotives, 10 Switching locomotives, 2 Steel dining cars, 2 Parlor-Observation cars.

GENERAL REMARKS.

This year shows the largest gross and net earnings in the history of the company.

The present company has always been provided with equipment and track facilities to meet any sudden increase in business, and the officers have been diligently working for the last six years in an effort to get the gross earnings more nearly up to the capacity of the property. The year marks the first in which any fair test of the facilities of the road has been made.

It has been the thought of the Board of Directors from the first that if the gross earnings could be raised to fifteen million dollars, or approximately ten thousand dollars per mile, the net earnings would be equal to at least four per cent. on the preferred stock. This report verifies that prediction. The physical property and its locomotive equipment are to-day in shape to handle a gross business on present rates of twenty million dollars per annum.

What might be termed the overhead charges, i. e., taxes and rentals, have always been heavy, owing to the extensive use of other lines by the Chicago Great Western in reaching its terminals. These charges, including as rental the interest on the Mason City & Ft. Dodge bonds, amounted to \$1,170,701, leaving a surplus of \$2,796,792—nearly three times the annual interest on the outstanding first mortgage bonds of the Chicago Great Western Railroad.

The Company has no floating debt, short term notes, equipment trusts or any obligations due prior to Jan. 1 1950.

Owing to the strong cash position of the company it was able to save during the year \$26,155 through discount of bills for materials and supplies purchased. The total amount so saved since September 1 1909, is \$119,329.

During the year the company earned interest on its bank balances \$57,665. The total so earned since September 1 1909, is \$530,920.

A careful study of Exhibit 12 [pamphlet report] will prove of interest. It shows what has been accomplished by the expenditure of \$19,444,000, or \$13,788 per mile of road, on the property since its organization. The increase in Net Income yielded a return equal to 12.74% on the total expenditure.

Operating Revenue in the year shows an increase of 39.46% over 1909; Operating Expenses increased but 17.32%; Taxes, over which the company has no control, increased 57.75%. Nevertheless, the Percentage of Operating Expenses and Taxes has been reduced 14.8%, and the Net Operating Income increased 189.2%.

Among the causes contributing to this improved result is the reduction of 27.1% in Freight Train Mileage while Revenue Ton Mileage increased 41.92%; consequently the Average Revenue Tons Per Train Mile increased 94.68%, and the Revenue Per Freight Train Mile increased 93.33%. Revenue Per ton Mile decreased .58%. It will be noted that the Average Tons of All Freight Per Train Mile this year were 610.16—a record that will compare favorably with any western line.

In the conduct of the passenger business, as compared with 1909, Passenger Train Mileage was reduced 10.36%, while Passengers One Mile increased 18.08%; Revenue Per Passenger Mile increased 11.9%; Passenger Revenue Per Train Mile increased 46.38%.

Much stress has been laid in recent years on the ratio of Transportation Expenses to total Operating Revenue. A reference to Exhibit 10 [pamphlet report] will show that the Great Western's Transportation ratio has been reduced to 34.9%, which, considering the fact that included in the Transportation account is freight paid on company coal, of \$549,597, while many other lines with which it competes have abundant coal supplies on their own lines, shows in another way what has been accomplished by the additional capital expenditures on the property.

Claims paid for loss and damage of freight in 1909 amounted to 3.27% of the freight revenue. In 1916 1.8%, being a decrease of 44.95% in this one item.

During the year two dividends, one December 1 1915, and the other May 1 1916, of one per cent. each, were paid on the preferred stock of the Company out of the income since July 1 1914, when the dividend on the preferred stock became cumulative.

The reserve account for accrued depreciation is as follows:

Total amount charged in the Operating Expenses, September 1 1909, to June 30 1915	\$804,600 89
Total amount thereof applied in connection with equipment retired to June 30 1915	71,661 73
Balance of reserve brought over at beginning of this year	732,939 16
Amount charged to Operating Expenses and credited to the reserve account in this year	169,261 58
Amount of reserve applied in connection with retirements of equipment during this year	21,979 45
Amount at credit of accrued depreciation account June 30 1916	\$80,221 29

The amount charged to Operating Expenses and credited to reserve accounts for depreciation of equipment this year shows an increase of \$20,506 36 over last year, and it is deemed to be ample to cover the actual depreciation accruing during the period.

The gross earnings since the close of the year down to the middle of September show an increase of \$467,000, or 15.7%, which is exceedingly gratifying. There is every indication of this increase being maintained through the month of October; but after November first, to the end of the fiscal year, comparison will be made with the largest earnings ever made in that period by the present Company.

The following statement showing the return on the investment in Road and Equipment from date of organization of the present company (September 1 1909) to June 30 1916, will prove of interest:

Years end, June 30:	Property Investment	Income Applicable to Bond Interest, Dividends, Improvement of Property and Strengthening of Credit	Per Cent. Income of Property Investment
1910 (10 months)	\$118,467,316 67	\$1,676,496 23	1.42
1911	123,371,726 67	2,304,847 65	1.87
1912	125,721,548 08	1,813,649 01	1.44
1913	127,345,039 29	2,876,611 11	2.26
1914	128,229,157 66	2,526,172 25	1.97
1915	129,229,600 78	2,371,808 78	1.83
1916	129,933,872 64	3,177,152 10	2.44

* The "Income" shown here is determined after allowing for adjustments made through profit and loss.

The amount earned in the year just closed capitalized at 7% is equal to \$32,187 per mile of road, a sum probably not half the cost of reproducing the present railroad and its equipment.

Your Directors announce with deep sorrow the death of Mr. Charles H. Conover, at Chicago, on Thursday, November 4 1915.

Mr. Conover was a highly valued and respected member of your Board of Directors and his loss is deeply mourned.

Appropriate resolutions in respect to his memory were adopted by the Board, and a copy thereof forwarded to his family.

For detailed information as to income, balance sheet, traffic and other statistics reference is invited to the following pages.

The Board of Directors takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to the officers and employees of the Company for their faithful and efficient services.

By order of the Board,
SAMUEL M. FELTON, President.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET STATEMENT JUNE 30 1916.

ASSETS.	
<i>Investments:</i>	
Road and Equipment:	
Investment on Sept. 1 1909—Road	\$106,411,458 87
Investment on Sept. 1 1909—Equipment	6,333,347 63
Investment since Sept. 1 1909—Road	10,156,872 43
Investment since Sept. 1 1909—Equip't	6,068,879 10
	\$128,970,258 03
Miscellaneous Physical Property	44,498 01
<i>Investments in Affiliated Companies:</i>	
Stocks—Pledged	\$530,192 09
Stocks—Unpledged	337,400 81
Bonds—Unpledged	30,537 50
Advances	18,985 20
	\$917,115 60
<i>Other Investments:</i>	
Stocks—Pledged	\$1 00
Stocks—Unpledged	500 00
Bonds—Unpledged	1,500 00
	\$2,001 00
<i>Current Assets:</i>	
Cash	\$2,238,585 82
Loans and Bills Receivable	1,633 03
Traffic and Car Service Balances—Receivable	102,088 54
Net Balance Receivable from Agents and Conductors	293,980 11
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable	509,909 67
Material and Supplies	1,616,507 33
Interest and Dividends Receivable	1,350 26
Other Current Assets	56,285 75
	4,820,450 61
<i>Deferred Assets:</i>	
Working Fund Advances	6,634 25
<i>Unadjusted Debits:</i>	
Insurance Premiums Paid in Advance	\$2,145 40
Discount on Funded Debt	583,201 01
Other Unadjusted Debits	496,599 32
	1,081,945 73
Total	\$135,842,903 23
LIABILITIES.	
<i>Capital Stock:</i>	
Common Stock	\$45,246,913 00
Less Common Stock in Treasury	a36,400 00
	\$45,210,513 00
Preferred Stock	\$44,137,402 00
Less Preferred Stock in Treasury	b269,500 00
	43,867,902 00
	\$89,078,415 00
<i>Long Term Debt:</i>	
Chicago Great Western Railroad Co.:	
First Mgtg. 50-Year 4% Gold Bonds	\$28,816,000 00
Less Bonds held in Treasury	3,433,000 00
	25,383,000 00
Minneapolis Term, 50-Year 3 1/2% Gold Bonds	500,000 00
Mason City & Fort Dodge Railroad Co.:	
First Mortgage 50-Year 4% Gold Bonds	12,000,000 00
Wisconsin Minnesota & Pacific Railroad Co.:	
First Mortgage 50-Year 4% Gold Bonds	\$6,232,000 00
Less Bonds owned by Chicago Great Western Railroad Co. and Pledged with Trustees of its Mortgage	6,216,000 00
	16,000 00
Non-negotiable Debt to Affiliated Companies	17,924 77
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>	
Traffic and Car Service Balances Payable	\$392,795 47
Audited Accounts and Wages Payable	983,074 14
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable	85,501 12
Interest Matured Unpaid	23,547 50
Unmatured Interest Accrued	338,878 15
Unmatured Rents Accrued	
Int. on M. C. & Ft. D. RR. Co. Bonds	40,000 00
Miscellaneous Rents	56,757 03
Other Current Liabilities	118,987 41
	2,039,540 82
<i>Deferred Liabilities:</i>	
Other Deferred Liabilities	34,200 90
<i>Unadjusted Credits:</i>	
Tax Liability	\$276,364 20
Operating Reserves	c155,716 00
Accrued Depreciation—Equipment	880,221 29
Other Unadjusted Credits	455,999 27
	1,456,868 76
<i>Corporate Surplus:</i>	
Additions to Property through Income and Surplus	\$5,687 24
Profit and Loss—Balance	5,311,265 74
	5,316,952 98
Total	\$135,842,903 23

a Held for exchange of Chicago Great Western Railway Co. securities.
b Includes \$36,500 held for exchange of C. G. W. Ry. Co. securities, and \$8,000 against exchange of W. M. & P. RR. Co. bonds.
c Denotes Debit.

For the comparative income account, balance sheet and general statistics see company's statement under "Annual Reports" on a previous page.

COLUMBIA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

(A holding and operating company organized under the laws of the State of West Virginia)

OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE LISTING OF CAPITAL STOCK.

Cincinnati, September 12, 1916.

Columbia Gas & Electric Company (hereinafter called the Columbia Company) hereby makes application for the listing of \$49,948,700 of its Capital Stock, consisting of 499,487 shares of the par value of \$100 each, which is issued and outstanding in the hands of the public in the form of permanent engraved interchangeable certificates, with authority to add \$51,300, consisting of 513 shares of the par value of \$100 each, on official notice of issuance of permanent engraved interchangeable certificates in exchange for outstanding temporary certificates, making the total amount applied for \$50,000,000 (the total authorized issue). All of said stock is common stock, is full-paid and non-assessable, and no personal liability attached to stockholders.

The Columbia Company was incorporated September 10 1906 under the laws of the State of West Virginia, under the name of Columbia Corporation. On November 13 1906 a certificate was filed changing the name to Columbia Gas & Electric Company.

Duration of the charter is limited to September 10 1956.

Pursuant to its certificate of incorporation, the Columbia Company is engaged, or controls corporations which are engaged, in the production of gas (natural and artificial), oil and electricity for light, heat, power and fuel, in the operation of water works for power, and other purposes, of pipe lines, of electric railways and of other businesses incident to the above, and in buying, selling and dealing in stocks and obligations of other corporations.

The authorized capitalization of the Columbia Company has been as follows:

At organization, \$11,000,000	Preferred	Common
December 15 1906 increased to \$51,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000
December 28 1907 reduced to	1,000,000	50,000,000
\$1,000,000 Preferred Stock in the treasury retired and canceled.		50,000,000

The stock for which application to list is hereby made was issued for the following purposes:

Amt. of Stock.	Purpose for Which Issued.
\$500	For cash upon organization of corporation.
\$9,999,500	As part of purchase price of leases and options of and upon oil and gas lands in West Virginia and Kentucky, and of a contract for supplying City of Cincinnati and adjoining towns with natural gas.
\$40,000,000	As part of purchase price of 10,000 shares of the Common Stock of The Union Gas & Electric Company, certain letters patent, 48,468 shares of the stock of The Cleveland Gas Light & Coke Company and 36,659 shares of stock of The People's Gas Light Company.

There was no public service commission or other authority in existence at the time of the issue of the above stock having jurisdiction thereof.

No dividends have been paid upon the stock of the Columbia Company.

