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| 6,181,141 | $4.808,516$ | +276 | 3,446,500 | 4,850,000 |
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## the financial situation.

As a result of the action of the German Government in announcing its determination to enter upon a course of submarine warfare, free from moral considerations and free from the restraints of international law, the President and the country are again confronted by a situation of extreme gravity. That this fact is everywhere recognized the course of the markets and the tenor of the public discussions since the announcement of the action have made abundantly plain.

What makes Germany's action so serious is that it has been taken in face of, and in defiance of, the warning given by the President in the American note of last April. That warning was given in the Sussex case. It was explicit, direct and unequivocal. Within the last two days it has been quoted in every paper in the land und is as follows:
"Unless the Imperial Goverament should now immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of submarine warfare against passenger and freight-carrying vessels the Government of the United States can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the German Empire altogether. This action the Government of the United States contemplates with the greatest reluctance, but feels constrained to take in bebalf of humanity and the rights of neutral nations."

Thus Germany has acted with a knowledge of the consequences, and must be assumed to be prepared to take these consequences. Certainly German officialdom cannot have entertained the fatuous notion that the President would stultify himself by recanting utterances like these or withdraw from a position to which he so unreservedly committed the United States, or that the country would allow him to so stultify himself even if he were so inclined. It follows that when the German Government determined upon its present course, it must have reckoned upon the breaking off of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany as a foregone conclusion.

Supposing relations broken off, what next? Must we proceed a step further and actually enter into war? Obviously, with diplomatic intercourse severed, the possibility of war will ever be present. A single overt act on the part of a blundering or an obstinate German might bring hostilities at any moment. Yet, war is so dreadful that all means should be employed to avert such a calamity, if it can be done without surrender of principle or the sacrifice of national honor.
Many considerations obtrude themselves in connection with the matter, whether we choose to regard them or not. Should we really go further than to break off relations with an unruly mation, which has declared its purpose not to be governed by international law or the dictates of humanity? If we should, would we gain anything by so doing? Consider also whether we could afford to commit ourselves unreservedly to the cause of the Entente group.
Has not the recent declaration of purpose by the Entente, in replying to the President's request for a statement of aims and objects on the part of the two groups of belligerents, made itdifficult for the United States to throw in its lot with the Entente? From the first, intelligent public sentiment in this country
has been entirely on the side of the Entente. This was mainly because we admired the splendid way in which Great Britain came to the rescue of weak and defenseless Belgium. But now we learn that the object of the Entente countries is not merely reparation and restoration, but involves an ambitious program of conquest and subjugation. Russia is to have Constantinople and among the other objects sought to be attained are "The reorganization of Europe;" "The restitution of provinces or territories wrested in the past from the Allies by force or against the will of their populations;", "The liberation of Italians, of Slavs, of Rumanians and of TchecoSlovaques from foreign domination;" "The expulsion from Europe of the Ottoman Empire," \&c. \&c.
Do we want to engage in long years of war in order to help achieve these ends? And if we are not to fight in common with the Allies, how are we to conduct our fight all alone against Germany?

Many similar questions might be asked, all going to show that it will be well for us to look before we leap, and that severance of relations should not be treated as the necessary preliminary to war.

To what we said last week of the proposed "excess profits" tax a little may be appropriately added. The proposition is an income tax, but possessing every vice of such a tax without any of the merits which that form of direct levy may contain. An income tax must needs be paid by those who have incomes, but this proposal oarries discrimination and espionage and difficulty of ascertaimment even farther than the tax we already have, whose screws have already been set for a severer turn, the force of which will presently begin to be realized. There is something to be said on behalf of a regular income tax in that it falls, in some instances, upon incomes which are not earned by any personal services or labor; but this is avowedly leveled at profits of business, upon the effective results of capital and surplus in work.

The discriminations proposed are even more vicious, if possible, than the present income tax contains. The treatment seems-indeed, we may say is-distinctly punitive. The punitive thought appears also in the proposed exemptions; to pass over receipts from professional services, to leave out the agriculturists, and (as before) the huge mass of wage-earners-this repeats the vice of appealing to the selfishness of the overwhelming majority of voters by the suggestion "it don't touch me." Over and over it needs to be pointed out (for such an unanswerable statement must surely begin to take hold of men's reason and consciences some day) that the only safe income tax is one which falls, at least as to requiring attention and the making of returns, upon every self-supporting person. That a very low exemption-line would lower the ratio between the amount realized and the cost of collection does not conclude the case; the net result in public justice, in political morals, and in betterment of public finances, would amply compensate. The only sound income tax is one that seeks out everybody, and the most facile implement for waste is a scheme which plucks a few and suggests to the mass that they may get some largess out of what "the rich" are made to give up.
There is a misrepresentation in the plea offered for this measure. Grant that the funds are to be used, and are needed, for "preparedness," it is in no degree
true that the wealthier and the great commercial States are especially (or exclusively) interested in national defense. Nobody doubts that an enemy fleet would seek this city first; but to intimate, or to imagine, that a blow upon the metropolis would not be felt in North Carolina and everywhere else is to continue the notion that this city belongs to and serves itself and not the entire country. To put any such notion and any such plea into unmistakable words is enough to condemn it; we need not argue about it.
It is not true that there has been any especial demand for preparedness in the Northeast, or, if there has been any special appreciation of a possible exposure there it is because the coastal States realize most what an attack might involve, also that distance and an interior location do not long protect. It is not true, unhappily, that whoever pays this proposed new tax will know he is not paying it for "pork" but that "eyery dollar is going for the very purpose" for which there is said to have been a clamour. This is what he will not know. The "pork" bill has passed the House, despite all said, and though it may be halted in the other branch there is no effective movement, as yet, towards any cutting off of lavish squandering in many directions. The demand for outpouring is unabated, and the sole thought is for ways to extort more money, not one serious indication of a resolve to cut off the flood of waste.
Once more, admitting that defensive outlays are needed and on an increased scale, businesslike and efficient propositions and methods should be the first step therein. Note the armor-plate plants, the nitrate plants, the Shipping Bill, the constant acquiescence in the reduction of output by organized labor in all Government work-taxation might be pushed to the extreme of confiscation and an open revolt by the victims and still there would be no real defensive preparedness, if there is not to be "business," instead of partisan truckling, in the Governmental operations. Gold flung into the sea of illdirected spending will not protect the country.
The old strange notion persists, and reappears under this measure, that "business" is inherently wicked and will never get quite drastically enough dealt with for its faults. Why professional services, labor for daily or weekly wage, and cultivating the soil can be dcemed particularly unselfish and pure, but the conversion of raw materials into more advanced products and trading generally are deemed comparatively selfish and menacing, is a mystery. It scems to be fixed, having been taken up without thought; but it needs to be dislodged and cast away. One reason is that business men and interests, as the "Chronicle" has repeatedly pointed out, have been too meekly and indifferently unresistant, not protesting, not standing and speaking boldly, but accepting and awaiting whatever might be dealt out to them. Some indications appear of the stir and action we urged, last week, and if business does not awake it must accept the blame, for when men do not move to defend themselves they should expect to be gradually believed to have no defense. A refusal to plead is more likely to be judged confession than otherwise.

The market for securities in New York, as well as the various commodity markets, received a severe shock on Thursday when the official announcement was published of Germany's intention to conduct in
future an "umrestricted submarine warfare." The information had become public after the close of business on Wednesday. Initial prices on the Stock Exchange indicated declines of 5 to 15 points in many of the leading securities. While there were recoveries later, the condition remained a highly nervous and apprehensive one, and yesterday there was renewed depression. On the Cotton Exchange one of the most sensational breaks in the history of the staple took place, May delivery, for instance, declining as low as $121 / 2$ cents, representing a precipitate break of more than 5 cents per pound. In the grain markets the first shoek produced reductions of $71 / 2$ to 15 cents, though subsequently some recoveries took place. On business, as a whole, the effect was to produce a waiting attitude.

We give the text of the German communications elsewhere in this issue. The note signed by the German Ambassador at Washington and addressed to Secretary Lansing announces Germany's purpose to cast aside "the restrictions" which she claims until now have been impressed upon the use of her full sea power. The step it is explained is taken because of the failure of the movement of Germany and her allies to bring about peace "owing to the lust for conquest of their enemies." A starvation blockade has been established and all traffic by sea either neutral or enemy within a specified zone is to be summarily prohibited if present plans are carried out to the letter. A sea cordon has been mapped out running from the Terschelling Lightship off the Dutch coast in the North Sea northward to a point off the coast of Norway, thence west into the Atlantic and south along the Freneh coast; also in the Mediterranean except the western part adjacent to the Spanish coast down into Greek territorial waters. In this zone neutral governments have been warned that their ships will ply from Feb. 1 at their own risk. Under prescribed conditions regular American transatlantic passenger steamers may continue their trips to England if Falmouth is made their port of destination and a certain lane which will not be mined is used by them. Only one steamer may run each week to and from the United States. The United States Government is requested to guarantee that they shall carry no contraband.

The full import of the communication is recognized at Washington, and it will be dealt with presumably at the earliest possible moment. Meanwhile owners of American ships are asking instructions from our Government. - The agents of the American Line steamer St. Louis, which was to bave sailed for Liverpool to-day, have been requested by Washington authoritios to delay the steamer's departure until further notice. $\Delta$ significant feature of this latest German action is that it ends at one stroke all negotiations that have been going on concerning the various violations by German submarines of international law. The Lusitania settlement can hardly go further, for instance, and the various other discussions, for practical purposes at least may as well be abandoned, since the present attitude of the Kaiser s Government is that there will be no recognition on its part of anything but the law of necessity. The pledges that only eruiser warfare would be conducted now have been withdrawn and ruthlessness is the policy.

The effect of the news in the various Entente countries does not appear to have been the demorali-
zation that undoubtedly was expected. As to the merchantmen of the Allied Powers, the situation does not appear to have been in a practical, sense at least, changed. German submarines have been working actively and have permitted very few vessels to escape as a result of attempts to warn them. The burden of the new announcement will, of course, bear very largely upon the merchantmen of neutral countries. So far as British and other Entente ships are concerned, they seem to be proceeding as a settled route along our Atlantic coast as near as possible in the three-mile limit to Halifax and then to be crossing the ocean in a specific lane virtually under convoy of warships. How they will be able to avoid the mines and the enemy submarines when they near their destination is the great problem. It is evident, therefore, that the occupation of seafarers has become one of extremely dangerous character.

Former Premier Asquith, addressing a meeting of his constituents at Ladybank, Scotland, declared that it was "impossible to dispute the gravity of the situation" when commenting on the new German order. "But with the navy supplementing such other measures as the arming of merchantmen and the acceleration of new tonnage, we may hope to counteract it. All our thoughts and energies," he continued, "shall be concentrated on the effective prosecution of the war to a decisive end. The notion about it ending in stalemate is an idle dream. Each year finds success nearer for the Allies."

The German view of the situation seems to be most accurately set forth in the address the Imperial Chancellor, Dr, von Bethmann-Hollweg, made on Wednesday before the Reichstag Ways and Means Committee. As reported by way of Amsterdam, the Chancellor explained that the German peace offer had been scorned and Germany had been challenged to fight to the end. "We accept the challenge, we stake everything and shall be victorious," he said. Referring to the submarine policy the Chancellor continued: "Every means, I said in March, that was calculated to shorten the war constitute the most humane policy to follow. When the most ruthless methods are considered best calculated to lead us to victory, and swift victory, I said then they must be employed. This moment has now arrived. Last autumn the time was not yet ripe, but to-day the moment has come when with the greatest prospect of success we can undertake the enterprise. We must therefore not wait any longer." Still further the Chancellor said: "The military situation as a whole permits us to accept all the consequences which unrestricted U-boat war may bring, and as this U-boat war is the means of injuring our enemies the most grievously it must be begun.
one among us will close his eyes to the seriousness of the step we are taking. That our existence is at stake every one knows since August 4 1914, and this has been brutally emphasized by the rejection of our peace offer. When in 1914 we had to seize and have recourse to the sword against Russia's general mobilization, we did so with the deepest sense of responsibility toward our people and conscious of our resolute strength which says 'we must, and therefore we can.' Endless streams of blood have since been shed but they have not washed away the 'must' and the 'can.' In now deciding to employ our best and sharpest weapon we are guided solely by sober con-
sideration of all the circumstances that come into the question and by the firm determination to help our people out of the distress and disgrace which our enemies contemplate for them. Success lies in a higher hand, but as regards all that human strength can do to enforce success for the Fatherland, be assured, gentlemen, that nothing has been neglected. Everything in this respect will be done."

The cables have brought very little in the way of definite news of military or naval operations this week. Ten ships were reported to have been sunk on Feb. 1, the first day of Germany's new "danger zone" campaign, and several more were reported to have been sunk yesterday afternoon. The repulse of the German infantry attack on the Belgian sector of the west front was reported on Tuesday. On the Somme front the British report that they have carried out successful night raids near the Butte de Warlencourt. Thus far the French have not apparently been able to recapture the trenches recently taken from them by the Germans in the region of Hill 304 in the Verdun sector. The net results in other fields of operation do not appear to have been important.

Reports to which we referred last week that the British Treasury had arranged to mobilize all foreign securities on much the same lines as those affecting the accumulation of English-owned American securities appear to have been misunderstood both here and at the British centre. An official statement on Wednesday gave the new regulations in full. These show that under strict conditions which are definitely enumerated, foreign, colonial and Indian securities which have been in the physical possession of holders in the United Kingdom and not in the possession of any subject of an enemy Power since the outbreak of the war, may be sold in the United States, Canada or Newfoundland provided the proceeds from such sales are remitted to England immediately and invested there. Another regulation forbids the sale in any foreign country or British possession of any United States, Canadian or Newfoundland securities. It, however, permits Indian, colonial and other foreign securities except American, Canadian and Newfoundland issues to be sold abroad under the same conditions, namely that the proceeds be invested at homo. The regulations provide also strict rules for the shipment of securities so sold to North America, The object of the mobilization is to shut off such exports of securities as would if not interfered with prove detrimental to the foreign exchanges. The instructions regarding sales specify that a dollar draft must be drawn on a New York, Canadian or Newfoundland house and negotiated in the United Kingdom with an approved exchange agent, together with the securities and a certificate declaring the draft represents the full sale price of the securities delivered.

While call funds in London are still quoted at $31 / 2 \%$ there seems to be a somewhat firmer tone in money circles. This is not unnatural in view of the large applications that have been made from all parts of the United Kingdom for participation in the new war loan, the subscription books for which close Feb. 12. The Bank of England is said to be holding back funds in order to maintain money rates. A concession that is intended to popularize the war
loan provides for the abolition of virtually all transfer fees on Government securities. While the loan is undoubtedly going very well, over-enthusiastic estimates are being officially deprecated, experience having shown that big estimates, to quote one correspondent, encourage "slackers." Press advices state that the feature of the loan has been the amounts subscribed for by insurance companies, which exceed $\$ 215,000,000$. The Prudential heads the list with $\$ 100,000,000$. Lady Wernher, who inherited great wealth from her husband, Sir Julius Wernher, the South African diamond and gold miner, is so far the largest individual subseriber, having invested $\$ 10,000,000$. The large subscribers include:

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Quite free comment has been caused in New York banking circles this week by the cabled account of the annual address of Sir Edward Holden, Managing Director of the London City \& Midland Bank, at the annual meeting of shareholders of that institution on Friday of last week. We refer to his remarks on a subsequent page. The prospective resumption of eash payments by Brazil has helped Brazilian issues on the London market this week. The lists for $£ 10,000,000$ Russian Treasury notes closed on Friday last. The notes were well subscribed. An advance was made on Saturday in the English price for steel rails. Light sections were put up $£ 2$ a ton to $\$ 14: 10$. Heavy rails were not changed, but street car rails were advanced 35 shillings to $£ 14$ a ton. These are the first changes in many months. The new German submarine announcement had virtually no effect on the London market. In fact the entire market has since the year opened been well maintained. The monthly comparison compiled by the "Bankers' Magazine" of the aggregate value of 387 securities dealt in on the London Stock Exchange shows a depreciation during the month ending Jan. 20 of $611,556,000$, or $0.4 \%$. The heaviest decline was shown by British and India funds, which fell off $\$ 12,518,000$, or $2.4 \%$. American railroads declined $\$ 4,450,000$, of $1.2 \%$. Foreign Government stocks advaneed $\mathrm{C} 9,396,000$, or $1.8 \%$. Home rails increased $£ 1,815.000$, or $0.9 \%$, and South Africans gained $51,362,000$, or $3.1 \%$.

Commodity prices in the United Kingdom continue to advance. The London "Economist's" index number to be published to-day, as reported by cable, indicates still another high record. The end of January number is 4953 , an advance of 45 points over December, which in turn was 129 points higher than November. The average of the commodities
on which the 1 index number is ibased is 2200; thus the advance now recorded is more than $125 \%$ above that average.

The Paris Bourse has shown slight activity this week and the tone of the markets does not appear to have been affected adversely by the German submarine note. A maximum increase in railroad rates of $15 \%$ has been proposed. All French vessels above 1,000 tons now are subject to State control. A project for the complete revision of the fiscal system forecast in November is before the Chamber of Deputies. The commerce of France with the United States for the first eleven months of 1916 reached a total of $\$ 509,000,000$ which compares with $\$ 131,000,000$ for the corresponding period of 1914. French exports amounted to $\$ 77$,000,000 , as against $\$ 66,000,000$ the previous year. The chiof artiele of export was silk which counted for $\$ 18,000,000$. The next highest articles on the list were wines, table fruits and artificial flowers. In imports cereals with $\$ 91,000,000$ had the most important place. Next came munitions $\$ 56,000$,000 , next cotton $\$ 45,000,000$, copper $\$ 45,000,000$, horses $\$ 45,000,000$, oil $\$ 25,000,000$, iron and steel $\$ 22,000,000$, automobiles $\$ 22,000,000$ and machinery $\$ 22,000,000$.

Intimations come from Berlin of a sixth German war loan. There has been no official statement howover. Income taxes in Prussia for the year 1916 according to a semi-official news agency increased $\$ 124,500,000$ in comparison with $\$ 88,500$,000 in 1915. The number of taxpayers has increased from $7,300,000$ to $7,500,000$. The average income of taxpayers increased from $\$ 566$ to $\$ 607$.

The Bank of France in its report this week registered a further gain in its gold holdings of $10,138,950$ franes, of which $1,034,300$ franes represents gold transferred abroad. In note circulation there was another large increase, namely, of $\$ 186,128,000$ francs, raising the total to $17,514,326,000$ franes, as against $14,084,413,320$ franes in 1916 and 10,646 ,212,765 francs in 1915. Comparison of all the various items with the statement for the previous week and with the corresponding dates in 1916 and 1915 is as follows:


The Bank of England registers only a small gain in its gold item, namely, $£ 41,672$, and as note circulation showed an increase of $£ 816,000$, the total reserve was reduced $£ 774,000$, and the proportion of reserve to liabilities declined to $16.63 \%$, हैompared (with $19,10 \%$ a week ago and $23.54 \%$ last year. Public deposits were reduced $£ 5,957,000$. Other deposits, however, were increased by the substanfial sum of $529,545,000$, and Government securities expanded $£ 26,493,000$. Loans (other securities) decreased $£ 2$,109,000. The English Bank's gold holdings now stand at $£ 56,664,712$, against $£ 52,687,976$ in $\$ 1916$
and $£ 67,648,582$ the year previous. Reserves total $535,513,000$, which compares with $£ 36,938,580$ a year ago and $£ 51,271,657$ in 1915 . Loans aggregate $\Varangle 37,727,000$. At the corresponding date in 1916 the total was $£ 105,140,129$, and $£ 108,088,718$ two years ago. The English Bank reports as of Jan. 27, the amount of currency notes outstanding at $£ 129,790$,728 , comparing with $£ 131,200,396$ last week. 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 OP | ENGLAND'8 COMPARATEVE |  |  | STATEMENT. |  |
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|  | 1917. | 1916. | 1015. | 1014. | 1013. |
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| Clrentation | 39,601,000 | 34,199,420 | 34,826,025 | 28,430,005 | 28,068,365 |
| Publle deposits.... | 44.764,000 | 58,245,525 | 38,611,418 | 10,722,058 | 18,266,092 |
| Other depoalta ..... 1 | 168,777,000 | 98,583,710 | 123,936,641 | 51,703,690 | 38,238,051 |
| Govt, mecurities.... | 180,373,000 | 32,838,661 | 21,324,358 | 11,255,998 | 13,035,483 |
| Other securitles.... | 35,727,000 | 105,140,129 | 108,088,718 | 35.902,752 | 34,080,378 |
| Reserve notes \& coln. | 35.513,000 | 36,938,556 | 81,271,657 | 33,366,011 | 26,573,302 |
| Cotn and bultom... | 80,601,712 | 52,687.076 | 67.648.582 | 43,355,136 | .36,191,667 |
| Proportion ot reserve to labilltles. | 16.80\% | 23.55\% | 31.13\% | 53.38\% | 47\% |
| Bank rate.......... | 51/2\% | 5\% | 5\% | $3 \%$ | 5\% |

The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany, issued as of Jan. 23rd, shows the following changes: total coin and bullion increased 735,000 mks .; gold expanded $924,000 \mathrm{mks}$; Treasury notes were increased $49,613,000 \mathrm{mks}$.; notes of other banks declined $66,000 \mathrm{mks}$.; bills discounted showed the huge decrease of $441,878,000$ mks.; advances increased $816,000 \mathrm{mks}$, investments oxpanded $9,920,000 \mathrm{mks}$.; other securities were reduced $38,998,000$ mks.; notes in circulation decreased $76,061,000$ mks.; deposits registered an important reduction, viz, $269,477,000$ mks., while other liabilities declined $74,320,000 \mathrm{mks}$. The Imperial Bank's gold holdings aggregate 2,523,$184,000 \mathrm{mks}$. At this date a year ago the total was $2,451,980,000$ mks., and in $19152,145,060,000$ mks. Loans and discounts now stand at 7,385 ,$020,000 \mathrm{mks}$., against $5,463,900,000 \mathrm{mks}$. in 1916 and $3,760,840,000 \mathrm{mks}$. the year preceding. Circulation is $7,650,893$ mks., compared with $6,-$ $274,100,000$ mks and $4,483,680,000 \mathrm{mks}$ one and two years ago, respectively.

Official rates at the leading European centres have remained at $5 \%$ in Paris, Vienna and Copenhagen; $51 / 2 \%$ in London, Italy, Portugal and Norway; $6 \%$ in Petrograd, and $41 / 2 \%$ in Switzerland, Holland and Spain. In London the private bank rate is still quoted at $5 @ 51 / 8 \%$ for sixty and ninety day bills. Berlin continues to report $45 / 8 \%$ as the nominal private bank rate at that centre. No reports have been received by cable of open market rates at other European centres, so far as we have been able to ascertain. Call money in London has not been changed from $31 / 2 \%$.

Very little change has developed in the local money situation, rates showing no substantial indication of the demands upon the capital market. The oversubscription of the new British $\$ 250,000,000$ loan is indicated by the allotments which provide that only those subscribing $\$ 100,000$ or less shall receive full amounts of their subseriptions, while those subseribing above $\$ 100,000$ and not more than $\$ 250,000$ shall receive $60 \%$, and above that amount $50 \%$. Another
important demand on the capital market is seen in the bringing out for popular subscription of the $\$ 50$,000,000 French credit arranged for last autumn. This is the first time that this form of investment has been offered directly to individual investors. The purpose of the credit is to facilitate the French purchase of American merchandise for export, the maturity will be in 18 months, namely, July 161918. The collateral consists of $\$ 50,000,000$ French Government notes and $\$ 10,000,000$ approved bonds issued by or in neutral countries. The return is in excess of $51 / 2 \%$ per annum. The new complications with Berlin over the submarine issue are not unlikely to become important factors in the future, all depending upon the outcome of the decision at Washington, which appears a matter of the near future. Should even close approach to hostilities on the part of our own Government be the net result, the new bond and note issues, provided in the Revenue Bill, which passed the House on Thursday (whose text appears in another column), would be an altogether inadequate source of financial preparation and the demands upon the capital market would correspondingly increase.
Last Saturday's bank statement of New York Clearing House members, which will be found in more complete form on a later page of this issue, in sharp contrast to statements recently issued, showed a loss in reserves for the week. The loan item was expanded $\$ 32,557,000$. Net demand deposits again increased, viz., $\$ 36,043,000$, and net time deposits $\$ 2,877,000$. Reserves in "own vaults" were decreased $\$ 15,490,000$, to $\$ 550,945,000$, of which $\$ 484,826,000$ is shown to be specie. Last year the total of reserves in own vaults was $\$ 525,749,000$, including $\$ 447,517,000$ in specie. Reserves in Federal reserve vauits increased $\$ 11,032,000$, to $\$ 205,910,000$, comparing with $\$ 176,557,000$ a year ago. Reserves in other depositories also expanded, namely $\$ 21,-$ 000 , to $\$ 56,752,000$, against $\$ 55,581,000$ in 1916. Aggregate reserves this week showed a loss of \$4,437,000 , bringing the total to $\$ 813,607,000$, which compares with $\$ 757,887,000$ at the corresponding date last year. The reserve required was increased $\$ 6,652,020$, hence surplus reserves were reduced $\$ 11,089,020$, which brought the total of excess reserves to $\$ 191,383,610$. At this date a year ago the amount held was $\$ 177,801,740$.
Referring specifically to money rates, call loans this week covered a range of 13!@3\%, against 13/@ $2 \%$ a week ago. Monday $13 \%$ was the low and ruling quotation and $2 \%$ high. On Tuesday $2 \%$ continued the maximum and was also the renewal basis, with $13 \frac{13}{4} \%$ low. Wednesday the range was again $13 \times 2 \%$, though renewals went back to $13 / 4 \%$. On Thursday the high advanced to $3 \%$, with $2 \%$ the low and ruling figure. Friday's range was still 2@ $3 \%$, while renewals remained at $2 \%$. For fixed maturities the tone is rather steadier. Quotations for the shorter maturities were unchanged, and sixty days again ruled at $21 / 2 @ 3 \%$, ninety days and four months at $23 / 4 @ 3 \%$ and five months at $3 \%$; six months, however, moved up to $3 @ 314 \%$, against $3 \%$ last week. The disposition among financial interests appears to be to hold off, pending the results of current momentous events, and trading was very quiet with the volume of transactions small. At this date a year ago sixty-day funds were quoted at $21 / 2 @$ $23 \%$, ninety days at $23 \%$, four months at $23 \% @$ $3 \%$ and five and six months at $3 \%$. In mercantile
paper the situation remains as heretofore - a good inquiry restricted only by limited offerings. Sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character have ruled at the lower levels recently established, namely, $31 / 4 @ 31 / 2 \%$, with a substantial amount of the business passing at the lower figure. Names not so well known still require $33 / 4 \%$. Banks' and bankers' acceptances have shown less activity. Closing quotations are:
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transfers continued at 476 7-16 and sixty days at 4721 亿. On Monday the tone was firm, reflecting largely the extreme ease in the local money situation, as well as the successful placing of the latest British loan here; actual quotations were fractionally higher for demand, at $4753 / 4 @ 47580$, although cable transfers and sixty days were unchanged, at $4767-16$ and $4721 / 4$, respectively While trading was not active, sterling rates were well maintained on Tuesday and in fact ruled without change from the levels of the preceding day. Wednesday's market was dull and the volume of transactions light; quotations, however, continued to be held at $4753 / 4 @ 47580$ for demand, 476 7-16 for cable transfers and $4721 / 4$ for sixty days. Despite the issuance of the German note announcing a new policy of unrestricted submarine activity, sterling exchange on Thursday was steady and practically unchanged; demand was a shade easier, at $475771 / 2$, but cable transfers remained at 4767-16 and sixty days at $4721 / 4$; quotations, however, were hardly more than nominal, as the general disposition is to proceed with extreme caution in the matter of entering into new commitments during the present international crisis. On Friday the market ruled quiet but without essential change. Closing quotations were $4723-16$ for sixty days, 47570 for demand and 476 7-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight finished at $4755 / 8$, sixty days at $4711 / 4$, ninety days at $4693-16$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $4715-16$ and seven-day grain bills at $4747 / 8$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $4755 / 8$.

The continental exchanges have again shown nervousness and irregularity. During the earlier days of the week Italian lire were once more conspicuous for weakness. A continued absence of buying power forced the quotation down to still lower levels-sight bills on Wednesday dropping to the unprecedentedly low figure of 7.30 -while rumors stating that Italy's finances are in a somewhat less favorable condition than formerly were an additional source of depression. Rubles also ruled heavy and German and Austrian exchange, as a result of selling supposedly for speculative account, registered substantial declines. On Thursday the unexpected and startling announcement of Germany's determination to inaugurate a "ruthless" submarine warfare, thereby breaking pledges with the United States and once again opening the question of a severance of diplomatic relations, exercised a generally depressing effect, particularly upon reichsmarks, which broke to $661 / 2$, a decline of $33 / 8$ points from the quotation ruling on Saturday. Demand bills on Berlin finished at $671 / 8$ and cables at $671 / 4$, against $691 / 2$ and $695 / 8$ a week ago. Kronen, which also broke sharply on the German note, closed at 10.75 , which contrasts with 11.08 on Friday of last week. The sterling check rate on Paris continues to rule at $27.811 / 2$, unchanged. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at $5841 / 2$, against $5843 / 8$; cables at $5831 / 2$, against $5833 / \mathrm{s}$; commercial sight at $5843 / 4$, against $584^{3} / 4$, and commercial sixty days at $5891 / 8$, against 589 the week preceding. Rubles finished at 28 60, against 2860 a week ago. Lire continued their downward course and closed at 728 for bankers' sight and 727 for cables. This compares with 709 and 708 , the final quotation on Friday of last week.

In the neutral exchanges very little has been passing. The trend was towards a slightly higher level in the case of Scandinavian rates, while both Swiss and Spanish exchange ruled firm throughout. Publication of the German note was without marked influence upon exchange at nearly all of the neutral centres, although quotations are now practically nominal and trading at a standstill, awaiting the outcome of present developments. Guilders have closed easier, and bankers' sight on Amsterdam finishing at $403 / 4$ against $4013-16$, cables at $403 / 4$ against $407 / 8$, commercial sight at $4013-16$ against $405 / 8$, and commercial sixty days at 40 9-16 against 401/2. Swiss exchange closed at $5011 / 2$ for bankers' sight, and cables at $5003 / 4$, comparing with 502 and 501 a week ago. Greek exchange (which is still regarded as neutral) continues to be quoted at 500 for sight bills. Copenhagen checks finished at 27.50, against 27.55 . Checks on Norway closed at 27.95 , as compared with 27.90 , and checks on Sweden finished at 29.55, against 29.50 on Friday of last week. Spanish pesetas closed at 21,20. A week ago the close was 21.18.

The Now York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained $\$ 2,857,000$ net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Feb. 2. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated $\$ 9,142,000$, while the shipments have reached $\$ 6,285,000$. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations, which together occasioned a loss of $\$ 21,522,000$, 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 $\$ 18,665,000$, as follows:

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| Banks* interior movemeut. Bub-Treas, \& F, R, operations. | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 9,42,000 \\ & 19.706,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 6,285,000 \\ & 41,318,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \hline \text { GaIn } & 82,857,000 \\ \text { Loos } & 21,522,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Total ..................... | \$28,038,000 | \$47,603,000 | Loes \$ $818,066,000$ |

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

| Banks of | February 11917. |  |  | February 31916. |  |  |
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|  | $66,664,712$ | ${ }^{2}$ | $\underset{36,064,712}{E}$ |  | \& |  |
| Francea | 133,440,242 | 11,171,320 | 144,611,562 | 200.783,240 | 14,126,000 | 14,000,240 |
| Germany, | 126,159,200 | 855,250 | 127,014,450 | 122,676,550 | 2,030,500 | 124,716.050 |
| Russia ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 147,486,000 | 11,917,000 | 159,403,000 | 161,640,000 | 3,937,000 | 165,577.000 |
| Aus-Hume | 51,578,000 | 12,140,000 | 63,718,000 | 51,578,000 | 12,140,000 | 63,718,000 |
| Spain .... | 50.980,000 | 29,754,000 | 80,734,000 | 35,764,000 | 30,291,000 | 66,055.000 |
| Italy | $35,978,000$ $49,132,000$ | $2,944,000$ 567,100 | $38,922,000$ $49,690,100$ | 43,607,000 37396000 | $4,234,000$ 510,300 | 47,741,000 $37,906,800$ |
| Nat.Bet. $\mathrm{h}^{\text {N }}$ | 15,380,000 | 600.000 | 15.950.000 | 15,380,000 | 600,000 | 15,080,000 |
| Switz'land | 13,704.800 | 00.00 | 13,764,800 | 10,130,500 |  | 10,130,500 |
| Sweden ${ }^{\text {Demmark }}$ | $10,363,000$ $8,822,000$ |  | $10,363,000$ $8,915,000$ | $6,066,000$ $5,931,000$ | 228.000 | $6,960.000$ $6,159.000$ |
| Norway.. | $8,832,000$ $6,204,000$ |  | $8,915,000$ $6,904,000$ | 3,378,000 | 228,000 | $6,159,000$ $3,378,000$ |
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| Tot. week. $706,651,954$ | $70,041,670776,693,624747,815,266$ | $68,105,800815,024,066$ |
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| Prev.week $705,408,896$ | $69,917,300775,410,106745,794,487$ | $67,962,590813,757,077$ |

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## THE LANGUAGE OF DIPLOMACY.

Now that questions of peace and of war are in the thought of every earnest, intelligent human being, the use of language as a medium of expression becomes exceedingly important. As nations and peoples, not only must we mean what we say, but say what we mean. The latter is not always easy,
A witty Frenchman once remarked: "Language is for the purpose of concealing thought." Again, it has been rudely said that diplomacy is a system of "polite lying." And one cannot read the pronouncements of leading statesmen at home and
abroad upon permanent peace, the gravest issue that ever confronted mankind, without feeling that hesitation and evasion, at least, are to be found in both speeches and state papers.
It is inevitable that in any passionate appeal there shall flame up a certain rhythmic eloquence. Natural expression compels this. According to the education and cultivation of the speaker the words used will tend toward the simple AngloSaxon or the more complex Latin. On the contrary, the expression of a profound conviction will compel a more simple and stately diction, not less eloquent, not less forcefnl, though still subject to the acquired vocabulary of the speaker.

It is not altogether a matter of the use of the idiomatic or the composite word. Each has its place. It is the proper use of the two, together with the introduction or the absence of what we term "figures" of speech. To illustrate by a contrast. Shakespeare, the supreme master in the choice of words, wrote: This one drop of blood doth "the multitudinous seas incarnadine, making the green one red." Senator Vest, in a speech, once said:
"Liberty is a plant so sensitive that once touched by robber hands it needs long years of tender watch and loving care before its leaves again put forth or its flowers bloom." These are clearly figures of speech, yet they illustrate proportion in the use of words.

Now the State paper is more the expression of calm conviction than it is of passionate appeal. It is to be read by the masses, and if it concern the relations of foreign peoples it should admit of no doubt as to its meaning. It follows that these utterances should avoid embellishments of speech which require the use of the imagination to unfold their meaning. If the subject is one of controversy, metaphor, trope, epigram and antithesis are not conducive to a settlement of differences, to the establishment of harmony in feeling and act. When, therefore, in a firm conviction, statesmen are striving to compose a "world at war," it is not a time to invoke rhetoric. And a sigual proof of the greater force of dignified simplicity is to bo found in the graphic statements of Grant and the plain words of Lincoln.