The following dividends have been paid on the stock of United Fuel Gas Company and its predecessor:

Date.	Dividend Rate.	Stock Outstanding.	Amount of Dividend.
June 29 1915 (Old Company)	50% stock dividend	\$6,000,000	\$3,000,000
April 15 1916	6% cash dividend	9,000,000	540,000

The following dividends have been paid on the preferred stock of The Union Gas & Electric Co. since its organization:

Period—	Rate.	Amount Paid.	Amount of Stock Outstanding.	In.	Period—	Rate.	Amount Paid.	Amount of Stock Outstanding.	In.
4 months ending Dec. 31 1906	6%	\$100,000	\$5,000,000	Cash	3 months ending Mar. 31 1908	6%	75,000	5,000,000	Cash
3 months ending Mar. 31 1907	6%	75,000	5,000,000	Cash	15 months ending June 30 1909	6%	375,000	5,000,000	Scrap
3 months ending June 30 1907	6%	75,000	5,000,000	Cash	12 months ending June 30 1910	6%	300,000	5,000,000	Cash
3 months ending Sept. 30 1907	6%	75,000	5,000,000	Cash	12 months ending June 30 1911	6%	300,000	5,000,000	Cash
3 months ending Dec. 31 1907	6%	75,000	5,000,000	Cash	12 months ending June 30 1912	6%	300,000	5,000,000	Cash

No dividends have been paid on the common stock of the Union Gas & Electric Company.

The following is a statement of the funded debt of the Columbia Company as of July 31 1916:

Obligations—	Date.	Maturity.	Rate.	Limited to.	Outstanding.	Remarks.
First Mortgage 5% Gold Bonds, Columbia Trust Co., New York, Trustee	Jan. 1 1907	Jan. 1 1927	5%	\$25,000,000	\$13,248,000	\$6,770,000 retired through sinking fund; of the \$13,248,000 outstanding, \$2,303,000 are owned by The Union Gas & Electric Co. (over 99% of whose stock is owned by the Columbia Company).
5% Gold Debentures, Central Trust Co. of New York, Trustee	July 1 1913	Jan. 1 1927	5%	2,850,000	2,617,168 33	\$232,831 67 in the treasury. Of the figures given \$668 33 is represented by scrip outstanding and \$331 67 by scrip in treasury.

The Columbia Company owns or controls the following companies (statement as of July 31 1916):

Name.	Where Incorporated.	Date.	Duration.	Capital Stock.		Par.	Remarks.
				Authorized.	Issued.		
Owens:							
The Union Gas & Electric Co., which holds under lease ending Oct. 1 2005:	Ohio	1906	Perpetual	6% Cu.Pr. \$10,000,000	\$5,000,000	100	Owned by Columbia Company— \$5,000,000 9,995,000
The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.	Ohio	1837	Perpetual	Common 10,000,000	10,000,000	100	
United Fuel Gas Co.	West Va.	1916	Perpetual	36,000,000	35,056,300	100	4,591,000
Holds under lease ending July 1 1938: Cincinnati Gas Transportation Co.	West Va.	1908	Perpetual	Preferred 3,000,000 Common 2,000,000	3,000,000 2,000,000	100	
Under agreement ending April 1 1952 with Cincinnati Newport & Covington Light & Traction Co., a holding company controls and is entitled to earnings on all stock of the following companies which are owned by Cincinnati Newport & Covington Light & Traction Co.:							
(1) The following non-operating Kentucky companies which are to be dissolved in the near future:							
The Suburban Electric Co.							
The Bellevue Water & Fuel Gas Light Co.							
The Dayton Elec. Light & Power Co.							
The Kentucky Electric Co.							
The Municipal Light Co. and The Cincinnati Covington & Erlanger Railway Co.							
(2) The following operating companies:							
The Licking River Bridge Co.	Kentucky	1896	Perpetual	50,000	50,000	100	All the Preferred Stock is owned by the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. and the Columbia Company has an option to purchase it for \$1,000,000. It is entitled to 5% dividends after the bonds of the company have been redeemed.
Union Light, Heat & Power Co.	Kentucky	1901	99 Years	500,000	500,000	100	
Cincinnati Newport & Covington Railway Co.	Ohio	1892	Perpetual	4,000,000	3,200,000	100	
Which owns all the stock of:							
South Covington & Cincinnati Street Railway Co.	Kentucky	1876	Perpetual	500,000	500,000	50	
And the following non-operating Kentucky companies which are to be dissolved in the near future:							
The Newport Electric Street Railway Co.							
The Cincinnati Covington & Rosedale Railway Co.							
The Cincinnati West Covington & Ludlow Street Ry. Co., and The Covington & Latonia RR. Co.							

The following is a statement of the funded debt of owned or controlled corporations as of July 31 1916:

Name of Corporation.	Obligations.	Date.	Maturity.	Rate.	Authorized.	Outst'd'g.	Remarks.
The Union Gas & Electric Co.	None.						
The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.	First and Refunding Mortgage 5% 40-Yr. Sinking Fund Gold Bonds	April 1 1916	April 1 1956	5%	\$15,000,000	\$4,500,000	A sinking fund is provided by the mortgage, payments on which are to commence on April 1 1920.
The Cincinnati Edison Electric Company	First Mortgage 5% 20-Year Gold Bonds	June 1 1897	June 1 1917	5%	2,000,000	1,500,000	Mortgage is closed.
Cincinnati Gas Transportation Company	First Mortgage 5% Gold Bonds	July 1 1908	July 1 1933	5%	5,000,000	3,669,000	These Cincinnati Gas Transportation Co. Bonds are guaranteed by the Columbia Company. \$3,000,000 of the bonds are also guaranteed by The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. A Sinking Fund is provided by the mortgage which has redeemed, to date, \$1,331,000 of the bds.
The South Covington & Cincinnati Street Railway Co.	Consolidated Mortgage 6% Bonds	Jan. 1 1892	Jan. 21 1932	6%	500,000	150,000	
Newport & Dayton Ry. Co.	First Mtg. 6% Bonds	Aug. 1 1887	Aug. 1 1917	6%	100,000	103,000	
The Licking River Bridge Co.	First Mtg. 5% Bonds	Nov. 1 1914	Nov. 1 1939	5%	185,000	185,000	A sinking fund is provided by the mortgage and payments of \$3,750 per year are to be made from May 1 1915 until maturity.
The Cincinnati Newport & Covington Railway Co.	First Consolidated 5% Bonds	July 26 1892	July 1 1922	5%	3,000,000	2,750,000	
	Second Consolid'd 5% Bonds	July 1 1896	July 1 1922	5%	1,000,000	694,000	
The Union Light, Heat & Power Company	First Mtg. 4% Bonds	May 1 1901	May 1 1918	4%	2,000,000	1,561,700	
	5% Refunding Bonds	Nov. 1 1915	Nov. 1 1965	5%	5,000,000	200,600	A sinking fund is provided by the mortgage, payments on which are to commence Nov. 1 1920.
United Fuel Gas Co.	First Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds	Jan. 1 1916	Jan. 1 1936	6%	15,000,000	7,932,500	A sinking fund is provided by the mortgage, payments on which are to commence on March 1 1922.

The following is a description of the physical property of the Columbia Company and controlled companies as of Aug. 1 1916:

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, COLUMBIA GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY.

Number of acres of oil and gas land under lease or held in fee in Southern West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky	265,814
(Most of this land is held under lease; only a small part is owned in fee.)	
Of this acreage there is now being operated	19,724
Number of producing gas wells	192
Open flow capacity of gas wells per day	135,000,000 cubic feet
Total amount of gas produced, purchased, sold and used in 1915	15,619,406,000 cubic feet
Number of miles of field lines (2-in. to 8-in.)	70
Number of miles of trunk lines. (See description of Cincinnati Gas Transportation Company property hereinafter set forth, which property is leased to the Columbia Company.)	70

The Columbia Company supplies gas at wholesale to the Maysville Gas Company at Maysville, Ky., the Bracken County Gas Company at Foster, Ky., the Union Light, Heat & Power Company at Covington, Newport and other Kentucky cities in the vicinity of Cincinnati, and to The Union Gas & Electric Company at Cincinnati, Ohio. Ninety-five per cent of the gas produced and purchased by it is sold to the Union Light, Heat & Power Company and The Union Gas & Electric Company, the balance being distributed to a small number of consumers in the field and to the above-named distributing companies at Maysville and Foster, Ky.

To the field lines of the Columbia Company is connected one compressing station described as follows:

Branchland, W. Va., Compressing Station.—Consists of three units, Cooper gas engines, total horse power 1,455, with buildings and auxiliaries necessary for its operation.

Also a recently completed gasoline plant, known as

Leach Siding, Ky., Gasoline Absorption Station.—Consists of land, buildings, sidings, absorption tanks, stills, pumps, cooling apparatus and other equipment necessary to handle 75 million feet of gas per day in the process of extracting gasoline from dry natural gas by what is known as the absorption process. This station will produce in the winter season from 7,500 to 10,000 gallons of high-grade gasoline per day. At the present time it has a production of between 4,000 and 5,000 gallons per day.

This company has a complete telephone system connecting its fields, warehouses, etc., to the main trunk line at Kenova, W. Va., at which point it connects with the telephone system of the Cincinnati Gas Transportation Company, hereinafter described.

This company has at different points in the field warehouses, buildings, etc., incident to the operation of its business.

THE UNION GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (hereinafter called the Union Company).

The Union Company was incorporated for the purpose of operating, under lease, the plants and property of The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company (hereinafter referred to as the Cincinnati Company) which, at that time, was doing the entire electric light and power and artificial gas business in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, and surrounding municipalities. On September 1 1906 a lease was made between the Union Company and the Cincinnati Company for a period of ninety-nine years, whereby the Union Company took over the operation of the Cincinnati Company's entire property. For information as to the terms of the lease, reference is made to the application (A-4625) of The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company to list its First and Refunding Mortgage Five Per Cent Forty-Year Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series A.

The Union Company has the option of purchasing the property at any time on or before April 1 1921 at a price equal to the par value of the capital stock of the Cincinnati Company and at any time after April 1 1921 during the term of the lease at a price equal to 115% of the par value thereof.

The Capital Stock of the Union Company was issued for the purposes of organization, capital expenditures to be made and a guarantee fund to be provided for in accordance with the terms of the above-mentioned lease, and for the acquisition of the lease.

In 1909, the Columbia Company purchased sufficient stock to obtain control of the Union Company, and since that date has purchased additional stock, so that it now owns \$5,000,000 of the Preferred Stock (the total outstanding issue) and \$9,995,000 of the Common Stock.

The Cincinnati Company was incorporated in 1837, under the laws of the State of Ohio, as the Cincinnati Gas, Light & Coke Company, a change thereafter being made to the present name. The Cincinnati Company owns perpetual franchises in Cincinnati for the purpose of supplying Cincinnati with electric light and power and artificial gas, subject to the right of the city to purchase the artificial gas and electric properties at a price to be fixed by arbitration, and subject to ten-year rate ordinances.

The properties of the Cincinnati Company, all of which are leased to the Union Company, are as follows (as of August 1 1916):

There are 717 miles of gas mains, supplying 111,549 consumers through 115,912 meters distributed in sixteen separate municipalities, with a population aggregating 500,000. Connected to these mains are nine gas holders with an aggregate capacity of 10,000,000 cubic feet, and serving as temporary reserves to the high pressure lines from the fields.

The property also includes two artificial gas plants, which have, however, been shut down since the introduction of natural gas into Cincinnati by the Columbia Company, and are now held as reserves.

The following cities and towns receive their supply of natural gas exclusively from the Union Company: Cincinnati, Norwood, Elmwood, Wyoming, St. Bernard, Arlington Heights, Reading, Cheviot, Lockland, Glendale, Williamsdale, Woodlawn, Silverton, Deer Park, Mt. Healthy, Rensselaer Park.

The electric plant of the Cincinnati Company was supplying electricity on August 1 1916 to 25,083 consumers through 25,587 electric meters, using for this service 635 miles of pole line, forty-seven trench miles of underground

duct and 29 miles of so-called Edison underground tube. The consumers are distributed among eleven separate municipalities having an aggregate population of 450,000, with a total connection load of 72,455 k. w. Also included therein are 6,491 luminous arc lamps furnished under a street-lighting contract with the City of Cincinnati, having six years to run.

The electricity supplied to the territory is generated in the Cincinnati Company's power station located in the heart of Cincinnati, having a rated capacity of 29,200 k. w. Much of this energy is transmitted from the power station direct to the consumers, the remainder being transmitted to six sub-stations scattered over the City of Cincinnati, and to the Kentucky generating station in Newport, Ky., which supplies the street railway and electric properties controlled by the Columbia Company in the State of Kentucky.

Steam is generated in thirty modern water tube boilers, aggregating 15,623 rated horse-power, and fully equipped with mechanical stokers fed by gravity with coal from overhead coal bunkers of 3,000 tons capacity. Twenty-two of these boilers are also equipped for firing with natural gas, which is used, to some extent, as a substitute for coal, principally during the summer months. The electric generating equipment in the power station consists of steam engine and steam turbine-driven electric generators of both alternating and direct current types, together with motor generators set for converting such alternating current into direct current as may be required. This station also houses about one-third of the total arc street-lighting apparatus required by the city. Two of the substations, located in the central business district, are equipped with motor generators converting alternating current to direct current for distribution through the underground mains, and with large storage batteries, which insure both an unvarying pressure and absolute continuity of service. The remaining four substations are located in outlying districts and are equipped with transformers and control apparatus for street lighting service, and with regulators for commercial lighting service.