President Wilson two weeks ago delivered to the Senate an address on the subject of peace. Comment has been universal. There have been many and diverse "interpretations" of certain sentences and phrases in the address. The belief has been expressed, even, that he purposely left vaguc portions thereof, through a feeling that the effect of the whole might be weakened by opposition, if some of the features of the suggested plan were given unmistakable statement. Be this as it may, the result has been quite the contrary. And yet he announced his intention to speak without "soft concealments."
As one follows the debates in the Senate on this "great State paper" one carmot escape the feeling that a simpler form of statement would have been a more powerful agency for good. And, as language loses elarity and directness by translation, if the United States Senate must spend days in diseussing the meaning of this address, how much less must it be understood by foreign peoples! It is true that the consideration of Senators is not confined to an analysis of words, phrases and sentences to discover
their meaning, it is also directed to policies and possible acts involved. And yet it is because of the very indefiniteness of statement, because of a lack of simplieity in speech, and of logical sequence of ideas, that confusion arises as to meaning, and that there exists in the address a seeming contradiction as to purposes.

As an example: The President speaks (we use our own words) of the solution of the problem as lying very near to the question of disarmament. At another point he speaks of a "force" greater than that of any single power or combination of powers. A Senator in the course of the debate asked the question: If this does not mean a military force, and the use of the army and navy of the United States (in a league to enforce peace) as a part and in conjunction with a great combined army of all the powers, what does it mean?

Without attempting to define what the President did mean, we think there is a very reasonable answer to this question and that there is nothing irreconcilable or inconsistent in the two ideas. The condition sought has been proposed time and again. Disarmament first! Let all nations dis-arm-disband their armies and destroy their navies. Note that this is not an exact expression, more than it would be to say "beat their swords into plowshares," a common expression, it means to have no soldiers or sailors, and to convert all munitions into the utensils of peace as far as may be. Let all agree that they will not again call these forces into being. There will be nothing left to war with. Then-let the suggested International army and navy be called forth, created possibly out of a small "police force," a small domestic army, limited by the combined judgment of the powers to each nation, this to be subject to the order of the International Council and to be used as a police power to prevent any nation from re-arming itself. Such a force as here indicated could easily be greater than that of any single power or combination of powers, and it would not be oppressive, or expensive, and would prevent the reappearance of "militarism" anywhere on earth, and would make impossible any war of aggression. We attempt to state a proposition and not to argue its feasibility. Should this have been in the mind of the President in the writing of this address, the whole effect is lost by the doubt created in the minds of those who seem to see a contradiction.
The point we wish to make is that a State paper should be concise, logical in arrangement, and so clear and specific in statement as not to require "interpretation." And there is therefore ample reason for denying the right to use "flowers of speech." Oratory is not only nature, it is art. Diplomacy is a means of intercourse, and should draw nations together, not separate them by concealed motives or meanings. It may be a source gratification to deliver a memorable address, full of passionate zeal, rhythmical and ornate. Poets and orators have their place. But their field is not the writing of State papers. Too much is at stake. Too much evil may result from mis-interpretation. Plain statement, a rigid suppression of rhetoric, will save not only opposition, but eriticism. Already misunderstandings have arisen over meanings in the phraseology of State papers and the utterances of statesmen who must needs be speaking for the nation and the people. If the

President errs sometimes in this regard, he is noz alone. The whole language of diplomacy should be revised so that a war of words may never lead to a war of nations.

## "MASON AND DIXON'S LINE" IN TRADE AND TAXES.

It is much to be deprecated that this phrase has been resurrected in the discussion of our present national taxing problems. True it is, that this excess-profit tax will be paid largely in the North where most of the important financial, commercial and industrial companies are located. But it would be unfair to assume that Congress is possessed of a feeling of sectionalism in levying this tax. And this will soon become apparent to those who fall under its provisions, wherever they live.
Though we are unwilling to concede the principle in the law, if it should be enacted as now proposed, just as we have on other grounds condemned the "pork barrel" appropriation bill, we are disposed to believe that it is human nature to be most concerned when our own shoe pinches, and to get as much of the public monies for our respective districts as we can without holding back in the interests of others. What is important is that we never forget the solidarity of all our interests-and our mutual dependence in trade.

We do not complain that New York is to be taxed on its wealth (albeit denying the fairness of the principle of this bill) but we regret that the people, even ourselves, fail to appreciate that New York City is the nation's chief asset in trade, its main industrial plant, the most important factor in our national income, and to-day the world's greatest seaport. This fact is just as important to the small interior town of the Mississippi Valley as to New York City, indeed more so, for New York can better live without the town than the town without New York, If this is true, the legislator (himself broadening to fill the continent with his power) must think of New York City as this great asset, sustaining and to be sustained. And if it is the gateway of the nation, its harbors are of supreme importance to all the people. What we need is more of the "get-together" spirit. A little less of indifference and arrogance on the part of New York City and a little less prejudice on the part of the rest of the country would be better for both.
In the last twenty years Now York has grown enormously-it will enormously expand in the volume and radius of its business in the next twenty. Because of its location and world-bearing, population will certainly increase according to the principle of the relative attraction of the large body. The labors of five millions, or ten millions of people, must tell immensely in the residuum above living, which is wealth. Far more, the congestion of trade exchanges in one centre will concentrate wealth rapidly and permanently. Nothing can stop the growth of the great city but a paralysis of war on the Western continent equal to that in Europe. But this does not signify that its citizens can say to the rest of the country as to business, "take it or leave it." Nor is it warrant for a taxing plan that will fasten upon all progress that is legitimate a ratio and kind of taxes born of European war conditions. If New York sells, it also buys. If it grows, it is with and by the growth of the country. In trade it knows, Fand can know, no Mason
and Dixon's line, nor any divisional line separating it from the West, imaginary or other. And no really predominating foreign trade is possible to the people of the whole country without the use of New York. Europe was, is, and will be, our best customer.

Regions created for reserve banking and rural eredit associations cannot destroy the financial power and influence of New York City in the domestic and foreign trade of ore hundred millions of people. But this metropolis can alienate a goodwill it should possess in increasing abundance by meeting prejudice with indifference. And whether it be in the levying of taxes, or the distribution of revenues in internal improvements, failure on the part of Congress to look with concern aud with zealous regardiupon the City's commanding power, as inseparable from the interests of the whole country, is a failure to measure up to the breadth of wise statesmanship. It is true that the country is dependent Jupony New York-but other trade centres are rapidlyigrowing, that, though themselves tributary, are at the same time competitors. What the people of all [sections need is to feel a sense of the unity of all our interests. And the criticism may be ventured that New York needs to look toward the country, to go out to meet it half way, and to harmonize and fraternize more than it does, with every portion of it.

New York is part of the United States, part of the people. St Louis and Chicago, though fortunately for them in the very heart of the wealth producing section of the country, are no closer to the people at large, nor more necessary to their wellbeing, than is Now York. But they are necessary -and their prosperity and service are not inimical to the metropolis. They play a part, a different part, but an imperative one. And the interdependence between the large cities of the country is forever fixed in the largest domestic commerce known upon the globe. If there is a latent feeling that wealth inordinately aggregates and congests in New York City, it is wrong. The wealth that colleets in every city is because of unescapable natural laws of trade. And this should not result in making it a target for taxation on the principle of confiscation. If the wealth of New York, or any other city, should be taxed off the face of the earth, would the people at large be better off? If the chief city of the country is to be divorced from that combined effort toward foreign trade to which we are looking and tending, will the interior towns be benefited? And if there is to be "war after the war" and this metropolis is a Gibraltar of wealth is it wise to dynamite the roek of our strength in advance? A thousand times, no!

The truth is, there is need for a more generous spirit toward so-called wealth, wherever in the fortumes of trade it may be loeated. There is need for an inorease of the community spirit which will bring all our cities eloser to the country. And there is a paramount need that Congress legislate for the whole country-which includes New York. And the business interests that are larger here than elsewhere should go out to meet the people of the West and South in behalf of a common interest. We are ome country.

The fertile Southland with its indispensable and exclusive staple has nothing to fear. The Middle West is forever rich in its inexhaustible soils. Wealth is concentrating there in prodigious amounts. But if huge wealth, as evidenced in the commercial and financial enterprises of New York City, is to be taxed out of existence, what hope has industry in these two sections? And is it any more fair to levee
the lower Mississippi than to deepen the channel of the Hudson and East rivers? Are more persons benefited directly in the one case than in the other?

Let our taxes be made just, let them be made to bear lightly on all the people, and when they are distributed in internal improvements let them be equitably bestowed upon those necessities which affect most and first the interests and welfare of all the people. And in doing this let us be blind to sectionalism of every sort, and by a wise conservation preserve the wealth we have, wherever it may happen to be located.

## LISTINGS ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE YEAR 1016.

The listings on the New York Stock Exchange during the late year bear striking evidence to the extraordinary change that has taken place in the credit position of this country since the early months of the war. The change is exemplified not only by the large additions to the list of all classes of investment securities, but also by the fact that the number of short-term loans, such as note issues, has been much reduced as compared with the year 1915. Most noteworthy of the securities listed have been the foreign loans, totaling $\$ 1,269,500,000$.

Bond issues during the year just closed total1, 829 millions, as compared with only 541 millions in the year previous. The greatest increase in bond issues is noted in the item of bonds issued for new capitali. e., for entirely new capital, for funding floating debt and for the capitalizing of enterprises previously of a private character-thus making evident a larger feeling of confidence on the part of the business interests throughout the entire country.
The total amount of stock issues listed for the year was 967 millions, an increase of approximately 28 millions over last year's aggregate of 939 millions. In this class of investment a total of 479 millions is recorded for stock issued for new capital, \&c.

The principal note issues of the year, as compiled at the end of this article, show a total of barely 225 millions, as compared with 375 millions for 1915. This total, of course, includes to a considerable figure notes issued for the renewal or extension of maturing notes. Note issues, it will be recalled, are not usually listed themselves, but they serve to a greater or less extent to reduce the volume of stock and bonds that normally would be presented for listing on the Exchange. The decrease indicated is therefore an excellent sign of the times.
Following is our usual ten-year listing table:


Railroad bonds issued for the year total 337 millions, as compared with a total for the year 1915 of 325 millions. Chief among the issues of this class are the $\$ 60,000,000$ Refunding and General Lien $5 \%$ bonds of the Baltimore \& Ohio RR., issued for the redemption of prior liens and so forth; $\$ 40,000,000$ Chesapeake \& Ohio $5 \%$ Convertible bonds; $\$ 40,000$,000 New York Central Consolidated $4 \%$ bonds, Series "A." These last-named were issued in exchange for outstanding $31 / 2 \%$ gold bonds, Lake Shore collateral, of the New York Central \& Hudson River RR. Co. The block of $\$ 29,949,000$ Chicago Milwaukee \& St. Paul 4\% bonds due 1925 was issued to replace "frane" bonds, one of several refundings of the kind made desirable by the war for the transfer of foreign holdings to American investors.

The miscellaneous bond listings for the year, totaling 178 millions, are notable largely for capital purposes, there being a considerable number representing issues put out for improvements, betterments, additions, and the like. Principal among this class is the $\$ 30,000,000$ issue of Chicago Union Station Co. First Mortgage $41 / 2 \%$ bonds, which were issued for construction purposes. In the class of miscellaneous bonds issued for other purposes, it is well to note the $\$ 40,000,000$ International Mercantile Marine Co. (reorganized company) First Mortgage Collateral Trust Sinking Fund 6s, issued in accordance with the reorganization arrangements of that company.
Included in the list of railroad stock issued is the $\$ 9,503,0006 \%$ non-cumulative preferred and the $\$ 24,990,000$ common stock of the Carolina Clinchfield \& Ohio RR. The Atlanta Birmingham \& Atlantic Ry. has listed $\$ 30,000,000$ common stock issued for reorganization purposes. Another large railroad stock issue is that of the Minneapolis \& St. Louis Ry. $\$ 25,792,600$ eapital stock, issued in exchange for certificates of deposit under the plan.
In the miscellaneous stock issues the $\$ 83,000,000$ stock of the Kennecott Copper Co, is noteworthy, as are also the issues of the General Motors Corporation, $\$ 20,000,000$ preferred stock and $\$ 82,600,000$ common, given or to be given in exchange almost entirely for the shares of the General Motors Company on certain terms. We may also mention International Mercantile Marine, $\$ 51,726,300$ preferred stock and $\$ 49,872,400$ common; U, S. Smelting, Refining \& Mining Co., $\$ 24,317,500$ preferred stock and $\$ 17,555,750$ common. The total in this class of security listed in 1916 was $\$ 1,082,012,603$. The City of New York 41/4\% corporate stock and the issue maturing serially, totaling $\$ 55,000,000$, are included in the total.


It must be borne in mind that the above items represent foreign securities listed during 1916. There are a number of other loans not listed which cannot be included in this compilation.

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## RETROSPECT OF 1916.

In publishing on Jan. 6 our review of the calendar year 1916, we printed the monthly narratives only for the first two months. In the issuefor Jan, 13 wegave the narratives for two months more; on Jan. 20 we gave the summary for May; on Jan. 27 that for the month of June, and to-day we add the month of July

## MONTH OF JULY

Current Events.-The joint military offensive of the Entente Powers made further progress, and the indications supported the conclusion that Germany and her allies were being steadily pushed back, both on the Eastern and the Western fronts, Russia, in parlicular, continuing to overwhelm the Austrians. The statement of the U. S. Steel Corporation for the June quarter (issued after the close of business on July 25), served again to emphasize the wonderful prosperity of the steel trado as a direct outgrowth of the European conflict. The report showed net earnings (after all expenses incident to operation, and interest on bonds of all expenses incident to operation, and interest on bonds of the subsidiary companies) of no less than \$81,126,048, as against $\$ 60,713,624$ in the March quarter and only $\$ 27$, ,
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457,809 in the March quarter of 1915 . In addition to the quar. div. of $11 / \%$ an extra dividend of $1 \%$ was also declared on the common shares; after providing for the higher dividends, a surplus of $\$ 47,964,535$ even then remained for the duarter. In the six months to June 301916 net earnings quares Stel Comportion were $\$ 141,839,672$ nmainst only of the Steel Corporation were 1915 and $\$ 38,451,977$ in the first half of 1914. Nor did the Steel Corporation stand alone in its record of phenomenally favorable results. The Republic Iron \& Steel Co. for the first half of 1916 showed profits before interest on bonded debt of $\$ 6,823,026$, against only $\$ 1,800,053$ in the first six months of 1915 . The Lackawanna Steel Co. reported net earnings for the six months or 1916 of $\$ 7,298,627$, against $\$ 1,351,888$ in the first half of 1915. Of companies in othor lines of business tho Amor. Hide is Leather Co. resumed dividends by declaring $5 \%$ on prel. and furnished figures showing net of $\$ 509,264$ for the June quarter of 1916, against \$271,373 in the June quartor of 1915, while Central Lather for the six months to June 30 1916 computed its not at $\$ 6,637,269$, against $\$ 3,111,077$ in the first half of 1915 General Chemical Co in the first hat of 1016 had net protits of $\$ 5,864,030$, against $\$ 2,353,468$ in the first six months of 1915. The Corn Products Refining Co. made profits in the hatl year of 1916 of $\$ 3,130,819$, against $\$ 2,061,202$ in tho first six months of 1915.
A further notoworthy feature, at least in the steel trade, was that orders continued to come in on a large scale, enyaging capacity for a long time ahead. Whus, the "Iron Trade Reviow" of Cleveland reported that final distribution had been made to American mills of the large rail order for the Russian State railways and stated that this marked the cousummation of probably the most stupendous single contract of it a kind ever given in this or any other country. The gross tonnage placed, it was stated, amounted to from 425,000 to 450,000 tons, of which ubout 200,000 tons went to the mills of the Steel Corporation, 150,000 to 160,000 tons to the Cambria Steel Co. (Midvale Steel \& Orduance Co.) and about 75,000 tons to the Luckawama SteelCo.
The Bethlehem Steel Co., it was understood, the Cleveland paper stated, would roll some of the rails under a sub-contract with one of the producers receiving an award. The average price obtained for the rails, which were to bo both openhearth and Bossemer, and the accessories, it was stated, was from 851 to $\$ 52$ alongside New York, or from $\$ 49$ to $\$ 50$ at the mill representing a total cost to the Russian Government of from $\$ 22,000,000$ to $\$ 23,000,000$. The rails were to be delivered by July 1917 and it was asserted that this heavy new tonnage, added to the large rail business already on tho books of American makers, meant that it would be impossible Por United States mills to accept any now rail orders of size for shipment bofore mid-ycar of 1917. The foroign inquiry was heavy in all directions and related to protty noarly cyerything, including rails and cars, and not exeluding munitions contracts. The "Iron Trade Review," in a dispateh from Now York, under date of Aug. 1, stated that it was estimated that the ney shell and shell forging contracts then just placed aggregated in value at least $\$ 100,000,000$. Those of the Amer. Locomotive Co., which were among the largest, were understood to reach $\$ 30,000,000$. American Steel Foundrics, it was asserted, had a large now order estimated at from $\$ 15,000,000$ to $\$ 20,000,000$, and Amer. Car \& Foundry Co. also one of large proportions. Among other companies mentioned as having received, or about to rocoive, new orders, were E. W. Bliss \& Co., the Now York Air Brake Co., the Amer. Brake Shoe \& Foundry Co., Babeock \& Wilcox Co. the Midvale Steel \& Ordnance Co., the Forged Stoel Wheel Co. and others. The number of shells and shell forgings ordered were figured at $2,000,000$ to $3,000,000$. The "Irou Age" of this city, writing about the same date, said the effect on the situation of war buying on such a huge scate was becoming an issue of the foremost importance in the domestic steel market. Steel makers were now less inclined to make concessions than in June and early July. Fluctuations in prices were irregular during the month. The tendency of metal quotations was downward and so was that for finished products in iron and steel the early part of the month, but
in this last instance the eourse was reversed the latter part. The Steol Corporation made an advance of $\$ 2$ a ton in steel bars. Bessemer-steel billets at Pittsburgh, after having de-
olined in June from $\$ 45$ a ton to $\$ 42$, dropped still further to elined in June from $\$ 45$ a ton to $\$ 42$, dropped still further to
$\$ 40$ in July, but recovered to $\$ 43$ by the ond of the month. Opon hearth billets, after having got down to S40 in Jume, but with a recovery to $\$ 42$, mado further recovory in July, getting back to full S15, Steel bars at Pittsburgh were just indicated, the steel makers now announcod an adyance to 2.60 c . with the beginning of August. Tank plates at Pittsburgh, aftor having been reduced at the end of June from 3.75 to 3.25 c , recovered in July to 3.50 o . Metal prices tended strongly downward, lead at New York being quoted at one time as low as 6.050 , but with the close at 6.10 e., against as high as Sc. at the beginning of April. Tin at New rork got as low as 370 ., though recovering to
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90 . to $111 / 40$., with the close $93 / 40$., against $211 / 2 c$. in February. Copper pricos also tended downward, Lako copper at New York touching $251 / 40$. and electrolytio 250 ., but with a recovery to 261/4 and 26 c .; in May Lake copper had been quoted at 29 c ., and electrolytio at $285 \% \mathrm{sc}$.
Crop developments, however, during July were not favorablo, spring wheat boing damaged by black rust and corn by high temperatures. Sharp advances in the grain markets were the natural gequence, Sept, wheat in Chicago ad-
vanced from $\$ 10458$ July 1 to $\$ 12478$ July 28 , with the close July 31 at $81211 / 8$. Sopt, corn at Chicago rose Prom 73 cts. July 1 to $791 / 2$ ets. July 28 , with the closo July $31781 / 2 \mathrm{cts}$.,
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$421 / 8$ cts. July 17, with the close July 31 at $407 / 8$ cts. Cotton also manifested a rising tendency at times, owing to adverse developments affeeting the growing crop. The report issued on Ang. I by the Department of Agriculturo at Washington made the avorage of condition for the whole cotton belt
July 25 only 72.3 of n normal, acrainst 81 . 1 on June 25 . The roport stated that the thirty days ended Jnly 25 had been only fair for cotton in most of the belt west of the Miss. River, and in Tennessoo, and unfavorable east of the river and in Louisinna. A severe tropieal storm through portions of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi early in July and an extremely hoavy downpour at mid-July in the Carolinas, together with hoavy and almost constant rains during July throughout the cutire enstern belt, it was statod, had "put
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deficient amount of pertilizor, and groatly facilitated the activity of tho boll weovil, where present, and it continued to spread." At Nems York middling upland cotton, after doclining from 13.150 . June 30 to $12,00 \mathrm{o}$, July 1 , touched 13.30 c , July 28; the price July 31 was 13.20 o. Print cloths at Fall On the battlefields of Europe the combined drive of the Entento Powers continued in full swing and made all the British-French Allies confident of ultimate sucoess. In announcing further Russian successes in Galicia to the French troops at Verdun, General Joffre on July 6 issued an order of the day in which he said: "The plan ripened in the Council of the Coalition is now in fuli operation and, nfter praising the say that it was that resistance which had created in the whole European war theatre "a situation from which will emorge tho final triumph of our cause." Advices from Petrograd about this timo estimated that nearly half a million Austrians and Germans had been put out of aetion, since Goneral Brussiloff had begun his great advance the previous month. The total of prisoners was given at 235,000 (of which 4,500 were officors) and the dead and wounded at between 200,000 and 220,000 . The Austrians kept retreating and also kept losing additional men to the enemy in prisoners. As an indication, a statement givon out by the Russian War Office on July 28 declared that on the Russian front during the battles between July 16 and July25, General Sakharoff's troops had captured 34,00 0 Germans and Austrians and 45 cannon and 71 machine guns. In the central part of the Russian front, however,
the German armies appeared to have succeeded in halting the Russian advance. In the Turkish theatre of the war Constantinople recorded a repulse with heavy casualties of Russian attacks on the Persian frontier, but the Grand Duke Nicholas achieved new successes; he again took Mamakhatum, which he had taken some weeks before in the Russian advance westward of Erzerum, and then abandoned, and the latter part of the month his army oaptured Erzingan, the great Turkish fortress in Armenia. The Italians, too, made further progross, capturing Monte Cimono nnd, in taking this height, gaining the best observation posts the Austrians had near the Astico plateau, dominating a wide spread of important terrain. On the Westorn front, the French and English troops continued their steady dogged progress and made further headway despite the fierco counter attacks of the enemy, though naturally gains of territory here were slight. In the Somme region tho British took the villagos of Pozieres, Contalmaison, the two Bizantins and Longueval. A German divisional order, issued on July 11, showed that tho rotention of these villages was considered very important by the Germuns. At Verdun the German attack waned into a mere ordinary assault, instead of the holooaust of flamo from artillery, with which tho French fortress had been deluged for months. Lloyd George, the British Secretary for War, in a speeoh in the House of Commons on July 24 was very optim-
istic, and ventured the statement that British resourcefulness and intelligence was "going to snatolh victory again in a few months from what appeared at one momont to bo something that was invincible," Lord Derby, Under. Secretary for
War, on his part, was equally War, on his part, was equally hopetul, and in an interview on July 26 , when asked how far the present offensive was expected to go, said "I don't know. But personally I want to go as far as Berlin.

Russo-Japanese political convention was concluded under which (1) Japan agreed not to take part in any arrangement or politioal combination directed against Russia, and Russin in turn arreed not to take part in any arrangement or combination directed against Japan. It was further agreed (2) that in case the territorial rights or special interests in the Far Cast of one of the contracting parties, which are recognized by the other contracting party, are menaced, Japan and Russia will consult each other on measures to adopt, with a view to supporting or extending assistance for the safeguarding and defense of these righta and interests. M. Sazonoff, the distinguished Russian Foreign Minister, resigned his post.
A new crisis was threatened in the British Cabinet over the Trish Home Rule issue. Tho crisis arose over the statement of Premier Asquith in the House of Commons that the promised bill for the immediate institution of Irish Home fuse would not be introduced because the Nationalists refused to accept two modifications of the Lloyd George agreement, namely the pormanent exclusion of the six counties Imperial Parliament. Joha Redmond, tho Nention in the Leader, denounced the new proposals us an absolute breach of faith toward his supporters, Mr. Asquith, in turn, startled the House of Commons by threatening a general eloction overthe Trish question. "I will ask the House," ho said, "and will ask the country, if necessary, Whether the Government's
proposals were not fair." Later the Premier dellyerel proposals were not fair." Later tho Promier dellvered a conciliatory speech, in which ho expressed himself as hopeful that a permanent settlement would be reachod sooner than gonerally believed possiblo. This, however, did not serve to appease the Nationalists who, through Mr. Redmond, made it clear thint as they were dissatisfiod with the Government's proceedings, they would thereafter consider themselves as having no rclations with the Conlition Government and would, thereforo, reserve to thomselves freedom to aot independently under any circumstances. On July 31 Henry Edward Duke, a barrister, and Unionist M. P. for Exeter, was appointed Chief Secretary of Ireland, to succeed Augustine Birrell, who had resigned in May as a result of tho Trish for War, in succession to Lord Kitehencr, Edvin Samuel Montagu, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, succeeded Mr. Lloyd Georgo as Minister of Munitions. Thomas MeKinnon Wood, the Secretary of State for Scotland, became Financial Secretary to the Treasury, while Harold J. Tennant, Purliumentary Under Socretary for War, assumed the position of Socretary of State for Scotland.
In furtherance of the decision of the British Goverament to discontinus the partial enforcement of the Doclaration of London governing maritime trade, an Order-in-Council was mado publio (through the London "Gazotto") on July 8 ,
mader which all orders issued under the Deelorntion of under which all orders issued under the Declaration of London since the beginning of the war were withdrawn. Under tho new order it was deelared to bo tha intention of Great Britain and her allies to exerciso their belligerent rights at sea in strict accordance with the lave of nations. On nccount of the changed conditions of commoree and the diversity of practice, doubts might arise in certain matters as to the rules which tho Allies might regard as in conformity with tho law of nations, and it was ordered that the following provisions be observed:
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and articles shall bo mreammed to wist matil the contrary
 State, or to or for a person in thio teritory blongmgo oor occupled by the nomy, or to or for a person who during tho presont hostuctes has forwarded
contraband goods to an enemy authority or agent ofan memy Stato ort

scond. The princlpto of continuoua voyage or ultimate destination
seal shall bo applicable both in cases of contraband and blockade. neutral destination which, notwithstanding the destinaton shown on the pipers, proceeds to an enemy port, shall be Hable to capture and condem-
naton if aho is encountered before the end of her neet voyage. Fourth. A vesisel carrying contraband shall be liable vo captury and con-
demantion if the contraband, reckoned elther by value, welght, volume trelght forms more than bate the cargo
It was further ordered that nothing in the new regulations should bo deemed to affect the Order-in-Council of March 11 1915, for further restricting the commerce of the enemy, or any proclamations declaring artieles contraband of war during tho present-hostilities; nor should the new regulations affect the validity of anything done under the Orders-inCouncil now withdrawn. It was also announced on July 8 th that the French Government, following the procedure of Great Britain, had likewise abandoned the Declaration of London as an interpretation of maritime international law.
No little commotion in business circles in this country was caused by the publication on July 18 in the "Official Gazette" at London, of a long list of American individuals and firms with which rosidents of the United Kingdom were forbidden to havo any dealings. Other noutral countries had proviously appeared in blacklists published in conncation with the "Trading With tho Enomy Act," but this was the first occasion in which any American firms wero mentioned.

Considerable resentment against the action was manifested by the business commumity and congatory legislation. The placklisted firme and individuals formed an organization and passed resolutions protesting strongly ngainst Great Britain's action in compelling "American aid in destroying the commerce of her adversaries, regardless of consequences to American trade or rights:" On July 26 our Government forvarded a note to the Britioh Government protesting against the latter's netion. The protest urged that the measures adopted by Great Britain "are inevitably and essentially inconsistent with the rights of the citizens of all nations not "that citizens of the United States are entirely within their rights in attempting to trade with the people or the Governments of any of the nations now at war, subject ony to wen
defined international practices and understandings which the Governmont of the United States dooms the Government of Great Britain to have too lightly and too frequently disregarded." In addition to deolaring that "it is manifestly out of tho question that the Government of the United States
should noquiesce in such methods," the United States made known that it was constrained to rogard thes practice of the blacklist "as inconsistent with that truo justice, sincere amity and impartial fairness which should characterize the dealings of friendly Governments with ono another. Tho United States also expressed the hone and belief that his Majesty's Governmont "has aoted without a rull realization of the

A cablegram from London on July 6 announced that the British Government had commandeered all stocks of sole teather, whother of English or imported origin. Privato were prohibited.

On Joly 9 a Gorman merchant submorine, the Deutsehland, under command of Capt. Paul Koenig, slipped into Chesapeako Bay, and anchored below Batimore, artor voyag-
ing salely across the Atlantic, passing the Allied blockading squadron and eluding enomy orusers watching for her off the American coast. She earried in cargo of dyes. Sho had left Heligoland on June 23, thus completing a 4,000 mile trip in sixtoon days. Investigation by United Statos officials diselosed that the vessel was not armed: accordingly, sho was treated as a merchantman and permitted to remain in port
at will. She left on her roturn trip to Germany on Aug. 1 .

The remaining minimum prices on the London Stock Exchange were removed on July 3, leading to important pricc adjustments. The total amount outstanding of seeurities which still carried minmum quotations, was given as over Land, local and included Mdia and Turkish, Eryptian Greek and Mauritius guarantced loans; United Kangdom corporation, county and public boards stocks, and Indian railway stocks. The Bank of England on July 13 advanced its minimum discount rate from $5 \%$ to $6 \%$. The next day the rate on three months British Treasury bills was advanced to $51 / 2 \%$, on six months bills to $5 \% \%$ and on yearings to $60 \%$. Pre largest figure ased by the Govermment since the war had begun, and bringing the total of the credits up to $£ 2,832,-$ 000,000 . He explained a statement previously made by him to the effect that Government expenditures were averaging £6,000,000 per day by saying that this represented all the outgoing amounts, war and otherwise. The average daily expenditure on the war was given as $\mathbf{4 , 9 5 0 , 0 0 0 \text { . }}$
J. P. Morgan \& Co., at the head of a syndicate of American bankers, arranged to loan $\$ 100,000,000$ to the Government of the French Ropublic. The loan was made through the medium of a corporation especially ereated for the purpose, under the namp of the American Foreign Securities Co., with at capital of $\$ 10,000,000$. Robert Bacon, former Ambassador to France, was made President of the company. On July 19 the company made a public offering of $\$ 94,500,000$ 3 -year $5 \%$ gold notes, dated Aus. 1 1916, at 98 and int, yielding about $5.735 \%$. Subscriptions were so pressing that instead of the books remaining open until July 24, they were closed July 21 . For the $\$ 100,000,000$ which the company arranged to lend to the French Government it received the obligation of the latter to repay the principal in 3 years, together with interest at a rate more than sufficient to cover the interest on the company's note issue. It also receivod from the French Government securities having a value of \$120,000,000.

To obtain the collateral for this loan the French Government borrowed securities from the French owners much after the fashion of the British Government. The securities are borrowed for one year, but at the option of the Treasury the time can be extended yearly to a maximum of three years. On securities thus deposited with the French Government the owners are entitled to the interest due on the coupons, together with the gain by exchange, if any. They also receive each year an allowance equal to $25 \%$ of the gross revenue from the socurities without any gain by exchange. The Government has the right to purohase the whole or part of the securities, at prices named, upon one month's notice being given. The first list of accoptable securities was issued on May 5 1916, and included securities, bonds, \&o., of Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Spain, Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, Canada, Egypt and the Suez Canal. On May 24 another list was published, which included about 150 American securities of various classes, comprising bonds
of the principal American railroads and of a number of the leading industrial companies.
Canada undertook to discourago any but home investments. The Government stated that it did not wish to exercise its power to prohibit the offering of foroign securities in Canada, but hoped that Canadinn investors would reserve their funds for the forthcoming Canadian war loan. This statement was deemed advisable inasmuch as the attention of the Minister of Finance had been directed to the fact that circulars were being sent out to the Canadian public, recommending the purchase of foreign government securities to be used in payment for munitions and supplios purchased in the United States.
Socretary of the Treasury MaAdoo on July 10 issued an order withdrawing the $\$ 15,000,000$ of Government doposits made the provious Soptember in the three Federal Rescrve banks in the South ( $85,000,000$ in each)-Richmond, Atlanta and Dallas. On July 13 he also directed the withdrawal of $\$ 40,000,000$ of general Treasury doposits held by the Federal Reserve banks. These deposits, owing to the large incomo tax collections at the pnd of June, had temporarily risen to enormous totals, reaching on July $8 \$ 114,930,023$, and it wns now determined to reduce them again in the ordinary course of business. As a result of the enormous income tax collections, and the deposits of the funds in sub-Treasuries, and with the Federal Reserve banks, the money holdings and surplus reserve of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies were heavily reduced, producing a temporary spurt in money rates at this centre. In the two woeks from June 24 to July 8 tho money holdings of the Clearing House institutions fell from $\$ 449,914,000$ to $\$ 385,855,000$. The surplus reserves dropped from $\$ 109,502,410$ to $\$ 53,-$ 546,060 . On the other hand, Government doposits with the Reserve banks which on June 1 wero only $846,626,431$, had by July 1 risen to $\$ 111,475,569$, and July 8 stood at $\$ 114$,in Sub-Treasuries, after inerensine samo time, the 866325,512 June 1 to $\$ 81,909,270$ July 1, rose still further to $\$ 105,203,672$ on July 8 . The income tax collections during June bad reached no less than $\$ 95,868,114$, with the effect of so swelling Government revenue that total Government recoipts for that month exceeded the disbursements by no less than S108,during. Practically the whole of this great excess accrued revenues had amounted only to $\$ 1,909,220$.

The new clearing system of the Federal Reserve Board, providing for the country-wide collection of checks at par, went into offect July 15. Coincidently, the New York Clearing House adopted new rules and regulations regarding collections outside of New York City, so as to bring its collection system into harmony with that of the Reserve banks. This went into effeet Aug, 1. Under the Reserve collection system the New York Federal Reserve Bank, while accepting checks at par, takes thom subject to collection, giving credit under a schedule of one, two, four and eight days on distant points, the cost of the operation being covered by a service charge of $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per item. The New Xork Clearing House followed this plan in general, nllowing member banks to impose charges on their sustomers to correspond with the Federal Reserve regulations, but fixed a scale of charges that would allow for items to become immediately available and covering the rate of interest during the process of collection. The Corn Exchange Bank of Nev Y ork, a State institution, with a capital of $\$ 3,500,000$, surplusand pronts of over $\$ 7,000$,000 and deposits in excess of $\$ 100,000,000$, applied for and was admitted to membership in the Federal Reserve Bank of N. $P$.

William H. Wallace Jr. of the firm of Kelly \& Wallace of this city, was suspended from the Stook Exchange for a period of one year, and his partner, John Jerome Kelly, although not involved in the acts charged against Mr. Wallace, was suspended for sixty days to prevent the firm from enjoying privileges on the floor. Mr. Wallace, a specialist in certain stocks, offended in some dealings with an odd-lot house.