Plans have been completed, all principal contracts let, and construction is now well under way, for the erection in Cincinnati on the Ohio River of a large, modern electric generating station of an initial capacity of 75,000 horse-power, which will be increased to 150,000 horse-power.

The following cities and towns receive their supply of electricity from the Union Company: Cincinnati, Elmwood, Wyoming, Arlington Heights, Bridgetown, St. Bernard, Lockland, Glendale, Cheviot, Woodlawn, Norwood.

The property includes an adequate and substantial brick, steel and stone office building in the business district of the city, a brick, steel and concrete distributing warehouse for gas and electric supplies, a five-story brick building adjacent to the office building and used as a garage and as an electric meter and arc lamp shop, together with various brick and concrete buildings for the housing of artificial gas purifying equipment, gas compressing apparatus, and general storage purposes. The principal real estate parcels are excellently located and of great value. They include ample space, structures and equipment for the receiving, hoisting and storage of coal, both by river and rail, there being exceptionally good railroad connections with all trunk lines entering the City of Cincinnati.

For additional information as to the properties of the Cincinnati Company reference is made to the Application (A-4625) of the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company to list its First and Refunding Mortgage Five Per Cent Forty-Year Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series A.

CINCINNATI GAS TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (hereinafter referred to as the Transportation Company).

The Transportation Company was incorporated under the laws of West Virginia May 30 1908, the purpose of its formation being to construct a pipe line for the transmission of gas from West Virginia to Cincinnati, which pipe line and all property of said company was leased under date of July 1 1908 to the Columbia Company for thirty years.

All of the \$3,000,000 Preferred Stock is owned by the Cincinnati Company, and the Columbia Company has an option to purchase said stock at any time for one million dollars. This stock is not to receive any dividends until all of the bonds of the Transportation Company have been redeemed. The Transportation Company has outstanding \$3,669,000 of its First Mortgage Five Per Cent Bonds, the authorized issue of which was \$5,000,000, and of which there have been redeemed by the sinking fund \$1,331,000. All bonds are guaranteed by the Columbia Company, and \$3,000,000 thereof are guaranteed by the Cincinnati Company.

The following is a description of the physical property of the Transportation Company as of August 1 1916:

Miles of trunk line.....	126 miles of 20 inch
	33 miles of 18 inch
	14 miles of 12 inch
	10 miles of 8 inch

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Valves, gates, fittings and regulators incident to the operation of the trunk line.

Compressor station located at Kenova, W. Va., consisting of five gas engine units—three Westinghouse and two Snow (total of 6,750 horse-power), buildings, auxiliaries, machine shops, electric-light plant, water-works, dwelling houses, etc., necessary for the operation thereof.

One hundred and eighty-one miles of double circuit copper telephone lines from Kenova, W. Va., to Cincinnati. At Kenova it connects with the telephone line of the Columbia Company and United Fuel Gas Company.

KENTUCKY PROPERTIES.

At the time of the organization of the Columbia Company, there were operating in Covington, Newport and other adjacent municipalities in Kentucky directly opposite Cincinnati the Union Light, Heat & Power Company, doing the entire electric light and power and artificial gas business in those municipalities, and the South Covington & Cincinnati Street Railway Company, doing all the street railway business in the same section. This street railway company was owned by the Cincinnati Newport & Covington Railway Company, incorporated in Ohio to operate in Cincinnati. The Union Light, Heat & Power Company and the Cincinnati Newport & Covington Railway Company were, in turn, owned by the Cincinnati Newport & Covington Light & Traction Company, a holding company incorporated under the laws of New Jersey.

An agreement, dated June 15 1907, was entered into between the Cincinnati Newport & Covington Light & Traction Company, The Columbia Gas & Electric Company of Ohio, The Union Savings Bank & Trust Company of Cincinnati and the Columbia Company (of West Virginia) whereby the Columbia Company obtained the right to vote and receive the dividends upon all the Capital Stock except directors' shares of the Union Light, Heat & Power Company, the Cincinnati Newport & Covington Railway Company (with the exception of sixty-four shares) and of certain other corporations until April 1 1952. By the terms of said agreement the Columbia Company as consideration now pays to the Cincinnati Newport & Covington Light & Traction Company amounts equal to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ dividends upon its \$4,500,000 of outstanding Preferred Stock, and 6% dividends upon its \$5,000,000 of outstanding Common Stock, together with \$10,000 a year to maintain its organization and certain small amounts for taxes, etc. The Columbia Company is also obligated to maintain, and does maintain, a \$250,000 fund guaranteeing the fulfillment of its duties under the agreement.

The Union Light, Heat & Power Company now does the entire gas and electric light and power business in Covington and Newport, Ky., and adjacent communities, under perpetual and long-term franchises. The Cincinnati Newport & Covington Railway Company and South Covington & Cincinnati Street Railway Company operate the entire street railway business in Covington and Newport, Ky., under franchises, most of which are perpetual.

The following is a statement of the physical properties of the Union Light, Heat & Power Company, the Cincinnati Newport & Covington Railway Company and the South Covington & Cincinnati Street Railway Company as of August 1 1916:

GAS.

The natural gas system of the Union Light, Heat & Power Company supplies gas to 23,721 consumers through 24,431 meters distributed through eleven separate municipalities with an aggregate population of 125,000. The distribution system includes 150 miles of gas mains, mostly new and principally of cast iron, well laid and efficiently maintained.

ELECTRICITY.

The electric lighting and power property of the Union Light, Heat & Power Company supplies electricity to 7,559 consumers through 7,510 electric meters, over 150 miles of overhead pole line, reaching and traversing fourteen separate municipalities, with an aggregate population of 130,000. Power is secured through an electric generating station located in the City of Newport, Ky., and used jointly with the Cincinnati Newport & Covington Railway Company. This power station is connected with the Cincinnati power station above described by means of a high tension transmission line, enabling power to be interchanged when necessary or desirable in either direction. The total connected load of the Union Light, Heat & Power Company is 10,547 k. w., and there are included 1,489 modern high-powered street lights supplied under contracts with various Kentucky municipalities served.

The Newport, Ky., generating station contains two electric light and power generating units, aggregating 3,250 rated k. w. capacity, respectively, engine driven and steam turbine driven, and of high-grade and efficient design. There

are also installed three step-down transformers, aggregating 4,500 k. w. capacity, enabling this amount of energy to be received from the Cincinnati generating station, in addition to the generating units mentioned, thus giving the Union Light, Heat & Power Company a total of 7,750 k. w. available energy, supplied through apparatus owned by the company.

The following Kentucky cities and towns obtain their supply of electricity exclusively from the Union Light, Heat & Power Company: Covington, Newport, Bellevue, Dayton, West Covington, Ludlow, Bromley, Fort Mitchell, Erlanger, Ellsmere, Clifton, Southgate, Fort Thomas, Cote Brillante.

WATER.

The water supply and distribution system of the Union Light, Heat & Power Company includes a pumping station receiving water from settling basins and reservoirs owned by the City of Covington, together with an elevated steel-pressure tank of 8,000 gallons capacity, and a distribution system containing 36.8 miles of standard cast iron water pipe. The system supplies a total of 3,776 consumers, including the three towns of Fort Thomas, Dayton and Bellevue, Ky., with an aggregate population of 20,000, and an annual consumption of approximately 200 million gallons. The distribution system is also connected with the distributing mains of the Newport, Ky., water system, thus enabling a supply of water to be received either separately or jointly from the cities of Newport and Covington.

The pump station is a brick building equipped with duplicate electric motor-driven pumps, elevating water for the high-pressure distribution and into the pressure tank, whence it flows to all consumers on the high-pressure distribution. The low-pressure distribution, covering the lower portions of the towns of Bellevue and Dayton, is normally supplied with water obtained directly from the adjacent City of Newport.

STREET RAILWAYS.

The street railway properties of the Cincinnati Newport & Covington Railway Company and the South Covington & Cincinnati Street Railway Company furnish passenger transportation annually to about 30,000,000 revenue passengers, and connect ten separate municipalities in the State of Kentucky with each other and with the City of Cincinnati, the routes traversing and terminating in the heart of the business and shopping district of Cincinnati. The two companies, together, own sixty-four miles of revenue-earning, single track and operate a total of seventy and one-half miles of single track equipment, with an average of eighty-seven passenger cars in service, and a maximum of 150 at rush hours. The Street Railway Company owns all the cars and all but 333 feet of the track.

The rail is 65, 75 and 80-lb modern T and girder shapes, laid on high-grade oak ties, with heavy concrete foundations where in paved streets. The lighter rail and T shapes are chiefly in suburban sections. The total number of cars owned, including work equipment, is 176; the passenger cars having two motor equipments with single end control and equipped with electric heaters. All regular passenger cars are double vestibuled and seat thirty-two passengers.

The company's power station, machine shop and car repair and paint shops are located in the City of Newport on real estate owned by the company. There is a car barn and storage yard located in each of the Cities of Covington, Newport and Dayton.

The road connects Cincinnati with the Kentucky territory by operating over three bridges crossing the Ohio River, for which privilege the road pays rental to the bridge companies.

Between the cities of Newport and Covington the road crosses the Licking River over two bridges, one of which is jointly owned by the two cities mentioned, and the other of which is owned by the Licking River Bridge Company, a subsidiary of the street railway company.

The generating station of the South Covington & Cincinnati Street Railway Company is a brick, steel and concrete building, located on the east bank of the Licking River in the City of Newport, and includes in its equipment fourteen modern water-tube boilers, aggregating 5,000 rated horse-power, each equipped with mechanical stokers receiving coal by gravity from overhead bunkers. These bunkers are filled by Telpher trams from the storage yard outside the station. Eight of the above boilers are also equipped with burners for firing with natural gas in manner similar to the power station of The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, and for similar reasons. The electric generating equipment of the station aggregates 2,675 k. w. of direct connected engine driven 600 volt direct current generators, together with 3,800 k. w. in rotary converters, making a total of 6,475 k. w. available rated capacity, and of type insuring flexibility and reliability of operation, coupled with the ability to receive power from other generating stations when desirable or necessary. An ample and well equipped machine shop of brick construction, including storerooms for supplies, stands adjacent to the power station and affords facilities for repair and maintenance work to all power station equipment, rolling stock and electrical apparatus owned or operated, either by the street railway company or by the Union Light, Heat & Power Co. Commodious and well-equipped car repair and paint shops are located adjacent to the power station and machine shop, and are substantial brick buildings maintained in good condition. There is a car barn and storage yard in each of the Cities of Newport, Covington and Dayton, provided with suitable repair pits for rolling stock, the car barns in Newport and Covington being of brick.

The Cincinnati Newport & Covington Railway Company owns and operates two substations, one being a brick building in the Town of Fort Mitchell, equipped with rotary converters aggregating 600 k. w. capacity, and the other being a so-called portable converter equipment of 300 k. w. capacity, housed in a specially built steel box car on trucks. This portable equipment is used for temporary or seasonal work at whatever point on the railway system, remote from the power house, an excessive demand for power may occur.

The street railway company's main office building in Covington is a modern and substantial building of brick and stone, and houses the offices of both the street railway company and of the Union Light, Heat & Power Company.

The street railway company controls the Licking River Bridge Company, by stock ownership and operates the Licking River Bridge, a new steel and concrete structure erected in 1914, spanning the Licking River between the Cities of Newport and Covington, being 803 feet in length between approaches, with a channel span of 360 feet. It constitutes the main traffic artery between Newport and Covington, has two main roadways for wagon traffic paralleling the double track street railway, an ample sidewalk for foot traffic, and, in addition, supports the main natural gas supply and all main electric lines between the Cities of Newport and Covington.

The following Kentucky cities and towns are traversed and connected with the City of Cincinnati by the lines of the Cincinnati Newport & Covington Railway Company: Covington, West Covington, Ludlow, Bromley, Fort Mitchell, Newport, Bellevue, Dayton, Southgate, Fort Thomas.

The company's routes traverse and terminate in the heart of the business and shopping district of Cincinnati.

UNITED FUEL GAS COMPANY (hereinafter called the Fuel Company).

The Columbia Company purchased, during 1915, 51% of the stock of the United Fuel Gas Company, which has since been reorganized under the same name, with the Columbia Company owning 51% of the new company's stock. The Fuel Company owns or operates over 840,000 acres of oil and gas leases in West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio, together with a large pipe line and distributing system. The Fuel Company supplies gas direct to consumers in a number of cities in West Virginia and Ohio.