The Canadian Railway Commission on July 6, after two years' deliberation, announced its decision in the application of the Canadian roads for flat $5 \%$ increase in freight rates from Port Arthur east. The decision generally increased the eastern rates, but in varying amounts from 1 cent to 6 conts per 100 lbs , in class tarifls, with numerous changes also in commodity rates.
The Rural Credits Bill became alaw July 17. The Presidont delayed affixing his signature in order to allow him to comment on its importance. This Federal Farm Loan or Rural Credits At is intended as a companion piece of legislation to the Federal Reserve Act, the latter being designed to serve the interests of the mercantile community in the way of credit, and the former the needs of tho farmers in the same way, and it was a part of the legislativo program which the Administration had mapped out for the Democratio Party. In addition to the system of 12 Federal land banks and the national frym lom associations of borrowers, tho Aot permits the establishment of joint-stock land banks and nuthorizes them to carry on the business of lending directly to borrovvers on farm mortgage security and issuing farm loan bonds. These banks must have a capital of not less than $\$ 250,000$. The new law does not provide for Government aid on the same scale as some of the most objectionable of the measures that were advocated from time to time in tho past. It does provide, howover, that the Secretary of the Treasury shall purchase so much of the minimum capital of $\$ 750,000$
of each of the twelve Farm Loan district banks as may not be taken by the public；and on stock thus nequired by the Government it is to roceive no dividends．It is also provided that these district land banks us well as the joint stock land banks，may be depositaries of public money，except receipts from customs，but no Government funds may be invested in mortgage loans or farm loan bonds．The Secretary of the Treasury is furthermore authorized，＂in his discretion， upon the request of tho Federal Farm Loan Board，to make deposits for the temporary use of any Federal Land Bank．＂ The aggregate of all sums so deposited is not to exceed suring a widening market for the farm loan bonds，is that by Federal Land Banks，or to Joint Stock Land Banks，and Parin Federai Land Banks，or to doint Stock Land Banks，and farm
loan bonds issued under the provisions of this Act，shall bo deemed and held to be instrumentalities of the Government of the United Statos，and as such they and the income de－
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cipal and local taxation
The Good Roads Bill authorizing the expenditure in five years by the Federal Government，of the sum of \＄85，－ 000,000 for the construction of rural roads，also became a law． Of the total $\$ 75,000,000$ is to bo expended for the construc－ tion of rural post roads，and the remaining $\$ 10,000,000$ on rouds within or partly within National forest reservations， Eroh State must contribute towards the expense of construct－ ing the roads，within its boundaries，an amount similar to $\$ 5,000,000$ of the sum appropriated was made available for expendituro，and each year this sum will be inereased to the extent of another $\$ 5,000,000$ until the year 1921，when tho approprintion will reach $\$ 25,000,000$ ，this making the total of $\$ 75,000,000$ ．The sum for the development of roads all or partly within national forests is made available at the rate of $\$ 1,000,000$ a year for ten years．

Tho U．S．Sonate unanimously confirmed President Wil－ son＇s nomination of John H．Clarko of Cleveland，as Asso－ ciate Justice of the U．S．Supreme Court，to succeed former
Justice Hughes．
Railroad Events and Stock Exchange Matters．－In the stock market a gencral and，in some instances，a pronounced de－ cline in prices ocourred with the industrial securities the hoaviest sufferers，but with the market extremely dull at the close．The war stocks appeared to be under selling pressure throughout tho month．Vory flattering statements of earn－ ings were made by some of tho industrial concerns，but their influence was nil，and sharp doclinos were experienced in many of the leading speculative specialtios．It seemed to be felt
thnt though profits might be phenomenal for the time being． that though profits might be phenomenal for the lime being， business must como to an end．Farly in the month the up－ ward spurt in money induced an extensive calling of loans and the industrial shares naturally felt this curtailment of banking accommodations most．The proposed Government tax on war mumitions and explosi wad opper likewise exerted an unfavorable influence．Then，also，all the motor stooks appeared to be under a cloud，especially Studebaker，
Willys－Overland and Maxwell Motor．After the midde of the month some recovery in these stocks occurred，but there was weakness again towards the close．The exceedingly favorable statement made by tho U．S．Steel Corporation after the close of business on July 25, might have been ex－
pected to have a stimulating effect and the market did open somewhat higher the next day，but the improvoment was quickly lost again．In the railroad list continued selling for Poreiga account appeared to be the weakening elemont，U．S． dropped to 831 opening July 1 at 855 ，touched 87 ．Maxweli Motor common closed July 31 at 811 ，ugainst 813 ．July 1 but in the menntime the stook was down to 69 July 13 and up to $825 / 8$ July 24 ．



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Money Market．－There was an upward spurt in rates at the beginning of the month，but it proved to be of short duration and whs duo ontirely，as explained above，to the fact that in the process of the huge income tax collections by the Federal Government at the close of June large sums of money were temporarily locked up in troasury vaults and in tho Federal Cloping Ho As resilt，money holdings of the N ，Y from Jane 24 to July 8 were reduced from $\$ 449,914,000$ to $\$ 385,855,000$ ，while surplus resorve fell from $\$ 109,502,410$ to $853,546,080$ ．But the dislocation was quiekly corrected and by July 29 surplus reserves were up again to $\$ 109,246,310$ and money holdings up to $\$ 428,941,000$ ．While the spurt was under way call money on July 7 touched $41 / 2 \%$ and July $10,6 \%$ ，but July 31 was down again to 2（a）21／2\％．Rates for fixed maturities at one time were $41 / 2 \%$ per anmum for periods running from 60 days to 4 months and $41 / 2 @ 43 \%$ for 5 and 6 months．On the closing day of the month（July 31） quotations were down to $3(3)$ for 60 days， $31 / 4(981 / 2$ for 90 days， $33 / 4$ for 4 months，and $31 / 4 @ 4$ for 5 and 6 months， Commercial paper at the close was quoted at $39 \ldots 4 \%$ for 60 and 90 days endorsed bills receivable and six months single anmes of choiee character；for others the quotation was $41 / 2 \%$ ．
Forcign Exchange，Silver，\＆c．－In foroign exchange the Peature was the unexpected advance from $5 \%$ to $6 \%$ in the minimum rate of discount of the Bank of England on July 13. This action was in response to the rise in money rates here at the beginning of the month and was taken with a view to equalizing conditions as far as money ratos wero mo influenco on foreign exchange．But the advance in loeal money rates was the result of entirely ephemeral causes und tho upward tondency had boen partly arrested when the Bank of England governors put up thoir rate．The rumor the next week that the rate might be firther advanced to $7 \%$ proved unfounded and probably never had any substantial basis．Some large armivals of securities on account of the British Government wero announced during the month．The fluotuations in sterling were again encompassed within a narrow range， （bankers sight bills ranging between $47511-16$ and 47578 ）， the sterling exchange market remaining a more or less arbi－ trary affair and entirely under the control of the British Government．The placing here of the French loan for $\$ 100$ ，－ 000,000 through the American Foreign Securities Co．had a beneficial influence，not only on French exchange，but in－ direotly also on sterling．There was a resumption at one time of gold importations from Ottawa，$\$ 12,000,000 \mathrm{being}$ received in the weolc ending the 15 th at Now York，and later there was an arrival of $\$ 4,000,000$ at Philadelphia from Ot－ tawn．On July 17 th there was also a receipt at New York of $\$ 20,000,000$ of British Treasury gold from Halifax，where it arrived，according to unofficial reports，by warship．The latter part of the month the return of ease in money at this centre made the task of maintaining sterling exchange a much less difficult one，notwithstanding the growing proportions of the adverse trade balance against Great Britain．In the Continental exohanges the feature was renewed weakness in reichmarks，bankers＇sight bills on Berlin gotting down to $71 \frac{1}{8}$ ，with a trifling recovery（to 71 13－16）at the close．Early in the month the rate got as high as 7412＠74\％，due to the arrival of tho German merchant submarine Deutschland． Austrian kronen followed much the same courso as German reichmarks，being weak at the close，after an early advance． With the advance in the Bank of England rate open market discounts at London also advancod and were quoted July 31 at $55 / 8$ for sixty day bills and $53 /$ for ninety day bills，At Borlin the private bank rate continued to be quoted at $134 \%$ ． July 10 ，with the closo Jnly 31309 －16d．Gold importations into the United States（all ports）were $\$ 02,107,665$ and gold exports $\$ 9,395,085$ ．
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## CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE RECORD OF PRICES FOR 1916.

Continuing the practice begun by us twelve years ago, we furnish below a record of the highest and lowest prices for each month of 1916 for all the leading stocks and bonds dealt in on the Chicago Stock Exchange. In the compilation of the figures, which are based entirely on sale transactions, we have used the reports of the dealings as given in the Chicago Stock Exchange official list each day, and in our range we make no distinction between sales in small lots and sales in large lots.

For record of previous years, see "Chronicle" of Jan. 29 1916, page 380; Jan. 30 1915, page 349; Jan. 31 1914, page 347; Jan. 25 1913, page 244; Jan. 27 1912, page 256; Jan. 28 1911, page 234; Jan. 291910 , page 276; Feb. 6 1909, page 348; Jan. 25 1908, page 205; Jan. 19 1907, page 138; Jan. 20 1906, page 135, and Jan. 21 1905, page 198.



## UNEXAMPLED TRADE ACTIVITY, BUT caution advisable.

(By Georgo M. Reynolds. Presldent of the Continental \& Commercial National Bank of Chicago.]
The clearings of Chicago banks amounted to $\$ 20$,$541,000,000$ in 1916. The gain over the previous year was $\$ 4,343,000,000$, or more than the total clearings in 1896. This increase aptly illustrates the state of trade in this territory. Never before has the volume been so great, and never before has there been such a continuous and urgent demand for lakor on a rising wage scale, or such an incessant cry for all kinds of farm products, raw materials and manufactured articles at increasingly high prices.
The very natural outcome of the sustained activity has been a stream of money flowing into the West comparable to the shipments of gold arriving at New York. It seems that there is an inexhaustible supply of money for almost any sort of expenditure, and the banks of the interior have been burdened with a surplus of funds, deposits having climbed higher and higher. Interest rates have ruled low, especially in the competitive banking centres.
Another striking picture of the wave of prosperity that has swept over the country may be had by referring to what the world's greatest mail order houses have done. Sears, Roebuck \& Co. distributed merchandise to the value of $\$ 146,800,000$ last year, $\$ 82,000,000$ more than in 1910, and Montgomery Ward \& Co.'s sales were $\$ 63,000,000$ in 1916, compared with $\$ 27,000,000$ six years before. Much of this enormous expansion occurred in the year just closed. Any number of instances might be cited to show that this is an unprecedented era in the com-mercial-and industrial life of the nation. The packing houses, steel mills, automobile and implement makers and car shops-all are rushed to the very limit of capacity.

One almost insurmountable difficulty now confronts the States west of the Alleghenies, as well as the remainder of the country. It arises from the condition of the railroads and their inability promptly and economically to forward the quantity of freight offered. It is the one hindrance that stands out conspicuously, and no relief can be expected until there is opportunity to rehabilitate properties and make extensive additions to rolling stock. Neither of these gigantic tasks can be performed in a short space of time. Shipments are being delayed to a degree that is causing an aggravating loss to merchants, manufacturers and consumers. The poor consumer always suffers and he bears the brunt of this trouble. Owing to congestion at terminals and
inadequate facilities generally, his food, wearing apparel and coal do not reach destination without vexatious delay, and the shortage thereby created or threatened helps to advance prices.

I sincerely hope that the pitiable plight into which our transportation systems have been plunged will be made a matter of record, and that when the selfseeking agitators of the future come to the front with their anti-railroad schemes and legislation that they will be forcibly reminded of the toll their predecessors levied upon business and the hardships they forced upon the public by destroying the earning power and credit of the common carriers, thereby making it impossible for them to raise new capital for extensions, improvements and equipment that would have provided transportation to meet the requirements of to-day. Let coming generations, in dealing with this subject, profit by the experience of the past. Then there will be progress.

It is interesting to observe how we passed uninterruptedly from one season to another in 1916. Prior thereto there was hesitation in summer, awaiting the harvests, and in winter to see what changes the turn of the year would bring. There was a universal wish to stop and take bearings. In neither the middle nor the closing of 1916 was there any appreciable slackening. It is true the peace talk proved a disturbing influence in security and speculative markets and some people rather expected a slowing down in general lines would follow the official utterances in favor of ending the war. However, business men as a rule report that orders exceed corresponding dates in all previous years, and payments are said to be made with exceptional promptness.
A great deal has been said and written about what will happen to business in this country after hostilities cease, but judging by the way the volume keeps up in the face of peace rumors, the prospect does not strike terror to the heart of the men in charge of the industrial and commercial enterprises in this part of the country. They appear to take the view that our present season of marvellous prosperity did not rise over night and that it will not disappear in a day; that we are better fortified for the coming readjustments than any other people on earth; and that when Europe begins purchasing materials for re-building, the American manufacturer and exporter can meet foreign competition if aided by proper tariff and shipping laws and a measure of Government cooperation comparable with that enjoyed by Europeans.

My personal view is that we have reached a point where caution is advisable, not because there are signs of immediate danger, but because of the fact that
we have been taking gold at an unprecedented rate and weaving it into our fabric of credit by an expansion of bank loans. I believe we shall be compelled to part with much of this gold some day and when that process begins credits will be contracted to a certain extent. The point I wish to make is that reasonable conservatism now will prepare us for the period of readjustment and enable us to go through it gradually and with a minimum of unsettlement.

## THE CORPORATION BOND MARKET IN 1916-17.

[By Wm. L. Ross, Western Manager of Kean, Taylor \& Co.]
Demand in excess of supply was the outstanding feature of the high-grade railroad and corporation bond market of 1916 and the new year promises little change in that condition.

The abnormal prosperity of many American industries during the past year contributed to that condition in three respects: First, through a supply of funds for extensions and improvements out of earnings instead of by new security issues. Second, by the creation of a feeling of great confidence in the soundness of $t e$ issues on the part of investors familiar with not only the huge earnings being made, but also the improved financial position of the corporations. Third, by the distribution in the form of dividends of unusually large amounts of profits which necessarily sought re-investment.

Just as the first factor reduced the necessity of additional issues of securities, so the last two factors of splendid earnings and large distributions of profits increased the attractiveness of the issues and funds available for such investment.

The same situation prevailed, to a large extent, in the field of railroad investments, All past records in both gross and net earnings were broken by the steam railroads in the United States in 1916, and it is stated that for the first time in the history of Ameriea's railroads their aggregate net earnings exceeded $\$ 1,000,000,000$ in a single year. For several years past the market for railroad securities has suffered from a combination of adverse factors, such as a number of malodorous receiverships, \&e., and a feeling that with a fixed charge for service the properties were being caught between the rising costs of both labor and materials on the one hand, and the growing demands for additional service and costly regulation by Governmental bodies. The normal volume of business, both in passenger and freight, more than offset in 1916, in most cases, the heavier burdens the properties are bearing, and they showed the effects also of the modest increases in rates which had been allowed to them as the result of agitation extending over the preceding three years. Their labor difficulties climaxed in a threatened strike in the last half of the year, which, avoided or postponed as the case may be as the result of Congressional action, still remains unsettled.

Those who were in touch, however, with railroad managements found that managers were approaching this labor settlement with far less fear of its outcome than would have been felt at an earlier date. This confidence in their position was due to their wellbased belief that at last the American public had become fairly well informed on the railroad situation and that the undue use of either Governmental power or the power of labor organizations against railroad properties was resented by a large majority of the thinking people. For the first time in several years
the railroad managements regained their belief in the fair-mindedness of the people as a whole when they are informed as to a situation. The railroads have learned to take their problems direet to the people through advertising and they find that the public appreciates this frank and open method of discussion. In fact the situation now is that the best friends the railroads have are not found in the Government halls or among their employees, but among their passengers and shippers and the public in general.

It was interesting to observe how comparatively small an effect the threats of serious labor difficulties had upon the market for well-secured railroad issues. Thorough explanation can undoubtedly be found in the general belief among investors that approximate justice will be rendered them in due course.

Behind all of these specific factors, however, in the creation of investmentdemand for railroad and corporation securities, was the overpowering influence of an unprecedented supply of investment capital. Throughout practically the entire year institutions of deposit were unable to secure a living rate of interest upon the loans they made, and they were forced to make investments in bonds with a considerable portion of their funds. Moreover, practically all classes of business were abnormally active and abnormally prosperous, and the stockholders were in a position to add heavily to their investment holdings. Many corporations, believing that they would do well to preserve in their treasury a fair amount of the accruing profits, bought large blocks of securities for their corporate account, and the effect of all of these factors, together with the steady growth of bonds in public favor, contributed to the great business which was done by American bond houses in 1916.

The favorite occupation of bond dealers and investors for some time past has been an effort to unveil the future. It is so evident that conditions resulting from the European war have been a dominant factor in American financial conditions that the thoughts of everyone naturally turn to the question, "What will be the conditions when peace comes"? Those who recall the almost unanimous opinion in August 1914 that there was nothing but depression and grief ahead for American investors during the continuation of the great war, are a little chary about accepting anybody's guess as to what will happen when peace comes. The greatest cconomists seem to be at loggerheads in their conclusions, but there are certain factors which are becoming thoroughly outlined now that we are really engaged in a serious discussion of peace possibilities.

The December break illustrated, of course, the instability of the position of a large number of securities, mostly stocks, of corporations whose recent prosperity has been based upon war orders or war conditions. It is very evident that the consensus of investment opinion as to this class of securities is definitely adverse. At the same time the speculative public is liable to lose sight of the fact that many corporations are taking advantage of their very profitable war business to finance plant extensions and to create working capital which puts them in an entirely different position than they were in before the war began.

The question remains, of course, is to the usefulness of additional plants and working capital after the present demand for their production ends. The general effect, however, of their prosperity has been
to give them better financial position than they enjoyed, in many cases, prior to the war.

There has been a great excess of speculative enthusiasm over many properties of this sort, and that contagion has spread into other fields, such as the automobile and the oil industries, with the result that many untrained investors have placed their funds in properties lacking experienced and capable management in some cases, and in other cases lacking practically every legitimate excuse for their existence. Large losses on such propositions are, of course, inevitable. They come with every wave of prosperity which grows a crop of "suckers," and the present one is no exception to the rule.

In conclusion, attention should be called to the fact that at the most modest estimate $\$ 2,000,000,000$ of American securities, nearly all railroad and corporation issues, have passed from European holders to American holders in the last two years, and our American market is still eagerly reaching for such issues. In the same period we have absorbed an even larger amount of foreign securities, so that to-day it is probable that on the balance of investment holdings the United States is no longer heavily in the borrowing class, and it may even be on the other side, although an exact opinion on this is not as yet available. Assuming an average interest rate of $5 \%$ upon these investments, which is fair in view of the high rates which many of the belligerent nations' loans bear, this means that approximately $\$ 200,000$,000 of interest will acerue annually to the United States as the result of savings on payments that formerly went abroad and actual payments to us on foreign loans. This is an appreciable addition to the national income and the indications are that there will be further additions to this rather than a reduction.

The machinery has been created in the last two years for our active participation in financing of both governmental and private enterprises throughout the world, and the American investor is at last beginning to consider the use of his funds from something approaching the world-wide viewpoint heretofore held only by European investors. American investment bankers are themselves being rapidly educated in this regard, and in turn their knowledge is being used among their clients. We believe that the American public will in due time respond to the exceptional opportunities which are thus being afforded to it.

## the chicago municipal bond market.

 [By C. W. MeNear of C. W. MeNear \& Co.. Chlcago.lThe municipal bond market in Chicago and the Central West during the year 1916 was uneventful. The market was very steady and strong, there being a constant healthy demand for municipal investments.

Prices have shown a continued upward tendency, owing to the fact that the demand for this class of security has actually exceeded the supply. At no time throughout the year was there any considerable surplus in the hands of the dealers. Prices at the present time for the various classes of municipal securities represent from about $1 / 4 \%$ to $3 / 8 \%$ less interest return than prevailed for the same class of securities a year ago.

Probably the most interesting development in this market during the past year has been the increasing popularity of bonds issued by road districts. At the
present time practically all road district bonds from Southern States, especially West Virginia, Florida, Mississippi, Texas and Louisiana, are selling at prices netting the investor from $4.60 \%$ to $47 / 8 \%$. Prior to 1916 a $5 \%$ basis seemed to be the dividing linethat is, there was very little market for road district bonds netting less than $5 \%$. Bonds of road districts and general county obligations in the same State are to-day selling on income bases nearer together than ever before. This increased demand for road district issues is probably due to the fact that a number of the Southern States realized the advantage of issuing serial bonds for road purposes rather than long time single maturity issues.
A considerable amount of Canadian municipals were absorbed in the Chicago territory during the last year, although the investing public are now discriminating against bonds issued by Canadian cities located in the Western Provinces. Provincial issues are still in popular demand, as well as issues of the cities in the eastern part of Canada.

The volume of business during 1916 was probably approximately equal to that of 1915 . The total amount of permanent municipal financing in the United States in 1916 was about $10 \%$ less than the year previous. Probably a considerable additional amount of municipal issues would have been absorbed in this territory if they had been available at the then current prices.
The investor in this market, generally speaking, is not inclined to purchase municipals netting less than $4 \%$. This seems to be the minimum return demanded. There is a very healthy demand formunicipal bonds at the present time, and, if this demand continues to exceed the supply, prices will continue to advance somewhat. It seems to be the tendency, however, on the part of the investor in this market to purchase Southern or Western municipal issues of smaller municipalities rather than bouds of the larger cities when the rate goes below $4 \%$.

## BANKING IN CHICAGO IN 1916.

In reviewing banking in Chicago for the year 1916 the following table showing the comparative earnings of the Chicago banks will be of interest. These figures have been especially compiled for us by John Burnham \& Co. of Chicago.

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| nank- | Captat. | Rate. | Vatue. | Departis. | migh. | Low |
| Adama Stare | \$80,000 | 6\% Q-J. | 133 | 5141,144 | 130 | 130 |
| Aetha state | 200,000 |  | 116 | 716,143 | 122 | 105 |
| American State Bank :- | 400,000 | 6\% Q - J | 153 | 2.269 .086 | 102315 | 188 |
| Athar Exohange Natiomal | 200,000 |  | 116 | 329,965 | 118 | 116 |
| Auburn state | 200.000 | 05, s.a. | 121 | 536,799 | 125 | 125 |
| Austin Ave. Tr. A Sav | 100.000 | 4\% Q . ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 119 | 250,870 | 105 | 90 |
| Austin National. | 100.000 | $5 \%$ Q -J, | 132 | 725.729 | 146 | 145 |
| Auatin State... | 200,000 | 8\% Q - | 131 | 2,680,287 | 210 | 210 |
| Bank of Comm, \& Bavs. - | 600,000 |  | 121 | 282,707 | 130 | 120 |
| Bowmanylle Nattonal. - | \$0,000 | 6\% 8.-a. | 142 | 472,059 | 160 | 160 |
| Calumet National. | 100,000 | 8\% ann J. | 183 | 1,400,780 | 225 | 225 |
| Cafumet Truat is Eava. | 50.000 | 8\% Q.-J. | 132 | 392,400 | 200 | 180 |
| Captal Btate Savings. ... | 200.000 |  | 116 | 650,241 | 110 | 1055 |
| Central Mff. Distriet. | 250,000 | 6\% Q - J. | 132 | 1.821.162 | 162 | 14614 |
| Central Trust Co. | 6.000.000 | 1090.01 | 142 | 54, 140,367 | 206 | 183 |
| Chicago City Bk. \&Tr.Co. | 300,000 | 12 \& 1\% ex. | 212 | 3,642,702 | 250 | 250 |
| Chlcago savs, Bk, \& Tr | 1,000,000 | 6\% Q.J. | 129 | 9,659,668 | 144 | 138 |
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| Lakevlew .......... | 250,000 |  | 120 | 1.262.211 | 131 | 116 |
| Citirens ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Trust de Bava ... | 50,000 | $12 \%$ Q.J. | 151 | 825,555 | 210 | 210 |
| City Nat. Bk. of Iivanis'r | 100.000 | $12 \%$ Q. ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 314 | 3,134,744 | 325 | 325 |
| Contin' \& Comm, Nat, 21.500,000 |  | $12 \%$ Q -1. | 200 | 270,270,307 | 278/2 | 2571/2 |
| Contin' \& Comm Tr. \& \& - $3,000,000$ |  | $12 \%$ Q J. | 200 | 41,464,261 | ... | 257. |
| Corn Exchange Natonal.Depoaltors' State \& Save, | 3,000,000 | $16 \%$ Q.J. | 342 | 97,002,194 | 430 | 424 |
|  | 300,000 | 6\% Q - J, | 134 | 1.474.847 | 150 | 120 |
| Drexel State Bank......- | 350,000 | 6\% $\mathrm{Qr}^{\text {d }}$ | 147 | 3,491,506 | 190 | 180 |
| Drovers' National. ....... | 750,000 | $10 \%$ Q J. | 151 | 12,662,058 | 225 | 210 |
| Drovera' Trust \& Savy... | 250,000 | 12\% Q - 1, | 217 | 4.230,103 | 325 | 315 |
| Edgrowater State. ....... | 200,000 |  | 104 | 318.256 |  |  |
| Englewood 8tate. | 200,000 | 859.d. | 127 | 1.752,960 | 103 | 163 |
|  | 0,000,000 | 18 \& 4\% ex. | 312 | 173,863,818 | 478 | 467 |

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## VOLUME OF BUSINESS ON THE CHICAGO. STOCK EXCHANGE.

|  | No. Shares. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1916 | 1,611,317 |
| 1915 | 715.567 |
| 1914. | 385,783 |
| 1013. | 1,001,417 |
| 1912. | 1.174.931 |
| 1911 | 1,040.068 |
| 1910. | 894,362 |
| 1909. | 1,623,495 |
| 1908. | - 829,216 |
| 1907. | 805.984 |
| 1906. | 1,234,537 |
| 1005. | 1,544,948 |
| 1904. | 1,251,177 |
| 1903. | 024.00 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11,889.400 | 1902 | 1,356,558 |
| 9,237,600 | 1901 | 1,877,883 |
| 9.085,500 | 1900 | 1,424,252 |
| 9,391,000 | 1899 | 3,300,385 |
| 18,757,000 | 1898 | 1,845,313 |
| 14,752,000 | 1897 | 987,772 |
| 7,347,000 | 1896 | 1,726,400 |
| 14,800.000 | 1895 | 1,386,657 |
| 15,259,000 | 1894 | 1.553.047 |
| 4,466,200 | 1893 | 1,157,701 |
| 5,858,050 | 1892 | 1,175,031 |
| 9,556,500 | 1891 | 710,000 |
| 5,432,700 | 189 | 1,097,000 |
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## PARTICIPATION IN FRENCH INDUSTRIAL CREDIT

 OF $\$ 50,000,000$ OFFERED TO PUBLIC.Participation in the French ind ustrial credit of $\$ 50,000,000$, arranged for in October last and referred to by us in these columns on Oct. 21 and Nov. 11, pages 1468 and 1741, respectively, is now being offered by Wm. P. Bonbright \& Co., Inc., to all classes of investors, including individuals, corporations, investment houses and the smaller hanks of the country, an opportunity heretofore open exclusively to the large banks and financial institutions. Assignable participation certificates in registered form will be issued in desired amounts by one of the banks participating in the credit. The certificates are offered to investors at a price to yield about $55 \%$. Interest is payable quarterly in advance.

This oredit is established by the acceptance and purchase by a large number of the principal banks in the United States of 90 -day drafts, with five renewals, drawn by 74 important French industrial concerns. The proceeds of the drafts in dollars in New York are used by the French industrial concerns in the purchase of American goods for export. The final drafts mature July 161918 and are payable at that date in gold dollars in New York.
The participation certificates will represent pro rata interests in the direct and several obligations of each one of the 74 French industrial concerns of the highest standing, affording a high degree of diversity, socured by the deposit of the following collateral:
(a) $\$ 50,000,000$ Preneh Government notes, payable in United States gold dollars in Now York 15 days after the maturity of the credit.
(b) $\$ 10,000,000$ market value of approved bonds, issued by or in neatral countries, the value of which, based on the current rate of exchange, is alcountriss, the value or whe $20 \circ$ of the total amount of the credit.
The option to take payment wholly or in part in francs at a fixed rate of exchange (5.70) affords the possibility, it is pointed out, of substantial profit in addition to the stated return. If the managers exercise this option for payment in franes, the cortificate holders will receive their final payment and profit in gold dollars in New York. Should French exchange return to par ( $5.18 \frac{1}{8}$ ), payment of the whole credit under this option would add a profit of nearly $10 \%$.
The entire net proceeds of the credit will be expended in the United States for merchandise, the purchase of which is thus made possible without the direct shipment of gold.

Those interested with Wm. P. Bonbright \& Co., Inc., in the management of the new oredit are the Guaranty Trust Co. and the Bankers Trust Co., both of New York City. Original participations, it is stated, have been taken by a large number of American banks and trust companies.

## 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 301914 :
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SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS TO $\$ 250,000,000$ BRITISH GOVERNMENT LOAN CLOSED.
Subscription books to the new $\$ 250,000,00051 / 2 \% 1$ and 2-year secured convertible gold notes of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Treland, which were opened on Jan. 24, were closed on Jan. 29, instead of the 31st, as had been advertised. It is said by J. P. Morgan \& Co., syndicate
managers, that the subscriptions aggregated well in excess of the $\$ 250,000,000$ offered, and that the new loan proved the most popular of the British loans brought out in this country since the war. On account of the large number of applications received for the new loan it was found necessary to make a material reduction in the allotments. Individual subscriptions up to $\$ 100,000$ were, it is said, made in full, while in making allotments on subscriptions over that amount a reduction of from 40 to $50 \%$ was made. The particulars of the loan were given in our issue of Jan. 20, pages 207 and 208.

## NEW CANADIAN LOAN PROPOSED.

Minister of Finance White on Feb. 2 asked Parliament for authority to float a government loan of $\$ 100,000,000$ to meet maturing obligations, to carry on public works and for general purposes. Minister White will try, it is said, to raise the funds in Canada about March, but if the condition of the exchange is not favorable, he will try to place the loan in New York City.

## CANADA HOPES TO FINANCE $\$ 500,000,000$ OF MUNITION ORDERS IN 1917.

Munition orders to the extent of $\$ 500,000,000$ can be placed in Canada during the current year, according to Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, if the people of the Dominion will respond to the call for National service and give to the extent of their powers. The "Monetary Times" quotes Sir Thomas as saying:
The distribution of this money would mean a continuance of favorable business conditions which in turn will support the Dominion's credit in her financing for war purchases, All the money distributed from time to time by the expendituro should, through saving, be made available for fresh credits on the strength of which new orders will be placed.

Canada can procure all the business which she can finance and shelts are what Great Britain needs more than anything elso.

According to the estimates of the "Monetary Times," Canada has received $\$ 1,095,000,000$ war orders of which $\$ 600,000,000$ is represented by munitions orders since the outbreak of war to the end of 1916. The monthly letter of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, commenting upon Canada's part in providing munitions said:
The Minister of Finance has announced that the amount of the munition orders for this year will reach $\$ 500,000,000$; during the past year the value of the output has been practically $\$ 1,000,000$ a day, So largo a volume of special business will necessarily keep many of the industrial plants of the Dominlon running at full capacity for months to come. As indicative of the demand for munitions it may be stated that the Charman of the Imperial Munitlons Board quite recently Issued a special appeal to workers In munition plants to forego part of thefr usual holidays for the purpose or increasing the output, adding that the Imperial Minister of Munitions
had entrusted the production of a large percentage of the Kmpire's needs had entrusted the production of a large percentage of the Kimpire's needs to the manurfacturers of Canada.
Thinanefng the largo orders on hand and those to be placed during the year will neccessitate borrowing on a targer scate than during 1916. Up to the present time the total crectits on munitions account granted the Imperlat authorities by the Dominion Government and the chartered banks amount to approximately $\$ 250,000,000$ of which $\$ 175,000,000$ has already been advanced. White to further to conserve the resources of the nation, and to this end the Minister, of Fimance has made special appeals to the manufacturers and the pubtic. In a recent address ho sald:
"If every cltizen would save to the utmost of his power in these days or
hish world price for our produce and enormous munitlon expenditures at histh world price for our produce and enormous muntiton expend days of
home, I bellove that, notwithstanding the huge increase in our natlomat home T becteve that, notwitistanding the huge Increase e in our nutlonal
debt whith the war will bring, the people of Canada would be stronger financtaily when the wat ts over than when it started. Great Britain can
place muntton ordew on this Contment only to place munttion orders on thls Contlment only to the extent that sho can
borrow money on this side of tho Alamtc. That means that Canada can got orders for all the munitions sho can manufacture if we can provido tho monoy, which can be done providing the peop
gavings at the disposition of the Government.

## GERMANY'S RENEW AL OF UNRESTRICTED SUBMARINE WARFARE.

Not only are the recent efforts to bring about peace among the belligerents swept aside by Germany's declarations to conduct an unrestricted submarine warfare, conveyed to the United States this week, but the relations between Germany and this country have once more been brought to the point where a break is an imminent possibility. Germany's move, which amounts to a starvation blockade against England, was made known in notes delivered on Wednesday to Ambassador Gerard in Berlin and to the State Department at Washington by the German Ambassador, Count von Bernstorff. The note refers to the failure of Germany and her allies to bring about peace, "owing to the lust of conquest of their enemies, who desired to dictato the conditions of peace." "The Imperial Government-in order to serve the welfare of mankind in a higher sense and not to wrong its own peopleis now compelled," says the communication, "to continue the fight for existence, again forced upon it, with the full employment of all the weapons which are at its disposal." With the communication is enclosed a memorandum creating barred zones within which all sea traffic is to be attacked be-
ginning Feb. 1. Such traific, it sets out, will be opposed in the blockade zones around Great Britain, France, Italy and in tho Eastern Mediterranean. This is virtually a renewal and an extension of the submarine blockade of the British Isles, which was proclaimed on Fob, 41915 and became effeotive Feb. 18 1915. Under it ships were sunk without warning until Germany abandoned the practice and gave her assurances, in the Sussex case, to abide by international law. The Lusitania, Falaba and scores of other ships were sunk under the decree. American citizens and American ships are warned from entering the war zones, although certain precautionary measures are suggested for distinguishing American steamers not carryigg contraband according to the German list.

Under Germany's edict sailings of American passenger steamers may continue undisturbed if the port of destination is Falmouth, if the prescribed course of sailing and marking is followed, if but one steamer a week sails in each direction, and no contraband is carried on the same. The note transmitted to the State Department by Ambassador von Bernstorff is as follows:

## Washington, January 31 1017.

Mr. Secretary of State.
Your Excellency
vas good enough to transmit to the Lmperial Government a copy of the message which the Prestdent of the United Stater of America addressed to the Senate on the 22 d inst. The Imperial Goversment has given th the carnest consideration which the President's statemienth deserve, inspired as they are by a deep xemtiment of responsiblifty,
It is bighly gratifying to the Imperial Government to ascertain ti
It is highly gratifying to the Imperial Government to ascertain that the main tendencies or this important statement correspond largely to the dosires and principles professed by Germany. These principles espocially
include self-government and cquality of rights for all natlons include self-govermment and equality of rights for all nations
Germany would be sincerely glad if in recognition of this principlo countries Hke Ireland and India, which do not culoy the benefits of political independence, should now obtain their freedom.
The German people also repudiate all alliances which serve to force the countries into a competition for might and to involve them in a net of selfish intrigues.
On the other hand. Germany will gladly co-operate in all efforts to prevent future wars. The froedom of the seas, being a prelimimary condition of the free existence of nations and the peaceful metrcourse botween them,
is well as the open door for the commerce of all nations, has always formed part of the leading principles of Germany's political program.
All the more the Imperial Government rekrets that the at titude of her onemfos, who are so entirely opposed to peace, makes it impossible for the normfos, who are so entirely opposed to peaco, makes it impossible for the worid at prosent to bring about the realization of these lofty ideals, Ger-
many and her allies were ready to enter now into a discussion of peace and had set down as basis the guaranty of existence, honor and free development had set down as
of their peoples.
Their aims, as has been expressly stated in the note of Dee. 12 1916, were not directed toward the destruction or annilhlation of thelr encoles, and were, according to their convietion, perfectly compatible with the rights of the other mations.
As to Belgium, for which such warm and cordial sympathy is fete lu the United States, the Chancellor had declared only a few weeks previounty that its annexation tod never formed part of Germany's Intentions. The peace to be signed with Belgium was to provide for such conditions in that country, with which Germany desires to maintain friendly neighborly reattons, that Belplum should not be used again by Germany's enemios for the purpose of Instigating contintous hostile intrigues.
such procautionary measuren are all the moro necessary, as Germany's nemies have repeatedly stated, not only in speechos delivered by thelp keding men, but also in the statutes of the cconomical conference in Pats, hat it is their intention not to treat Germany as an equal, even after peace has been restored, but to continue thelr hostile ail
The attempt of the four allfed Powers to hring about peaco has falled owing to the lust of conouest of thele enemies, who desived to dictate the conditions of peace. Under the pretence of following the peinclpte of natlonality, our enomies have disclosed thetr real aims in this way, viz. To dismember and diahonor Germany, Austrla-Ytungary. Turkey and But caria. To the wish of reconelliation they oppose the will of destruetion They desire a flecht to the bitter end.
A new sltuation has thus beon created, whlch forces Germany to now de cislons. For two years and a hate England thas been using her neval porer for a criminal attempt to force Germany into submisalon by starvation.
In brutal contempt for inturnational law, the group of Powers led by England does not only curtail the legitimate trade of their opponents, but they also, by ruthless presure, compel neatral countries either altogether to forego every trade not agrecable to the Ientente Powers, or to 11 mit it ace cording to thelr arbltrary decreve.
The American Government knows the steps which have beex taken to cause England and her allies to return to the rules of international law and to respect the freedom of the seas, The English Government, however, Insists upon continuing its war of staryation, which does not at all affeet the military power of its opponents, but compels women and childron, the slek and the ared, to suffer for their country palns and privations which endanger the vilality of the nation.
Thus Britisti tyranny mercilevedy increases the suffering of the world; in different to the laws of humanify, indifferent even to the protests of the neuteals whom they sevorely harm, fidifferent even to tho sifent longings for peaceamong England's own alles. Fach day of the terriblo strugicle causes now destruction, new sufferings. Jach day shortening the war will, on both sides, preserve the life of thousands. of brave soldiers and be a benefit to mankind.
The Imperlal Government coald not Justify before its own comscience, before the German people and before hitstory the neglect of any means dewtined to bring about the end of the war. LJke the President of the United States, the Imperlal Government had hoped to reach this goal by negotiations,
After attempts to come to an understanding with the Entente Powers have been answered by the latter with the annonncement of an intensified contintation of the war, the Imperial Government-to serve che welfare of mankind in a higher rense and not to wrong its own people-is now compelled to continue the fight for exdstence, again forced upon it, with the full employment of all the weapons which are at Ita disposal.
Stnceroly trusting that the peopte and the Government of the United States will understand the motives for this decision and its necessity, the

Imperial Govermment hopes that the United States may view the new sltuation from the lofty heights of impartiality and assist on their part to prevemi further misery and unavoidable sacrifice of human life.
Enctosing two memoranda regarding the details of the contemplated
millitary measures at sea, I remain, \&e, military measures at sea, I remain, \&e
(Signed.)
J. BERNSTOLFEF.