The following is a description of the physical property of the Fuel Company as of August 1 1916:

No. of acres of gas and oil lands under lease or held in fee in So. W. Va. and Ohio and East. Kentucky	834,383	No. of miles of trunk lines (size 10 inch to 20 inch)---	437
Of this acreage owned there is now being operated	49,899	No. of miles of field lines (size 2 inch to 8 inch)---	414
No. of producing gas wells	540	Gas produced in 1915	19,378,870,000 cu. ft.
Open flow capacity of gas wells per day	1,000,000,000 cu. ft.	Gas sold in 1915	29,594,673,000 cu. ft.
No. of producing oil wells	96	No. of cities and towns supplied by Fuel Co. direct	54
Amount of oil produced in 1915	78,176.77 barrels	Population served direct (approximately)	130,000
		No. of domestic consumers connected in these 54 towns served directly by the Fuel Co.	28,379

Among the fifty-four towns and cities directly supplied are: Charleston, W. Va.; Huntington, W. Va.; Williamson, W. Va.; Ashland, Ky.; Catlettsburg, Ky.; Ironton, Ohio, and forty-eight smaller towns and villages in West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio, in all of which are the above named domestic consumers.

The Fuel Company also supplies gas to the following companies on long term contracts:

The Columbia Company—About 50% of the Columbia Company supply, which company, in turn, supplies Union Light, Heat & Power Company at Covington, Newport and other Kentucky cities, and The Union Gas & Electric Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. The contract covers a period from 1909 to 1929 at a price gradually increasing from the present price of 10 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

The Ohio Fuel Supply Company, which, in turn, supplies Columbus and Springfield, Ohio, and a great number of other large and growing communities in Central Ohio. Contract is perpetual.

Central Kentucky Gas Company, which supplies Lexington and other central Kentucky cities. Contract expires in 1934. The price is to gradually increase from the present price of 10 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

Louisville Gas & Electric Company, which supplies the City of Louisville, Ky. Contract expires in 1936. The price is to gradually increase from the present price of 11 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

The Portsmouth Gas Company, which supplies Portsmouth, Ohio. Contract expires in 1926. The price is to gradually increase from the present price of 17 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

The Fuel Company also has contracts with the Philadelphia Company, and Hope Natural Gas Company, which will become operative this year; each of these contracts is for 10 years at a price gradually increasing from 10 cents per 1,000 cubic feet; the Philadelphia Company supplies gas to many northern West Virginia cities and towns, and is also a large distributor in western Pennsylvania and particularly in the Pittsburgh district; the Hope Natural Gas Company is a large wholesaler of natural gas in northern West Virginia, and also supplies the East Ohio Gas Company of Cleveland, which, in turn, distributes it through eastern Ohio cities, including Cleveland; the Hope Natural Gas Company also sells to the People's Natural Gas Company of Pittsburgh, which distributes extensively in that district.

The gas sold during 1915 to consumers in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, and to large distributing companies, amounted to 25,594,673,000 cubic feet, which was distributed in cities and towns having a population of about 2,000,000 people.

To the trunk lines of the Fuel Company are connected four compressing stations, described as follows:

Kermit, W. Va., Compressing Station.—Consists of five units. Snow gas engines, total horse power of 2,100, buildings and auxiliaries necessary for its operation.

Walgrave, W. Va., Compressing Station.—Consists of two units. Westinghouse gas engines, total horse power of 700, buildings and auxiliaries necessary for its operation.

Spencer, W. Va., Compressing Station.—Consists of five units. Westinghouse gas engines, total horse power of 2,100, buildings and auxiliaries necessary for its operation.

Goad, W. Va., Compressing Station.—Consists of three gas engine units, total horse power 700, buildings and auxiliaries necessary for its operation.

And the following gasoline plants:

Sandyville, W. Va., Gasoline Absorption Station.—Consists of land, sidings, buildings, absorption tanks, stills, pumps, cooling apparatus and other equipment necessary to handle 60 million feet of gas per day in the process of extracting gasoline from dry natural gas by what is known as the absorption process. This station will produce in the winter season from 7,000 to 10,000 gallons of high-grade gasoline per day. At the present time it has a production of about 4,000 gallons per day.

Kermit, W. Va., Gasoline Absorption Station.—Consists of land, sidings, buildings, absorption tanks, stills, pumps, cooling apparatus and other equipment necessary to handle 20 million feet of gas per day in the process of extracting gasoline from dry natural gas by what is known as the absorption process. This station will produce in the winter season from 2,500 to 3,000 gallons of gasoline per day. At the present time it has a production of about 1,500 gallons per day.

Goad, W. Va., Gasoline Absorption Station.—This plant has not yet been completed, but is in the process of erection. It will be the same size as the Columbia Company plant.

Walgrave, W. Va., Gasoline Absorption Station.—This plant is being erected, and will be about the same size as the Kermit station.

In addition to the above four absorption plants, this company has erected two compression plants, whereby gasoline is extracted from heavy gas by that method. These have a capacity of about 1,500 gallons per day each.

Plans have been made and contracts let for, and work will be started in a few weeks upon, an absorption gasoline plant to extract gasoline from the gas being supplied under the new contract recently made with the Philadelphia Company and the Hope Natural Gas Company. This will have the same capacity as the Leach Station plant.

The Fuel Company has 260 miles of telephone and telegraph lines reaching all its compressing stations, warehouses and fields.

The Fuel Company owns at Charleston, W. Va., a new three-story brick and stone office building, in which is located its general offices. This building was lately completed at a cost of about \$75,000, and the Fuel Company has in other parts of West Virginia valuable buildings, warehouses, &c., incident to the operation of the company.

For additional information as to the properties of the Fuel Company, reference is made to the application (A-4629) of United Fuel Gas Company to list its First Mortgage Six Per Cent Twenty-Year Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series A.

The following is a statement of the franchises or ordinances under which the Columbia Company and its controlled companies operate:

Town	Company	Character	Date	Expires
Ashland, Ky.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Jan. 3 1898	20 years
Barboursville, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	April 20 1906	50 years
Cassville, W. Va. (Fort Gay)	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Aug. 16 1904	50 years
Catlettsburg, Ky.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Jan. 21 1898	20 years
Catlettsburg, Ky.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Telephone	Jan. 21 1899	25 years
Ceredo, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Mar. 28 1898	25 years
Charleston, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Mar. 1 1894	30 years
Charleston, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Oct. 24 1905	50 years
Charleston, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Mar. 6 1900	30 years
Clendenin, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Aug. 31 1906	20 years
Coal Grove, Ohio.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas and telephone	Aug. 9 1901	50 years
Guyandotte, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Sept. 19 1900	50 years
Greenup, Ky.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Mar. 3 1913	20 years
Huntington, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Nov. 29 1897	50 years
Huntington, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Telephone	Sept. 11 1911	50 years
Huntington, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Telephone	Aug. 27 1903	50 years
Hurshtown, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas and telephone	Aug. 7 1905	50 years
Inez, Ky. (formerly Eden)	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Oct. 18 1898	
Inez, Ky. (formerly Eden)	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Feb. 3 1913	25 years
Ironton, Ohio.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Dec. 6 1897	10 years
Ironton, Ohio.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Nov. 19 1909	50 years
Kenova, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Aug. 6 1898	Amending gas franchise
Kenova, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Telephone	Aug. 30 1902	20 years
Louisia, Ky.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	July 1 1902	20 years
Logan, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Nov. 21 1912	25 years
New Boston, Ohio.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Oct. 14 1909	10 years
New Boston, Ohio.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Oct. 14 1909	25 years
Partsmouth, Ohio.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Feb. 3 1905	25 years
Pratt, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Mar. 2 1911	25 years
Ravenswood, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	July 2 1909	25 years
Reedy, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Jan. 26 1909	50 years
Ripley, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Sept. 28 1910	25 years
Russell, Ky.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Oct. 14 1905	20 years
Spencer, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	June 7 1905	50 years
Spencer, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Telephone and telegraph	Mar. 22 1912	50 years
Williamson, W. Va.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Aug. 7 1914	100 years
Chesapeake, Ohio.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Aug. 7 1914	100 years
Proctorville, Ohio.	United Fuel Gas Co.	Natural gas	Aug. 4 1914	100 years

The company also owns franchises for the maintenance of pipe lines and telephones in the roadway in the Counties of Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Jackson, Kanawha, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Nicholas, Putnam, Wayne, Roane, W. Va.; Boyd, Greenup, Lawrence, Martin, Ky.; and Lawrence and Scioto, Ohio:

Town	Company	Character	Date	Expires
Cincinnati, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Gas	June 16 1841	Perpetual (1)
Cincinnati, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas	Dec. 26 1905	25 years
Cincinnati, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Electric	Nov. 17 1893	Perpetual (1)
Norwood, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas	Oct. 16 1905	25 years
St. Bernard, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas	Sept. 5 1907	25 years
Cheviot, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas	May 16 1906	25 years
Cheviot, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Electric	April 19 1903	25 years
Elmwood, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas	May 19 1900	25 years
Elmwood, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Electric	April 18 1906	25 years
Reading, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas	Sept. 25 1907	25 years
Lockland, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Electric	Feb. 13 1905	10 years (2)
Mt. Healthy, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas	April 23 1910	25 years
Wyoming, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas	Sept. 16 1907	25 years
Wyoming, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Electric	Dec. 21 1914	15 years
Glendale, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas	Mar. 5 1906	25 years
Glendale, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Electric	Feb. 4 1907	25 years
Silverton, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas	Aug. 8 1907	25 years
Silverton, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Electric	May 16 1907	25 years
Arlington Heights, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas	April 3 1905	25 years
Arlington Heights, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Electric	Dec. 2 1913	10 years
Cincinnati, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Gas price ordinance	Dec. 26 1905	10 years (3)
Cincinnati, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Electric price ordinance	Nov. 2 1915	10 years
St. Bernard, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas price ordinance	Sept. 5 1907	10 years
Cheviot, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas price ordinance	May 16 1906	10 years
Elmwood, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas price ordinance	April 19 1906	10 years
Reading, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas price ordinance	April 18 1906	10 years
Lockland, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas price ordinance	Sept. 25 1907	10 years
Mt. Healthy, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas price ordinance	April 23 1910	10 years
Wyoming, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas price ordinance	Sept. 16 1907	10 years
Glendale, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas price ordinance	Mar. 5 1906	10 years (4)
Silverton, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas price ordinance	Aug. 8 1907	10 years
Arlington Heights, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas price ordinance	April 3 1906	10 years (4)
Norwood, Ohio.	The Cin. Gas & Elec. Co.	Natural gas price ordinance	Oct. 27 1905	10 years (3)

(1) Unless the property is purchased by the City, in which case the price is to be settled by arbitration. (2) Now negotiating new franchise. (3) Has been extended by temporary ordinance until fixing of new rate. (4) Have not been renewed, but by agreement have remained in abeyance pending the settlement of the gas rate question in Cincinnati.

Table listing franchise companies, their characters, dates, and expiration dates. Columns include Town, Company, Character, Date, and Expires. Includes entries for Newport, Covington, Dayton, and various other locations in Kentucky.

(1) The franchise for the Covington division expired in 1915 and the franchise for the Newport division expires next year. The settlement of the franchise question has remained in abeyance by agreement with the City Council of Cincinnati pending the adjustment of various matters with the companies serving Cincinnati.

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED NET EARNINGS OF THE COLUMBIA COMPANY AND THE UNION GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE FOUR YEARS ENDING 1914.

Summary financial table with columns for years 1911, 1912, 1913, and 1914. Rows include Total consolidated net earnings, Deductions (rentals, interest), Fixed charges, Surplus before sinking fund requirement, Sinking fund requirements, and Surplus after sinking fund requirements.

Financial statement for COLUMBIA GAS & ELECTRIC CO.—THE UNION GAS & ELEC. CO. CONSOLID. INCOME ACCT. FOR YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1915. Includes Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net operating earnings, Other income, Deductions, and Net income available for Columbia Gas & Electric Co.

Financial statement for COLUMBIA GAS & ELEC. CO.—THE UNION GAS & ELEC. CO. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF DEC. 31 1915. Includes Assets (Property account, securities, cash, receivables) and Liabilities (Capital stock, bonds, debentures, current liabilities).

To notify the Stock Exchange in the event of the issuance of any rights or subscriptions to or allotments of its securities and afford the holders of listed securities a proper period within which to record their interests after authorization, and that all rights, subscriptions or allotments shall be transferable, payable and deliverable in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

To publish promptly to holders of bonds and stocks any action in respect to interest on bonds, dividends on shares, or allotment of rights for subscription to securities, notices thereof to be sent to the Stock Exchange, and to give to the Stock Exchange at least ten days' notice in advance of the closing of the transfer books or extensions, or the taking of a record of holders for any purpose.

To notify the Stock Exchange if deposited collateral is changed or removed.

The annual meeting is held on the last Saturday in March at Huntington, W. Va., the principal office.

The fiscal year ends December 31st.

The Board of Directors are (To serve until 1917): George P. Toby, Henry Seligman, John Alvin Young, New York; Andrew Squire, Cleveland, Ohio; Charles E. Clark, Covington, Ky.; (to serve until 1918): A. B. Leach, William P. Phillips, New York; George W. Crawford, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Louis Werk, Cincinnati, Ohio; F. B. Enslow, Huntington, W. Va.; (to serve until 1919): William S. Cox, New York; Louis J. Hauck, W. W. Freeman, Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati, Ohio; A. Y. Gowen, Cleveland, Ohio; (to serve until 1920): W. H. Schmidlapp, J. M. Hutton, W. Y. Cartwright, Cincinnati, Ohio; (to serve until 1921): P. G. Gossler, Frederick Strauss, John W. Herbert, Beverly Bogert, New York; T. F. Wickham, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The officers are: A. B. Leach, President; P. G. Gossler, Chairman of the Board, New York; W. W. Freeman, Vice-President; W. Y. Cartwright, Vice-President, Cincinnati; F. B. Enslow, Vice-President, Huntington, W. Va.; T. F. Wickham, Secretary and Treasurer; A. Sherlock, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, Cincinnati; D. L. Babcock, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, New York.

The certificates of stock are interchangeably transferable in New York, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

The Transfer Agents of the stock are: Bankers Trust Company in New York, N. Y.; Pittsburgh Trust Company, in Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Provident Savings Bank & Trust Company, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Registrars of the stock are: Guaranty Trust Company of New York, in New York, N. Y.; Fidelity Title & Trust Company, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Union Savings Bank & Trust Company, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

COLUMBIA GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY,
By A. B. LEACH, President.

This committee recommends that the above described \$49,948,700 Capital Stock be admitted to the list, with authority to add \$51,300 of said stock on official notice of issuance of permanent engraved interchangeable certificates in exchange for outstanding temporary certificates, in accordance with the terms of the application; making the total amount authorized to be listed \$50,000,000.

WM. W. HEATON, Chairman.

Adopted by the Governing Committee, September 27 1916.

GEORGE W. ELY, Secretary.

Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co.—Earnings 3 Mos. to Aug. 31 1916 (August Partly Estimated).—

3 Mos. to Aug. 31 1916	Net Profits	Legal Exp. &c.	Bond Int. & Taxes	Depr. over Charges	Pf. Dies. (1 1/2%)	Balance, Surplus
\$481,495	\$7,584	\$69,900	\$17,693	\$117,250	\$304,425	

The earnings for the nine months ending Aug. 31 1916 were \$1,407,506, and after deducting three quarterly preferred dividends of 1 1/4% each (\$1,055,764), calling for \$351,740, the balance, surplus, for that period was \$1,055,764. Compare V. 102, p. 1064, 2347.

The following published statement stands approved: The third quarter earnings were reduced considerably, in the face of a production of 42,000 tons a month and high prices, by the inability of the railroads to accept offered shipments of iron, earnings not being calculated until the iron is actually shipped. In August very little iron could be shipped for this reason, and the company has at present 86,000 tons at its plants awaiting cars. The net surplus in June was \$157,310; in July, \$142,994, and in August \$121,362.

September shipments showed some improvement and it is hoped that it will be possible for the roads to provide cars for all deliveries shortly. In the meantime it is unlikely that the directors will take any action on the matter of common dividends.

Last week the company blew in its sixth furnace, increasing the monthly rate of production to something over 50,000 tons. This furnace will make basic iron.—V. 102, p. 2347, 1452.

Springfield Body Corp.—New Stock.—Both common and pref. stockholders of record as of Oct. 9 are given the privilege of subscribing, at \$110 per share, on or before Oct. 25 at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., for 2,250 shares of new pref. stock to the extent of 10% of their holdings at \$110 and dividend from Oct. 1. Negotiable subscription warrants will be mailed to each stockholder by the Guaranty Trust Co.—V. 102, p. 2347.

Tennessee Copper Co.—New Financing Proposed.

Plans are under consideration for rehabilitating the company's finances, which were disturbed by the fire that destroyed its trinitrotoluol plant last March (V. 102, p. 2347) and thus prevented the prompt completion of its contract with the Russian Govt. One plan suggested is said to call for an issue of 200,000 shares of new stock to be offered to shareholders at possibly \$15 a share after first being underwritten. The committee of directors to handle the matter has not been definitely formed, though the following, it is understood, have been asked to serve: Richard Sutro, Horace M. Kilborn, Martin Vogel and William B. Joyce.—V. 103, p. 948, 849.

Union Bag & Paper Corporation.—Merger.

A certificate of merger of the Union Bag & Paper Co. and Riegel Bag Co. under this title, with \$10,000,000 capital stock, was filed at Trenton, N. J., on Oct. 4.—V. 103, p. 1046, 762.

Union Electric Light & Power Co., St. Louis.—Bonds.

The Missouri P. S. Commission on Sept. 30 authorized this company to issue \$929,000 5% bonds, due 1933, to be used for refunding and extension purposes. The total outstanding bonds, prior to the issue newly authorized, was \$17,071,000.—V. 102, p. 2082.

United Dry Goods Cos.—New Stock Ready.

See Associated Dry Goods Corporation above.—V. 103, p. 1216.

United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. (Balt.).—Par Value of Shares to Be Reduced—Capital Stock Increase.

Shareholders will vote Oct. 16 (a) on changing the par value of the shares from \$100 to \$50 by issuing two shares of new stock for each share of old; (b) on increasing the authorized stock from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Exploration Co.—Sale of Security Subject to Lien.

Walbridge S. Taft, Special Master, will sell at auction on Oct. 18 100,000 shares of the stock of the Elber Gold Mining Co. and 1,000 shares of the stock of the Humboldt Mining Co. now in custody of the U. S. District Court at New York in the action of Edward H. Titus and others, as executors, against the company, defendant.—V. 103, p. 66.

Western Canada Power Co., Ltd.—Successor.

See Western Power Co. of Canada, Ltd., below.—V. 103, p. 1216, 663.

Western Power Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Successor Co.

This company was incorporated on Sept. 28 under the Canadian Companies Act as successor of Western Canada Power Co., Ltd., per plan in V. 103, p. 1216, 663, 330, 245. The authorized capital stock of the new company is \$10,000,000, in \$100 shares, of which \$5,000,000 is 7% pref.

CURRENT NOTICE.

—Paul E. Woll and James A. S. MacMeekin of Philadelphia have entered into a partnership for the transaction of a general banking and brokerage business, specializing in Government, municipal, railroad and high-grade public utility bonds, and trading under the firm name of Woll, MacMeekin & Co. Mr. MacMeekin was for many years head of the bond department of Newburger, Henderson & Loeb, and Mr. Woll was a member of the firm of Peter Woll & Sons, manufacturers of curled hair, located and doing business in the Kensington district for over forty years. The firm's offices are located on the mezzanine floor of the North American Building, Broad and Sansom streets, Philadelphia, being those formerly occupied by Dick Bros. & Co. The new firm are members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange and have private wires to all the principal markets. Louis A. F. Fleck and Warren Plummer have become associated with the bond department of the new firm.

—Frederick Peirce announces the opening of an office at 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, for the purchase and sale of investment bonds. Mr. Peirce established the Philadelphia office of N. W. Halsey & Co. in 1905, and developed the business and scope of that office until it covered a number of States, drawing to Philadelphia a large investment business from such cities as Baltimore, Washington, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Scranton, &c. In addition to being Manager of the Philadelphia office, Mr. Peirce was formerly Vice-President of N. W. Halsey & Co., and subsequently was General Sales Manager of all the Eastern offices with headquarters in New York. Among others there will be associated with Mr. Peirce in the new firm Arthur B. Loder, formerly Assistant Treasurer and for over seven years Cashier of the Philadelphia office of N. W. Halsey & Co.

—The firm of John Nickerson Jr., of 61 Broadway, this city, St. Louis and Boston, is advertising a page list of "Well-Chosen Investments" in to-day's issue. The bonds yield 4.73 to 6% and the preferred stocks 6 to 7%. The firm states that the record of securities issued by operating public utility companies owning their property in fee, has been unusually good. All the securities in the list advertised have been approved by the firm's buying, legal and engineering departments, and are recommended to the careful investor. The firm also desires inquiries from owners having public utility bonds and preferred stocks for sale. Circulars of the securities in to-day's advertisement will be mailed on request.

—A List-of-Securities blank, ruled and containing space for information regarding name of securities, yield, purchase price, interest payments, &c., was recently distributed to its customers and friends by the United States Safe Deposit Co. of this city. As the blank apparently filled a long-felt want, the demand for additional copies was immediate and necessitated securing an additional supply. A sample will be sent to any trust or safe deposit company desiring the same.

—Augustus Crane, Albion K. Parris and Eugene E. Thompson announce that the partnership heretofore existing among them under the firm name of Crane, Parris & Co. of Washington, D. C., has expired by limitation. The business will be continued under the same name by Eugene E. Thompson, George Hewitt Myers and William J. Boothe. Messrs. Crane and Parris will continue to make their headquarters at the offices of the firm.

—J. S. Orlor & Co., Inc., are offering at 87 1/2 a block of Consolidated Cities Light, Power & Traction Co. First Lien 5% gold bonds, guaranteed, principal and interest by the Cities Service Co. Dated July 1 1912, due July 1 1962. Int. J. & J. in N. Y. or Lloyds Bank, Ltd., London. Callable at 105 and interest on three months' notice. Trustee, Bankers Trust Co., New York, N. Y. See description of issue and security in V. 95, p. 679.

—Edward J. Byrnes has recently associated himself with the advertising agency of Edwin Bird Wilson, Inc., 14 Wall Street, New York. Mr. Byrnes had been connected with the J. Walter Thompson Co. for 25 years during which time he handled many important financial accounts.

—Geo. Reith & Co. of this city, dealers in investment securities, announce that Austin L. Babcock and Russell M. White have been admitted as general partners in their firm, the offices of which have been removed to 40 Wall Street.

Table with columns: Receipts to Oct. 6., 1916., 1915., Stock. Lists various ports like Galveston, Texas City, etc., with their respective receipts and stock levels.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, 1916., 1915., 1914., 1913., 1912., 1911. Lists totals for various ports across six years.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 187,025 bales, of which 95,849 were to Great Britain, 18,418 to France and 72,758 to other destinations.

Table with columns: Exports from—, Week ending Oct. 6 1916., From Aug. 1 1916 to Oct. 6 1916. Lists exports to Great Britain, France, etc., for various ports.

Note.—Exports from New York include 60 bales Peruvian to Havre.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named.

Table with columns: On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—, Oct. 6 at—, Leaving Stock. Lists cotton on shipboard for various ports.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been decidedly more active at very much higher prices. In fact a new high level has been made, not only for this season but for any season in the history of the trade, at this time of the year.

Government estimated the crop at only 11,637,000 bales, with a condition as we have seen 56.3, against 61.2 last month, 60.8 last year, 73.5 in 1914, 64.1 in 1913, and 69.6 in 1912. The yield per acre was stated at 156.3 lbs., against 170.3 lbs. last year and 209.2 the year before.

Table titled 'NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS' showing quotations for middling upland at New York for various years from 1916 to 1909.

Table titled 'MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK' showing Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Contr't, Total) for various days.

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

Table showing Futures prices for various months (October to July) with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Week.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Table with columns for Stock at Liverpool, Stock at London, Stock at Manchester, Total Great Britain, Stock at Hamburg, Stock at Bremen, Stock at Havre, Stock at Marseilles, Stock at Barcelona, Stock at Genoa, Stock at Trieste, Total Continental stocks, Total European stocks, India cotton afloat for Europe, Amer. cotton 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, Of the above totals of American and other descriptions are as follows: American, East India, Brazil, &c., London stock, Manchester stock, Continental stock, India afloat for Europe, Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat, Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, Stock in Bombay, India, Total East India, &c., Total American, Total visible supply, Middling Upland, Liverpool, Middling Upland, New York, Egypt, Good Brown, Liverpool, Peruvian, Rough Good, Liverpool, Broach, Fine, Liverpool, Thonvelly, Good, Liverpool.

Table with columns for Liverpool stock, Manchester stock, Continental stock, American afloat for Europe, U. S. port stocks, U. S. interior stocks, U. S. exports to-day, Total American, East India, Brazil, &c., London stock, Manchester stock, Continental stock, India afloat for Europe, Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat, Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, Stock in Bombay, India, Total East India, &c., Total American, Total visible supply, Middling Upland, Liverpool, Middling Upland, New York, Egypt, Good Brown, Liverpool, Peruvian, Rough Good, Liverpool, Broach, Fine, Liverpool, Thonvelly, Good, Liverpool.

Continental imports for past week have been 68,000 bales. The above figures for 1916 show an increase over last week of 334,420 bales, a loss of 789,316 bales from 1915, an excess of 575,287 bales over 1914 and a gain of 545,593 bales over 1913.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and 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 for Movement to Oct. 6 1916, Movement to Oct. 8 1916, Towns, Receipts, Shipments, Stocks, Week, Season, Oct. 6, Week, Season, Oct. 6.

Total, 41 towns 426,302 1,357,537 285,071 830,921 281,236 1,180,313 195,285 736,530

Note.—Our Interior Towns Table has been extended by the addition of 8 towns. This has made necessary the revision of the Visible Supply Table and a number of other tables. The above totals show that the interior stocks have increased during the week 137,231 bales and are to-night 94,391 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 145,066 bales more than the same week 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. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table with columns for 1916, 1915, Oct. 6—, Shipped—, Via St. Louis, Via Mounds, &c., Via Rock Island, Via Louisville, Via Cincinnati, Via Virginia points, Via other routes, &c., Total gross overland, Deduct shipments—, Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c., Between interior towns, Inland, &c., from South, Total to be deducted, Leaving total net overland.