Two versions of the memorandum indicating the barred zones have been published, one as received at Sayville by wireless from Berlin, and the other the text as presented to the State Department by Count von Bernstorff. We print the latter below:
From Feb. 11917 sea traffic will be stopped with every avallable weapon Britain, France, Italy and in the eastern Mediterranean:
In the North.

The zone is confined by a line at a distance of twenty sea mites along the Dutch coast to Terschelling Firsship, the degree (meridian?) of longitude from Terschelling Fireship to Udsire; a line from there across the point 62 degrees north 0 degrees longitude to 62 degrees north 5 degrees west, further to a point three sea miles south of the southern point of the Faroe Islands;
from there across point 62 degrees north 10 degrees west to 61 degrees north 15 degrees west, then 57 degrees north 20 degrees west to 47 degrees north 20 degrees west, further to 43 degrees north 15 degrees west, then along the degree of latitude 43 degrees north to (wonty sea miles for at a distance of 20 sapo to misFrench houndary.

## In the South-The Mediterranean.

For neutral ships remains open the sea west of the line Pt. des Espiquette to 38 degrees 20 minutes north and 6 degrees east, also north and west of a zone 00 sea miles wide along the north African coast, beginning at 2 degrees longitude west. For the connection of this sea zone with Greece there is provided a zone of a width of twenty sea milfes north and east of the following line: 38 degrees north and 6 degrees east to 38 degrees north and 10 degrees west to 37 degrees north and 11 degrees 30 minutes east to 34 degrees
north and 22 degrees 30 minutes east. From there leads a zone twenty sea miles wide west of 22 degrees 30 minutes eastern longitude into Greek territorial waters.
Noutral ships navigating these blockade zones do so at thete own risk. Although care has been taken that neutral ships which are on their way toward ports of the blockade zones on Feb, 1 1917, and have come in the vicinity of the latter, will be spared during a sufficiently long period, it is strongly advised to warn them with all available means in order to cause their return.
Neutral ships which on Feb. 1 are in ports of the blockade zones can with the same safety leave them.
The instructions given to the commanders of German submarines provide for a sufficiently long period during which the safety of passengers on unarmed enemy passenger ships is guarinteed.

Americans en route to the blockade zone on enemy freight steamers are not endangered, as the enemy shipping firms can prevent such ships in time from entering the zone,
Sailing of regular American passenger steamers may continue undisturbed aftor Feb. 1 1917, If-
(A) The port of destination is Valmouth.
(B) Salling to or coming from that port, course is taken via the selliy Istands and a point 50 degrees north 20 degrees west.
(C) The steamers are marked in the following way, which must not be allowed to other vessuls in American ports: On the ship's hull and superstructure three vortical stripes one meter wide, cach to be painted alternately white and red. Kach mast should show a largo flag checkered white and red, and the stern the Amerkean national flag. Care should be taken that during dark national flag and painted marks aro easily re
Prom a distanco and that the boats are well lighted throughout.
(D) One steamer os week sails in each drectlon, with arrival a
(D) One steamer as week kails in each direction, with arrival at Falmouth on Sunday and departure from Falmouth on Wednesday.
(E) Unlted States Government guarantees that-no contraband (accordIng to German contraband IIst) is carried by those steamers.
One of the differences between the Sayville version and that of the State Department is contained in the first paragraph, which in the wireloss dispatch reads as lollows:

From Keb, 1 1917, within barred zones around Great Britatn. Vrance, Italy and in the Eastern Mediferrancan, as outlined in the followings, ali sen traffic forthwith will be opposed. Such barred zones are:
There are differences too in the body of the memorandum, but tho principal one is an additional sentence (in the wircless version) in paragraph marked B (indicating the conditions under which traffic will be unmolested), this sentence stating "along this route no German mines will be laid." Copies of maps on which the barred zones are outlined are submitted by the German Government along with the above documents.

The second memorandum delivered with Germany's note by Ambassador von Bernstorff, was not mado public until yestorday (Friday) by the State Department. It is stated that the understanding is that it was prepared at the German Embassy on instructions from Berlin prior to President Wilson's message to the Senate on a world peace federation, and withheld then on account of the address. When Count von Bernstorff received the note and memorandum from Berlin on Wednesday, he decided to deliver with them the original document prepared by him. This memorandum like the one quoted above, made known Germany's intention to make full use of her submarine service on Feb. 1. We print the second memorandum below:

After bluntly refusing Giermany's peace offer the Entente Powers stated in their note addressed to the American Government that they are determined to continue the war in order to deprive Germany of German provinces In the west aud east, to destroy Austrfa-Hungary and to annihilate Turkey, In waging war with such aime the Entente Allies are violating all rules of international law, as they present the legitiosate trade of neutrata with the Centrat Powers, and of the netirals anong themselyes.
Germany has so far not made unre tricted use of the weapon which she possesses in her submarioes. Since the Entente rowers, however, have
made it impossible to come to an understanding based upon equality of rights of all mations, as proposed by the Central Powers, and have instead declared only such a peace to bo possible which shall be dictated by the Entente Alles and shall result in the destruction and the humiliation of the
Central Powers. Germany is unable further to forego the full use of her Central Pow
The Imperial Government, therofore, does not doubt that the Government of the United States will understand the situation thus forced upon Germany by the Entente Allies' brutal methods of war and by their determination to destroy the Central Powers, and that the Government of the of the Entente will further realize that the now openly diselosed intention of the Entente Allfes gives back to Germany the freedom of action which
she reserved in her note addressed to the Government of the United States she reserved in her

Under these circumstances Germany will mect the Illegal measures of ber enemies by forcibly preventing, after Feh. 1, 1917, in a zone around Great Britain, France, Italy and in the eastern Mediterrancan, and to France, \&c., \&e. All ships met within that zone will be sunk.

The Imperial Government is confident that this measure will result in a speedy termination of the war and in the restoration of peace, which the Government of the United States has so much at heart. Like the Governgoal by negotiations. Now that the war, through the fault of Germany's enemies, has to be continued, the Imperial Government feels sure that the Government of the United States will understand the necessity of adopting such measures as are destined to bring about a speedy end of the horrible and useless bloodshed.

The Imperial Government hopes all the more for such an understanding of her position, as the neutrals have under the pressure of the Entente Powers suffered great losses, being forced by them either to give up their entire trade or to limit it according to conditions arbitrarily determined by Germany's enemies in violation of internationat law.

An Associated Press dispatch dated at Berlin on Jan. 30 , but not received at Sayville in time before publication on Feb. 1, stated that Dr. William von Stumm, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, had advised the Press representative that Count von Bernstorff was fully informed with respect to "the Government's present attitude on the question of armed merchantmen." The Under Secretary was quoted as saying:

Thure has been no change of views since the issuing of the German memorandum on this subject last February, in which it was announced that Germany regarded such vessuls as warships and that the German maval rorce
such.
The Associated Press dispatch further says:
The unconcealed intention of the Entente Governments, as reveated by the specches of the Ministers and instructions to ship masters, to arm all traders for attack, not defense, he declared, had forced the argency of the question upon the attention of the Government, adding:
The American standpoint is that morchant ships may not bo armod
offensively nor use their armament offensively, but in addition to tho offensively nor use their armament offensively, but in addition to the
British Instructions captured on the Woodficla and commuicated to British instructions captured on the Woodffeld and communicated to neutrals in the German memorandum of February, showing unmistakably the offensive purpose of procedure, we now have sinular secre instrtictions of the French Government to armed merchantmon, Moud on a French prize and pubished by the German plting good range and recommendink opened as soon as a subrmarme is whem good range and
"ltempts to ram subnarines, smbuerged or on tho surracre. "Kurthermore, there is the recent dectaration of ond of the British Ministers, along the same lines, and the Beitish papers are full of discussion of the necessity of a heavler and more mumerous armament in order to
attack submarines successfulty.

In viow of all this there can be no doubt, oven in American minds, of the offensive nature of the prisent armaments and of the desfgn to use them offensively against small craft conducting operations in legitimato and
recognazed wayy of crulser warfare:-
The Under Secretary then turned to the subject of peace discussions and Prestent whon's mesaye and to the current report mat Germany mikht. ment of Its Intentlons revraiding Belgium.
ment of fte Intentlons revarding Belgium.
"No." said Dr, von Stamin. "Any announcoment which Germany might publish now, after the Entento has announced its intention to crush Germany and wrest from it Alsace-Lorralne, would look as if wo were usking for peace, cringlng under the insolent attlude of our adversarics. i4 for Belelum, our Chavelloc bas aleady amounced that we bave - 0 As for Belsium, our Chancentry
intentions regarding that country.

In dispatehes from Washington on Jan. 30 stating that information had reached there to the effect that Germany and her allies were considering communicating to the State Department a virtual warning that Americans should keep off armed merchant ships of belligerent nations it was stated: it is not known just when or in what manner the warning may be conveyed, but Germany apparently has beem pavlug tho way for such a step for soveral weeks by submitting to the state Department a secies of statements alleging specific instances in which merchant craft of tho Enceic for defonse.

The fact that hospital ships would be affected by Germany's new edict was made known by the Admiralty in the following wircloss message received at Sayville on Jan. 31:
The German Government has convincing ovidence in hand that hostite hospital ships frequently are misused for the transportation of ammunition and troops. The Government has communicated these proons to the British and French Governments by diplomatic means.
At the esame time ie fs declared that hospltal ships passing on the military route of the hostlle army engaged in France and Beleftum, within the lines Flamborough Head-Derschellimg, on the one hand, and Thames-Land's End. on the other, shall be no more treated an such. Hostile powers are free to use hospltal shipa for the transportation of wounded and atek army mambers on ways outside this district.
The barring of other sen routes is reserved, in case further misuse of hospital ships io vlolation of international law.

An official statement issued at London on the same date as the above announcement said that if the German declaration of no longer tolerating hospital ships between a line drawn from Flamborough Head, England, to Terschelling, Netherlands, and a line from Land's End, England, to Ushant, France, was carried out, reprisals would be taken immediately. The London statement follows:
The German Government aunounce that "they have conclusive proor that in sereral instances enemy hospital ships often have been misused for the transport of munitlons and troops." They also state that they have placed these proots, through diplomatic channels, before the British and French Governments and have, at the same time, declared that the
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The British
The British Government has rocelved no such communication through diplomatic channels, or otherwise, from the German Government as atleged and they most emphatically deny that British hospital ships have been used for the transport of mumitions and troops or inc any way contrary
to thao Convention for the adaptation of the principles of the Geneva to the Hague Convention for th
Convention to maritime war.
Convention $t o$ maritime war,
Under the Convention, the beligerents have the right to search hospital ships, and the German Goveroment have, therefore, an obvious remedy ships, and tho German Goveroment have, cherefore, an obv
From the German Government's statement that hospital ships will be no longer tolerated within the limits mentioncd only one conclusion can be drawn-via., that it in the intention of the German Government to add yet otter and more unspeakable crimes against the law of humanity to the long llst which disgraces thetr record. In these circumstances the Brtush Government has requested the United States Government to mform the German Government that his Majesty's Government has declded that if the threat is cartied out reprisals wit lmmediately be taken by tho British authorities concerned

## GERMANY STAKES ALL AND WILL WIN CHANCELLOR DECLARES.

The declaration that "we have been challenged to fight to the end-we accept the challengo, we stake everything, and we shall be vietorious," was made by Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg at a session of the Ways and Means Committee of the Reichstag on Jan. 31 in which the entire war situation was dealt with and the new stops planned by the Central Powers were considered. The press dispatches of the Chancellor's remarks were not received in the United States antil Thursday (Feb. 1), the day after Germany's advices concerning its proposed unrestricted warfare had been made known. In his address the Chancellor explained why in March and May of last year he had opposed umrestricted submarine war, and why ugain in September, "according to the unanimous judgment of the political and military authorities the question was not considered ripe for decision." He repeated his previous uttorance that as soon as he, in agreement with the supreme army command, reached the conviotion that ruthless submarine war would bring Germany nearer a victorious peace, then the U-boat war would be started. His remarks on this point were as follows:
By this development of the situation the decisfon concerning Aubmarine warfare has been forced into the last acute stage. The question of U=boat war, as members of the Refchstag will romember, has occupied us throet times in this committee, namely, in Marels, May and Beptember of last yoar. On each occasion in an exhaustive statoment I nxpounded the points for and against in this question. I emphastzed on each occasion points for and agalnst in thes question. thas speaking pro terapore and not as apupportar in priaciple or opponent in prinelplo of the unrestricted employment of U-boats, but in consideration of the military, political and economic sitiation as a whole.
I have alsays procedted from thestandpoint whet her U -boat war would bring ta nearee victorious phace or not. Every means, I sald in March that was calculated to shorten the war constitute the most humane polley to follow. When the most ruithlows methods are considerod best cateulated to lend us to victory, and swift vietory, I sald. then they must be umployed.
This moment has now arrived, Last autumn the time was not yot ripe, but to-day the moment has come when, with the greatest prospect of succoss, W" cat
Whard has there been any change in the situation? In the first place, the most important fact of all bs that the number of our submarines has been very considerably fincreased as compared with last spring, and thereby a firm basis for success has been cstablished
The second co-decisive reason is the bad corent haryest of the world Chis fact atroady confronts England, Frances and Italy with merious diffi. oftics which by means of turestricted E-boat war will be brought to a potat of unbearableness. The coal question, too, is a vital question in war, Already it is criticat, as you know. In Italy and Vrance. Our submarines wilt make it still more crittcal.
To this must be added. especially as rugards ICngland, the supply of or for the production of muntilons, in the widest sense, and of timber for coal mines. Thu enemy's difriculties are rendered still more acute by the incroasing lack of cargo space. In this respect time and U-boat and cruser warfare have prepared the ground for the declslve blow.
Tho Entente suffers owing to tack of cargo space. The lack makes it. self folt in Italy and France, no lews than in England. If we may now venture to estimato the positive advantages of unrestricted U-boat war at a very much hagher vafue than last apring the dangers which arise for us from U-boat war have corrospondingly decreased since that time.
The Chancellor discussed in detail the political situntion, and then referred to military affairs as follows:

A fow days ago Fleld Marahal von Hindenburs describod the situation to me thus: Our front stands Pirm on all sides. We have everywhere The milfitary sitiation as a whole permits us to accopt all the consequences.
which unrestricted U-boat warfare may bring, and as this U-boat war is the means of injuring our enomies the most grievously it must be begunThe Admiralty staff and the high seas fleet entertain the firm convic U-boat cruiser warfare-that Great Britain will be experience gained in arms Our sllessare-that Great Britain will be brought to peace by our procedure also in practice. Just as wo Austria-Hungary adheyes to Great Britain and the west const of trance. In whiek we will try to ped vent all thoping firle to the enemy countries, Auatin-Huw try do pre is blockaded area around Italy.
To all neutral countries a free path for mutual intercourse is left out side the blockaded area. To America we offer as we did in 1015, safe passengor traffle under definite conditions, even with Great Britain.

The Chancellor here read the note to the United States and said that corresponding notes had been sent to the other neutral States. He concluded as follows:

No one among its will close his eyes to the seriousness of the step we are taking. That our existence is at stake every one knows since Aug. 1914, and this has been brutally exuphasized by the refection of our
peace offer. When in 1014 we had to selze and have recourie. 0 the wwort against Russia's general mobsilization, we did so wecourse to tho sword of responsibility toward our people we did so with the deepest sense which says. "We must, therefone we en," bave since beén shed, but they bave not washaway the "mo. bod the "can."
In now deciding to employ our best and sharpest weapon. we are guided solely by sober consideration of all the circumstances that come into the quewtlon and by the firm determination to help our people out of the distross and disgrace which our cenemies contemplate for them. Suceess Hess in a bigher Hand, but as regards all that human strength can do to enfore nacecss for the Jatherland, be assured, gentlemen, that nothing has boen neylected. Everything in thls respect will be done.

## EXTENSION OF BRITISH MINE RIELD.

Announcement was made on Jan. 27 that the British Government had notified the State Department at Washington that it had considerably extended the zone in the North Sea which is "dangerous for shipping." The warning, it is stated, puts the "dangerous zone" in the following waters: Area comprising all the waters nxxept Notherlands nad Danlsh territorial
waters lying to the southward and caxtward of a line commenctag four waters lying to the southward and castward of a line commenctage four miles from the const of Jutland in latitude 66 degrees north, longitude 8 dugrees cast from Greenwich, and passing through the following positions: Latitude 56 degrees north, longifude 6 degrees east, latitude 54 degrees 45 minutes north, thence to a position in latitude 53 degrees 37 minutes north. longitude 5 degroes esst, seven miles off the coast of Netherlands.

The warning is interpreted in official circles, it is said, as meaning that minos have been laid by the British Government in the watera designated above. Regarding the announcement, the New York "Tribune" on Jan. 28 said:
Hamburg. Bremen and Cuxhaven, besides the North sea end of the Kiel Ganal, are blocked if this new British measure ean be made effective. The German fleet, of German ralders, could emerke only by following the coast of Holland or Denmark, or by salline through the Skayerack
Naval experts betieve that undoubtedty the tritixb purpose is to restrict as much as possible the movements of the German fleet; In casis it should emerge again for a kktrmish such as that off Jutland, the British would have a tremendous advantage if the Germans were hampered by mine flefds in malding their retreat.

Tho state Department announcement defining the Leritory mined was not exactly clear as to latitude and longitude, and Department offictale de. clined to interpet the warning, but apparenitly the new mine fleld would stroteh from the territorial waters of Denmark to near the Netherlands coast.

As a result of the now measure, Scandinavian traffic with Holland, it was pointed out, would bo greatly hampered, as will the Danish fishing industry.

## ARRIVALIN U.S. OF NEW AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR.

Count Adam Tarnowski von Tarnow, namod by the Austro-Hungarian Government as Ambassador to the United States in November, arrived in this country on the steamer Noordam on the 1st inst. The new Ambassador sailed from Rotterdam on Jan. 13, after considerable negotiations looking to his safe conduet. The Entente Powers, after refusing to grant a safe conduct, made known their decision to let the new envoy come through without hindrance, in consideration, it was said, of the reprosontations made by the United States Government. With his urrival hore the Ambassador expressed his surprise at the issuance of the new German noto on submarine warfare. He succeeds as Ambassador, Dr. Constantin Dumba, who was recalled by the Austrian Government in Sept. 1915.

## MEASURES TAKEN TO PREVENT NEUTRALITY

 VIOLATIONS-STOPPAGE OF SAILINGS.Following the receipt in this country of the German note regarding the adoption of an unrestricted submarine warfare, precautions were taken by Dudley Field Malone, Collector of the Port of New York, to maintain the neutrality of this port. On the night of Jan. 31, orders were issued to the torpedo boats stationed at Quarantine not to permit any vessel of any description to pass out to midocean. The order, which was modified the noxt day, was given, it is stated, because it was rumored that some of the German vessels interned at this port would try to make a dash for liberty. Stories were circulated that the ships interned at Hoboken had received orders from Germany
to destroy all the ship's papers and to dismantle parts of their machinery which would make difficult the early use of the vessels if diplomatic relations between this country and Germany were severed. A close inspection of all interned ships was immediately made by the Federal Neutrality Squad, which is composed, it is stated, of about two hundred men under orders from the Collector of the Port. The inspection is said to have failed to reveal efforts on the part of the crews of the vessels to dismantle the machinery or to otherwise prepare for an early sailing

As to the possibility of an attempt to escapo from the harbor it is said that none of the interned vessels have enough coal to enable them to take even a very short voyage. There are over thirty German ships now tied up in this port representing a total tonnage of over 300,000 tons. The Government vessels guarding the neutrality of this port, it is said, have received orders to make very careful examinations of all vessels leaving or arriving off Quarantine in order to prevent noutrality violations.
The agents of the American line stcamer St. Louis, which was to have sailed for Liverpool to-day, have been requested by Washington anthorities to delay the steamer's departure until further notice.

The regular daily mail and passenger service between Norway and England was stopped yesterday, Feb, 2, according to the "Fvening Post." It is also said that the Norwegian Post Office is declining to accept mail for the United States, as both the direct route and that by way of England is closed. The Norwegian-American liner Kristianiafjord, which was to have sailed from Christiania, Norway, on Feb. 1, for this port, has been held up, it is said, until further notice. The Spanish Minister of Marine, it is stated, has telegraphed instructions to all Spanish port authorities to suspend all sailings until further notice.

The German freighter Liebenfels sunk at her moorings off Charleston, N. C., on Feb. 1. The vessel had been interned since the beginning of the war, and was anchored about half a mile from the city water front. Circumstances surrounding the vessel, which was of 2,830 tons gross, tend to show, it is said, that she was seuttled by her own crew. She was in charge of Captain Klattenhoff, who, it is said, has refused to give any information concerning the vessel's sinking. The Treasury Department at Washington, it is stated, has notified Collector Frederick C. Peters at Charleston to obtain the stories of the crew regarding the sinking, and any other evidence in order to make a detailed report.

The arrival of the German note in this country has also had its effect upon trans-atlantic war risk insurance rates, many of the companies, it is said, are now asking $10 \%$, practically double the rate prevailing before the German note arrived. The Mediterranean rate held at about $10 \%$, and it is said that some underwriters would not quote on this class of business lower than 12\%. The transatlantic rate on shipments by American passenger ships was increased from 3 to $4 \%$, while other neutral tonnage and American freighters were placed practically upon the same basis as belligerent vessels. Shipments via the Suez Canal are being underwritten at $12 \%$, it is stated, while Far Eastern shipments by way of Panama and the Pacific Coast are now $3 \%$.

## incidents bearing on the closing in decem-

 ber of the tokio stock exchange.The following relative to the closing on Dee. 13 of the Tokio Stock Exchange (the suspension lasted but a few days and was occasioned as noted in our issue of Dec. 16 by Germany's peace overtures) appeared in the New York "Evening Post" of January 20::

A gogal issued by a Tokio paper first announced tho nows of the peace proposal. Osaka Shosen Kaisha shares were being dealt in. They dropped 50 points on the first quotation. Unprocedented disorder and stricken brokers were hurrying to disengage themselves from a drastic klump that was anticipated. The telephones were kept busy notifying clients for more margin. The jiki quotations for N. Y. K. shares, which had closed at 330 , slumped to 275 . A meeting of the managers was hastily called, and amid the greatest confuxion the ICxchange was closed. The closure, which was first announced as lasting until the followlog afternoon, was extended to the succeeding Monday.

Many narkin (quick-rlch) have been wlped out. They had been pyramiding on profits. A surprising report is, however, that most of the Osaka Narikin had poeketed thefe profits, reeling that the share quotation were隹 profits. The pubic and, as they aro known ow the market was atso closed. Osaka Stock Fxchare shares declined 100 points. When the Toklo Exchango opened a week later the situation was IIttle better, and half-way through the first call it closed agafa.

COPENHAGEN STOCK EXCHANGE OLOSED OWING TO GERMANY'S SUBMARINE DECLARATIONS.
A Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen to London on Feb. 1 announces the closing of the Stock Exchange at Copenhagen owing to the situation created by Germany's new submarine declarations. The dispatch says:
The Rigsdag met in secret session this afternoon. All the Ministers were present. The forelgn Minister explained the situation arising from Germany's submarine threat, and communicated to those present the Government's declsion to endeavor to have forelgn trado maintained on the same principles as have btherto prevalled. Thu spokesmen of all parties announced their adhesfon to the Government
The Stock Exchange has been ordered closed for tho remainder of thls week and the whole of next week.
Delegates from trade and agriculturat socleties held a conferonce with the Government this afternoon to discuss the situation. The Govermment is issuing an ordinance prohibiting increases in the prico of commodities above prices obtaining Jan. 30, unlesy it can be proved that the excess in expenditure demanded is involved in the production of acquastion of the commodities.

## RUSSIA'S INDORSEMENT OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S

 SUGGESTIONS FOR PEACE FEDERATION.Indorsement of Prosident Wilson's message to the Senate on Jan. 22 with regard to a world federation to guarantee peace was contained in a statement issued by the Foreign Office at Petrograd on Jan. 26, which represented the first official expression of Russia's attitude toward the communichtion. The statement follows:
Russla always has been in full sympathy with the broad humanitathon principles expressed by the President of the United Statem, and his message to the Senate, therefore, has made a most favorabie fmprosulon upon the Russlan Government. Russla will welcome all suitable meusures whtch will help preyent a recurrence of the world war. Accordingly wo can gladiy Indorse President Wilson's commanication.
Eresident Wilson's views on free access to the seas find an advocater in Russia, because she considers it necessary to have frec,access to the seas. The President's propessal regarding limited armament has the support of Russia, who made representations of this nature at Tha Itague Conference. In expressing these convietlons the Prosdent of the United States is at the same time expressing the point of vew of Russia.
The Russian Government notes with katisfaction thal Prosident Wilson makes a sharp contrast between the definite reply or the Entente countries to his first communication and the evasive note of the Central Powers. Russia already has definitely announced her unalurable determination regarding the future of Eoland. The Russtan Emperor has declared that one of the objecta of the war is a free Poland, consistlug now of three separated provinces.
As to the nature of the peace to be concluded, whether it be a peace without victory or not, one shonld remember that It nover has been the aim of the Allies to crush their enomies, and that they have neyer Imsistod upon victory in that sense over Germany, It is Germany who has taken that point of view and who wishes to dictate peace as a victor

## SIR EDW ARD HOLDEN ON RESERVE BOARD'S EDICT AGAINST FOREIGN LOANS.

The Federal Reserve Board's recent warning against further investments in foreign treasury bills came in for criticism by Sir Edward H. Holden, Managing Director of tho London City \& Midland Bank, Ltd., at the annual meeting of the bank on Jan. 26. Sir Edward stated at the meeting that of $£ 232,000,000(\$ 1,160,000,000)$ of gold which had flowed into America up to the end of 1916 , about $£ 212,000,000$ ( $\$ 1,060$,000,000 ) ropresented the amount contributed by the Entente countries to form the basis of loans. Of the total foreign loans of America since the beginning of the war, aggregating about $£ 460,000,000(\$ 2,300,000,000)$, he said, $£ 423,000,000$ ( $\$ 2,115,000,000$ ) was borrowed by England and her allies. The amount of gold required for reserve on this basis, he added, would be only $£ 69,000,000$ ( $\$ 345,000,000$ ), and therefore $£ 143,000,000$ ( $\$ 715,000,000$ ) of the Allies' gold had been used for some other purpose and it would appear that $£ 76$,000,000 ( $\$ 380,000,000$ ) was locked up under the Federal Reserve systom. Continuing he said:

After the Allles had so handsomely contributed to the sold reserve of the United States, thus facilitating the exportation of American commodities to the extent of $\$ 1,913,000,000(\$ 9,565,000,000)$ between July 1914 , and November 30 1916. it seems dirficut to macratand way tho woy of Amerian Board should have endeavorcd to placotlentarly when they coutd have bed bankers creating further loans, and
Sir Edward is said to have expressed the hope that new agency arrangements with the Bank of England and with France might be the means of clearing up any difficulties which might have arisen in the past, and that the Entente nations, after the great exertions they had put forth to increase the reserves of gold in America, would be enabled to take advantage of the increased loan superstructurc. He also gave utterance to the hope that it also would be mutually beneficial in continuing to support British exchange in America.
Sir Edward's speech was devoted to a reviow of the ontire financial position of Great Britain and her allios before and since the war, with comparisons of the effect of the war financially on Great Britain and Germany. Regarding the finan-
cial position of Germany, Sir Edward pointed out how Germany had adopted every means to maintain the gold reserve of the Reichsbank at the necessary one-third of the note issue. Germany, he said, had issued notes to the extent of £800,000,000 ( $\$ 4,000,000,000$ ) and Great Britain to the extent of $£ 368,000,000(\$ 1,840,000,000)$. The gold in the Reichsbank, hestated, was now $£ 126,000,000$ ( $\$ 630,000,000$ ), which gave Germany a percentage of 15.7, while Great Britain had $\$ 81,000,000$ gold ( $\$ 405,000,000$ ), giving herapercentage of 22 . On the basis of the $15 \%$ reserve required by the American banking system, Sir Edward argued that the Entente countries, by the amount of gold they had sent to the United States during the war, were entitled to a loan up to $£ 1,400$,$.000,000(\$ 7,000,000,000)$, but that they had received under $£ 430,000,000(\$ 2,150,000,000)$. He also strongly urged that Great Britain should adopt the metric system, saying that otherwise she would be placed at a great disadvantage in trade and commercial competition with other countries.

## COMMITTEE ACTION ON AMENDMENTS TO RESERVE ACT-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S ATTITUDE.

The action of the House Banking and Currency Committee with respect to the amendments to the Federal Reserve Act recommended by the Federal Reserve Board was made known last Saturday. On the previous day, Jan. 26, Carter Glass, Chairman of the Committee, introduced three bills embodying the amendments agreed to; the Reserve Board's recommendations were contained in an omnibus bill printed in our issue of Jan. 20, page 210. In a statement issued on the 26th ult., Representative Glass reports that the Committee by a practically unanimous vote rejected the Board's proposal to authorize the Federal Reserve banks to exchange their notes for gold and permit the gold thus acquired to be counted as part of the gold reserve which the Reserve banks are required to maintain against Reserve notes. The proposed amendment of the Reserve section of the Act, which would make the final shift of reserves now instead of on Nov. 17 next as stipulated in the Aet, was adopted by the Committee, along with the further plan to increase the reserves required to be maintained by member banks with the Federal Roserve banks. The Committee figures that this change will result in increasing the gold holdings of the Federal Reserve system by approximately $\$ 354,000,000$. The provision leaves it to the discretion of member banks, subject to the supervisory control of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Reserve Board, to keep such amounts in their vaults as their necessities may require. The proposed amendment giving the Reserve Board power to increase for periods not exceeding thirty days, on the affirmative vote of five members, the amount of balances required to be maintained by members with the Reserve banks, was rejected by the Committee. It also rejected the proposal to permit savings banks to become associate members of the Reserve system. The Board's recommendation to permit Reserve banks to receive items from non-member banks or trust companies for purposes of exchange or collection was adopted by the Committee. Other minor changes in the law were also approved by the Committee, Legislation authorizing national banks in a city or town of more than 100,000 inhabitants and having a capital and surplus of at least $\$ 1,000,000$ to establish not exceeding ten branches within the corporate limits of the city or town in which it is located is carried in one of the three separate bills introduced by Chairman Glass. His statement of Jan. 26 setting out the action of the Committee on the Board's recommendations follows:
The most important of the proposed modifications of the Federat Reserve Act, as agreed upon by the committed, has ruforunco to the rexerve section of the Act. The new provislon requires the final shift of rewerves to be
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tions of the resorve section of the Federal Reserve Act giving Federal Reserve banks approximately $\$ 354,000,000$ of additional gold, would strengthen the systom sufficlently to meet any emergency that might
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By a very clowe vote the committee rejected the proposed amendment
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By a more than two to one vote the committee adopted the amendment proposed by the Federal Reserve Board to permit Federal Reserve banks, banks or trust companless or collsection, to receive from non-member national bank notes, Federal Reservo current funds in lawful money, upon presentation, qrematuring notuk and bils. In order to avail of such privitege non-member banks must matntain such net balance with the Federal Reserve bank as may be prescribed by the rules and rogulations of the Federal Resorve Board.
Several proposed minor changes in the existing law were approved by the committee, the chief of which was to clarify the provision of existing law relating to United states bonds impounded in the Treasury by natlonat banks organized prior to the passige of the Federal Reserve Act. Those
bonds are to be released, as was ingended by the Foderal Reserve Act; but bonds are to be released, as was intended by the Foderal Reserve Act; but the statute clear.
By a vote of nine to five the Chairman of the committee was directed to report in a separate bill an amondment to Section 25 of the Federal Reserve Act, which would authorize national banks located in cities of moro than 100,000 inhabitants, possessing a capital of $\$ 1,000,000$ or more, to establish not excoeding ten branches within the corporate limits of such city, but such authority shall apply only in States which by State law authorize State banks or trust companies to establish branches. In no case shall a national bank be permitted to estabHsh a greater number or branches than State law permits state banks or trust companies to establish. This is a bitterly contested proposition, as shown by the discussions in the committee, and the bill will very likely be strenuously coatested if it gots consideration at thits sassion of Congress.

With the rejection by the House Committee of certain of the amendments proposed by the Federal Reserve Board, the latter on Jan. 29 made public the memorandum of the Fedoral Advisory Council, transmitted, under date of Jan. 5, by James B. Forgan, Chairman of the Council, in which the latter, among other things, favored the proposed note issue amendment which Chairman Glass's committee struck out. Some of the other proposals, however, of the Reserve Board were given only qualified endorsement by the Advisory Council. We give below the memorandum of the Advisory Council in full:
No. 1. Amendment to Section 16 which provides (a) for the issue of Federal Reserve notes directly against the deposits of $100 \%$ gold, or $100 \%$ of paper, or both; (b) for the counting of gold held by the Federal Roserye agents as security for notes, as part of the sold reserve required to bo held
by the bank against such Federal Reserve notes. of the Federal Advisory Oouncil.
No. 2 in re-amendment of Section 19, abbroviating and simplifying the clauses in Section 19 which relate to reserve requifuments. This provides as follows:

and in addition every member bank ts required to keep in its own vault for till money an amount of specle of currency (not necossarity gold or lawful money) equal to $5 \%$ of its demand depoates, lose tho amount of net balance with Federal Rescrve banks in excess of the mintmum above stipulated. The amendment is in harmony with one of the baxle princlples of the Federalkesorviset, old be mobllizod in the Federal Reserve banks.
for bank deposits should be mobilized in the Mederal Resorve banks.
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doubts if so much as is proposed of the member bank's available cash should be arbitrarily tied up in the form of compulsory batances with the Nederal Reservo banks.

The Councll at its meoting of 8ept. 19 last drew the Board's attention to the fact that until the State banks join the system and dally clearing houso balances can be settled by checks on the Vederal Rewerve banks. the member banks, especially in the large citles, must keep a sufriceat
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and as well as for thoir counter use. Besldes, this, 16 woula be a conservative policy for tho member banks to keop in thuir own vauts a reasonablo amount
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located in Federal Reserve cities now receive from tho Federal Resorve located in Foderal Rescrve cites now receive from tho kederal Resserve
banks late in the afternoon checks on themselves in targe volume and amount, which have accumulated during the day and have been charged amoinst thelr tegal rewerve batances in such large volume and amourt as to hamper them in maintaining thelr tegal reserve balances.
In our opinion $5 \%$ cash on hand would not be suffictent for these purposos, and frome a practical standpotnt it would facilltate the operations of the member banks if the minimum compulsory balances to be kept by them with the Federal Reserve banker agalast their demand depoeits were at least reduced $1 \%$ in each class, and the percontage of time money correcity banks, the lacresse in till money in the case of the country banks being unnecossary.
The Councll's recommendation is therefore as follows:
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No. 3,-Amendment of Section 11 so as to permit the Federal Reserve
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owered in certain contingencles of a different kind to lower thosy requireowered in certain contingencles of a different kind to lower those require-
ments. The Council is of opinion that if would be undesirable and unecessary to grant such power to the Federal Reserve Board. The Board would with surplus cash reserves and lis action thember could only apply to member banks. The effect would therefore be that member banks would bo compelled to increase their non-interest bearing balances with the Fedcral Reserve banks white non-member banks would have the free use of their
funds. It would place another stumbling block in the way of State banks joining the system.
No. 4.-Amendment of Section 13 to permit non-member State banks and trust companies, even though too small to be cligible for membershlp
in the Federal Reserve banks, to avail themselves of the clearing and col lection facilltes of the Federal Reserve banks provided that they cover at par cbeclos on themselves sent for collection by the Federal Reserve bank, and provided further that they keep a compensating balance with the Fedby the Federal Reserve Board. This might work to the mutual advantage of the member banks in connection with the check collection system, and of non-member banks willing to conform to the rules prescribed by the Federal Reserve Board, as well as to that of the Federal Rescrye banks trying.

No. 5.-Amendment of 8ection 22-the penal statute-so as to define more clearty the right and limitations of directors in the matter of accept-
ing fees or compensation other than the ordinary fees paid directors for tegitimate business rendered in the regular course of business, the performance of which services is not tncumbent upon them in their capacity as directors.

The Council would recommend that the proposed addition to Section 22 commencing with provided,
should be amended as follows:
"Provided, however, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to prohbit a director, officer or employee from receiving the same rate of
Interest pald to other depositors for similar deposits made with such bank or to probidit a director. Who is not an officer or cmployee from receiving
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account of such bank, but sach such transaction must be recorded in the
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through which such order is executed, together with tho amount of the fee through which such order is executed, together with tho amount of the fee
or commisslon paid on each transaction: and, provided further, that notes. drafts, bills of exchange or other evidences of dobt executcd or indorsed
by directors of a member bank may bediscounted with such member bank by difectors of a member bank may be discounted with such member bank
on the same terms and conditions as other notes, drafts, blls of exchange
evidences of debt."
The council makes this recommendation becauso in its Judgment an affirmative vote or written assent of at least three-fourths of the members of the Board is an unnecessary restriction in connection with such services by a diructor as the buying and sellink of securities and Inasmuch as notes, by bank directors aro as a rule the very best of their class, the placing of by bank directors aro as a rule the very best of their class, the placing of special restrictions on the discouraging of such instruments for directors
would only unnecessarily and unwarrantably impede legitimate business or force it into other banks.
No. 6.-Amendment of section 13 to restore the provision which was by rror stricken from the Act in the amendments of Sopt. 7 1916, thus restoring to natlonal banks, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, the ight to accept up to $100 \%$ of their capital and surplus in transactions in-
The Council approves this

No. 7.-Amendment of section 17, to cancel the provision of the national bank Act which requires nationat bauks to maintain a minimum deposit of Government bonds with the Treasurer of the United \&tates.

The Councll approves this amendment.
No. 8.-Amendment of section 29 to authorize member banks located In cities of more than 100,000 population and which have a capital and surplus of more than $\$ 1,000,000$ to establish branches in the same city, provided the State laws do not probibit State banks and trust companies from establishing branches.
The Council has already advised the Board that it approves the authorization of member banks located in cities of more than 100,000 population and which have a capital and surplus of moro than \$1,000,000 to estabish branches in the same city, but disapproves the granting of such a privilege to the banks in somes states while it is withheld from banks in other states irrespective of State laws affecting State banks and trust companies in regard to the establishment of branches by them.
No. 9.-Amendment of section 9 to authorize mutual sayings banks not having a capital stock to become associate members of the Federal Reserve system under certain prescribed conditions.

No. 10.-Amendment of section 18 so as to give to United States onevear $3 \%$ pold notes in the hauds of Federal Reserve binks the eirculation privitege for the issuance of Federal Reserve bank notes.
The Council would recommend that instead of amending section 18 so as to give United states one-year 3\% gold notes in the hands of Federal Reserve banks the circulation privilege for the issuance of Federat keserve bank notes that the law providing for the exchange of $2 \%$ gotd bonds bearfor the eirculation privilege, but against which no circulationis outstanding, so tendearkold notesto an amount not exceeding one-halfor the one year gold notes entirely and provide that the $2 \%$ gold bonds may be exchanged for an equal amount of 30 -year $3 \%$ kold bonds without the circulatlou privifege.
No. 11.-Amendment of section 4 to abolish the Ciffeand office of Deputy Eederal Reserve Agent, thus baviog two unattached class 0 drectors instead of one as at presment, and to create the position of Assistant Federal
Resceve Agent, who shall not bo a dircetor of the bank, but who shall be a salarled bonded officer in the Federal Reserve Agent's department, rerving at all times as an assistant to the Federal Beserve Agent and quallfied to act for the agent in his absence.
As member banks and others doing busluess with the Federat Reseeve agent and his assistant would not necessarily be charged with knowledge of the absence or disabillty of the Federal Reserve agent, the reatricted or disability should for theip protection be pemoyed by strilding out the words "during hia absence or disability" occurring in the last paragraph of the proposed amendment. If the assistant should act in any manner of imhis action would be null and vold Otherwise the Council sees no objection to the amendment.

We give below two of the bills in the form in which they were introduced by Chairman Glass on Jan. 26; the third (H. R. 20539) is the same as bill 20538 except that bill 20539 also proposes several further amendments; one to section 3 of the Federal Reserve act which would empower the Reserve Board not only to permit, as at present, but require any Federal Reserve Bank to establish branches within its Reserve district or the district of any suspended Reserve bank. Another would reenact subsection E of section 14 so as to read:
(E) To establish accounts with other Federal reserve banks for exchange purposes and, with the consent or upon the order and direction of the Federal Reserve Board, to open and maintain banking accounts in forefgn countries, appoint correspondents, and establish agencies in such countries wheresoever it may be deemed best for the purpose of purchasing, selling, and collecting bills of exchange, and to buy and sell, with or without its indorsement, through such correspondents or agoncles, bills of exchange (or acceptances) arising out of actual commerclal transactions which have not more than ninety days
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Whenever any such account has been opened or agency or correspondent has been appofnted by a Federal reserve bank, with the consent of or under the order and direction of the Federal Reserve Board, any Fether Foderal reserve bank may, with the consent and approval of the Federal Reserve Board, be permited to carry on or conduct, through the Federal reserve bank opening such account or appoming such agency
or correspondent, any transaction authorized by this section under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Board.
It is understood that final disposition of these two amendments is still being considered by the committee.
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fifteenth, ninetemn hundred and fourteon, March third, nineteen hundred and fifteen, and September soventh. nineteen hundred and sixteen. Be it enueted by the Senate and House of Representatiess of the United States of America in Congress assambled, That section four of the Act apStates of America in Congress assimbled, That nection four of the Act ap-
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appointment of class $O$ directors and prescribing their duties so as to read as follows:
"Class © directors shall be appointed by the Federal Reserve Board. They shall have been for at least two years residents of the district for which they are appolnted, one of whom shall be designated by sald board as chairman of the board of directors of the Federat reserve bank and as 'Federal reserve agent. He shall be a person or tested banking experience. and in rddition to his duties as chairman of the board of directors of the Jederal reserve bank he shall be required to maintain under regulations to bo estabilshext by the Federal Reserve Board a local office of said board on the premises of the Federal reservo bank. He shall make regular reports to the Federal Reserve Board and shatl act as its official representative for the performance of the functions conferred upon it by this Act. He shall rocelve an annual compensation to be fixed by the Federal Resorve Board and paid monthly by the Federal reserve bank to which he is designated. One of the directors of class C, who shall be a person of tested banking experience, shall be appolnted by the Federal Reservo Board as deputy chairman to exercise the powers of the chairman of the board in case of absonce or disability of his principal.
"Subject to the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal resceve agent shall appoint one or more assibtants, Such assistants, who shall be persons of tested banking experience, shall assist the Federal reserve agent in the performance of his duties and shall also have power to act in bis name and stead during his absence or disability. The Federal resorve agent may require such bonds of his assistants as he may deem necessary for his own protection. Assistants to the Federal resorve agent shall receive an annual compensation, to be fixed and paid in the same manner as that of the Fexteral reserve agent.
see. 2. That the first paragraph of section thirteen be further amended so as to read as follows:
"Any Federal reserve bank may recelve from any of its member banks, and from the United States, deposits of current funds in lawfut money. national-bank notes, Federal reserve notes, or checks and drafts, payable upon presentation, and also for collection, maturing notes and blls; or, solely for purposes of exchange or of collection, may receive from other Federat rescrve banks deposits of current funds In lawfil money, nationalbank notes, or checks upon other Federal rescrve hanks, and chocks and drafts, payable upon presentation within lis district, and maturing notes and bills payable within lis distifet: or, solely for the purposes of exchange or of collection, may recelve from any non-member bank or trust company deposits of current funds in lawful money, natlonal-bank notes, Federal russerve notes, checks and drafts paynble upon presentation, or maturing notes and bills: Propided. That suct non-member bank or trust company malutalns with the Federal reserve bank of its district a balanee in an amount to be determined by the Federal Reserve Board under such rules and regulations as it may precelbe."
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amended further so as to read as follows. amended further so as to read as follows:
"Any member bank may accept drafts or bills of exchango 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 oxporition of goods; or which grow out of transactions invotving bo domestic shipment of goods provided shipping documents conveying or securing title aro attached at the time of acceptance; or which nro secured at the time of accoptance by a warehouse receipt or other such document conveylige or securing title covering readily marketable staples. No member bank shall accept. whether In a forelgn or domestic transaction, for any one person, company, firm, or corporation to an amount equal at any timo in the aguregate to mory than ten per contum of its paid-up and umimpared capital stock and surplus, untess the bank is securod cither by atheched documents or by some other actual securfty growing out of tho same transactlon as the accoptanco; and no bank shall accept such bills to an amount equat at any time in the aggregate to more than one haif of its pald-up and umimpatred capital stock and surplas. Propited, hatecrer.
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vided, hovever. That the aggregate of acceptances srowing out of domestic transactlons shall in ho ovent exceed fifty per centum of such capital stoek and surplus.
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and of any other provislons of existing statutes as requirn that before any national banking associations shall be authorized to commence banking business it shall transfer and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States business it shall transfer and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States
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national banking associations now or hereafter organized to maintain a minimum deposit of such bonds with the Treasurer is hereby repeated." Sec. 5 . That section nineteen be further amended and reenacted so as to read as follows:
"8ec. 19. Demand deposits within the meaning of this Act shall comprise all deposits payable within thirty days, and time deposits shall compriso ail deposits payable after thirty days, all savings accounts and certofore parmen whel to noss than thirty days notice before payment, and all postal savings deposits.

Every bank, banking association, or trust company which is or which tain reaerve balances with its Federal reserve bank as follows and maintain (a) If mot in ances with its Federal reserve city, as now or ber fined, it khall hold and malntain with the Federal reserve bank of its distriet an actual net balance equal to not less than soven per centum of the aggregate amount of fts demand deposits and three per centum of its time deposits.
"(b) If in a reacrve efty, as now or hereafeer defined, it shall hold and maintain with the Federal reserve bank of fis district an actual net balance equal to not fose than ten per centum of the aggregate amount of its demand deposits and throe per centum of its time deposits.
"(c) If in a central reserve city, as now or hereafter defined it shall hold and maintain with the Federal reserve bank of its district an actual net balance oqual to not less than thifteon per eontum of the aggregate amount of its demand deposits and throe per centum of its time deposits.
sum in member bank sball keep on deposit with any non-member bank a sum in excess of ten per centum of Its own pald-up capital and surplus,
No member bank shall act as the medium or aernt of a in applying for or receiving discounts from a Federal reserve bank bnder the provistons of this Act, except by permission of the Federal Reserve Board.

The required balance carried by a member bank with a Federnl reserve bank may, under the regulations and subject to such penalties as may bo prescribed by the Federal Resurve Board, be cbocked against and withdrawn by such member bank for the purpose of meeting existing liabilities; pay any dividends unless and until the total balance required by law is fully restored.

In estimating the balances required by this Aet, the net difference of amounts due to and from othor banks shall be taken as the basls for arcertaining the deposits against
banks shall be dotermined.
"Natfonal banks, or banks organized under local laws, located in Alaska or in a depondency or Insular possession of any part of the United States outside the continental United States may remain non-member banks, and shall in that event maintain reserves and comply with all the con-
ditions now provided by law regulating them: or sald banks may, with ditions now provided by law regulating them; or sald banks may, with the consent of the keserve isoard, become member banks of any one of the and be subject to all the other provisions of this Act."
Sec. 6. That that part of section twenty-two which reads as follows: Other than the usual salary or dircetor's fees paid to any officer, director, or employe of a member bank and other than a reasonable fee paid by sald bank, no officer, director, employe, or eyt for survices rendered to such be a benefiefary of or receive, directly or indirectly, any fees, commission. oift, or business of the bank, " bee, and horeby is, amended and reenacted so as to read as follows:
"Other than the usual salary or director's foe paid to any officer, director, employo, or attorney of a member bank, and other than a reasonable foe pald by kaid bank to such officer, director, employe, or attorney for services rondered to such bank, no officer, director, employe, or attorney
of a member bank shall be a beneficiary of or receive, directly or indirectly, of a member bank shall be a beneficiary of or receive, directly or indirectly,
any fee, commission, gift, or other conslderation for or in connection with any trankaction or busineos of the bank: Prorided, howerer. That nothing In this. Act contained shall be construed to probibit a director, officer, or for kimilar dopotis made with such bank."

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oclations to establish branches De it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatires of the United States of Americat approved December Aet, be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding a new section as fotAct,
lows:

## DOMESTIC BRANCIIRS,

" $\mathrm{gec}, 25 \mathrm{a}$. That any member bank located in a clty of incorporated cown of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants and possessing a lations as the Federal Reserve Hoard may prescribe, establish branches, not to exceed ten in number, within tha corporatulimits of the city or town in which it is located: Prorided. That no such branch shall bo established in any stath in which nelther State banks nor trust companies may law fully establish branches: And provided further. That the number of branches which a member bank may establish sball not exeped thamber of of branches which the laws of the State in which said bank ls situated permit a State bank or trust company to establish within the corporate limits of said city or town,"

## BANK OF MONTCLAIR MEMBER OF NEW YORK

The Bank of Montclair, of Montclair, N. J., has applied for and been admitted to membership in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The bank was established in 1889, has a capital and surplus of $\$ 175,000$ and deposits of about $\$ 1,800,000$. It is the first State bank in New Jersey and the first country State institution in the Second Federal Reserve Distriet to join the Federal Reserve system.
E. C. MC DOUGAL ON NEED OF HAVING BEST MAN AVAILABLE AS BANK SUPERINTENDENT.
Advice to bankers to keep out of politics was given by Elliott C. McDougal, President of the Bank of Buffalo, at Buffalo, N. Y., in addressing the Rochester Chapter of the American Institute of Banking on Jan. 18. "It is most desirable," said Mr. MeDougal, "that our State banking system should not get into a political mess such as that in which the national banking system has become involved." Referring to the early expiration of the term of office of State Superintendent of Banks Eugene Lamb Richards and to the fact that he is not a candidate for reappointment, Mr. McDougal stated that "it is very essential that the present efficient supervision of our State banking system by our State Banking Department be continued without radical change, but with constant effort toward conservative improvement as experience from time to time proves necessary." Mr. McDougal, while observing that it might be urged that it is not proper for bankers to take an active part in the selection of a Superintendent of Banks, stated that it clearly is not only proper, but our duty to insist that the Superintendent of Banks shall be the best possible man obtainable. Mr. McDougal is quoted in the Buffalo "Commercial" as follows:
It is most desirable that our state banking system shoutd not get into a political mess, such as that in which the natlonat banking system has become involved. There is no disguising the fact that the uational banding
system is in polities, and, untif the ex-officio members arn dropped from system in politics, and, until the ex-ofricio members arn dropped from
the Federal Keservo Board and it is made an absolutely findependent the Federal Reserve Board and it is made an absolutely independent
board, without any official connectlon with the United States Government board, without any offical comection with the United States Government, the natlonal banking system never will be out of polties, Better stili
would it be to make the Federal Reserve Board not an administrativn board, but a supervisory, corrective and disciplinary body, as is our state Banking Department. The Federal Rexerve Board, which is composed mainly of men who are not bankers, should not endeavor to administer the banking business of thls country. Providing it complies absolutely with the law. the proper body to run each separato momber bank is the boavd of directors of that bank, Providing it works in harmony with the system, the proper body to run each separate Federal Keserve bank is the board of directore of that bank. Even were the Federal Reserve Board not a polical body. It could not help mudding in the administration of Individual banks, were made supervisory, corrective and disciplinary only.
This is theory. This is what the Federal Reserve Board ought to be but not what it is. Recognizing the fact that the Board is, and probably will remain, an administrative body, is it not perfectly plain to every business No one would think of appofinting a man without medient tratned bankers? No one would think of appointing a man without medical training as head would think of appolnting a man without teral tralning as head of the one lepartment of the Government of the United States as head of the loga locomotive or Governe of a thery. Ur atates. No one would give a for some inscrutable reason a majority of the men who were appointed or the ankern dical experience a bankurs; they had not even any theoretical training. Why choose men who know nothing about banking to exercise supreme authority and dietaorial powers over our national banking system?
Take any bank in this country. If every member of the board of direcmonth, to the affaim of the bank, knows as much about been or an hour in month, to the affairs of the bank, knows as much about banking as the
man who has been brought up in the business and gives all of bls time to man who has been brought up in the business and gives all of his time to uxecutlve ofricers of the bonk, wIII It be well rum? On the other hat if the directors take no interest in the affairs of the bank and allow the offl
 are thove in which the directory actually direct, but, at the same bank are thowe in which the directors actually direct, but, at the same time, do not claim that officers of the bank. A wise board of directors knows where to draw the line between dally executive work, which ts the function of the officers, and the general
direction, which is the function of the board if the United States is to direction, which is the function of the board. If the United States is to become a world power in banking, it must discard amateur banking. Its citizens must resilze that a 1180 of $t$
It is the same old story of difference between theory and practical experfence. The world is full of men who can tell other men how to run perfunce, The world is full of men who can tell other cuen how there is
their businesses, but who cannot make a suecess of their own. The nothing that can take the place of experience. We would not trust theoRists with our own private businssess. Why do we trust them to run our national banking syatem? Here are two of than reasons: There is a popular
improsion in this country that thorough fraining is not necessary to an Impression in this country that thorough fraining is not necessary to an
Amarican citizen: that he powkoww the omnifient. wisdom which fitshim to tako up any eubject, glve it a fow hours study, and lonow as much about it as the man who has spent hls life on it. The other reason is what, in thin as the man who has spent his ife on it. The other reason is what, in thin
country, we call polities; one of the greatest curses in our pubilic life, and which is constantly emeromehtig upon private businessis to the destruction of erficiency, and to the discouraurement of patient effort.
For years, the cxaminations in our 8tate banking system have been much better and more thorough than in the national banking system under the Comptroller of the Currency. It is very essential that the prosent efficient suparvikion of our State banking kystem by oir State Banking Department be continued without radical change, but with constant effort towards conservative improvement as experience from time to time proved neciwary.
Extraordinary dirficultiow will face the new Superintendent. Should he serve his full term of three yeanf, there is every reasonable prowsect that the IGuropean war will be ended beforn his term explres. All intelligent bankers and bukiness men know that the end or the war will bring collapse to many of oor present inflated values and danger, and perhaps disaster, to many whaest banker including, perhaps, state banks and truat companies. Tha provide for, this froubles, whe presert time, foreseeg the extent of, or whill enterprises and industries will be fiffected and Just whteh will not be atfected, nor how widespecad the influences of the trouble will be, but he does know that trouble will develop in unexpected places, much of it in banks and trust companies, at a moment's notice, requiring the promptest, most cuergotic and wisest action on the part of the Superintendent of Banks, In-
competent action will not only damage our entire banking system, but will bring discredit upon the Govecmment of the great State of New York. If it were possible to apply business principles to our State Banking Department, the Governor would do what any business house would doadmitted that he is not only competent, but fearless and impartial-the Governor would, as a matter of course, promote him, With the excoption of those who have had the benefit of experience in the Superintendent's office, there is no banker in the state, no matter how good a banker he may be, who is as well quallfied to fill the position as the present First Deputy. If the Governor will not appoint him, then we should havo a trainud business man, proferably a banker of broad experience, but, whoevor the appointeo may bo. ono requirument should be inslsted upon-that the be absolutely free from political arritations, past, present and future.
This is a situation which demands the active co-operation not only of every banker, but or every business man. It might be urged that it is not proper for bankers to take an active part in the selection of a Superintendent of Banks, or even to do anything more than merely to suggest if name for conslderation by the Governor. It clearly is not only proper, but our duty to Insist that the Superintendent of Banks shall be the best possible man obtalnable.

GROWTH OF BANK AND TRADE ACCEPTANCES.
Although the acceptance business in the United States has been in operation only about two years, or since shortly after the outbreak of the European war, it is being developed emergetically both by bankers and business men. In an interesting booklet issued by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, that institution explains the details of this method of finance and the rise of the acceptance market. In the fall of 1914 the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York was the only institution in New York City accopting sterling drafts payable at a future date. When the London market had to restrict its acceptances owing to conditions arising from the war, the Guaranty TrustCo.immediately began using dollar letters of credit available in New York instead of London.
Prior to the passage of the Federal Reserve Act, one of the particular objections to our existing banking system was the absence of a discount market like those of London, Paris, Berlin and other Continental centres where bankers' acceptances could be readily sold. Owing to a construction of the National Banking Act by the Supreme Court, our national banks were not permitted to issue acceptances, because an acceptance is in effect the lending of a bank's credit; and that the Supreme Court decided national banks could not do. Accordingly, this country had no open discount market. To-day, that situation is radically altered. There is in this country, according to the Guaranty Trust Co., a healthy and constantly expanding market for acceptances. According to the combined statements of the report of Dec. 27 1916, national banks in New York City had issued acceptances to the volume of $\$ 60,218,800$. The combined reports of New York trust companies, as of Nov. 29 1916, showed a total of $\$ 77,540,200$ for customers' liabilities on acceptances. And according to the November statements last year, national banks and trust companies of New York City showed an aggregate acceptance volume of $\$ 126,850,800$.

The argument of the Guaranty Trust proceeds as follows: Briefly, the trade acceptance is everything that the open account is not. It gives the buyer crodit for a definite instead of an inderinite time. It is of service to the seller, for he can take the acceptance to his bank and discount it at a lower rate than is accorded to any other commercial paper, The bank-not the seller-carries the credit, and all partics to the transac-
tion are placed on an equitable basis. Because the trade acceptance is in ackenowledgment of the receipt of the goods and a proof of the valldity of the debt, it gives stablity to commercial credit and transforms deferred of the dobt, it gives stability to commercial credit and transiorms deferred
obligations inte definite assets and Hablities. Another form of acceptance obligations into definite assets and llabilities. Another form of acceptance to a customer upon an agreed basis. When Brown, in Now York, buys of Doe, in Galveston, and arranges with a bank in New York to accept on presentaction tho drafts of Doe, with documents attached, Doo's draft on tho bank bexomes a bank accoptance. Again, the customer can draw his ture date. In this form the accoptance is a commercial credit bill. The accommortation given the customer under an acceptance is merely a loan of the bank's credit responsibility untll he can procure the funds elsewhere.

## MONTHLY REPORT OF NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.

In his report to the Federal Reserve Board for the February "Bulletin," Pierre Jay, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, had the following to say regarding the car shortage situation:
An improvement has taken place in tho frelght situation, the car shortage on \$Jan. 1 being 59.892 cars, as compared with a shortage of 107.778 cars a month earlier. Complaints are fewer but the congestion of frelght and slow dollverles are still a hindrance to busmess.

Concerning general business conditions Mr. Jay says: Manufacturers and distributors of goods report a satlifactory volume of business for thls season of the year and, as a rule, they foresce from orders booked ahead a continuance of active trade for soveral months. There is ovident, however, a growing diaposittion
Prosent Indications aro that buying, oxcept for actual contracts and known regulrements, will be on a conservative scale until the outlook for fall trade, both domestic and forelgn, In elearer and the trend of pricis less mecetafo.

DEVELOPMENTS GROWING OUT OF ALLEGED LEAK IN PEACE PROPOSALS.
The hearings of the House Committee on Rules to determine whether any one profited in Stock Exchange operations as a result of advance information concerning President Wilson's peace note of last month were resumed in New York on Monday of this week. In indicating on last Friday, preliminary to the resumption of the inquiry, that the committee did not contemplate any move bearing on the Stock Exchange and its operations, Representative Campbell of the committeo said:
We aro concerned with only ono thing, Did any pubtic officlals impropcrly uso information to obtain profits for themselves? This committee has been commanded to find out if there was a leak, and, if so, whore it of the Stock Exchange. There are no resolutlons beforo us regarding the of the stock Exchange. The
reformation of the Exchange.

Pliny Fisk of Harvey Fisk \& Sons was the first of those examined by the committee on Monday, and like Archibald S. White of tho banking firm of White \& Co., who was on the stand later in the day, he denied the allogations made two weeks ago by Thomas W. Lawson, which brought their names into the inquiry. Mr. Fisk refuted what Mr. Lawson had said about Mr. Fisk, having boasted of his domination over Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, while Mr. White in his testimony described the tales which Mr. Lawson alleged to have come from him (Mr. White) relntive to Mr . Fisk's control over Mr. McAdoo as "all romance." Mr. Fisk in challenging Mr. Lawson's statement at Monday's hearing said, according to the "Times":
This staternent of Mr. Lawson's, on tho basis of his supposed interview with Mr. White, has gone broadcast throughout the country, reflecting ou the roputatlon of an old-established house. I think and bellove that Mr. Lawson should be almost taken at his word and put behind the bars on the basis of perfury, for wantonly handling the name of a reputable cttizen as he has handted mine. If it is a disordered brain, and it looks to be, perhaps the good Lord will take care of it In his own way.

Mr. Lawson's assertions, in which he attributed to Mr. White the statements concerning Mr. Fisk, were made before the committee on Jan. 16, at which time Mr. Lawson said:

I said to White: "They tell me your friend Fiak is enkinearing or superintending this leak stock gambling affair, that Harvey Fisk \&\% Sons ari handing this connection with C. D. Barney \& Co, and that Pliny Elsk is doing the stecriog. The story is that ho (Plny Fisle is working
McAdoo and that it's a terrific affair. Do you know anything?"
White sald: "You asked mo just in time, I talked with Flak the other night (down at the club, I think ho sald). Ho not on this subject and he wanted to show me how he controlled McAdoo and he ntmost insisted that I go to the telephone with him while the calted McAdoo out of bed, and maybe nsk him to come to New York,

Mr. Fisk denied that any such conversation had been held. He took occasion to state "positively that the meeting described never took place." "I never," he said, "had any conversation with Mr. White in which Mr. McAdoo's name was mentioned," and he asserted that there was "absolutely no foundation for the story." Mr. Fisk said he knew Mr. White but slightly. In advising the committee as to the concerns through which his firm transacted its tradings during November and December (C. D. Barney \& Co, was mentioned in Mr. Lawson's statement), Mr. Fisk said, "Foster \& Lounsbury to a larger extent than any of the others." "Mr. Fisk also presented a certified transcript of the records of his firm's dealings in stocks between Dec. 10 and Dec. 23, which showed that "no person in public life" had had any account with Harvoy Fisk \& Sons.

Mr. Fisk's testimony also included an account of his firm's former relations with Mr. McAdoo in the construction of the Hudson Tubes. The "Times" details this as follows: Mr. Phak described them from thele begining in 1002 or 1903, whem, "at Mr. McAdoo's solicitation," Harvey Fisk \& Sons had financed the
ITudson \& Manhattan Radroad Co. "I was thrown into clocs associatlon tudson \& Manhattan Ralfroad Co. "I was thrown into close association
with him for a number of years," he sald, "untll he became secretary of the Treasury. Since then our paths have seldom crossed except in atrietly the Treasury, Since then our patha havescilom crossed cucep,
business affairs involving his special functions as secretary.:
"In connectlon with the closting up of Mr, McAdoo's business affairs prior to his taking his portfollo," sald Mr. Whipple, "did you have anything to do?"
"Mr. McAdoo felt," said the witness, "that in accepting the appolntment he wished to take up the dutles with all hits personal affatrs in-to use the Homely exprestion-apple-pie order, He capue to see me to discuss the matter, and we deelded that all his small loans-perhaps half a dozen-had bet er be linuidated beforo he took up his duties. We advanced to Mr. Mc Adoo sufticient moncy to assemble all his debts and took tbe collatoral This was done, particularly with his small holdate as rapldy as poss of bank stock, which he was espectally anxions should be sold nt ouce. The bank stock, which he was espectally anxions should bo sold no ooce. 1st of March, 1913. The total loan was about \$112.000. Thave a memo-tandum-
At this point Representative Garrot of Tenneseo interected
"I think itia correct to go into thie matters on the Stock Exchange, but as tar as baring Mr. MeAdoo's privato uffairs here, I think it is not necesary. ask if Mr. Yisk had had any relations with Mr. McAdoo since March 1913, except these.
"There have been none," sald Mr, Fisk, "as my memory serves me. If anything, It was somo trivial amount, a thousand or two, which ho gave to me for investment for one of his children or something. Our social relations have continued,"
Q.-Haye you or your concern had a speculativo account, or any account, In which you have been dividing the profits with a "Senator O " and Mr . McAdoo? A.-Neither directly nor indirectly nor by inference. I have
no knowledge of anything of the sort. no knowledge of anything of the sort.

## other person about this? A.-I never have. <br> other person about this? A.-I never have. Q. - Have you ever during the last four ye.

Q.- Mcave you ever during the last four years made any request of Secretary McAdoo to do this or that for you, to como to New York or anything? A.-I never have. I have leaned backward not to have such relations. We never had an
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Q.-Did you ever at any time say that you had, or had had, such absolute Control over any member of the Cabinet as to get him out of bed by a telesuch claim, or inferred or tmegined or started it. I had only such controt inasmuch as you could bring any friend to the telephone.
Then, In response to questions as to his firm's method of getting information from Washington, Mr. Frek sald that for many years Jesse Sarvis, a correspondent of the "Wall street Journal," had acted for Harvey Fisk \& Sons in the transfer of Government bonds in Washington.
"Tle was supposed to keep us advised of the proceedings of Congress," said the witness. "and anything that might vitally affect valu
ports to us cxactly as to the newspaper which he represents."
Mr. Fink could not remember the name of Sarvis's nuccessor, who took up tho donblo duty on Sarvis's death thrce ycars ago. Correspondence produced later showed that this man's name was John Boyle, and his letterand the Exchange Telegraph Co. of London and for Marvoy Misk \& Sons. Mr. Fisk denicd that he had recelved at any time in November or December "any knowledge, hint or suggestion" as to the Administration's purpese to issue a peaco note. Then Mr. Whipple turned over tho witness to members of the committee, and Mr. Nisk sald that he first knew of the President's note by reading it in the newspapers, "or on the ticker-I call that the newspapers."

In his testimony bearing on his firm's association with $\mathrm{Mr}^{2}$. McAdoo, Mr. Fisk also stated that when Mr. McAdoo entered the Treasury Harvey Fisk \& Sons had taken up all the loans to Mr. McAdoo, amounting on March 11913 to $\$ 112,000$, and had liquidated the last of the indebtedness on Jan. 151914.

Mr. Fisk was also questioned concerning a conversation with Mr. White in December relative to the financing of the Federal Dyesturf \& Chemieal Co. Tho leasing by tho Federal Reserve Bank of quarters in tho Harvey Fisk Building at the timo of the bank's organization was also brought up at Monday's hearring, Mr. Fisk stating that the only part he played in the transestion was to name the rental price and to put the mattor in the hands of Konyon B. Conger, the agent of tho Hudson Terminal Building. Mr. Fisk stated that ho had nover urged Serertary Mcidoo as $a$ favor to lease the offices. Ho stated that the quarters wero leased by the Reserve Bank at $\$ 89,000$ a year for the first year and a hall and at $\$ 41,000$ for suceceeding years, with the privilego of a ten-year Tease. Tho bank moved hast May (at the ond of tho first year and a hale) to the Equitable Buiding.
Mr. Whit's's testimony related to his business dealings with Mr. Lavson and his talk with the latter about making $a$ market for the stook of the Foderal Dyesturf \& Chemical Co., but denied, as noted abovo, the particular conversation with regard to Mr. Fijk which had been aseribed to him by Mr. Lavsson. Mr. Whito stated during the course of his testimony that he was acquainted with Count von Bernstorfl, but asearted in naswer to questionings, that he had never arranged for $a$ meeting at the Ritt-Cartlon between Mr. Tavson and tho Ambassedar. Ho stated, howverer, that he lad been asked by Mr. Mesweeney, an associato of Mr. Lawsson's, if such a meeting could not bo arranged but that he hind told Mr. Mesiveeney to make his own arrangements. Mr. White also stated that ho know Charries H. Sabin, but that he had had no communieation with him in several montis.
E. F. Hutton, of the firm of E. F. Hutton \& Co., and Bernard M. Baruoh were called beforo the Committoo on Tuesday. Both the firm and Mr. Baruch wero mentioned on Jan. 5 by Representative Wood, the author of the resolutions which brought $n$ bout the inquiry, as havingireceived advance information regarding President Wilson's note. Three telegrams which passed between the firm and its correspondents on Wednesday, Dec. 20, the day before the note was publishod, wore read in the records. A fourth telegram, it was stated, was also received on Dec. 20 from the firm's Washington correspondents, F. A. Connolly \& Co., but had not been preserved. R. W. Bolling, a member of the firm of F, A. Connolly \& Co., and a brother-in-law of Prosident Wilson, has denied on two occasions that he had any advance knowledge of the President's note, and Mr. Connolly made a similar denial at this weok's hearing. The following are the three telegrams submitted to the Committee on Tuesday by Mr. Hutton:

From Clement, Curtis \& Co, of Chicago to E. F. Hutton \& Co.i. receivedt in
New York at $12: 18$ p. m.i. New York at $12: 18 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.i
Thear that the State Department will insue statement to-day regarding economle conditions European war affecting neutrals, intending to promote peace prospects. What do you think of thit, and how are you on stocka? OLEMENT.

Reply from E. $F$. Ifutton \& Co at 1114 p. th.:
Clement: Our Washington wire gives us similar teessage to yours,
Others have kame tnformation and we put it out, as it is morc or loss generally lonown. Your message was marked confidentlal, and we treated it so.
E. F. HUTTON.