* Including movement by rail to Canada. The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 29,778 bales, against 15,061 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 36,346 bales.

Table with columns for In Sight and Spinners' Takings, Receipts at ports to Oct. 6, Net overland to Oct. 6, Southern consumption to Oct. 6, Total marketed, Interior stocks in excess, Came into sight during week, Total in sight Oct. 6, North spinners' takings to Oct. 6.

Movement into sight in previous years: Week—, 1914—Oct. 9, 1913—Oct. 10, 1912—Oct. 11.

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

Table with columns for Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—, Week ending Oct. 6, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The highest, lowest and closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, October—, Range, Closing, December—, Range, Closing, January—, Range, Closing, March—, Range, Closing, May—, Range, Closing, July—, Range, Closing, Tone—, Spot, Options.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Advices to us by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that favored by the weather picking has progressed rapidly and in some localities of Texas and elsewhere is reported to be about completed. Marketing is active and on a free scale.

Galveston, Tex.—Clear cool weather prevailed throughout the week, very little precipitation of consequence occurring. Picking and ginning made rapid progress and is about complete in some sections. Weevils continue active and destroying new growth. The thermometer has averaged 73, ranging from 62 to 84. Abilene, Tex.—The thermometer has ranged from 52 to 88, averaging 70. Brenham, Tex.—Average thermometer 68, highest 88, lowest 48. Cuero, Tex.—The thermometer has averaged 68, the highest being 90 and the lowest 46. Fort Worth, Tex.—The thermometer has averaged 67, ranging from 46 to 88.

Henrietta, Tex.—The thermometer has averaged 70, the highest being 94 and the lowest 46.

Huntsville, Tex.—The thermometer has ranged from 42 to 88, averaging 65.

Kerrville, Tex.—Average thermometer 62, highest 86 and lowest 38.

Lampasas, Tex.—The thermometer has averaged 65, the highest being 90 and the lowest 40.

Longview, Tex.—The thermometer has averaged 62, ranging from 42 to 82.

Luling, Tex.—The thermometer has ranged from 44 to 92, averaging 68.

Nacogdoches, Tex.—Average thermometer 65, highest 90 lowest 40.

Palestine, Tex.—The thermometer has averaged 67, the highest being 88 and the lowest 46.

Paris, Tex.—The thermometer has averaged 69, ranging from 44 to 94.

San Antonio, Tex.—The thermometer has ranged from 52 to 88, averaging 70.

Taylor, Tex.—Minimum thermometer 44.

Weatherford, Tex.—The thermometer has averaged 65, the highest being 86 and the lowest 44.

Ardmore, Okla.—There has been no rain during the week. The thermometer has averaged 67, ranging from 42 to 91.

Marlow, Okla.—It has been dry all the week. The thermometer has ranged from 41 to 93, averaging 68.

Eldorado, Ark.—Dry all the week. Mean thermometer 63, highest 87, lowest 39.

Little Rock, Ark.—No rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 64, ranging from 45 to 83.

New Orleans, La.—This week's rainfall has been one hundredth of an inch, on one day. Average thermometer 69, highest 81 and lowest 56.

Shreveport, La.—There has been no rain during the week. The thermometer has averaged 66, the highest being 86 and the lowest 46.

Columbus, Miss.—We have had no rain during the week. The thermometer has averaged 68, ranging from 43 to 91.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Dry all the week. The thermometer has ranged from 45 to 80, averaging 62.

Mobile, Ala.—With good weather, picking is progressing rapidly and the bulk of the crop has been gathered. Dry all week. Average thermometer 67, highest 82 and lowest 50.

Selma, Ala.—Dry all the week. The thermometer has averaged 64, the highest being 83 and the lowest 46.

Madison, Fla.—We have had rain on one day during the week, to the extent of twenty-six hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 69, ranging from 46 to 86.

Albany, Ga.—Dry all the week. The thermometer has ranged from 50 to 92, averaging 71.

Savannah, Ga.—We have had rain on three days during the week, the rainfall being seventy-seven hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 66, highest 85, lowest 54.

Charleston, S. C.—There has been rain on four days during the week, the rainfall being one inch and seventy five hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 66, the highest being 84 and the lowest 47.

Greenville, S. C.—We have had rain on two days during the week, to the extent of twenty-seven hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 60, ranging from 42 to 77.

Charlotte, N. C.—Rain has fallen on three days during the week, the rainfall being fifty hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 42 to 75, averaging 58.

Goldboro, N. C.—We have had rain on three days during the week, the rainfall being fifty-eight hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 64, highest 84, lowest 44.

Memphis, Tenn.—Light frost on Sept. 30; no damage. Dry all the week. The thermometer has averaged 63, the highest being 85 and the lowest 40.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1916, 1915. Rows include Visible supply Sept. 29, American in sight to Oct. 6, Bombay receipts to Oct. 5, Other India shipp'g to Oct. 5, Alexandria receipts to Oct. 4, Other supply to Oct. 4, Total supply, Deduct, Visible supply Oct. 6, Total takings to Oct. 6, Of which American, Of which other.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 753,000 bales in 1916 and 640,000 bales in 1915—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 1,990,192 bales in 1916 and 2,280,072 bales in 1915, of which 1,313,192 bales and 1,600,072 bales American. b Estimated.

THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S SEPTEMBER REPORT.—The following statement, showing the condition of cotton on Sept. 25, was issued by the Department of Agriculture on Oct. 2:

The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture estimates, from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the Bureau, that the condition of the cotton crop on Sept. 25 was 56.3% of a normal, compared with 61.2% on Aug. 25 1916, 60.8% on Sept. 25 1915, 73.5% on Sept. 25 1914, and 67.2% the average on Sept. 25 for the past ten years.

A condition of 56.3% on Sept. 25 forecasts a yield per acre of 156.3 lbs. and a total production (allowing 1% from area for abandonment) planted

of about 11,637,000 bales. That is, the final outturn will probably be larger or smaller than this amount, according to conditions hereafter. Last year's production was 11,191,820 bales; two years ago, 16,134,930 bales; three years ago, 14,156,486 bales, and four years ago, 13,703,421 bales. Comparisons of conditions, by States, follow:

Table comparing cotton production by States for 1916, 1915, 10-Year Average, and 1916 vs 1915. Includes columns for States, 1916, 1915, 10-Year Average, and % of 1915. Lists states like Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, California, and United States.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table showing India Cotton Movement from All Ports for Sept. 14, 1916, compared with 1915 and 1914. Includes columns for Receipts, Exports from Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, and All others.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table showing Alexandria Receipts and Shipments for Sept. 13, 1916, compared with 1915 and 1914. Includes columns for Receipts (cantars) and Exports (bales).

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to night from Manchester states that the market is strong with a good demand from India and the undertone promising. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table showing Manchester Market prices for various cotton grades (32s Cop, 34s ds, etc.) for 1916 and 1915, with columns for Week, Since Aug. 1, and price in s. d.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Table listing shipping news and shipments in detail, including destinations like Liverpool, Manchester, La Pallice, Havre, Rotterdam, Gothenburg, Genoa, Pireaus, Vladivostok, and Venezuela, with columns for ship name, date, and total bales.

Total sales.

GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Sept. 29—Median, 13,305	13,305
To Manchester—Oct. 2—Minnie de Larrinaga, 16,497	16,497
To Havre—Oct. 3—Sanga, 9,522	9,522
To Barcelona—Sept. 29—Miguel M. Pinillos, 8,600	8,600
To Genoa—Sept. 30—Fert, 10,950	10,950
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Sept. 29—Elswick Manor, 6,107	6,107
Oct. 4—Idomenius, 8,417	8,417
To Havre—Oct. 4—Eggesford, 1,348	1,348
To Gothenburg—Oct. 4—Noruega, 3,595	3,595
To Rotterdam—Oct. 4—Arundo, 5,193	5,193
MOBILE—To Genoa—Oct. 5—Nordfarer, 400	400
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Sept. 29—Heliopolis, 12,523	12,523
To Genoa—Sept. 30—Etna, 11,000	11,000
WILMINGTON—To Genoa—Sept. 30—Luiss, 7,400	7,400
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Oct. 2—Kerry Range, 2,304	2,304
—Cambrian King, 2,400	2,400
To Breast—Oct. 3—Cambrian King, 1,299	1,299
BOSTON—To Liverpool—Sept. 27—Canadian, 259	259
Devonian, 175	175
BALTIMORE—To Liverpool—Sept. 26—Swanmore, 1,810	1,810
Sept. 30—Norlina, 1,610	1,610
To Manchester—Sept. 29—Rapidan, 2,622	2,622
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Sept. 28—Shinyo Maru, 4,185	4,185
Tjikembang, 4,653	4,653
TACOMA—To Japan—Sept. 22—Kuneiri Maru, 1,406	1,406
29—Canada Maru, 3,150	3,150
Total	187,025

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Liverpool, 2.00c.; Manchester, 2.00c.; Havre, 2.00@2.25c.; Rotterdam, 3.00c. nom.; Genoa, 2.00c.; asked; Naples, 2.00c. asked; Leghorn, 2.60c.; Christiania, 3.25c.; Bergen, 3.25c.; Stockholm, 3.25c.; Malmo, 3.25c.; Gothenburg, 3.00@3.25c.; Barcelona, 2.00@2.25c.; Lisbon, 2.00c.; Oporto, 2.70c.; Marseilles, 2.50c. asked; Japan, 3.00c. asked; Shanghai, 3.00c. asked; Bombay, 3.00c. asked; Vladivostok, 2.50c.
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LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Sept. 15.	Sept. 22.	Sept. 29.	Oct. 6.
Sales of the week	40,000	43,000	42,000	46,000
Of which speculators took	1,000	4,000	3,000	-----
Of which exporters took	3,000	5,000	1,000	-----
Sales, American	34,000	31,000	32,000	35,000
Actual export	4,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
Forwarded	73,000	65,000	62,000	90,000
Total stock	604,000	588,000	584,000	563,000
Of which American	472,000	452,000	430,000	425,000
Total imports of the week	60,000	50,000	39,000	92,000
Of which American	48,000	36,000	34,000	77,000
Amount afloat	196,000	191,000	204,000	-----
Of which American	181,000	174,000	187,000	-----

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, 12-30 P. M.	Dull.	Good demand.	Good demand.	Good demand.	Fair business doing.	Quieter.
Mid. Up'ds	9.50	9.49	9.72	9.75	9.95	9.93
Sales	4,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	6,000
Spec. & exp.	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	600
Futures.	Quiet	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Quiet unch.
Market opened	½ pt. decline.	5@7 pts. advance.	3@5 pts. advance.	4½ @ 5 pts. advance.	3½ @ 9½ pts. adv.	to ½ pt. decline.
Market Closed	Easy 2½ @ 3½ pts. decline.	Unsettled 26½ @ 29 pts. adv.	Very st'd'y 1@3 pts. advance.	Very st'd'y 3½ @ 9 pts. advance.	Irregular 12 @ 13½ pts. adv.	Irregular 3 @ 4 pts. decline.

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: 9 29 means 9 29-100d.

Sept. 30 to Oct. 6.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed'day.	Thursday.	Friday.
12 p.m.	1½ p.m.	1½ p.m.	4½ p.m.	1½ p.m.	4½ p.m.	1½ p.m.
d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Septemb'r	9 29	38½	58½	61½	65	70½
October	-----	37½	57½	60½	64½	69
Oct.-Nov	9 28	37	57	60	64	68
Jan.-Feb.	9 35½	33	53	63½	67½	72½
Mar.-Apr.	9 33	34	54	64	68	73
May-June	9 41½	49	68	72½	78½	84
July-Aug.	9 37½	45½	64½	67	71½	76

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Oct. 6 1916.

Flour has on the whole been rather quiet, though at one time there was more activity in response to the rise in the price of wheat. But it remains true that buyers for the most part have adhered to their old policy of buying from hand to mouth, hoping to get supplies later on at lower prices. Bakers have been raising the price of bread, however, in various parts of the country, and this, together with the advance in wheat, has given the flour market a firm tone, even though the volume of business leaves much to be desired, both for home and foreign account. Yet it is noticeable, too, that from time to time some of the bakers are buying more freely, and not a few members of the trade come to the conclusion that higher prices are inevitable. The total output last week at Minneapolis, Duluth and Milwaukee was 325,000 barrels, against 376,000 in the previous week and 541,000 last year.