From E. P. Ifutton at Co, to all of their forty-fife correspondents in tarious cities, sent at 1:54 p. m.
Rod and all: We are confidentially faformed that a highly important message to all belligerents and neutrals has been losued from Washington. Interpreted not we as pressure on belligerents in behalf of peace, but as an opportunity to put American demands on record to be considered if there is peace, and waming that neut ral rights must not be further encroached upon. Full text to be given out to-night and will be looked upon as move of great moment.

The last message was sent out by George A. Ellis Jr., a member of the firm. "Rod and all," to whom the telegram was addressed, Mr. Hutton explained, had reference to R. W. MeKinnon, of Thomson \& MeKinnon of Chicago. It is pointed out that while newspaper men wore informed by Secretary Lansing at 11 o'clock on Dec. 20 that there would be an important communication for them at 5 o'clock, no details were given (the note itself was not released until midnight), the first of the telegrams having thus been sent some hours in advance of the time when the communication was delivered to the press. Mr. Hutton stated at the hearing that it was on the strength of the first two dispatches that Mr. Ellis had written the third. Mr. Hutton was also questioned about a letter sent to his firm correspondents on Dee. 4 which stated that "the President's message to-day is expected to treat favorably of the railroad situation-at least our Washington advices are to that effect," and was asked what was meant by "our Washington advices?" Mr. Hutton said that it simply meant his belief "based on knowledge of the railroad conditions of this country." In stating how Mr. Connolly \& Co. had become the correspondents of his firm, Mr. Hutton said: "Mr. Connolly called on me of his own volition and said he had $\$ 50,000$ and expected to get some more, and that he intonded to buy a seat on the Stock Exchange." There wus, Mr. Hutton said, no discussion of the advantages or disadvantages of Mr . Bolling coming into the firm. While Mr. Connolly had stated that Mr. Bolling was a brother-in-law of President Wilson, there was no comment on that lact, Mr. Hutton said.
Spenking of the committmonts of his firm Mr. Hutton stated that in the middle of December they were borrowing so much they were "scared to death." Their loans from banks, he said, then amounted to $\$ 28,000,000$. The greatost amount they had ever borroved before tho war was $\$ 12,000,000$; at the beginning of 1915 their borrowings were $\$ 18,000,000$, and at the beginning of $1916 \$ 22,000,000$.

Mr. Baruch, who followed Mr. Hutton on the stand on Tuesday, testified that his profits between Dec. 10 and 23 were $\$ 476,168$. Mr. Whipple mentioned the fact that he was oredited with making $\$ 6,000,000$. Mr. Baruch declared he had no knowledge concerning happenings at Washington other than that attained through the ticker service. He showed the record of his stook operations from Dec. 11 to 22 , In part his testimony on this point was as follows (we quote from the "Times"):

On Dec. 11, was long on various stocko which appear on brokers' nccounts onty, and also on stocks which I sold outright. In the period from
Dec. 11 to Dec. 15 I sold theac socuriteg, amounting, Dece th to Dec. 16 I sold theso securitics, amountlng, fin long stocks, to about 30,000 sharce, besides about 25,000 or 26,000 shares short. The 25,000 shares of Steel. On the 15 th $I$ had bought in 14,000 shares " "Take steel all through," sald Mr. Whipple. "What were your nelloms? "
On Dee. 11," gald the witness. "I was long about 8.000 shares at the close, Most of them were bought that afternoon. On the 12 Lh $^{1} \mathrm{sold}$ thin had none at the cose. 1 bought it at 23 and a fraction and sold at 19 or 1 fraction. I remember that well enough." (That was Mr. Baruch'a way of aaying 123 and 119.2
"Wm sorry, Mr, Baruch," said Mr. Whipple, ,"The worla bellever you never had a loss. Now, what other stocke-
"It was the same with Rubber," said Mr. Baruch; "with Ray Copper, Chlle Copper, Ouba Cane Sugar preferred; some of that I alveady had. i got rid or them as soon as I could, though apparently it took two or three daya to got rid of all of them.
Q.-Did you go short on any stocks on thia day? A,-Canadian Pa-cific-I was sbort on that all the time.
Q.- What did you do in steel on Dec. 13? A.-I sold 23,400 shares, atarting carly in the day.
Q.-Why? A.-I think the reason should be apparent to every one, but III tell you.
read Chancellor von Bethmane witness sald, "but $t$ was out all day. When Iread Chancellor von Bethmann Hollworr's speoch in the Relchstag, which. after the greatest war in civilization, what a declaration of pence, I realized what this meant to the world, and particularly to the world of business and
finance. I thought that the peoplo's minds, which heretofore had been bent on war, were now turned to peace. My mind worked to the concluslon that a man of intelligence would act quickly and sell securities.

Was there any other reason for your selling short T " asked Mr. Whipple. thing was the body-blow of this speceh, which still hangs like a pall on the whole situatlon,
"Why should peace affect the market unfavorably?"
'My personal opinion, which is perhaps the reflection of many others, is that our country has had, 1 might say, a false prosperity. We had got ant enormous business whose profit was out of all ordinary proportions. Peace would bring with it reaction and the opening of an cra of other activities. From the humane standpoint I take a different view; but peacewould raise trouble with the stock market.
"Was the rise of moncy rates regarded as a danger signal?"
"t should think it would be. Thero was no other factor besides the technical condition of the market and the Chancellor's speech which affected my course on those days. The 23,400 shares which I sold on the 13 th went at about 1181/2. On Monday I had bought them at 123 .
"On Dec. I4 I went short more than 1.600 shares of Steel. On the 15 th the market broke and I bought nearly 14,000 shares around 110 . On the 18th, Monday (Saturday's dealings, since no shares are delivered on satur4.000 shares. So I was short about 15.000 shares of Steel at thu close."
"Can you remember why you did this?" asked Mr. Whipple.
Because the market commenced to go up.'
Why should you sell when the market was going up?"
Because I wanted to hear the next great thing, Lloyd George's speech and I thought he would say about what he did say. I thought he would Ieave a door open for peace, and that this would have almost as great an effect as the other. You can't get away from the Bethmann-Hollweg note Everybody would think about peace after that,

What about the 19 th?" asked Mr. Whipple.
I sold 28.400 shares
Why?"
I remember very distinetly," said Mr, Baruch. "The first part of the day I read some private dispatches from abroad on the Dow-Jones tickerI think two banking houses were named. The first part might be considerod as meaning that Lloyd George wouldn't listen to peace. As the mar-
ket rose I sold at first. I was standing at the ticker, and as soon as I saw ket rose I sold at first. I was standing at the ticker, and as soom as I saw that he had left a door open for peace I sold as fast and as hard as I could. I was astonished to find that people didn't realize the meaning of his specch, and looked on it as a mere news item. The same thing happened in the wheat market, I understand, as in the Stock Exchange.
"In your operations on that day." kald Mr. Whipple, "were you affected in the slightest degree by any news from Washington as to the attitude of the Administration?"

Absolutely not at all. I didn't recoive any such news
Q.-How about the 20th of December? A.-I bought 17,000 shares, making my short account 26,500 . I bought on the scale down, acting on the market broke five or ten points.
the market broke five or ten points
Q.-If you hat known that something would tappen the next day which would break the market, what would you lave done? A.-I would have sold, all day long
Q.-Was this a large trankaction for you? A, -I have done bigger ones, here I was operating in only one stock.
Q.-Do you regard it as a major operation? A.-A fair-sized one, Do I bave to tell you what I've done in other transactions? I'll tell you if you ask.
But nobody asked him. Mr. Whipple went on to the transactions of Dec. 21.

I took everything in." said the witness. 'I bought it all in before noon, at an average of 106 for steet. It seems that I never get In at the bottom or at the top."
"Had you closed all your transactions by tho timu Mr. Lansing made his announcement?"
"Whink I was long in the market-not in 8teel-by that time.
"When 1 want to buy," Mr. Baruch continued, "I buy what I most believe in from the intrinsic standpoint. I was holding 14,000 more shares that night than the night before.

How about your deal on the 22d?"
"I disposed of my holdings again."
"Why?"
"Because Mr. Whipple," sald Mr. Baruch vigorously, "we're going to have peace. Germany wants It, and every man in the world wants it if he can get it on honorable terms. if the people are thinking about a thing and want it they'll probably get it. I may be absolutely wrong, but this is my opinion.
Another factor which Mr. Baruch said had influenced him in his operations was the closing of the Japanese Stock Exohange on Dec. 13. Mr. Baruch, describing the Japanese as the cleverest people in the world, stated that the situation in that market is similar to that here, but that they don't allow them to "short sell" there. When questioned as to whether he had communicated with any one at Washington by telephone, Mr. Baruch stated that he had called up two persons-Mr. Warburg, whom he didn't get, and Secretary MoAdoo, whom he did get. In stating the reason therePor Mr. Baruch said that some one had asked him to suggest an officer for the Federal Reserve Board and that he had called up the Secretary with reference to that. The request for the suggestion, he said, had come from E. M. House.
The New York "World" set out the testimony on this point as follows:
"You were not, during this period, advising any one in Washington about these things; you were not in touch with them?"
"No, sir: not in reference to thin matter."
"Did you call up any official in Wasbington about this time?
"Yes, sir: but not about this matter. I called up Mr. Warburg (of the Federal Reverve Bank Board), whom I didn't get, and Secretary MeAdoo,
whom I did get. I had been asked to recommend an officer for the Federai whom I did get. I had been asked to recommend an officer for the Federal Reseryo Bank. I called Mr. McAdoo up several times."
"Did you call Mr. Tumuty up on any of are any records protending to show that I did. they are fakes.'
"Who asked you for a suggestion for an appotatee for the Federal Reserve Bank?'" Inquired Reprosentative Campbell.
"E. M. House," was the prompt reply. "Colonel House called me and said there was a vacancy on the Board and said: "I don't know anything about those fellows down there and I wish you'd make a suggestion." He sald he'd like mo to call up Secretary McAdoo. I said I'd tell him (House) but he sald he wished I'd tell the Becretary
This line of questioning was not pursued further.
Mr. Baruch characterized the report that he had breakfasted with Secretary Tumulty at the Biltmore as "moonshine."

## F. A. Connolly of the Washington firm of F. A. Connolly

 \& Co. was before the Rules Committee on Wednesday. Mr . Connolly stated that the information to the firm of E. F. Hutton \& Co. on Dec. 20 (and upon which the latter's advices to its correspondents in the message sent out at $1: 54$ on Dec. 20 was based) read, as near as he could recall it to mind (the message itself was not preserved) as follows:I am informed that the State Depart ment will issue a statement to-night putting forth America's position as a neutral, and taking the opportunity proput before the world her rights as a neutral. Nof his as a neutral to the proposal, but as an opportunity to state America
world. Looked on as a movement of moment.

This message was sent to the Hutton firm between 1 and 1:30. Mr. Connolly asserted that the above was merely an amplification of a dispatch received from the Hutton concern, forwarded at 12:57, which said:
Stock flash: All reports have it that State Department will issue statement to-day intended to promote peace prospects.
When asked where he got the information that the message was going to belligerents and neutrals, Mr. Connolly stated that he just "assumed that it was going to the world." He was reminded that the final Hutton telegram to the latter's correspondents on Dec. 20 contained the statement that the President's note would warn that "neutral rights must not be further encroached on," and he was questioned as to where he got this information. Mr. Connolly insisted that he got it "from gossip, but not from any one gossiper." He insisted that he had not talked with Mr , Bolling on the day in question about the peace note. In contending that he was possessed of no information in the matter other than through gossip, Mr. Connolly said:
You know as well as I do that you can hear almost anything in Washingwon If you have your car to the ground and get around in the right circles. I won't say you can get all the laformation there is, but a clever man certainly can hear a great deal.
"Isn't it a fact," he was asked, "that somebody gave you the information substantially as you sent it to Hutton \& Co. without your realizing the significance of it?" "No, sir." he declared. "If I had any previous information I wouldn't have been sitting like a bump on a log."
Mr. Connolly was also questioned as to whether any of his partners or customers had derived any profits during the week of Dec. 18; he emphatically asserted that they had not, but that on the contrary "there was a tremendous loss to every client of my office." "I am not a trader," he added; "all the partners of our house have an agreement not to trade in the market. Mr. Connolly also stated that no member of the Senate or House had ever been a elient of his firm, and that in all his experience he never knew a Representative or Senator who ever traded in stooks. He further stated no member of the Cabinet had ever traded with his firm. Mr. Hutton, who was again before the committee on Wednesday, stated that their records showed that net losses of 840,000 were suffered by Connolly \& Co. between Dec. 9 and 23, and that others of their correspondents experienced like losses. one, a Chicago concern, having lost as much as $\$ 717,000$. Concerning Wall street and its operations, Mr. Hutton, according to the "Times," made a statement as follows while on the stand on Wednesday:
I assume that I should say something on bohatr of the brokers of the Now York Stock Exchange. My tmpression has niways been that some people in the country are opposed to Wall street and the so-called methods of Wall street. They seem to think stock brokers are in the business for one purpose ouly, to flesce the public. 1 xhould Hke to correct that impression. The public is essentat to business of any sort, All brokers are dependent on it, particularly the commission houses, of which Wall street is largely made up.
There are about 1,100 members of the Stock Exchange, of whom about 100 are what is known as "two-dollar brokers," who trade on the floor at $\$ 2$ per 100 shares. Most of the others are connected with banks or commbssion houses.
There has been much criticism of short selling, but it has a steadying of feet on the country when a panic comes to find that this has created a market. For instance, the closing of tho Stock Exchange at Tokio when the German peace note was sent out. Short sellove is prohbited there, and a In a situation like thls everybody would be selling and nobody buying, thi Exchange had to close Its doors.
The same would be true here. If there were no short sales you would have to close the Stock Exchange now and then to adjust conditions. There is short selling in every business. A bulder who contracts to crect a buildIng is selling materiat which hen has not boukh
you sell futures on a crop that is not yot grown.
"Don't you think," said Chairman Henry, "that bad impressions about the Stock Exchange might be corrected if Congress should pass some Act regulating it and denying the mails to people not dealing in the right kind of transac-
tions, so that everybody could do business according to the law?" "The idea of the Stock Exchange as a body whose members are responsible to the Board of Governors, and are not controlled by laws," answered Mr. Hutton, "seems better to me." As to whether every great business should be regulated by law, Mr'. Hutton replied by stating "if it requires it;" but he added that he did not think the Stock Exchange does require it.

The plans of the committee to suspend its hearings in New York on Thursday so that the members might return to Washington because of the international developments were changed during the day owing to contradictory ovidence given at that day's hearing. This had to do with the testimony of Joseph M. Becker, a telegraph operator in charge of the Washington wire in Hutton's offices. timony to the effect that Mr. Connolly's missing message did not come over his wire, as had been stated by Mr. Connolly and others was given by the operator, but the latter stated later in the day that it might possibly have come over the southern wire. William G. Toomey, chief telegraph operator in Hutton's offices, stated on the same day that Becker had been in charge of the Washington wire. Toomey also stated that ho had handled a message from Connolly \& Co. between 1.15 and 1.30 , that he had not read it, and had simply passed it along. Representative Campbell asked Toomey if he did not realize the importance of this telegram to the committee and to the whole country, concluding with the remark, "we (the committee) are interosted because this message is the leak." The necessity of calling all the telegraph operators to establish the point that the Connolly message could not have come over another wire was urged by Counsel Whipple at Thursday's hearing, The fact developed at the hearing on that day that the wire leading to the offices of Connolly could be converted into a telephone wire, Representative Campbell thereupon pointing out that this opened a new possibility, since a telephone conversation might have brought the peace information from Washington.

James Reilly, managing editor of the "Wall Street Journal," and Dow-Jones \& Co., was also on the stand on Thursday. His testimony was recounted in the "Wall Street Journal" as follows:
He reiterated his Washington testimony, that he had not volated the confldence of Secretary Lansings and that the paragraph sent out by DowJones tickers on the arternoon of Dec. 20 was based on information given
him by Harold T. Johnson, a roporter, Johnson, Mr. Reflly testified told him about $11.30 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{M}$. on tha 20th that it was generally understoot on the Streat that the President was going to send a peace proposal to the belligerents around Christmas time. Relly also sald that he he did not promptly recelve word from his Washington correspondent of the Lansing talk to newxpapermen, which took place at it A. M. It was two and a hatf hours lator, he stated, before he was informed that a note was to be
made public that night. made public that night,
Besides Beeker and Toomey several other telegraph operators were examined yesterday (Friday) by the Committee, which before adjourning at $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to meet in Washington to-day (Saturday) issued, through its counsel, Sherman L. Whipple, the following statement:
The significant fact is estabished that we find in a brokers' office in Now York on the day before the President's note was published, at an hour roporters, a statement of the substance of the note itself and of its most Important purpose, conched in languago characteristic of a skilled and well-trained mind, showing concluslve evidence that the writer must have not only seen, but thoroughly comprehended the President's note and the purpose of lis sending.
It is reasonably clear on the evidence thus rar given that this statement did not come over the Washington wire from Connolly \& Co. or the Southern wifo into Hutton's wire, but got into the brokers' hands in some other way. How it hot there, from whom it came, and when, are the objects on whech the Committee will concentrate attention.
Only four of the eleven members of the committee were in attendance at yesterday's hearings.

On Sunday, Representative Bennet of Now York, one of tho members of the Committee, reiterated a statement made by him last Saturday night in addressing the Orange County Society at the Hotel Astor, to the effect that 'people in Wall Street" had knowledge of the President's peace note forty-eight hours before it was released for publication. In his statement of Sunday reassorting this Mr. Bennet said:
1 sald at the Oramge County dinner that there was a leak, and that people In Wall street know of the Prexldent's note forty-cight hours before it was speaking a paper showing that some one had had the forestght to sell 20,000 shares of steyt whife it was rinings. He might have been the seventh ron of a serenth son.

Before the opening of the hearing on Monday Mr. Bennet stated that the "paper" in his possession showing that someone had the foresight to sell 20,000 shares of Steel on a rising
market forty-eight hours before the peace note was released was a Clearing House record.

A denial by Mr. Bolling of any knowledge of the telegram sent to Hutton \& Co. by the firm of F. A. Connolly \& Co. was published in the "Times" as follows on Wednesday:
I really do not know a thing about it. If any communication was sem
from the firm of Connolly \& Co. that day-Dec $20-1$ and frometever of it, I, A. Counolly was subpoenned and went to Now York on the Congressional Limited thlx afternoon to appear before the Now York Ite will tell what he knows of the matter. I certainly don't know a thing about it.
I recall that I was in the office but, a short time, that day. I am not
there all the time, the day. Bute, anywayeand was in the office on Dev 20 not over hatf mentioned by Mr. Fid, I know nothing whatever of the comminication mention

BILL TO INCREASE GOVERNMENT REVENUES PASSED BY HOUSE.
The Administration revenue bill, designed to meet the prospective deficit in the Treasury funds for the fiscal year ending June 301918 , as approved by the Democratio members of the House in caucus on Jan. 26 was introduced in the House on Saturday last by Chairman Kitchin of the Committee on Ways and Means. The bill was taken up by the House on Tuesday, the 30th ult., and was passed by that body on the 1st inst. without change, by a vote of 211 to 196. The caucus approved the bill by a vote of 122 to 13. The bill proposes to raise about $\$ 248,000,000$ by an excess profits tax and an increased inheritance tax and to provide $\$ 100,000,000$ more through the issuance of bonds to cover the Mexican border patrol, the purchase of the Danish West Indies, the construction of the Alaskan Railroad, the Government armor-plate plant, \&e. It also calls for an increase in the amount of $3 \%$ certificates of indebtedness which the Treasury may issue, from $\$ 200$,000,000 to $\$ 300,000,000$, to tide over the Treasury until the current year's income tax returns are available, and it further provides for the sale of $\$ 231,000,000$ of Panama bonds already authorized but not issued. As noted in these columns a week ago, a proposal, incorporated in the bill by the sub-committee which drafted it, authorizing an increase in the income tax by $\$ 100,000,000$ (whenever it became apparent that the expenditures of the Government were about to exceed the revenues) through the lowering of the exemption to incomes of $\$ 2,000$ and slight increases in the schedules, was stricken out by the Democratic members of the House Ways and Means Committee on Jan. 25 and is left out of the bill as adopted by the caucus and passed by the House. The excess profits provision of the bill calls for a tax of $8 \%$ upon all profits of corporations and copartnerships in excess of $8 \%$ of capitalization-the latter representing the actual capital invested and used or employed in business. There is a flat exemption of $\$ 5,000$ from this provision. The excess profits tax is expected to yield $\$ 226,000,000$, while the inheritance tax increases are expected to produce $\$ 22,000,000$ annually. A small group led by Representative Callaway of Texas, attacking preparedness expenditures, and Representative Caldwell of New York, denouncing the excess profits tax feature, made a fight against the bill during the caucus proceedings. At the finish the following members gave notice that they would not be bound by the caucus action: Dies, Texas; Page, North Carolina; Bailey, Pennsylvania; Olney, Massachusetts; Callaway, Texas; Caldwell, New York; Burnett, Alabamn; Doughton, North Carolina; Stephens, Mississippi; Sherwood, Ohio; Taylor, Arkansas; Thompson, Oklahoma, and Thomas, Kentucky, When the bill was finally voted upon in the House on Thursday the Republicans, whose attacks on it and whose demands for a return to higher tariff rates had fentured the debate, voted solidly against the measure and were joined by the Progressives, Representative London, of New York, the Socialist, and four Democrats, Representatives Caldwell, of New York; Callaway, of Texas; and Doughton and Page, of North Carolina. Voting with the Democratic majority were Representatives Kent, Independent, and Randall, Prohibitionist, both of California. While the bill was before the House in committee of the whole, Representative Bennet of New York moved to exclude insurance companies from the application of the excess profits tax. This was voted down. Representative Parker of New Jersey sought to exempt from the tax all insurance companies organized on the mutual plan, but the motion was defeated by 133 to 171 . Other similar amendments wore offered to this section and were likewise voted down. Representative Burdette threatened to develop a split among the Democrats when he moved to increase the
amount of the exempted profits from $\$ 5,000$ to $\$ 10,000$. Only three Democrats voted with him on this proposition, which was lost by a vote of 102 to 127. Chairman Kitchin of the Ways and Means Committee submitted the bill to the House with the explanation that while he had opposed the military and naval expenditures which made additional revenue necessary, Congress was obliged to provide the money it had authorized to be spent and that unless it was done now an extra session would have to be held. A colloquy developed in the House on Jan. 27 relative to a statement reported in the Now York "Times" as having been made by Representative Kitchin to the effect he had advised a group of insurgent Southern Democrats "that practically all of this tax will go north of Mason and Dixon's line. The preparedness agitation has its hot-bed in such cities as New York." In reply to $a_{2}^{5}$ query of John J, Rogers of Massachusetts concerning the alleged statement, Mr. Kitchin on the 27th said:
I notice the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Rogers] read a statoment from a Now York paper-the Now York "Times"-in which it is sald that 1 said in the caucus last night that most of this tar-practically
all of this tax-will go north of Mason and Dixon's line. I did not say that nor anything of the kind. I never mentloned the Mason and Dixon Ifno, nor did I mention New York Clity; but I will say now that this tax will go to pay appropriations, practically all, or most nill, of which will go north of the Mason and Dixon Hine. The appropriation for preparedgo north of the Mason and
ness will go for the most part to shipyards, munition makers and so forth. ness will go for the most pare to shipyards, mumicon mat.

To a question put to him by Representative Norton as to where he (Mr. Kitchin) thought the tax would fall"South of the Mason and Dixon line?"-Mr. Kitchin responded:
Ithink most or the greater part will be levited north of Mason and Dixon's line. All these follows who tive in States that will pay a largo
part of this tax can get rid of the location argument by moving down to part of chis tax can get rid of the location argument by moving down to my town of Scotand Neck and pay the tax from there.

The text of the Revenue Bill is as follows:

## BILL

To provide Increased revenue to defray the expenses of the increased appropriations for the army and navy and the cxtensions of fortifications, and for other porposes.
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TTTLE I.-SPEOLAL PREPAREDNESS FUND.
8ection 1. That the recelpts from the tax fmposed by Titto if and onethird of the rocelpts from tho tax imposed by Titte III of this Act shall constltute a separate fund in tho Treasury to bo used only for the expenditures
incurred under the Aet entited " Nn Aet makldig appropriations for the incurred under the Aet entitied "An Aet makling appropriations for the
sipport of the army for fle fiscal year cuding June 30 1917, and for other support of the army for the fiscal year ending Jund 30 1917, and for other
purposes" approved Aug. 20 1916; the Act entited "An Act making appurposes," approved Aug. 29 1916; the Act entited "An Act making ap-
propriations for the naval service for the fiscat year ending June 30 1917, propriations for the naval service for the fiscat year ending June 301917 ,
and for other purposes," approved Auk. 29 1016, and the Act entitled "An and for other purposes," approved Auk. 291916 , and the Act entitted "An
Act making appropriations for fortificatons and othee works of defenso. for the armament thercof, for tho procuroment of heavy ordnance for trial and service, and for other purposes, approved Juty 61910 , or any other fortification purposes. In addition to such recolpts from the taxes imposed under Titles II and III of this Act, there shall be credited amually, begioning with tho fiscal year ending June 301018 , to such separate fund the sum of $\$ 175,000,000$, such sum being the estimated additional revenue to be derived undcr the Act entitled "An Act to increaso the revente and for other purposes," approved Bept. 8 1916, in excess of the revenue to be derived under then exlsting Iaws; Provided that tho Secretary of the Treasury may use such fund for other purposes but such fund shall be reimbursed for any portion thereof so used.

TITLE II,-EXCISSS PROFITS TAX,
Section 200. That when used in this title:
Thit term "Corporation" Includes Joint-stock compantes or associations, and insuranco compantes;
The term "United States" means only the States, the Territories of Alaska and Hawall and the District of Columbla: and
Tha torm "Taxable Year" means the twelvo months onded Dec. 31, exe cept in the cose of a corporation or partnership allowed to fix its own fiscal year, in which case it means such fiscal year. The first taxable year shall
bo the year onding Dec. 311917 . bo the year onding Dec. 311917.
Section 201. That in addition to the taxes inder existing laws, there shall be lovied, assessed, coltected, and pald for each taxable year upon the net income of every corporation and partnership organized, authorfzed or exinting under the laws of tho United states or any state, territory or deriyed from the bosiness of life, health and accident insurance, come bined in one policy, lsaued on the wecdy premium payment plan, a tax of bined in one policy, lsathed on the wecdy promium payment plan, a tax of
eight per contum of the amount by whifeh such net income exceeds the sum of (A) $\$ 5,000$ and (B) eight per centum of the actual capital fnvested. Every rorelgn corporation and partnership, includiog corporations and partnerships of the Philippine Islands and Yorto RIco, shall pay for eact taxable year a 116 co tax upon the amount by which its net income received from all sources within the United States exceeds the sum of (s) eight per in the United States, capital invested and used of emplo, which the entire actual capital Invested and used or employed in the business in the United States bears to the untire actial capital invested; and in case no such captial is used or employed in the business in the United States the tax shall be imposed upon that portion of such net income which is in excess of the sum of (A) eight per centum of that proportion of the entire actual capital invested and used or employed in the business which the net fncome from sources portion of $\$ 5,000$ which the net income from sources within the United States bears to the entire net incomo.
Section 202. That for the purpose of thls title, actual capital invested means (1) actual cash pald in, (2) the actuat cash value at the time of payand undivided profits used or employed in the business, but does not include money or other property borrowed by the corporation or partnership.
Section 203. That the tax herein imposed upon corporations and part-
nersbips shall be computed upon the basis of the net income shown by thele income tax returns under Titto I of the Act entitted "An Act to increase the and shall be assessed and collect approved sept. 8 ang, or the same manner as the incomo tax due under Titte 1 of such Act of Sept. 81916.
Provided. That for the purpose of this title a partnership shall have the same privitege with reference to fixing its fiscal year as is accorded corporations under Section 13 (A) of Title I of such Act of Sept. 81916.
And provided further, That where a corporation or partnership makes reany prior to March 11918 , covering its own fiscal year, and inciudes therein heroin incomo received during the calendar year ending Dee. 31 1916, the tax year which the time from Jan. 11917 to the end of such fiscal year bears to the full fiscal year.
section 204. That corporations exempt from tax under the provisions of Section 11 of Title 1 of the Act approved Sept. 8 1916, and partnerships carrying on or doing the same business shall bo exempt from the provisions of this title and the tax imposed by this title sluall not attach to incomes of parinerships derived from agriculture or from personal services.
Section 205. That every corporation having a net income of $\$ 5,000$ or more for the taxable year making a return under titte t of such Act of Sept. 8 1916 shall, for the purposes of this title, include in such return a detaffed statement of the actual capital invested.
Every partnership having a net income of $\$ 5,000$ or more for the taxable year shall render a correct return of the income of the partnersbip for the taxable year, setting forth specifically the actual captial investod and the gross income for such year and the deductions heromafter allowed, Such returns shall be rendered at the same time and in the same manner and form as is prescribed for income tax returns under Titte I of such Act of Sept. 8 1916. In computing net income of a partnership for the purposes of this titlo, there shal be allowed like deductions as are allowed to Individuals in Sections 5 (A) and 6 (A) of such Aet of Sept. 81916.
Section 206 That all administrative special and general provislons of law. including the laws in relation to the assessment, remission, collection, and refund of internal revenue caxes not heretoforo specifically ropealed and not inconsistent with the provisions of this titio, are hercby oxtended and made applicable to all the provisions octhis titoand to tho tax horom imposed, and all provisions of Thto 1, of such Act or sept. 81016 , relating to return and payment of the tax therem imposed, including penalties, aro hereby made applicable to the tax required by this title.

Sec. 207. Tbat the Commissloner of Internal Revenue, with the approval carrying out the provistons of carrying out the provisions or this tille, and may require any corporation or parts, facts, data, and information as in his judgment the tax provided for in this titte.

THELE HI-EESTATE TAX.
Sec. 300. That Scetion 201. Titlo II, of the Aet entitled "An Act to Increase the revonueand for other purposes," approved 8opt. 8 1916, be and the same is hereby amonded to read as follows:
"Sec. 201. That a tax Chereinafter in this title referred to as the tax)
equal to the following percentages of the value of the net cstato, to be determined as provided in section 203, Is hereby imposed upon the transfer of the net estate of every decedent dying after the passago or this Act Whe and one-balf per centum of the amount of such net estate not In
excess of $\$ 50,000$; excess of $\$ 50,000$;
'Three per cent
000 nand does not exceed $\$ 150$ monnt by which such net estate exceeds 850 . 009 and does not exceed $\$ 150,000$ i
Four and one-half per centum of amount
exceods $\$ 150,000$ and does not exceed $\$ 250,000$;
"Six per centum of the amount by which such net estato exceeds $\$ 250,000$
 exceeds $\$ 450,000$ and does not exceed $\$ 1,000,000$ :
Nine per centum of the amount by which such net estate exceeds $\$ 1$.000,000 and docs not excced 32,000 , 000 ; exceeds $\$ 2,000.000$ and does not excced $\$ 3,000,000$ :
"Twelvo per centum of the amount by which such net estate oxcceds $\$ 3,000,000$ and doess not estato excoeds $\$ 4,000,000$ and does not exceed $\$ 5,000,000$, and "Fifteen per centum of the amount by which such net estate exceeds
$35,000,000$.
Sec. 301. That the tar on the transfor of the net estate of decedents dying between Sept. 8 1916, and the passage of thfs Aet shall bo computed at the rates originally preseribed in the Aet approved Sept, 81916.
TITLE FOUR-MISOELLANEOUS.

Sec, 400. That the 8ecretary of the Treasury is hereby authorfzed to borrow on the eredit of the United 8tates from time to time such sums as in his judgment may bo required to meet public expenditures on account of the Mexican situation, tho construction of the armor plate plant, thu construcCion of the Alaskan Rallway, and the purchase of the Danish West Indies, or to reimburse the Treasury for such expenditures and to prepare and issme therefor bonds of the United States not exceeding in tho aygregatn \$100, 000,000 , in such form as he may prescribe, bearing interest payable quarterly at a rate not exceeding three per centum per annum; and moch bonds shall be payable, princlpal and interest, in Enited states gold coin of tho prescnt standard of value, and both princtpal and interest ahall be cexmpt from all taxes or dutles of the United States, as welt as from taxation in any form by or under State, mumicipal, or Iocal authority, and shail not oo receivable by the Treasurer of tho U
notes to national banks:
Provided that such bonds may be disposed of by the Secretary of the Trovided that auch bonds may toss than par under such regulations as he may prescribe, Treasury at not has than par under such reguations as he may prescribe, no commissions shall bo altowed or paid thereon: and a sum not exceeding one-tenth of 1 per cent of the amount of the bonds hecein authorized, Is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of preparing, advertising, and issuing the same:
And provided further. That in addition to such issug of bondr, the secretary of tho Treasury may prepareand issue for tho purposes specifice in hils sectionauthorlty of Section 39 of the Actentitled "An Act to provide revenue, squalize duties, and encourage the fudustefer of the United States. and for other purposes," approved Augi $\delta$ 1909;
And provided, further, That the issue of bonds under authority of this Act, and any Panama Canal bonds hereafter issued under authority of Section 39 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide rovenne equalize dutles, and encourage the industries of the United States, and for other purposes, approved Aug. 5 1009, slall be made redecmable and payable at such times within fifty years after the date of thefrissue as the Secretary of the Treasury In his discretion may deem advisable.

OERTLFICATES OF INDEBTEDNE88
Sec. 401. That Section 32 of an Act entitled "An Act providing ways and means to meet war expenditures and for other purposis;" approved June 13 1898, as amended by Section 40 of an Act entitted "An Act to provide
rovenue, crualize duties, and encourage the Industries of the United States,
and for other purposes," approved Aug, 51909 , be, and the same is hereby and for other purposes, app
"Sec. 32. That the Secretary of the Trecsury is authorized to borrow from time to time, at a rate or interest not excocing 3 per centum per annum such sum or sums ass, in his judgment, may be necessary to meet pubtic
expenditures, and to issue therefor certificates of indebtedness in such form expeniaureh, and inminatons as he may prescribe, and each certificate so issued shall bo payable with the interest accrued thereon at such time not
exceeding one year from the date of its issue, as the Secretary of the Treaswry may prescribe: exceed $\$ 300,000,000$, and the provistons of existing law respecting counter exceed $\$ 300,000,000$, and the provisfons of existing iaw respecting counter-
fecting and other fraudulent practices are herebyeertended to the bonds and
certificates of indebtedness authorized by this Act."

## RETURNS OF DIVIDENDS,

Sec. 402. That Tille I of the Act entitied "An Act to increase the rovente, and for other purposes," approved Sept, \& 1916 , be amended by adding to
Part 3 a new section, Part 3 a new section, as follows:
"Sec. 26. Every corporation, Joint stock company or association, or
surance company subject to thie tax herein imposed, when required by insurance company subject to the tax herein imposed, when required by
the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall render a correct return, duly
verified under oath, of its payments of dividends, whether made in cash verified under oath, of its payments of dividends, whether made in cash
or tis equivalont or in stock, includng the names and addresses of stock-
holders and the number of shares owned by each, in such form and mine holders and the number of shares owned by each, in such form and manncr
as may be prescribed by the Commissioner, of Internal Revenue, with the
approval of the Secretary of the Treasury."

With regard to the estimated revenues of the Government and the purposes of the Revenue Bill, Representative Gillett (Republican) had the following to say in the House on Jan. 27:
The estimated revenues for the fiscal ycar 1918, which are to meet the estimated appropriations of $\$ 1,654,819,65403$, amount to $\$ 1,341,550,000$. a sum which is $\$ 313,269,65403$ less than the amount of the estimated appropriations.
supplemental or additional estimates for the fiscal year 1918 amounting to $\$ 52,500,000$ have been forwarded to Congress, including $\$ 25,000,000$ for purchase of the Danish Islands. This does not constitute the cotal which such additional estimates will reach, and by the time the session closes the amount will no doubt be very much greater. Estimate shave not been submitted for many items which will probably be appropriated for at this session. Tho proposal to increaso by 5 and $10 \%$ the salaries of certain 000. Varimployces in the Government service will require about $\$ 25,000$,become laws, will add very large sums to the total of approprlatlons. Inctuded in this list is the Public Buildings Bill, the Vocational Education BiII, the Fish Hatcheries BiII, the Food Control Bill, the bill to increase hio pay of employces or tho meat-insepetion servico, and a number of othere: It will bo seen, therufore, that the estimated appropriations, taking fito account the fioms fust mentioned, will exceed the estimated rovenues for the next fiscal year by conalderably more than $\$ 400,000,000$.
The dally Treasury statement of Jan. 221917 shows a working balance in the General Fund of \$03.610.34137. This would be a safe balance if it reprenented that amount of unpledged money. There has beon deposited to that date in thls fund the sum of $851,758,311$ for the rottrement of out-
standing natlonal bank and Federal Reserve bank notes that have been standingt natonal bank and Federal Rescrve bank notes that have been assumed by the United States, If that sum be deducted, the amount re-
malning is $\$ 11,852,03337$. The sum of $\$ 69,998,84361$ has been placed malning is $\$ 41,852,03337$. Tho sum of $\$ 69,998,84361$ has been placed to the credll of disbursing officers and was subject to thote checles to the
full amount; so that Instead of a general fund in tho Treasury of 893,610 .full amount; so that fnstead of a general fund in the Treasury of $\$ 93,610$,-
34437 on Jan. 22 1917, thero was in reality a defict of $\$ 28,146,81024$. The sum of about $\$ 100,000,000$ will bo necessary, therefore, to restore to 4 worlding balauce in the general fund.
The disbursementa for the first six months of the fiscal year 1917, which inded on Doc. 31 1916, excected the recelpts by approrimately $\$ 126,000$,000 , The disbursementa will undoubtedly bo largece during the last six that many approperiations mado in bilk for the fiseal year for the reason to laws boforo tho session ends will bo avallablo for expend 1918 which will year 1017. and larger sums will bo expended ol account of the tho fixal yayy in the latter period then in the former. The and or the army and deficiencies for the flecal year 1917 and prior years will be pald foupply deficiencies for the riscal year 1917 and prior ycars will be pald from the reclyed thus far aumegate ibout 860.000 .000 and no dot lactury estimates receved of artmatas for the Cemeral Deftency Roll include the farger proportion of er est mate thus far inclute about s30. 10 shoutd be stated carmy expendlures on the border. If the trope conte.00 on accoum of army expenditures on the bordec. If the troops continue thoro, the fige these extimates will aggregate at feast $8100,000,000$ and the appr that tons under them will undotbtedly reach the figure of and the appropriathe revenues of 1917 will havo to meet. The prom Treasury durting tho remainder of the fismal yerspeter and eds of the Treasury daring tho romander or the hient yor. over and above the recelpts that wil normally bo recelved during that period, except ficome on individuals and corporations are recelved near the end of the fleen taxe and are eatimated at $5245,000,000$, whlch teaver a requirement of additionat and aro estimated risent year of $\$ 05,000,000$.
The estimated appropriations for the fiscal year 1918 uxcoed the estlmated revenues of that period by more than $\$ 400,000,000$, as herotofore atated. It will bo seen, thereforo, that addiltonat rovenue amounting to $\$ 800,000,000$ will have to be ralsed at this sesslon of Congrees.

> Chairman Kitchin filed the majority report on the bill, signed by the fourteen Democratic members, on Monday, Jan. 29. In part the report said:
> Taking the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June $301016 \mathrm{car}^{-}$ the appropriations for and fortincations appropriation bills, together with Olvil Approprlatlon Bill as representing the normal appropriatlons for national defense, the Ike appropriations for the fiscal yoar ending June 30 1917 and the simifar estimates for the fiscal year ending June 301918 will show an increaso in the appropriations for national defense during these two years amountligs to more than $8873,000,000$.

> Tho regular annual estimates and the supplemental estimates of appropriations for the riscal ycar ended ane 301918 amiount to $81,711,000,000$. bookkeepting account, and $\$ 325,355,820$ for the postal service, which tatcon caru of itsolf. In estimating the necessary revenue to meet approprlations, It is therefore proper to deduct both of these estimates. Tho amount for estimates is therefore $\$ 1,324,896,180$.

During the fiscal year ended June 301918 the Secretary of the Treasury estimates that, becanse of the expenditures to meet authorization under existung hw,
greater than the estimated appropriations after deducting the estimates for kreater than the estimated appropriation
the slnking fund and the postal service.
the siter carefully considering the various
revenue, your conmitteo recommends that thable sources of additional revenue. your conmittee recommends that the necessary finds to meet be assured by additional internal taxation upou excess profits and by increasing the estate tax.
Your committee also recommends that the expenditures incident to the Mexican situation, the construction of the armor plate plant, the Alaakan Railway and the purchase of the Danish West Indies be met by the recelpte from bonds. The amount of Panama bonds unissued being insufficint. your committee recommends that a new issue of bonds similar to the Panama bonds be authorized.
The proposed bill is divided into four separate parts called titles.
Title 1 provides that the recelpts from the excess profits tax and one-third of the recelpts from the cstate tax provided in this bill, together with \$175.000,000 , the additional revenue collected from the taxes levied in the revenue ased t sept. 8 1916, shall be set aside as a special preparedness fund, to be It is the Trenovided, however, that should there be no ot of the Treasury may use this fund for other purposes, but any sums so disbu. sed must be returned to this fund.
Titte II places a tax of 8 per cent on the net profits of corporations, jointwhich are in cxerss of $\$ 5,000$ and insurance companies and partnerships of the actual capital invested. That is, before the tax attaches, there is is hat deduction of $\$ 5,000$ from the total net profits and a further deduction of $8 \%$ on the actual capital invested. Section 202 of this title deflien "actual capital invested" to mean (1) actual cash paid in, (2) the actual cash vafue at the time of payment of assets other than cash paid in, and (3) pald in or carned surplus and undivided prorits used or employed in the business. Money borrowed through bonds or otherwise is not included in the actual capital invested.
This titlo also provides that the excess tax upon corporations shall be computed upon the corporatlon returns made in accordance with the corpora-
tlons' tncomo tax returns. It requires partnerships to make returns and Ulons' Incomo tax returns. It requires partnerships to make returns and gives them the privilege of selecting thicir fiscal year, giving them tho sam
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ilonal services, are uxempt from the excess profits tax. The locome domonal services, are exempt from the excess profits tax. The Income dorived from the business or Hifo, health and accident insurance combined in one policy under tha weekly premium plan is also exernpt from this tax.
. upon thr basis of the not ncome shown by their income tax returns made mder the lacomo lax law, and is to be assessed and collocted at the same hime and in the samo manner as choincome tax. Bvery corporation havimg or net focome or so.000 oe more is required to return a detalled niakuruent or its actual capitai invested, Partncrships aro required to make a return of the income of the partnership for each taxable year, settiog forth thic actual cash invested and the gross income for such ycar. In determining
the not fincome, partnerahips will be allow lowed individuals under sections be allowed the same deductions as are atIt is ectinuals under sctions $\bar{\sigma}$ (a) and 6 (a) of he tncome Tax Act.
twelve-month perlod $\$ 226,000,000$, disten expesed profits will yfed during porationk, $\$ 170,000,000$, and upon partnerships as follows: Wpon corporations, $5170,000,00$, and upon partnerships, $\$ 56,000,000$.
Thto 111 incresses the prosent estato tax rates $50 \%$.

 of the mion of 1 . construction of the Alaskan railway, and the purchase of the
Indies, of to relmburse the Treasury for such expenditures.
The Secretary of the Troasury at the present time has authority to kesue $\$ 222,000.000$ worth of Panama Canal bonds to relpiburse the Treasury. Tho Act commonly lnown as the "shlpping Bil" authorlzes the ssuance of $\$ 50,000,000$ worth of Panama Canal bonds, the procecta from which are to be used for the construction or purchase of ships. The Aet authorixing the construction of the nitrate plant also autborizes the sale of $\$ 20$. 000,000 worth of Panama Canal bonds and the use of the proceeds for the construction of the nitrate plant.
In addition to meeting the extraordinary appropriations by bonds, your committee rocommends that the disbursements incident to thic Mexican Raluation and to the construction of the armor-plate plant, the Alaskan ksyeny, and the purchase of the Danlsh West Indles, be met by the bond lissucs:
To meet the expenditures incident to the Mexican sitiation to
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Bonds already authörized-
Shippling Act. $\$ 50,000,000$

Total $870,000,000$
Total proposed bond isue $\$ 303.418 .000$
ransma Canal bonds which can be ievied at this itme............ 222,000.000
Additional anthorization of bonds necessary ................ $881,418,000$
Under the present system of taxation a considerable portion of thin recolpts aro not due and payable untll the last month of each fiscal year. It is, therefore. deemed advisable to increase the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to lssue certificates of indebtedness for a period not exccodthe Treasury tas the power to ssuue 200 the present ume the sicretary of the Treasury las the power to lssue $\$ 200,000,000$ worth of such cortificates. Thls Act proposes to givo the Eecretary of the Treasury authority to lesue actlon 102 of this Act merely provide thet the Cos.
Reverue may at hise discretion requite a corporation to include in its rernat a statement of tis lividend paymets anderan cash or its cquivalent or to stock and may reger the names made in dressis of the stockhotior and the number of shares owned by cach purpose of this provtston is merely to enable the Commbsloner of Internal Revenue to check doubtrul individial returns.

## RECAPITULATION.

Estimated amount nocessary to be ralsed by bond issues and new rovenuc leglslation.
$\$ 402,389.939$ Hond lssues to reimburse the Treasury-
For expenditures Incident to the Mexican situation to June 30 1017 .
$162,418,000$ For construction of Alaskan Rallway to June 301918. For construction of armor-plate plant.
Total
Kstimated amount to be raised by taxation. 11.000 .000 \$195,256,292 \$207.133.447 Excess profits tax $\$ 226,000,000$ 22.000,000 $\$ 248,000,000$
Total above shown
Your committee believes that the margin of $\$ 41,000,000$ above shown between the estimated receipts under the proposed bill and the estimated revenue required is necessary in order to bo on the saferich it is estimated
must be made for the fact that the amount of revenue which the excess profits tax will yicld is after all only an estimate, and because of this a substantial margin is advisable.

## PRESIDENT VETOES IMMIGRATION BILL ON ACCOUNT OF LITERACY TEST.

The immigration bill was vetoed by President Wilson on Monday, Jan. 29, because of its literacy test provision. Following this Chairman Burnett of the House Immigration Committee, gave notice on Tuesday of this week that he would move on Thursday to override the President's voto. On that day, the 1st inst., the House passed the bill over the veto by a vote of 285 to 106 . In the Senate yesterday it was agreed to vote on the repassage of the bill on Monday next. A similar bill was vetoed by President Wilson on Jan. 281915, and at that time an effort was made to override the veto; the effort failed, however, the House having, on Feb. 41915 , voted 261 to 136 in favor of a motion to pass the bill, it thus having lacked five votes of the necessary two-thirds majority. Both President Taft and President Cleyeland also vetoed immigration bills carrying a literacy test. President Wilson in his veto this week objected to the bill, as was the case two years ago, on the ground that the test was not one "of character, of quality or of personal fitness, but would operate in most cases as a penalty for lack of opportunity in the country from which the alien seeking admission came." A provision which was incorporated in the bill with a view to overcoming the President's objections likewise met with his disapproval. This provision would have exempted from the operations of the literacy test aliens proving to the satisfaction of the proper immigration officer or to the Secretary of Labor that they were seeking admission to this country to avoid religious persecution. The President pointed out the possibility of serious questions "of international justice and comity" arising between this Government and another through the passing of judgment upon the laws and practices of a foreign Government as a result of this provision. His veto message was as follows:

I very much regret to return this blll without my signature.
In most of the provisions of the bill I should be very glad to concur, but I cannot rid myself of the conviction that the litiracy test constituted a radical change in the policy of tho nation which is not justified in principle. It is not a test of character. of quality or of personal of opportunity in the operate in most cascs meroly as a penaity ror came. The opportunity to country from which the amen scekes one of the chlef opportunities sought by gain an education in in many cases onited States, and our experience in the past has not been that the lliterate immigrant is, as such, an undesirable past has not been that the elliterate or purpose cannot be objected to on
immigrant. Teste of quality and immigrant. Tests of quality and or purpose ca
princlple, but tests of opportunity surcly may be.
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Moreover, even if test might be equitably Insisted upon, one of the Morcover, even if this test might be cquicab a provislon which might fead exceptions proposed to its application invelves a provsen
to very delicate and hazardous diplomatic situations.
0 very delicate and hazardeos operation of the literacy test "all allens who shall prove to the satisfaction of the proper immigration ofricer or to the Secretary of Lator that they are seeklog admission to the United States to avold religious persecution in the country of their last permanent residence. whother such persecution bo evidenced by overt acts or by laws or governmental regulations that discriminate agai
he belongs because of his religlas and administered, would oblige the officer concerned In effect to pass Judgment upon the laws and practices of a foreign Government and declare that they did or did not constituto rcligious persecutlon. This would to say the least, be a most invidious in is not only possible but probable that very serious questions of international Justice and comity would arise between this Government and the Government or Governments thus offichally condemned should les exerclse be adopted.
I dare say that these consequences wero not in the minds of the propo-
nents of this provision, but the provision separately and In Iself renders it unwise for me to give my assent to this legidation in its present form.

The bill which the President has just vetoed was passed by the House on March 30 last, and by the Senate on Dec. 14. Under the literacy test, "all aliens over sixteen years of age, physically capable of reading, who cannot read the English language or some other language or dinlect, including Hebrew or Yiddish," would have been excluded from the United States. As the bill passed the House it included the

Japanese among aliens to be excluded. This resulted in a protest to the State Department by the Japanese Embassy, who urged against specific discrimination so far as the Japanese were concerned, since it might tend to rellect against Japan's attitude with regard to the Root-Takahira agreement whereby Japan prevents immigration to the United States through the refusal of passports. Accordingly, the Senate adopted an amendment barring Hindus and certain other Asiatics without mentioning them by name. A further provision stipulating that nothing in the Act should be construed as repealing any existing law, treaty or agreement, which served to prohibit or restrict immigration. The Senate bill designated by geographical lines what people should be excluded, this arrangement affecting, Hindus, Malays and all Asiatics, except the Japanese. The conferees of the Senate and House agreed on Jan. 6 to accept the Senate amendments with respect to the exclusion of the Asiatics; the conference report embodying other changes was accepted by the Senate on Jan. 8 by a vote of 56 to 10 . The House on Jan. 12 delayed final action on the bill by a point of order against the action of the conference Committee in fixing a new effective date, fixed by the Senate as May 1 1917, and the measure was relerred back to the conferees. As it again came from conference with further amendments the Senate agreed to the bill on Jan. 13 and on Jan. 16 it was approved by the House. May 1 was made the effective date on which the bill was to have become effective.

## B. N. BAKER WITHDRAWS FROM GOVERNMENT SHIPPING BOARD.

The resignation of Bernard N. Baker, of Baltimore, as a member of the Government Shipping Board created under the Ship Purchase Bill, was made known in a statement issued by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo on Jan. 27. Secretary McAdoo's statement indicates that Mr. Baker's withdrawal developed as a result of the suggestion by the Secretary that the latter would consider it wise if Mr. Baker would consider giving the chairmanship to the Pacific Coast. William Denman, of San Francisco, named as a member of the Board for a term of six years, represents the Pacific Coast on the Board. Mr. Baker helped in the drafting of the Ship Purchase Act, and in view of the fact that he had so materially assisted the Administration in the working out of the legislation, and that he was possessed of superior knowledge of shipping questions, it was generally expected that he would be chosen as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Baker has issued no statement relative to his action in withdrawing, but it is understood that he was opposed to dictation by the Secretary, who is given no direct voice in the matter under the Act. Mr. Baker had been named for a term of five years. At its first meeting on Jan. 30 the Board unanimously agreed on Mr. Denman as chairman. It was decided, however, not to make the election permanent until a fifth member is named to succeed Mr. Baker. Final choice was delayed, it was announced, at the suggestion of Mr . Denman, who felt that if another member were selected from the Pacific coast it might not be desirable to have one of the two chairmen. Below is the statement given out by Secretary McAdoo with reference to Mr. Baker's resignation:
It is true that Mr. Bernard N. Baker has resigned from the Shipplns Board and that the President has accepted his resignation. Mr. Baker resigned because I suggested to him that thought it woud bo wise, in the Circumstances, If the Board would consider bivinith thinairmashition Mr. Baker sald the desired to think the matter over for the might. The next morning be sent his resignation.
The selection of suitable men for the Shippling Board and the proper organization of the Board has been a matter of great concern to the Administration ever since the passago of the shippligg Bill. The suggestion about the chairmanship was made tin a spirit of co-operation and with a desire to be helpful. The Board has the right under the law to select its own Cbairman, but there is no reason why a xuggestion from the Adminis tration should not recelve consideration. I have had a warm regard alway for Mr, Haker and I regrot his hasty action.
Besides Messrs. Denman and Baker, those appointed by the President on Dec. 22 to serve on the Board are: John A. Donald, of Now York; John B. White, of Kansas City; and Theodore Brent, of New Orleans. The nominations of all but Mr. Donald were confirmed by the Senate on Jan. 19. The Senate confirmed Mr. Donald's nomination on Jan. 23.
Through Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, the Shipping Board on Jan. 29 asked the House for an appropriation of $\$ 700,000$ for expenditures during the fiscal year ended June 30 1918. The communication provides for salarios to the Board members at $\$ 7,500$ each, and $\$ 5,000$ for its Secretary. It is provided, however, "that in the diseretion of the

Chairman of the Board, the members of the Board and its special experts while engaged on investigations of maritime affairs and operations in foreign countries, as required by the said Act, may be granted a per diem in lieu of subsistence of not to exceed $\$ 10$ per day; provided, further, that $\$ 175,000$ of this appropriation be available only for the purpose of investigation of foreign discrimination against vessels and shippers of the United States, and $\$ 100,000$ of this amount be immediately available. The communication sets out that 4,000 claims by American shippers against foreign Governments for alleged discriminations are on file at the State Department, many of them having to do with the British blacklist. These latter are divided generally into three classes. One is where customers of American exporters were on the blacklist and therefore could not receive goods in American bottoms. Another is where American ships could not transport American goods to blacklisted firms abroad because refused coal at British ports. Still another class is that of cargo claims, in which Americans could not ship goods to neutral European countries until they obtained assurances from the British Embassy at Washington. It adds: The members of the Unted states snippping Board were confirmed by the Senate only a fow days prlor to the submittal of these estimates, and it is,
for that reapon, Impracticable to furnish details as required by the Act for that reason. Impracticable to furnish details as required by the Act
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critical period in the dovelopment of the American merchant marine, that all reasonable consideratlon bo given the estimates of the Shipping Board in respect to the amount of the appropriation.
These ostimates were not submitted with the regular annual estimates of thu Government, because the members of the United States Shipping Board
had not been appointed at that time.

## TRAINMEN AND RAILROAD INTERESTS DISCUSS WAGE CONTROVERSY.

Both the railroad and Brotherhood representatives discussed their side of the controversy growing out of the trainmens' demands in a symposium on the Adamson Fight-Hour Law before the Academy of Social and Political Science in Philadelphia on Jan. 27. The railroads' side was discussed by Elisha Lee, Chairman of the National Conference Committee of the Railways, and Frank Trumbull, Chairman of the Railway Executives' Advisory Committee. Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and William G. Lee, President of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, took up the cudgels on behalf of the trainmen, and Congressman William C. Adamson, author of the bill, and Bainbridge Colby of New York, treated the subject from the public's side. Elisha Lee's remarks are referred to in another column. Mr. Trumbull declared that the crux of the labor problem is the public interest in it. "The time is fast coming, if it has not already arrived," he said, "when neither party will be permitted to say, "The public be damned.' In this respect the Brotherhoods will doubtless sooner or later learn to profit by the mistakes made years ago by the railroads. Any adjudication which leaves out the public interest is bound to prove unsatisfactory. This is particularly true because of the limitations on railway earnings by both Federal and State laws which are not imposed on other industries." Mr. Trumbull added, according to the Philadelphia "Legder:"
The representatives of the poople have thought it best, in the pubtic Interest, to impose thesellmifations and, in imposing them on investors they
have simultancously placed IImitations on voluntary wage firereses employesw in rallway service.
It In not unnatural for theso employeer to desire hiticher wager at a time going up, and some method must sooner or later be devked which will $\operatorname{sig}$ is guard their interest as well as the interest of investors and the puble anfothree classes ought to be represented in every fmportant adjustment, Mke the so-called elight-hour demand, on a nation-wide basis.
There secms to be a popular improsion that there is an Incexhaustible
reservoir of private resorvofr of private funds available to the railfoads upon demand for whatover purposea they may have in mind, and that the function of the public
is aimply to regulate thotr use. Unfortunately for all interests tis is simply to regulate thoir use. Unfortunately for all interests, this is not
the fact. A railroad is not liko a camel. It cannot live upon it the fact. A rallroad is not lifon a camel. It cannot live upon its own thumps
nor sustata itseff from within. It nevds a constant supply of treathusti nor sustain itself from within, It needs a constant supply of fresh suste-
nance from without in order to reach its normal growth and perform its nance from witho

Investments in rallway securites are made by bankers and private Individuals on exactly the same basis thoy aro made in other aecurities, and if railway offermge fall to meaxuro up in competition with other offerings they lose just that desree of popularity. The investor must be tempted Nither by profit or by stability of income. Hefinds nelt ter of these assured to his satisfaction in the raflroad businesu under oxisting conditions,
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industrial concerns are carning 40 or $50 \%$ or even more, on thetr common Industrial concerns are carning 40 or $50 \%$ or even more, on thetr common
stock. It is true that the railroads have just had the moxt prosperous year
in their history, but the net earnings, after deducting taxes, hirc of cquipment and rentats is only about $6 \%$ upon the value of the property devoted to public use. Alruady increases in cost of fuel. supplics and labor are beling reflected in a smaller net return,
Whether we aro prosperous or not, it is our duty to cut out every Item or wasto. The public is entitled to erricient railway management. It is also enutied to cfricient regulation.
The Committec of which I am Chatrman, representink about $90 \%$ of the rallway mileage of the United states, advocates the following program in the belfer that such a platform, emacted into law, will greatly improve and more adequately meet the needs of commerce.
Federal supervision of rallroad securitics.
Federal incorporation of inter-State carriers.
Exclusive Federal regulation of all ratex.
Exclusive Federal re
divided by State lines.
A regional and nim merce Commission rinctional dividion of the work of the Inter-State Comkeep regulation as well as mamagement close to the people, and it ought to be.
Restriction of rate suspensions to not more than sixty days.
Giving the Inter-stato Comme
mum as well as maximum rates.
W. G. Lee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen in setting out the trainmens' views with regard to compulsory arbitration of strikes, emphatically declared that the trainmen would oppose "any law which will in any way by consent or otherwise deprive the worker of his right to quit work at any time and for any reason sufficient to himself." The Philadelphia "Record" further quotes him as follows: If it becomes the issue as to whether the public be inconvenienced or wo be forced to work for wages we belfeve are not falr, or, under conditions wu do not like, we are quite within our rights in delding in favor of our own
welfare first. If the public asks us to waive our rifhts as wolfare fiest. It the public asks us to walve our rights as employees and furnish service under conditions that are unsatixfactory, we feet we are quite consistent to our refusal to do so. We do not agree that there is any difference in the principle that gives one man the right to leave the servich of his cuployer and any number of men equal right to leave that same service if they so desire.
There is quite a demand, from certain quarters, for not only compulsory
investigation, but compulsory arbiteation, that insists that rallroads and railroad employees giveservice whether they want to or not. This demand for involuntary servitude comes from a source that would be quick to resent any such interfurenco with its righe to carry on business on its own terms. The shlpper who gets for his goodx all the traffic will bear is quick to fly to the arms or the Inte-8tate Commerce Commission it he belleves be can get a roduction in freglit rates, but at the same time he demands the ritht to manage his business as to sess fit. If his employecs demand increased wages he holda to his right to hire and fire as one of the privileges constitutionally granted to htm, but when it becomes the same questlon between the railroad compantes and their umployees, it is then another question attogetber, and he demands that service be not interrupted on the kround that raltroad business is a pablic service and must not be dis-
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decislon. It is in favor of industrial peace, but that does not men per decision. It is in favor of industrial peace, but that doer not mean peace at
any price; It means peace wih honor and not at the sacrifce of fuctice The Brothechood does not dedire to ofrend the at the sacrifice of justice. to talce undue advantage of it in any the public. It has no disposition responsibhify as an organization. It challenges even the inference that
It always it has not bern fair to the public. It demands in return from the public only that which the pobe pubice. At demands in return from the publle only that which the public holds fast as lis absolute right-the
libecty to make its own terms of service so far as it has the power. The declaration that ralliond ortanizations exist only to toliker.
by the patience exercised by these rallroad organizations for more tian one year in thetr attempts to suttle thele differences with the for more than one out severing their relations with them. If there ever were reasons, justifled by the unfair acts of the employers, to urge men to strike, they wero given Whthout number slnce the shorter work-day movement was started in carnest. Any other labor organization would have exhausted thelr patience to get them and either secured their demands or been defcated in trying Is, does it pay the railroad brotherhoods to excrelse patience out of their regard for the interests of the public, when it clearly is shown that it fs to thelr disadvantage to do so?

Mr. Stone in dealing with the attitude of the trainmen on the wage question said:
Irecognize the fact that capleal has its rights as well as labor, and at times both are wrong and want more than thele fatr share, also that back of both capital and labor stands a third party, the public, whose rikhts too often are not taken into consideration, and whio, no mater which way the question It issucis settica, has to "pay the freight." But if capital conld be brought ox reanse that a certain proportion of the wages paid to labor stands for capital what the clatm of hayo a betcer underatanding of the ground upon which rests he clatm of labor for more compensation than merely enough to exist $\stackrel{\text { upon. }}{\text { You }}$
Tou hear much from a subuldizud proxs of the high wages pald to railway employess. One particular case that was largely quoted was that of an enginece who earned 821295 in one month. That looks like a large sum of money. They forgot to tell you that the engineer, In order to carn this his averake rate of pay per hour figures 83.2 denty of eight hours each, and his average rate of pay per hour figures 53.9 cents.
25675 , a bricklayer 8268 s. 25 , and they of hours would have recelved $\$ 25675$, a bricklayer 826825 , and they would have had reyular means.
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There is a fundamental prineiple un derlying this question, which is usually prinelple that a portion of a man's wake should go to cover deprectation. prinelple that a portion of a man's ware should go to cover deprectation.
to pay for tho wear and tear on the man.

The public is rightly concerned as to the personnet of the rallroad operating force. The public has a right to demand only fit men to ride in the cab. And only picked men are employed for this work-men who are keen
and cool-men with nerves of steel. The highly-paid, but overworked, and cool-men with nerves of steel. The highly-paid, but overworked, men the pcople are told about in the railroad service are the greatest menace to the traveling public. In the railroad business the risk to the employee
is eicht times greater than normal. And yot the Inter-State Commerce is eight times greater than normal. And yot the fnter-state Commerce Commisslon report for 1916 shows 33.00 cases of continuous sefrads anging from 16 to as high as 60 hours. The worst horror or ho ralloads hasn't been written yct
overworked trainmen.

Mr. Colby stated that "there can be no question as to the constitutionality, not only of the present law, but of proposals that might go much further in the same direction, he added:
No one can read the dissenting opinions of Justices Harlan, White, Day and Holmes, in the case of Lochner vs. Wood, decided in the United States supreme Court in 1905, without realizing that the litigation now set under way by the railroads is doomed to fail and can only exercise a pernicious and Iritating social effect. Let them ponder the words of Justice Holmes, who said,
hen it is held to prevent the matural outcome of a dom wank opison.
This counary t least haye closed up thls gap, which is not to our credit, and might have at least have closed up this gap, whed opcration a beneflcient solution of a grave problem.
The publice will not tolcrate a disastrous suspension of its industrial or commercial lifo while two minority cl
and group bigotry upon each other,
regret to see that the railroads and their attorneys have so quickly taken the field, and are so promptly seeking to complicato the solution of this problem by the discredited and outworn expedient of thwart, delay, rrelevance, quibble and obscuration which follows in the wake of the infunction is not its expression. Nor is the lawyer class its guardian or injunction
This new spirit is the spirit of science, of collectivism and of khaki. The youth of the world is paying for anclent crrors not its own. It is saving the world by its sacrifices. It is a spirit that will prove in the future very intolerant of legalistic circumlocution, and the "art of how not to do it." It wants things done, and proposes that they shall be done. The age of the unrestricted play of economic forces perlshed with Harrict Martineau and Herbert Spencer, and with the Manchester school. We no longer live in that era when a man got whatever he could, in any way he could. The naturo of the state has changed. It Is no longer content to restrict it) functions to the suppression of pickpockets, burglars and forgers, and otherwise stand completely aside from the great drama of human effort.

Mr . Adamson, who presided at the meeting at the instance of the President of the Society, Dr. Leo S. Rowe, declared, according to the Philadelphia "Record" that Congress is antagonistic to neither side. He is quoted in the "Record" as saying: "We view these questionsjust as individuals and as representatives of the $100,000,000$ Americans who really own the country's transportation facilities." The "Record" further says:

He also declared that if the raflroads and their omployees will go ahead and conduct their affairs properly, there will be littlo disposition either on the part of the peoplo or their Representatives in Congress to interfere, He atso prudicted that Congress will make eight-hour legistacion effective dompite a possiblo adverse decision by the supreme Court, which is testing the constitutionality of the law. provisions overy railroad employee in the country.

## ELISHA LEE SEES NEW ERA IN CONTROL OF RAILROADS IF ADAMSON LAW IS UPHELD.

Referring to the Adamson Eight-Hour Law and the decision of the Supreme Court, which is now being awaited, Elisha Lee, Chairman of the National Conference Committee of the railways, stated last Saturday that if the Act is found unconstitutional, and the Brotherhoods threaten strikes to enforce their original demands, the country will face the same situation that it did last August. Mr. Lee discussed the matter before the American Academy of Political and Social Science in Philadelphia on Saturday last, Jan. 27. In pointing out that the commerce power under the constitution is very far-reaching, he said:
Under the broad interpretations of the Supreme Court in recent years, the Government has taken greater and greater control of the activitics of tho carrlers. It may bo that the Court will declaro this rallroad wage law a valld exercise of the commerce power. With such a precedent estabIlahed, a new era would be opened in tho public control of the cransportation industry: and it is plain that the way would then be clear for a broad publie oversight of rallroad wages and worling conditions.
Such a development, in the light of recent events, might not be entrely unwetcome. If the Govermment, through the Inter-Stato Comuinerce Commission or a co-ordinate national wage commission, had the power to regulate, In the public interest, the greatest singlo item in the expense of operating the roads, there would at least be assurance that a $\$ 50.000 .000$ or a $100,000,000$ a year increase in the wages of onty one-sixth of the omployves would not be forced upon the railroads without a full and impartial roviow of all tho facts. No great increase in the labor cost of transportation would then be sanctioned without a due regard for the inter
Ife, as well as for the rights of tho owners and cho workers
The Inter-State Commerce Commission has made it very plain in ita decisions in rate advance cases that tho principlo of the conservation of the public interest should be dominant, In decining to allow higher freight rates, the Commission made it clear that it considered its duty to be the protection of the public, not only against unfair and un rates, but also against unfair and unreasonabie wages.
On our Eastern roads cho greab buis of tho lrafric moving to the indus-
nage trains at the lowest rates in the world. The Inter-State Commerce Commission has not only commended the carriers for developing the big train, but it has repeatedly advised them that the way out of their finaucial troubles was a further increase in the trainload. When tho petition for an increase in rates was made in 1910, the Commission, in refusing It, urged the carriers to lncrease the trainload; and again in 1914, when the $5 \%$ rate In still heavier loading

But the wage demands of the freight-train employees presented last year were intended to put a penalty of $\$ 100,000,000$ a year on the big train. the very factor in our railroad development that has made it possible to pay big wages. The chief spokesman for the Brotherhoods frankly told the managers in the public wage conference in New York that reduction in the tonnage of trains and a speeding up of the movement of freight was the object of their demands. If we tried to escape the penalty by reducing the tralnload, as suggested, it would mean the expenditure of hundreds of mil lions of dollars to provide the facilities necessary to hande the same amoun of traffic with the greater number of tratns.
The Brotherhood propaganda against the big unit in the movement of frelght has not been confined to penalizing it by higher labor cost, bu throughout the country they have caused to be introduced in State legislatures bills arbitrarily limiting the length of trains to a certain number of cars. This is a policy of economic sulcide. It is part and parcel of the whole misguided movement of the past hundred years to restrict the output of industry. All material prosperity is founded on increased production of wealth. The greater the output, tae greater is the amount of useful products to be distributed. If there is anything wrong with our modern indus trial system, the fault surely is not in the acceleration of output, but in the inequities resulting in distribution.
If tho decision in the Adamson Act test case makes it clear that Congress, through a Government commission, can assume the regulation, in the pub lic interest, of all these problems of railroad labor, there will be a guarantce that they will be det

But the immediate problem confronting the nation is what provision must be made for in decislon adverse to the Adamson Act, and to the power of Congress to regulate wages.

The raltroad Brotherhoods have determince upon their course of action if the law is found Invalld. Their leaders stated in Chicago a few days ago that "it may bo necessary on some roads or groups of roads to use the protective featuro of the organization." The "protective feature" means the strike. It is no longer a secret that the heads of the organizations havo now in their hands full power to tie up the commerce of the country, road by road, or tereltory by territory, or on all the roads simultaneousty, if the Supreme Court finds the Adamson Act unconstitutional.

The leaders of the trainmen's organizations assert that any restriction on their right to strike means "involuntary servitude." But unless there is some such restriction on the right to strike pending investigation, the public will be permanently in a condition of involuntary servitude to these organizations.
In a statement issued to tho pubile last summer, after the refusal of the organizations to submit their demands to any board of fnquiry, wo defined What we belfoved to be the position woon
in the countey wemade thls statement:
"The raflroads feel that they have no right to grant a wago preferment of $\$ 100,000,000$ a year to these employers, now highly pald and constitutinf only about one-firch of all the employnes, without a clear mandato from a publlo tribumal that shall determine the merits of the case after a roviow or all the facts. The single issuo before the country is whether chis controversy is to be settied by an impartial Government inquiry or by industrial warfare.'
We arostill firm in tho belief that these controversies, so vitally affecting the national interests, must be settled by reason and not by brute force, by investlgation rather than by inquest, and that no fair settioment can be made viich does not take into account the rights and interests of the great body of the people scrved by these public carriers.

## postponkment of mbxican mining derarb souart.

A communication protesting against the enforcement of a decree providing for the forfeiture of Mexican mines in which work is not resumed by Feb. 14 has been sent to the Mexican de facto Government by Secretary of State Lansing, according to Washington advices of Jan. 26. It is said that the State Department is convinced that mine owners cannot with safety or profit work their properties by Feb. 14. The latest communication of the Department is ono of a series on the same subject; already the date for the enforcement of the decree has twice been postponed, and it is expected that a further postponement will be granted. As regards the Mexican mining taxes, the "Engineering and Mining Journal" of Dec. 23 printed the following:

Important progress has been mado recently with regard to the proposed mining taxation in Mexico, and a new sichedule of taxes has boen agreed upon by Lufs Cabrera, Sccretary of the Treasmry for Mexico, and the Committee representing 45 principal American and forelen mining companies. Thas new schedule is the result of the protest of the mining compankes againe forgon operators refusel to pay on the ground that they were taxes many forelgn opera.ors mord $10 \%$ ad varem tox om rold and sllver and a $5 \%$ ad valorem tax on the motal content of copper, lead and silver and
zinc ores.
The mining compantes first took up the tax problem with the American Conference Commisslon but Mr. Cabrera, declining to discuss the matter in the conference, took tho question up dircetly and eventially agreed to forward and recommend a new schedule to the do facto Government. If was expected that the now sehedale would go into effect on Jan 1 1917, but a dispatch from Querotaro to Washington announces that a dect during Dee 10 suspended the old mesal exper under in new shedule. The prineipal fentures of the new tax shicedute, as proposed, were as follows:
features of the now tax shicedue, as proposed, wercas valorem,
Gold and silver-If in the form of ore, $7 \%$ ad valor
valorem if in the form of bullion or if contained in bullion.
Copper in Matto or Bullion-When the Now York price is 20 cents per lb. or lower, the tax will be $4 \%$ ad valorem on the full content When the price is 20.01 cents or higher, the tax will be $5 \%$ ad valorem.