Wheat has advanced on the bullish situation as to supply and demand. This has been accentuated by bad crop news from Argentina, and a sharp rise in prices there. Winnipeg has been buying at Chicago, and last Monday Chicago prices advanced two cents, followed by a rise the next day of three cents. Argentina reports stated that the weather there was still dry; others have reported frost. Foreign houses have

been buying futures at Chicago. Export business has been on a pretty liberal scale. Last Monday it was estimated at 1,800,000 bushels, part last week mostly at Omaha at the best premiums of the season. Two cargoes of old Chicago No. 2 hard wheat were sold, it is stated, at Buffalo to millers. These things tended to confirm bullish sentiment. Another noticeable factor was the falling off in receipts to a total less than that of a year ago at primary points. And the total supply in North America increased last week only 3,371,000 bushels, or less than a third of the increase in the same week last year, when it was 10,895,000 bushels. The total increase in the world's supply last week was but little more than half as large as in the same week last year. In other words, it was 7,171,000 bushels as contrasted with an increase in the same week in 1915 of 13,995,000 bushels. Snow makes the total crop in the United States 603,000,000 bushels. This counted very noticeably among the bullish factors. It is 408,000,000 bushels less than the total last year. He makes the yield of winter wheat only 453,000,000 bushels, the smallest since that of 1912, when it was 399,919,000 bushels. Since then it has ranged from 523,561,000 in 1913 to 684,990,000 in 1914. This year it is over 200,000,000 bushels less than the crop of last year, which was 655,045,000 bushels. He states the crop of spring wheat at only 150,000,000 bushels. That is less than half the yield of last year, when it was 356,460,000 bushels. It has been years since the spring-wheat crop has been so small. The nearest approach to the present smallness of yield was in 1911, when it was 190,682,000 bushels. For the last seven years it has ranged from 190,682,000 in 1911 to 356,460,000 in 1915. Such figures make Chicago operators confident that, although there may be sharp reactions from time to time, nothing is going to put down the price of wheat except peace or the opening of the Dardanelles. A noteworthy factor has been the firmness of the Northwestern markets. In England weather has been unsettled and native offerings light. English importations are going readily into consumption and prices have been firm, owing partly to reports of damage to the Argentine crop. The Liverpool market is the more sensitive to news of bad weather and crop damages in Argentina from the fact that England has expected all along to buy largely in Argentina. And now this hope is lessening. Certainly the reports indicate that drought in Argentina is becoming serious with the drouth area extending. In France the yield is disappointing and the quality only fair. French advices admit that the importations will have to be large. In Russia the weather has been wet in a late harvest. The general crop outlook in that country is said to be bad. Complaints are being received from the spring wheat area of Russia. In India prices are firm with freights very dear. The Italian crop is smaller than was expected. Italy will have to import on a large scale. In Austria-Hungary the crop outlook is bad. Its supplies are not expected to last for more than six months. In the Balkan States the crops will be much smaller than those of last year. Argentina crop estimates are being reduced. Australian officials have taken no decisive action as to shipping wheat to Europe. On Thursday a carload of No. 1 hard winter sold at Minneapolis at \$1 80, the highest in forty years. On the other hand, some think that European importers will be relieved by big shipments from Australia sooner or later. Liverpool advices call Australia a possible trump card for importers. German crops are said to be good and of fine quality. Crops in Spain are abundant and Spain's import needs will be small. In India the outlook for seeding is favorable. Of course, too, there is always the possibility that damage reports from Argentina are more or less exaggerated. Some of the trade in Liverpool have laid stress on reported successes of the Allies and liberal shipments from America. The total last week was 9,696,000 bushels from North America, of which 4,267,000 went to the United Kingdom. To-day prices declined with prices 1 to 2c. lower at Buenos Aires, and profit taking at Chicago. The Argentina export surplus is said, however, to be not over 55,000,000 bushels, as against an average annual surplus of 100,000,000 bushels and American export sales to-day are reported at from 300,000 to 500,000 bushels. Peace rumors were circulated in the afternoon. A Chicago Board of Trade membership sold to-day at \$6,800 net to the buyer, a new high record.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat. Mon.	166¼	Tues.	166½	Wed.	167½	Thurs.	168	Fri.	170
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	Sat. Mon.	154	Tues.	158½	Wed.	159½	Thurs.	160¼	Fri.	167½
May delivery in elevator	Sat. Mon.	153½	Tues.	153¼	Wed.	153¼	Thurs.	159½	Fri.	157½

Indian corn advanced partly in sympathy with the rise in wheat. It reached a new high level on this move, partly owing to bad crop news from Argentina. Argentina is said to have been buying in Chicago. A good cash demand has been reported at Chicago. On a single day, St. Louis advanced 1 to 2 cents on light receipts and a good demand from manufacturing industries. Recent exports have been large. They encouraged the bulls at Chicago, who have been buying December, and in some cases taking high grades in the sample market. A rise in prices in Argentina has also had its effect. Drouth and locusts are said to be damaging corn in Argentina. The American supply increased last week only 611,000 bushels, or 800,000 less than in the same week last year. Yet, on the other hand, the export trade has not been brisk; far from it. The available supply in this country is 6,667,-

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Statement of the Ownership, Management, &c., required by the Act of Congress of Aug. 24 1912, of Commercial & Financial Chronicle, published weekly at New York, N. Y., for Oct. 1 1916.

State of New York, County of New York, ss.: Before me, a notary public, in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Jacob Selbert Jr., who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor of the Commercial & Financial Chronicle and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24 1912, embodied in Section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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(Signed) Jacob Selbert Jr., Editor. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of Sept., 1916. Thomas A. Creagan, Notary Public, Kings County. Certificate filed in N. Y. Co. No. 207. (My commission expires March 30 1917.)

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN SEPTEMBER.

Long-term municipal bonds sold in the United States during the month of September aggregated, according to our records, \$19,262,259. During the same period the temporary loans negotiated amounted to \$18,521,199, including \$14,085,479 short-term securities (revenue bonds, revenue bills and corporate stock notes) of New York City. Canadian disposals during last month reached a total of \$100,979,192, including the \$100,000,000 5% Dominion Government loan. A few of the important sales made in the United States during September were: Cleveland, Ohio, \$1,836,000 4 1/2%; Flint, Mich., \$400,000 4s; Hamilton County, Ohio, \$500,000 4 1/4s; Ironton, Ohio, \$375,000 4 3/4s; Lawrence County, Tenn., \$342,000 5s; Lima City School District, Ohio, \$490,000 4 1/2s; Lynn, Mass., \$343,500 4s; State of Massachusetts, \$300,000 3 1/2s; Milwaukee, Wis., \$1,350,000 4 1/2s; Morris County, N. J., \$543,000 4 1/2s and St. Louis County, Mo., \$520,000 4 1/2s.

In the following, we furnish a comparison of all the various forms of obligations put out in September during the last five years:

Table comparing bond sales in 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913, and 1912. Columns include Permanent loans (U.S.), Temporary loans (U.S.), Canadian loans (perm.), Bonds of U.S. Possessions, and Gen. Fund bds. (N.Y.C.).

* Including temporary securities issued by New York City in September, \$14,085,479 in 1916, \$16,597,700 in 1915, \$102,127,800 in 1914, \$42,493,908 in 1913 and \$23,588,171 in 1912.

The number of municipalities emitting permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during September 1916 were 310 and 615, respectively. This contrasts with 387 and 524 for Aug. 1916 and with 403 and 566 for Sept. 1915.

For comparative purposes we add the following table showing the aggregates, excluding temporary loans and also Canadian issues, for September and the nine months for a series of years:

Table showing aggregates of bond sales for September and the nine months for years 1916 through 1904. Columns include Month of September and For the Nine Mos.

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

News Items.

Canada (Dominion of).—Plan of Allotment of New Loan Subscriptions.—In our editorial columns this week we refer to a plan adopted by the Finance Department at Ottawa, under which the allotment will be made of subscriptions to the new \$100,000,000 5% gold bonds.

France (Republic of).—New Loan.—In our advertising columns this week will be found full particulars concerning the new 5% national loan, subscriptions for which will be received at the office of Brown Bros. & Co., 59 Wall St., until Oct. 28.

Gretna, Jefferson Parish, La.—Commission Form of Government Adopted.—Reports state that the question of establishing the commission form of government carried by a vote of 519 to 238 at an election held Sept. 19.

New York City.—Tentative Values of Real Estate and Personal Property for 1917.—The Department of Taxes and Assessments on Oct. 2 opened the assessment books for the year 1917. The tentative assessed value of ordinary real estate and real estate of corporations for 1917 is announced to be \$7,833,875,536, a decrease of \$38,392,908 compared with the tentative figures for 1916, but an increase of \$51,405,837 over the final rolls for 1916. We give below the estimated figures for 1917, comparison being made with both the estimated and the final figures for 1916:

Table titled REAL ESTATE. Columns: Location, Tentative Figures (1917, 1916), and Final Rolls (1916). Rows include Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Richmond.

Total ordinary real estate.....\$7,833,875,536 \$7,872,258,444 \$7,782,469,699
Total real estate of corporations.... 234,660,935 226,417,635 213,820,520

Grand total of real estate.....\$7,833,875,536 \$7,872,258,444 \$7,782,469,699
The above does not include special franchises. The assessments for these are made by the State Board of Tax Commissioners and returned to the Tax Department of the city in January each year. They were reported as follows for 1916: Manhattan, \$280,248,618; The Bronx, \$32,053,720; Brooklyn, \$91,107,508; Queens, \$18,786,164; Richmond, \$3,156,652; total, \$425,352,662.

Mr. Lawson Purdy, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, makes the following statement explaining the increase and decrease in the real estate values:

Exclusive of the Borough of Manhattan, the tentative assessment of real estate shows an increase of \$85,617,842. The net decrease in the Borough of Manhattan amounts to \$55,052,420, leaving a net increase for the whole city of \$30,565,422. It must not be inferred that the past year has been especially bad in the Borough of Manhattan because the decrease is so large. The fact is and always must be that the Tax Department follows the evidence, whether an increase or decrease. When property is rising in value the assessment must be somewhat less than actual value, because the assessment is based on the evidence of the past. The same is true when property is falling in value, as the assessment is based on the evidence of the past. The assessment is really taking account of a previous decline. The sections of Manhattan in which values have declined the most in recent years are showing evidences of improvement, or, at least, of greater stability.

The most notable reduction in Manhattan is in the general territory south of 14th Street and north of Worth Street. The decrease in this territory was approximately \$50,000,000. South of Worth Street the decrease was about \$3,000,000. Between 14th Street and 40th Street the net decrease is about \$16,000,000. From 40th Street to about 66th Street, from river to river, there is a net increase of about \$20,000,000. North of 96th Street to about 140th Street there is a decrease of about \$11,000,000. North of 140th Street the increase is about \$5,000,000. In the Bronx there is a net increase of \$15,281,225. The section in which the increase is most notable is between Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, and Pelham Parkway, Bronx River and 177th Street. The increase here for new buildings alone was about \$6,000,000, and the total increase is \$7,200,000. The only decrease of any consequence in the Bronx was in the southerly part, between Third Avenue, Westchester Avenue, St. Ann's Avenue and the Harlem River. Here the decrease on buildings amounted to a little over \$400,000.

The Borough of Brooklyn shows the largest increase of any borough, and this increase in the value of both land and buildings is naturally along the lines of the new rapid transit development. The increase for new outbuildings alone in Brooklyn is \$34,205,885, and the net increase is \$41,150,389 for land and buildings together. The largest increase is along the Eastern Parkway, where in one district there is an increase of almost \$5,000,000, of which \$4,000,000 is for new buildings. The next largest increase is in the Bay Ridge section—\$4,000,000. In Prospect Park South and the neighborhood adjoining to the south there is an increase of nearly \$4,000,000.

In the Borough of Queens there has been a large increase for new buildings, and the most active development has been not far from the Plaza. South of Nott Avenue, west of Van Alst and Jackson avenues, between Newtown Creek and the East River, the increase was nearly \$3,500,000. The total increase for the borough is \$24,870,233.

In the Borough of Richmond there was an increase of over \$4,315,990, and 20% of this increase was in the Second Ward, bounded on the north by Richmond Turnpike, on the south by Vanderbilt Avenue and Richmond Road.

The tentative assessed valuation announced at this time does not include special franchises, which are assessed by the State Tax Commission. The State Tax Commission notifies the Department of the tentative assessments about the first of December and certifies the final assessments about the first of February.

The tentative valuations will be decreased on account of the property acquired during the year by the city and property which must be exempted for other reasons. The exemptions in recent years have averaged about \$20,000,000. The reductions by the Commissioners have in recent years averaged \$50,000,000. The final assessed values, exclusive of special franchises, will certainly show a net decrease. The amount of the decrease is not likely to be much more than \$50,000,000.

The total of the tentative personal assessment list for 1917 is \$1,100,973,215, or \$2,603,332,750 less than the tentative figures for 1916. Enormous reductions are always made in these figures by the "swearing off" process. For instance,

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Oct. 17. It is stated, by Mark E. Conan, City Comptroller, for \$50,000 sewer and \$258,500 general city bonds.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH (P. O. Amite), La.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$100,000 road bonds carried, it is stated, at an election held in the First Ward on Sept. 25.

TRENTON, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 28 the issue of 4 1/4% sewer refunding bonds was awarded to J. S. Bache & Co. of New York at their bid of \$77,977 (101.268) for \$77,000 worth of bonds.—V. 103, p. 1148.

TROPICO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 25 an issue of \$1,750 5% building bonds was awarded, it is stated, to the State Board of Control for \$1,780, equal to 101.708.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 25 an issue of \$18,000 5% 3-year aver. road bonds was awarded to the Ohio Nat. Bank of Columbus for \$18,315.45, equal to 101.752. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1916. Int. A. & O.

TURTLECREEK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lebanon), Warren County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Oct. 14, it is said, to vote on a proposition to issue \$60,000 school-building bonds.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Elizabeth), N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 5 the issue of 4 1/4% gold bridge bonds (V. 103, p. 1244) were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York on their bid of \$54,213.95 (102.290) for \$53,000 bonds. The other bids were:

	Amt. of Bonds.	Price Bid.
Outwater & Wells	\$53,000	\$54,205 00
Ludwig & Crane	54,000	54,869 41
Cummings, Prudden & Co.	54,000	54,821 00
Farson, Sou & Co.	54,000	54,727 00
Kiesel, Kinnicutt & Co.	53,000	54,062 00
Harris, Forbes & Co.	53,000	54,136 99
Hornblower & Weeks.	54,000	54,913 14
Blake Brothers & Co.	53,000	54,086 50
R. M. Grant & Co.	53,000	54,081 73
M. M. Freeman & Co.	53,000	54,134 72
A. B. Leach & Co.	54,000	54,960 66
H. L. Crawford & Co.	53,000	54,172 89
New Jersey Fidelity & Plate Glass Co.	53,000	54,010 71
J. S. Rippeil & Co.	53,000	54,171 90

VAN WERT COUNTY (P. O. Van Wert), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 2 the \$28,400 5% 3-year average highway improvement bonds (V. 103, p. 1080) were awarded, it is said, to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati for \$28,915 (101.813) and interest, a basis of about 4.35%.

WATERLOO (Village), Seneca County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 26 the following bonds, aggregating \$8,500, were awarded to John J. Hart of Albany, it is reported:

\$4,500 sewer bonds at 100.21 for 4.40%. Due serially from 2 to 10 years. 4,000 pavement bonds at 100.11 for 4.40%. Due serially from 2 to 9 years.

WATERVILLE, Kennebec County, Me.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 5 p. m. Oct. 10 by Sanger N. Annis, City Treasurer, for \$12,000 4% 20-year coupon tax-free street-improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1916. Principal and semi-annual interest—A. & O.—payable at First National Bank, Boston. Due Oct. 1 1936. The above bank will certify as to the genuineness of these bonds and their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston, whose opinion will be furnished purchaser. Bonds to be delivered at above bank on Oct. 11.

WAYNOKA, Woods County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—This city has disposed of \$50,000 6% 20-year coupon tax-free city-hall, water-works and electric-light bonds.

WEST COVINA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 25 \$2,000 5 1/4% building bonds were awarded, it is stated, to the State Board of Control at 103.75.

WEST HOBOKEN, Hudson County, N. J.—CORRECTION.—In our issue of last week, page 1245, we stated that this town was to offer on Oct. 6 an issue of 4 1/4% municipal building bonds not to exceed \$150,000. The date of the sale was in error as no date has yet been decided upon.

WESTERNPORT, Allegany County, Md.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens' Nat. Bank of Westernport has purchased at par the \$20,000 5% 15-25-year opt. coup. funding and impt. bonds authorized by the State Legislature on April 4. Denom. \$500. Interest M. & N.

WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tulare County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 25 the \$1,500 6% 1-15-year serial building bonds were awarded, reports state, to the First National Bank of Visalia for \$1,545.68, equal to 103.045.

WILKES COUNTY (P. O. Wilkesboro), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 12 by H. W. Horton, Secy. of the Good Roads Commission, for \$250,000 coupon highway improvement bonds at not exceeding 5% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1916. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in New York City. Bids are asked for on the following propositions: Entire \$250,000, due Nov. 1 1951, or \$250,000 due \$10,000 yearly Nov. 1 from 1927 to 1951, inclusive. Certified check for \$2,500, payable to the above Commission, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest and furnish lithographed blank bonds and legal opinion at his own expense.

WILSONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 25 \$1,600 6% building bonds were awarded, it is stated, to the State Board of Control for \$1,600, equal to 106.666.

WINTHROP, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Oct. 2 a loan of \$20,000, maturing Dec. 28 1916, and issued in anticipation of revenue, was awarded, reports state, to H. C. Grafton Jr., of Boston, at 2.85% discount.

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WOODBURY, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 3 the \$9,000 4½% 18-year aver. tax-free school bonds—V. 103, p. 1245—were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. of N. Y. at 103.72 and int., a basis of about 4.20%. Other bids were:
 Outwater & Wells.....103.077
 M. M. Freeman & Co.....102.619
 H. L. Crawford & Co.....102.53
 Geo. B. Gibbons & Co.....101.50
 First Nat. Bk., Woodbury.....100.125
 Farm. & Mech. Bk., Woodb. 100.00
 Florence Lodge, F. & A. M., Woodbury (for only \$2,000).....101.00

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ACTON, Ont.—LOAN ELECTION.—An election has been set for Oct. 9 to decide whether or not a loan of \$25,000 shall be granted to the Rollance Shoe Company of Toronto.

ALBERTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by M. C. Elliott, Manager Debenture Branch, Dept. of Education (P. O. Edmonton), for a block of school debentures aggregating \$5,550; also \$3,000 Bideford S. D. and \$2,000 Frankland 7% 10-installment debentures. Date Oct. 15 1916. Separate tenders are asked on the last two issues.

DUNNVILLE, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED. The question of issuing the \$53,000 hydro-electric-plant debentures carried, reports state, at the election Sept. 25 by a vote of 412 to 10.—V. 103, p. 871.

GRAND MERE, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Sept. 27 an issue of \$100,000 5½% 30-yr. debentures was awarded, reports state, to Rene T. Leclerc of Montreal.

HALTON COUNTY (P. O. Milton), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Oct. 3 the two issues of 5% 20-installment debentures, aggregating \$24,400 (V. 103, p. 1149) were awarded to A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto at 97.62 and interest. The other bidders were:
 Mulholland, Bird & Graham \$23,743 64
 Brent, Noxon & Co. \$23,561 00
 W. A. Mackenzie & Co. 23,731 44
 R. C. Matthews & Co. 23,494 00
 Imperial Bank 23,689 00
 Macneil & Young 23,431 32
 Wood, Gundy & Co. 23,687 00
 C. H. Burgess & Co. 23,406 92
 Kerr, Fleming & Co. 23,655 24
 W. L. McKinnon & Co. 23,105 09
 Canada Bond Corporation 23,650 92
 Standard Reliance Mort-Geo. A. Stimson & Co. 23,548 08
 gage Corporation. 22,257 68
 Date Oct. 1 1916. Interest annually on Oct. 1. Due in 20 installments.

HIBBERT TOWNSHIP (P. O. Dublin), Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—Newspaper reports state that the question of issuing \$5,000 electric-power-distribution debentures will be submitted to the voters at the election to be held Oct. 16.

LIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is stated that W. L. McKinnon & Co. of Toronto recently purchased \$10,000 6% 20 installment debentures.

LETHBRIDGE, Alta.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—At the election to be held Oct. 17 propositions providing for the issuance of \$9,375 66

electric light, \$1,000 powerhouse impt. and \$6,700 electric system debentures will be decided upon, it is said.

MADORA and WOOD TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION PROPOSED.—According to reports a vote will be taken at the next municipal election on a proposition to issue \$25,000 road impt. bonds.

MAGOG, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is stated that Versailles, Vidreire & Boulais recently purchased \$25,000 6% serial debentures.

MONCK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Alport), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Reports state that local investors have purchased at par the \$4,600 5½% 10 installment debentures which were offered on Oct. 1.—V. 103, p. 1149.

QUEBEC ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Quebec), Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Oct. 2 the \$200,000 5% school debentures—V. 103, p. 1245—were awarded to A. E. Ames & Co. at 98.17. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—M. & N.—payable in N. Y., Toronto or Quebec.

RIVIERE ST. PIERRE, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Newspaper reports state that the Credit Canada, Ltd., has purchased \$80,000 6% 30 yr. school debentures at 96.36.

RODNEY, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—J. D. Shaw, Village Clerk, will consider bids until Oct. 10 for an issue of \$8,500 5½% 30 year debentures.

SALT COATS, Sask.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—S. G. Fisher, Sec. Treas., will receive bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 16 for \$16,000 6½% 20 installment electric light debentures.

SANDWICH, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$5,507 6% 10 installment local impt. debentures has been awarded to G. A. Stimson & Co. of Toronto, at 100.71. Date Sept. 6 1916.

SASKATCHEWAN.—DEBENTURE SALES.—The following 5 issues of debentures aggregating \$16,800 issued by various school districts, villages and towns in this province are reported as sold from Sept. 11 to Sept. 15:
 Staynor Hall Sch. Dist. \$1,200
 Village of St. Brieux \$1,500
 Frontier Sch. Dist. 1,600
 Town of Ogema 6,500
 Regina Pub. Sch. Dist. 6,000

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Sept. 26 the Local Government Board sold five issues of 7% school district debentures, aggregating \$5,450, it is said.

The issues were composed of the following:
 \$1,600 Garden Prairie \$1,000 Buchanan
 800 Leamington 1,700 Treclon
 350 Cherry Grove

TRENTON, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—The propositions to issue \$36,000 school and \$10,000 bonus debentures will, reports state, be submitted to the voters on Oct. 9.

WALLACEBURG, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—W. B. Jackson, Town Clerk, will receive bids until Oct. 17 for an issue of \$5,000 6% 15 year school debentures, it is said.

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The Company's business has been confined to marine and inland transportation insurance.

Premiums on such risks from the 1st January, 1915, to the 31st December, 1915.....	\$6,163,866 63
Premiums on Policies not marked off 1st January, 1915.....	993,965 12
Total Premiums.....	\$7,147,831 66
Premiums marked off from January 1st, 1915, to December 31st, 1915.....	\$6,244,127 94
Interest on the investments of the Company received during the year \$328,970 78	
Interest on Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies, etc.....	75,237 08
Rent received less Taxes and Expenses.....	97,835,23
Less: Salvaiges.....	\$2,233,709 62
Re-insurances.....	448,802 85
	\$63,850 44
	\$1,579,853 18
Re-insurance Premiums and Returns of Premiums.....	\$1,076,516 34
Expenses, including compensation of officers and clerks, taxes, stationery, advertisements, etc.....	\$ 717,114 88

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 first of February next.

The outstanding certificates of the issue of 1910 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the first 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, 1915, which are entitled to participate in dividend, for which, upon application, certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday the second of Ma 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.....	\$ 970,000 00	Estimated Losses, and Losses Unsettled in process of Adjustment.....	\$ 3,117,101 04
New York City, New York Trust Companies and Bank Stocks.....	1,783,700 00	Premiums on Unterminated Risks.....	903,765 64
Stocks and Bonds of Railroads.....	2,582,488 65	Certificates of Profits and Interest Unpaid.....	273,150 06
Other Securities.....	386,185 00	Return Premiums Unpaid.....	108,898 45
Special Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies.....	2,000,000 00	Reserve for Taxes.....	76,062 12
Real Estate cor. Wall and William Streets and Exchange Place, containing offices.....	4,299,428 04	Re-insurance Premiums on Terminated Risks.....	215,565 72
Real Estate on Staten Island (held under provisions of Chapter 481, Laws of 1887).....	75,000 00	Claims not Settled, including Compensation, etc.....	115,376 75
Premium Notes.....	680,314 60	Certificates of Profits Ordered Redeemed, Withheld for Unpaid Premiums.....	22,557 84
State Receivable.....	789,575 31	Income Tax Withheld at the Source.....	1,230 28
Cash in hands of European Bankers to pay losses under policies payable in foreign countries.....	256,610 85	Suspense Account.....	5,899 71
Cash in Bank.....	1,695,458 03	Certificates of Profits Outstanding.....	7,187,376 04
Loans.....	135,000 00		
	\$15,582,763 48		\$12,025,609 68

Thus leaving a balance of.....\$3,567,153 66
 Accrued Interest on the 31st day of December, 1915, amounted to.....\$ 40,628 02
 Bonds due and accrued on the 31st day of December, 1915, amounted to.....\$ 25,662 11
 Re-insurance due or accrued, in companies authorized in New York, on the 31st day of December, 1915, amounted to.....\$ 172,382 66
 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.....\$ 450,873 90
 And the property at Staten Island in excess of the Book Value, at.....\$ 33,700 06
 The Insurance Department's valuation of Stocks, Bonds and other Securities exceeds the Company's valuation by.....\$1,727,337 26
 On the basis of these increased valuations the balance would be.....\$6,037,256 66