Copper in Oro-The tax on copper Lin ore will be $20 \%$ greater than the tax on copper fa matte or bullion; in other words, $6 \%$ ad valorem when the price of coppoc is over 20 cents and $4.8 \%$ when copper is 20 cents or less at New York.
Lead-On the full metal content a tax of $3 \%$ ad valorom is to be lovied the value to be determined by taking fall motal content at Now York price, minus $25 \%$ United States import tax, troatment charges and frelght to New York.
Zine-The tax will be $3 \%$ ad valorem, the value to be determined by taking $75 \%$ of the metal content at the St . Louls quotation for Prime Western spelter minus $10 \%$ United States import tac, and frejght and treatment charges in the United States.
Soma changes are noted in the telegraphic roport of the new schodute which does not montion the exemption of the $U S$. Import duties th the vatuation of lead and zinc ores, and with respect to zine ores states that tho value will be calculated on $75 \%$ of the nssay result based on the New York prico, deducting froight and treatment costs, taking as the average freight charge tha rate between Saltillo, Mexico, and Tulsa, Okda.; value of other metals may be calculated on price at port of export.
Excmptions from taxes, it is further stated in the dispateh, will apply in the following casess Copper ore containing less than $5 \%$; lead ore wilh fess than $15 \%$; zinc ore with less than $20 \%$

## SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS GOVERNMENT IN RAILWAY MAIL PAY CASE.

Through an equally divided vote in the so-called railway mail "divisor" case, the United States Supreme Court on Jan. 15 upheld the decision of the Cirouit Court in favor of the Government in the test suits involving elaims of about 800 railroads for approximately $\$ 35,000,000$ additional compensation for carrying the mails from 1907 to 1911. The Supreme Court rendered no decision in the matter, but announcement was made by Chief Justice White of the affirmation of the lower Court's findings by a tie vote of the Supreme Court Justices four to four. As a result of the vote the appeals of the Chicago \& Alton RR. and the Yazog \& Mississippi Valley RR. from rejection of test claims are dismissed. The Government's brief in the case was filed in the U.S. Supreme Court in April 1915. The actions involved the right of the Postmaster General to chang the method in adjusting railway mail pay. Previous to 1907 , mail was paid for annually on the basis of an estimate made by actually weighing for 105 days and dividing the totale by 90. This was known as the six day divisor. After July 1 1907 the whole number of days was used as a divisor, and this became known as the seven day divisor. The result was to reduce the aggregate compensation of the railroads about one-seventh. In its briof, filed in 1915, the Government contended that the only restrictions placed upon the Postmaster General by statute were that he must keep within a maximum compensation and must weigh the mails for a period of not less than ninety days. Otherwise he was nt liberty to use his discretion. It also argued that the railroads having carried the mail under the order of the Postmaster General could not recover damages. Ralph Peters, President of the Long Island RR., served as Chairman of the Railroad's Mail Committee, which conducted the fight for the extra compensation. The "Times" of Jan. 16 quoted Mr. Petors as follows, relative to tho case:

The claims ran back to the time when the Postmaster General ordered that the total amount of mail carrled per week should be divided by seven days instead of six, as had been done previously, in reckoning the payments to be mado the raitroads. Practically no malt is carried on Sunday, and the roads had been paid according to the welght of the mail carried. Payon sunday-or at least, what little was carrled was not pald for. But the new method of dividing the amount left a considerable portion of it unpaid for, This amombed to $\$ 35,000,000 \mathrm{fin}$ this four years in question, and up to the present time amounts to something more than $870,000,000$. It is also calculated that the ratroads have beon losing from $\$ 10,000,000$ to $\$ 15$, 000,000 a year on the malls since the parcel poat system was established.

The mattor of the parcel post will be straightened out soon. It is hoped and a plan to earry it on a space basis for six months was started on Noy, 1916, at the end of which time the Inter-State Commerce Commission is to compare this with the weight system and declde on a fatr basis of compenation.

## PAY OR MORE THAN A MILLION WAGE-EARNERS INCREASED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

More than $1,100,000$ wage-earners in the United States received sabstantial increases in pay in the months of November and December 1916, according to figures just compiled. A statement announcing this, issued by Seeretary of Labor William B. Wilson on Jan. 27, says:
With a fow minor excoptlons all of the 1.118,970 increases came after Election Day, Nov. 7, and 931,763 during December. This is extremely ateresting in vlow of the prediction of "closed shops," "soup kitchens," "bread IInes" \&e,, should 1resfitent Wilson bo re-flected, with which the Republican managure flooded the columns of the newspapers and plastered the bitiboards of the country in the last six weeks of the campaign. It is significant that of the $1,118,970$ of workers affected, only 35.300, or a Hittle more than $3 \%$, aro employed in the manufacture of munitions. It is also flgnificant that whereas 66 of the 212 increases noted for November were the result of stiftces, onty 33 of the 301 foc Decomber were secured through his method.

I have had prepared from various newspapers and periodicals tables showing wage increases secured by employees in manufacturing and other establishments in the months mentioned. The figures presented were secured from 45 trade-union periodicals, 42 labor papers, 6 leading trade journals and over 50 daily newspapers published in varions parts of the country. Great care has been taken to ellminate all duplicates,
in 38 Steports for November 1916 show 212 statements of wage increases in states. Three of the reports relate to rallroads and other Inter-State estabishments. Of these 212 reports, 131 show the number of establishments affectex to be 163 and 77 reports show 187,207 employees affected. Or the 212 reports of wage increases 57 are stated to be the result of mutual agreement betweon employer and employce, 66 as the result of strikes, 72 by voluntary actlon on the part of the cmployer and for the remaluing 17 no reason was stated. The second table shows the same information arranged by industry or occupation. This tabluation shows 77 reports which gave the number of employees affected, the largest number affected being: In foundry and machtne shop, 32,436; mining, 27,500; iron and steel, 24,500; boots and shocs, 18,300; textile workers, 17.950, and taming, 15,000

The publications examined for the month of December show 304 report of wage increases. These were for establishments in 38 States, 21 of which were for raltroads and other inter-State establishments. Of these 304 reports, 209 showed a total of 359 establishments involved. One handred and forty reports showed the total number of employees benefited by the increase of wages to be 931,763 . Or these 304 roports of wage increases 45 were reported to be obtained by a mutual agreement between employer and employens, 33 as the result of strikes, 172 by voluntary action of the cmaployer, and for the remaining 54 no reason was given. The second table shows the same information tabulated by industry or occupation. This table shown that the largest number of employees benefited were in iton and sted, 341,600; textile workers, 208,350; garment workers, 112,300;
workers in elcctrical supplies, 60,000 ; munt workers in elcotrical supplies, 60,$000 ;$ munitions, 35.000 ; boots and shoes, 33,730; telephone and telegraph servico, 28,000; paper manufacturing, 23.315.

In the figures from which our figures were compiled there was no unfformity in statigy the amount of increase, and in a targe proportion of the cases it was not possible to determine a percentage. In the cases whero the
increase yets stated in the form of percentage or where a percentage could increase was stated in the form of percentage or where a percentage could
be commated, the prevalling increases were from $5 \%$ to $10 \%$.


NEW YORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE EXCESS PROFITS TAX.
The New York Chamber of Commerce on Thursday disapproved of the Excess Profits Tax and the increase in the Federal Inheritance Tax, though, as an incident of the discussion of these propositions, it placed itself on record as favoring "any fair and equitable taxation" (the action of the German Government with relerence to submarine warfare having come up to disturb the serenity of things) having for its object the protection of "American lives, American vessels and other American property." The resolution was introduced by J. Howard Cowperthwait, when the Chamber was considering the report dealing with the Distribution of Federal Tax Burdens, presented by the Committee on State and Municipal Taxation, of which Isaac N. Seligman is Chairman. In this report, which bore on the war revenue act, proposing to raise $\$ 248,000,000$ from an excess profits tax, and from an increase in inheritance tax rates, and $\$ 300,000,000$ from bond issues, the committee submitted to the Government "theadvisability of a more nearly universal participation of the country's population in bearing the burdens of taxation; that the indirect sources of revenue should not be abandoned or unduly minimized, and that direct sources should not be overworked to the extent of arresting the financial ability of the country to develop enterprise at home and abroad." Mr. Cowperthwait stated that while he thought the committee's report "exactly right" the night before, "this morning, in view of the challenge from Germany, I think it is almost unpatriotic. It is absolutely necessary," he added, "for our Government to raise an immense sum of money, and I think it would be unbecoming in us to raise objections as to how the Government raises it." Mr. Seligman objected to the adoption of Mr. Cowperthwait's resolution as an amendment to that of the committee on the ground that it was not germane to the committee's resolution. The Cowperthwait proposal failed of adoption as an amendment, since no one seconded the motion, but it was later offered as a separate resolution by Mr. Cowperthwait under the head of new business and adopted. The Cowperthwait resolution is as follows:
Resoted, That American lives, American veesels and other Amesican property should be fully protected throughout the world, and that the Chamber of Conmerce of the State of New York is heartily in favor of any fair and equitable faxation which has such protection for lis object.

We give below the Seligman report adopted by the Chamber, on which Mr. Cowperthwait had proposed to tack the above:

## DISTRIBUTION OF FEDRRAL TAX BURDENS.

To the Chamber of Commerce:
Whercas, Advance leformation in the form of a tentative draft of the Revenue BiII originating in the House of Representatives, Washington, in the Ways and Means Committee, proposes to ralse $\$ 248,000,000$ from $n$ tax on excess profits of busfness and by an increase in the rates on inheri
tances; and $\$ 300,000,000$ or more from bond issues; and.
oresereas, These Measures of taxing excess profits and inheritances ex the enterprise conecrned; and,

Whereas, This measure has the effect of localizing the burden of taxation within a comparatively small area of the country, upon a comparatively limited number of people, falling so heavily upon the industrial states as to
adversely affect the available supply of free capltal for domestic and adversely affect the available suppl
foreign enterprise; therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the state of New York
Reiser respectfully submits to the Federal Government the adyisability of a more thearly universal participation of the country's population in bearing the burdens of taxation; that the indirect sources of revenue should not be abandoned or unduly minimized, and that direct sources should not be yerivorked to the extent of arresting the financial ability of the country to dovelop American enterprise at home and abroad.

SAAC N, SELIGMAN, Chairman, JAMES H. POST, CORNELIUS N, BLISS JR., ALFRED E, MARLING GDWIN W, COGGESHALL.

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                Committee on Slate and Municipal Taxation.
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Another report of the same committee dealing with the Federal encroachment on State revenue sources, submitted on Thursday, follows:
federal encroachment on state revenue sources.

## To the Chamber of Commerce:

The Committee on State and Municipal Taxation wishes to report the conclusions arrived at by the Seventh State Conference on Taxation, with particular reference to the tendency on the part of measures provided by sources on which the individual states rely for their own incomes. This Conference expressed its emphatic disapproval of the enactment of the Federal inheritance tax and the contemplated furtber extension of the rates thereon, because the state of New York depends and has depended on this source of revenue for many years past for a considerable percentage of its revenue.
We agree with the state Conference in characterizing this tendency as "a serious menace to the fiscal plans of the States" We furthermore adequato funds for its legitimate needs through a fudiclous system of indirect taxes to cover current expenses," including stamp dues and others.
Therufore, be it
Resoleed. That the Chamber of Commerce of the 8tate of New York deprecates the extension of the Federal Govermment's plan to ralse revenue by taxes upon sources on which the soveral states have relied, and must either continue to rely, and thas inflict cumulative taxation upon its its fiscal burdens.

ISAAG N, SELIGMAN, Chairman, JAMES H. POST,
CORNELIUS N. BLISS JR. CDWUEL BLOAN.

ALFRED E. MARLING CDWIN W. COGGESHALL.

LEONOR F, LORLE,
Committee on State and Municipat Taxation.

## NEW YORK CHA MBER OF COM MERCE ON NEED FOR CONTROL OF GOVERN MENT EXPENDITURES.

The following resolution, reiterating the conviction of the New York Chamber of Commerce "that there is need of a sound economic control of public expenditures based on an authoritative examination in advance of the actual needs of each department of the Government," was adopted at Thursday's meeting of the Chamber:

## CONTROL OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURES

To the Chamber of Commerce:
The New York Chamber of Commerce has long been on record favoring a more statesman-like policy in natlonal expenditures. In the report of its delegates attending the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, Jan. 5 1911, tho Cbamber approved resolutions providing that no project should be adopted without having recoived the approval of the Government engtneers; and that the period of construction be as short as possble under the continuing-contract system. Mcanwhile, we are gratified to note that much progress has been made in this respect. Tho Chamber at the same time expressed itseif In endorsement of the "growink sentiment of antagonism to the 'pork barrol' method of making up rivers and barvors appropriation
bills and in favor of intellignt, business-like legislation along Ines of national bills, and in favor of intelligent, business-
development, without acetlonalism."
development, without sectlonalism.:
In February 1916 this Chamber unanimously adopted the report of the Committeo on Finance and Currency in favor of a budget polley in public financing, whereby proposed expenditures should be subordinated to the limitations of prevfously determined sources of income,
Your committee finds that, in violation of these principles of sound fiscal policy, there are now pending before the House of Representatives at Wastington taree particul Trensury to an expenditure of $\$ 121,000,000$ in excess obligate the Fedcral freasury of any provious provision wade ror a correspond ing inconement of rivers and harbors (11. R. 20079); $\$ 38.000 .000$ for public building expenditures (H R 18094); and $\$ 15,000$.000 for river reclamation purposes, mainly for the redemption of lands on the Iower Mlssisslppt (H, R, 14777),

Regardless of the Inherent merits or demerits of these measures, we find that as a result of this policy of legisiative disrckard of the resonrces of the that we face a certain deficit for the next fiseal yegr of not less than 8185 .000.000 , if not a rood deal more. For this vast sum now sources of public income muse be provided or some of the older sources workd more intensively, or both expedfents resorted to. This policy seems to ignore the fact of extraordinay requirements of revenue for national defense. Therefore be it
Resotred. That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York reIterates its conviction that there is need of a sound economio control of publife expenditures with due regard to established sources of revenue, including a uniform system of public expenditure based on an authoritative examinaResoleed That of the actual needs of each copartment of the corded to the Federal officials and to members of Congresalonal conmittees Immediately concerned.

FKANK A. VANDERLIF, Charman,
WILLIAM 8LOANE,
JAMES 8. ALEXANDER.
For the Committee on Finance and Curreney.

OUR PRESENT LATIN AMERICAN TRADE NOT ENdURING, ACCORDING TO SECRETARY OF INTERNATIONAL HIGH COMMISSION.
Leo S. Rowe, Secretary General of the International High Commission, speaking of the purposes to which the Commission has addressed itself, at the fifth annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States this week, had the following to say:

We are constantly speaking of the European war as laying the foundation of America's industrial and financial leadersblp. There is something almost naive in the widespread feeling that this remarkable expansion of our forcign trade will continue as a permanent asset of the country. If, on the other hand, we deal with facts rather than with fancy. It will not take us long to see that the progress that has been made in our Latin American trade does not represent by any means a permanont part of our commercial expansion. In fact, there is a widespread feeling throughout Central and South America that American merchants and manufacturers are exploiting to the fullest extent the needs of Latin American merchants. and that they are paying but little heed to the conditions that will arise immediately at the close of the European war,

During the last two years I bave made two prolonged trips through the countries of South America and I could not help but bo impressed with the deeply rooted feeling of irritation on the part of Latin American merchants because of the fact that our own manufacturers were taking advantages
of the fact that they could no longer secure the goods they wanted from of the fact that they could no longer secure the goods they wanted from some of their European sources, to exact from them not meroly wnusually
high prices but to require of them other onerous conditions with reference high prices but to require of them other onerous conditions with reverenco to financial arrangements. Fightly or wrongly thero was a distinct feohng that the United States was utilizing a momentary opportunity withou attempting to lay the foun Atons for per ain with the marchants of Latio Amorica
Leila immediately at the close of the European war. If found the Latin American merchant longing to resume hls relations with the European manufacturers and particularly with the German manafactares promise of emaneipatlon from the to clas of the Amean here from the exactions or the Anchen with
$t$ make this statement not so much with the view of casting any reflections on our American merchants, but to point out that if we aro concerned, not so much with the utilization of a temporary advantage but rather with the establishment of a permanent and leading place in South American trade, we must lay the foundations far decper than thoy ard at present and of a character upon we the hood-wove surficient perspective, sufficient can be develient Insight and foresight to see that an important part of the vision, sufficient insight and roresignt to sco that an imere inf
 commercin and security in financial armagements and the wraiual removal of those and seing admistrative regulations which are se often a reat obstacle to the development of international trade.

It is to these purposes that the International High Commisslon has addressed itself, The direct outgrowth of the Pan-American Financial Conference of 1915 , it represents as it were a permanent standing committeo of the Confercnce; entrusted with the accomplishment of definite, practical purposes which will bring about greater unity of thought and action on the American Continent in matters relating to commercial methods, commercial law and financial arrangements.

## DECLARATION OF ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE POLICY.

A declaration of the essential principles of foreign trade policy necessary to prepare the United Statos for its permanent opportunities and responsibilities in world commerce was unanimously ratified by the Fourth National Foreign Trade Convention and forwarded to President Wilson and each House of Congress. Its chief note is that American success in foreign trade depends, first, upon efficiency of production and enterprise in trade methods, and, second, that the function of the Government is to relieve American forcign trade enterprise from disadvantages imposed by its own legislation and protect it by Governmental action from discrimination in foreign markets. In other words the convention, which assembled a total of 1,305 , asked no favors but demanded a fair chance. The difference between this convention and its predecessors was the difference between propaganda and constructive preparation. One of the outstanding features of the convention was the large number of smaller manufacturers, who, intensively, by the question and answer method in group sessions, discussed their own peculiar problems. No rosolutions were adopted by the convention. The final declaration was drawn by a general committce, presented to the convention at the closing session by James A. Farrell, Chairman National Foreign Trade Council and President United States Steel Corporation, and unanimously ratified. It follows:
World conditions, because of the European war, offer to the Unitad States both opportunities and responsibilities. These responsibilities must be recognized If the United States fs to realize the opportunities. The xhare of tho world's commerce to which the Unitcd States aspires is that to Which its resources, productivn capacity, enterprise and sldil entite it-
No thoughtfol, patriotic American eilizen desires more, or will bo content No thoughtful, patriotic American clizen desires more, or will bo content with less.
Our trade must depend for its future development primarily upon the efriciency of our agricultural and industrial production, bron the enterprise of American manufacturers, merchants and bankers and unon the tralntug of youth in our sehools, colleges and unlversities. The wider distribution of the bonefits of foreign trade is dopendent unon the partietpation of a steadily increasiny number of industries and enterprises of moderate size. Govermmental agencies, the Department of 8tate, with the diplomatie and consular services, the Department of Commerec, the

Federal Reserve Board and tho Federal Trade Commission can assist American enterprise by thenegotiatlon of advantageous commercial treatics by collecting and disseminating information regarding foreign markets and
suggestimg Improved financing, selling and purchasing metheds. These suggesting improved financing, selling and purchasing metheds. These Governmental agencies have alroady rendered and can render stit greater
assistanco to merchants or manufacturers desirous of extending their foreign trade, but in the last analysis success is to be attained only by the courage, Intelligence and efficfency of the merchants the manufacturers courage, Intelligence and efficiency of the merchants the manufacturers
and the bankers themselves, the con-ordination of their efforts and their ability to co-operato with each other and with the Government departments created to serve them.
To meet world competition, however, American businces, using the term in its broadest implication, mast be relfoved of disadvantages im posed by legislation and protected by Governmental action frem possible discrimination in foreign markets.
The disconsion in this convention has umphasized the vital importance, as bearing upon the future of our forelgn trade, of certain questions which are being, or should be, considered.
1 Doubt as to the application of the anti-trust laws to export commerce should be removed. Congress should promptly enact in principle the Webb Bill, now pending in the senate, with the modifications hitherto recommended by the Federal Trade Commission, to the end that American exporters generally, white marketing abroad the products of American agriculture and industry, may have the advantages of co-operative action In their efforts to meet foreign combinations.
2 The ehief duty of the United States shipping Board should be to develop a sound natlonal shippligg polley, cateulated to attain the following objects:
ng kreater facease of national income and of domestic prosperity by affordof the United States, and for the importation of forelgn materials and products necessary to American life and Industry
b. The development under the American flag, of transportation service with forelgn countefes and with the possessions of the United States.
. Aid to natfonal defonse, and maintenance of forelgn commerce, whether the United States be belligerent or neutral
To render our foreign commerce reasonably Independent of forelgn carriers there will be required a merchant tomnage so great that it can only be sustalned on the basis of ability to compete for the world's carrying trade with the vessels of other nations Such disadyantages in cost of opera-
fion as are imposed by economic conditions should be offset by greater Elon as are imposed by economic conditions should be offset by greater
efficlency, but it is the duty of the Government to offset those imposed efficlency, but by Iegislation.
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3 White it is impossible to anticipate the future relations of the nations now at war, with one another and with noutrals, it is certain that ante bellum conditions will be radically altered. Commercial trealles under Which the World's trade was conducted prior to August 1914, have been ruptured by the war, The negotlation of new agreements between the members of both belligerent groups, between these groupings and neutrats, and the relations between the groups themselves, will necesslate a complete readjustment of the arrangements formerly in force. The United stater will inevitably be obliged to negotlate new commurcial treaties to conform to the based fixed by other nations to govern their relations with each other. The possible effects of European conomic ailances and preferencial or ascriminatory tarls by the Congress and by the proper dupartments of the Government by the Congress and by thet proly
including the Tariff Commisslon.
The State Department bas already created a Buriau which is studyink these problems. This Bureau should be enlarged and enabled to secure the services of experts. This work of the Department of State should be these Departments should co-operate closely with the Federal Reserve Board, the Federat Trade Commisslon, the Shipping Board and the Tariff Commission, when organized. The Department of State, through this Treaty Burcau, should consult with commereial organizations and business men individually in order that their needs may betaken into conslderation. Administratice Method of Tarifs.
Whatever be its underlying principle the United States Lariff syatom ahould possess adequate resources for the encouragement and protection of the forelgn trade of the United States. To assure to the Unitexd States the continuance of tho favorable treatment which our commerce enjoyed before the war and to protect American uxports against disicrimination in fornign markets, Congress should adopt the princtple of a flexible or bargaining tariff.

In submitting the foregoing considerations to this convention your Committec desires to expross ita appreciation of the spifit of co-operation which has already been ovidenced by the Departments of State and Commerce. and by the Federal Reserve Board and the Foderal Trade Commission, and of their readiness to assist business mon throughout the country. We believe it to be the sense of this convention that the National Foreign Trute Council and the delegates here assembled Individually will consider It a privitege and a duty to co-operate with these Governmental agencies
in their efforts to encourage the development of American forelien trade. in their cfforts to encourage the development of American forelsm trade.

## E. N. HURLEY ON NEED OF CO-OPERATION IN SELLLING ABROAD.

That "America is shaking off some business traditions of the past" and "is looking for leaders to point the way into a more active participation in the affairs of the world," was the observation made last week by Edward N. Hurley, who rotired this week as Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, Mr. Hurley's remarks quoted above were contained in an address on "First Principles in Foreign Trade," delivered at the convention of the Natiomal Foreign Trade Council in Pittsburgh on Jan. 26. Fundamentally, said Mr. Hurley, there are two sides to the shield of foreign trading; the one is the efficiency of the American manufacturer at home; the other is co-operation among American business men in marketing their goods abroad, However efficient we may be in production and in merchandising in our domestic market, we cannot succeed, he continued, without co-operation in selling our goods abroad. Mr. Hurley expressed his betief that the Webb bill would become a law at the present session of Congress, and with its enactment into law, he stated, will pass all doubt as to the interpretation of our anti-
trust laws in their application to export associations. He added:
With the passage of this bill will come the reat work of organization. Successful forcign trade wilt not come from passing blils through Congross. After the Webb bill is on the statute books a vast amount of work must bo done in cducating American busincss men in the methods of co-operation and in the complicated detalls of selling goods abroad. Many American business men aro unaccustomed to merchandising abroad, and one of the big tasks before them is the mastery of the art of co-operation.
With the development of our banking institutions in forelgn countries we must not take the position of the Engllsh manufacturer of fifty years ago. We must not walt for orders to come through our banking conncetions. It is a well-known fact that for a number of ycars English manufacturers received orders amounting to millions of pounds sterling from abroad through their banks. They put furth little ufrort in merchandising, and did not attempt or think it necessary to establish selling organizations, and did when Germany organized an efricient selling force, and made a drlve for forelgn business, she was, in a comparatively short time, the mistress of a large part of the forelgn trade of the world and a serious competitor of Eingland.
We can no longer regard the forelgn market as a place for merely dumping
our surplus goods, nor can we remain at our surplus goods, nor can we remain at home waiting for orders to come to us. Tho American merchant abroad, backed by a strong co-operative selling organization, must master the language and customs of the peoples to whom he sells, must cater to thulr needs, and master forelgn trade as a partleular and highly important fleld for American business activity.
Our Government is coming to recognize its obllgation to American busi-
ness. The Webb bill is important in itself, but it is also typical of the nev attitude which Government is taking toward business.
My ideal for the Federal Trade Commisston is that it shall become the common meeting ground of Government and busincss, and that by means of its machinery the foundations of industry shall be laid more secure, comDetition shall be mado more intelligent and fair, business men will have moro comprehensive and wider vision of the public interest and the relation of industry to the public, and that Government on its part will, on behalf of In conclusion to me say that with the Webl
with American, let me say that with the Webb bill on the statute booknwith American ships on tho high seas, with our banks establishing branches our manu our manufacturers wil have better facilities for the development of oversea business than ever before. It will then rest with such men as you Whether the United States shall lose ground or whether It shall advance from its present splendid position to new achievements.

## IAMES A. FARRELL ON IMPORTANCE OF INTERNA-

 TIONAL CO-OPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN TRADE.Discussing "The Future of American Foreign Trade" at tho banquet of the National Foreign Trade Convention in Pittsburgh on Jan. 26, James A. Farrell, Chairman of the National Foreign Trade Convention and President of the United States Steel Corporation, stated that "above and beyond the bearing of our domestic policy on tho outlook for our foreign trade we must set ourselves to grasp the larger and more vital principles of international co-operation." Mr. Farrell added that "it is a debatable question whether the United States can become a member of an international league of peace for the prevention of further war, but it is not at all doubtful that we can render an invaluable service to the establishment of lasting concord among the peoples of the earth by setting our face against anything that looks to the perpetuation of commercial war in peace," Some of Mr. Farrell's further comments were as follows:
With us, entry into foreign trade is no longur a matter of choice. The distinction between domestic and forelgn commerce is rapldly dikappearing. No enterprise large mough to be called national can be clipped
short at the boundaries of the Republic. When, In the first week of the short at the boundaries of the Republic. When, in the first week of the war, the almost completo suspension of our export and import trade dis-
located all the activities of the home market, thin American people had an object lesson which they are not likely to forget, showing that forelga trade is a vital element in domestic prosperity. The problems that will come with the economic reconstruction In the countries now at war are bound to bring into bold relief the interdependence of nations. Our country will find the path of duty and opportunity colnelde in helping to make that fact clear. Accepting the sound principle that commeree which wilt tand the cest of cime must rest on a file erehange of values our rimit athare of the world's trade will be that to which our natural resources. developed by our onterprise and skill, entitle us. In short, the fitness of our products to meot the requirements of tho rest of the world must continne to be the mecusure of the expansion of our forelgn trade,
The opportunitice of the near future are sufficienty alluring. Thero will be a period of industrial reconstruction for Europe, and the retarded development of neutral countries is likely to resume at teast its former rate of progress.
It is significant that many of the orders for muntions now placed in Uhis country provide that should their fulfilment be faterrupted by the closin of tho war, delivery will be taken of an equivalent amount of material for peaceful purposes. Thus, as the war demand abates, our mines, forests and worlshops will be drawn upon to aid in the reconstruction of great devastated areas and the ro-equipment of ruined industrial planis. All This will mean new drafts on our surplus capital, but it will also mean prosperity to our productive industry and will thus provides a profitable return ment teapital it employs, a distinction used to be drawn between Governpreference for the purchase of the goods of the lending nation
It is difficult to realize the colossal seate on which kurone will borrow to make good the destruction of war, At teast $\$ 5,000,000.000$ worth of property will have to be replaced, and the demands of tho work of reconstrustlon will be tors vaxt to bo met by private entecprise. The first domand will maturally be for housse to sheler the homeless thousands whose native villages have been reduced to a shandeless mass of ruins. The aext will be for the supplise of such material, machinery sud equifment as can be used to fabricate other machincry and egulpmeot needed for
Induxtrial ruconstructlon and the infoductor induxtrial ruconstruction and the introduction, whero Dobsible, of mechanical appliances to perform work which used to be done by hand. The pro-
cess will not cesentially differ from that punated in the cave of a factory
destroyed by fire, whose owners, after rebuilding, first install the equipment needed to resume its most. profitable production.
Co-oporation on the broadest and most generous scale, and in the most sympathetic spifit must be the rule if economic recovery is to be quick and thorough. Wo shall greatly facilitate international co-operation for the general welfaro or the world by establishing a co-operative system of selling
in forelgn trade among ourselves. We shall greatly lessen the possibility in forelgn trade among ourselves. We shall greatly lessen the posslbility of perpetuating in the domain of commerce the bitterness and hatrea en-
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## BANKING AND FINANCIAL NEWS

only one sate of bank stock, amounting to twenty-five shares, was made at the Steck Exchanje this week. Thirty-five shares of trust company stock were sold at auction. Extenslve tables reporting bid and asked quotations, deposits, surplus, \&e., of hanks and trust compantes in alt important citior in the United states are published monthly in the "Bank and Quotation section, the Vebruary issue of which accompantes to-day. trust company stomks are atso published weekly in another department of this paper, and will be found to-day on page $42 \tau$ Shares. BANK-Nece York. Love. High. Close. Last previons sale. -25 National Clty Bank-. $\quad 520 \quad 520 \quad 520$ Dee. 1916- 532 35 Commercial Trust Co.......120\% 120y_ 12016 Nov, 1915-105

## * Sold at the Stock Exchange

The 1917 convention of the New York State Bankers' Association is to o held at Lake Placid, N. Y., June 21 and 22
The book detaling the proceedings of the 1916 convention, which was hold at the Hotel Traymore, Allantic City, N. J., June 8 and 9. has recently been lssued by Secretary Henry In Its usual attractive form, bound in white covers. Besides the proceedings, the book contains a full list of the members of the Assoclation, the guests and delegates to the convention and a list of the officers of the Association since organization.

Robert R. Atterbury of the firm of Van Emburgh \& Atterbury of 5 Nassau Street has been elected a member of the Governing Committec of the Now York stok Exchange wo the vacancy caused by the resignation of James Ho . 80 . it is announced, has been accepted with regrot:

William K, Cleverley, Cashior of the Seaboard National Bank of this cley. has been elected a director of the fistitution
Johnston de Forest has been elected as trustee of the Union Trust Co of this city.
Hugh B. Baker has been elected to a Vice-Presidency in the Nationay Oity Company. Mr. Baker was formerly tho representative of the National Oity Bank in Palladelphia. The company also announces the appointment of Mr. W. H. Reber as district sates manager of its Buffalo office, to succeed Walter Morrow, who has been transferred to the New York orfice. W.J. Hunsinger has been appointed district sales manager of the whess-Bare iffice of the National

With the approval of the Supreme Court, Superintendent of Banks Eugeno Lamb Richarda la paying an additional i1\% dividend to the depositors of the State Savings Bank of New York Clify, which was closed by the Banking Department on Dec. 11911 . The book assets of the institution at the time it was closed totalied $\$ 153,937$, and the amoun dac depositors was 8185,057 . Vive dividends had proviously been paid, and the $11 \%$ now boink distributed brings the total distribution up to $65 \%$. The initial dividend of $15 \%$ was paid March 29 1912; a second dividend of $15 \%$ was paid July 29 1912; on Oct. 51912 the depositors recelved 10; $4 \%$ was paid in the latter part of 1914 and $10 \%$ In June 1915 . With th
a total of over $\$ 120,000$ is pald out in dividends.

Gustave M, Minzeshoimer of the stock Exchange firm of G. M, Minzetheimer \& Co. of 111 Broadway, this city, on Jan. 20 received permisslon from supreme Court Justlce Cohalan to change his name oo Minton. Mr. Minzesheimer in his petition stated that his name was dimcule co speli and pronounce and that hasmuch as the majorty or dely. ans carked on
 It is stated, why ho destred his name bo changed was that, athougn he was American-born, he has found stach hitm averso to transacting busmes whiling with him because of fear of espionage Mr . Minzeahofmer has been a member of the Stock Exchange since April 261900.

The depositors of the defunct Mutual Trust Co. of Orange. N. J., whose elams were approved on Jan. 15 , were paid their first dividend slince the bank's elosing, amounting to the. The order for the distribution of the dividend, which was signed by Chancellor Walker on Jan e, set forth. according to the Newark News. that crectors. claims in the amount of 3910,022 . 16 lats thet ctatms of 3138,95926 , filed and approved, had filed since Dec. 16 last: that chams or 3138,959 26, foed and approved. had been hed in abeyanco pending adjuatcation as to whom they aro payable ment of their valdity: that therc romained outatanding claims of $\$ 7,18671$ ment of thoir validity; that there remainedsutatand ng chams oras then in upon whici no prosith the hands of the Banking Commissloner $\$ 0 \% 9.041$ se avalabie for diribution after reserving $\$ 50.000$ for hurther expenses or inqudation, logal expenses and other contingent costs. The caims or above as not allowed, It is said, represent the cert Idate II Hatch. Vicepreaddent, who, as noted in our lssue of Jan. 13 last, has been sentenced and Is now seeving a term of from seven to fourteen years as a result of the transaction

The building formerly occupled by the Mutual Trust Co, at Highland Avenue and scotland street, Orange, has beed orderca sold by . The new Orange Tabe Bats Orme offered a bid of $\$ 16,000$ for the building Orange valloy Bank of Orause offercd did of Mr. Overmiller has de posited 81.000 . as nota pos directad that notlee be given the Orange Valley Bank to vacate, within 30 doys artir title passes, won the payment of the romaining \$18,500 30 days after Muus Trist which was orzanized to protest formally against the sale of tho bank building to the Orange Valley Hank

In our issue of Jan, 20 we fuadvertently misspelled the namer of the Sec retary and Assistant Secretary of the Unlon Trust Co. of Jersey City, N. J, Georgo 15. Bailoy is Secretary of the company and Theodore Ackerson is Assistant 8ecretary

The directors of the National Commerclal Bank of Albany, N. Y, at a meoting on Jan. 26. In addition to declaring the regular quarterly dividend of $4 \%$, also declared an extra dividend of $4 \%$, thus making a return of $20 \%$ to the shareholders for the year 1916. The bank has a capital or $\$ 1,000,000$. and is one of the largest institutions in the state, outalde of New York City. Robert C. Prisn is Chairman of the board.

Chartes II. Newell and Moses J. Barber have been elected Vice-Presidents of the Merchants Nationa

Arrangementa have been completed for the opening by the First National Bank of Boston of a branch in Buenos Aires under the managership of Noet F. Tribe, a banker of expertence who has reaided in the Argentine for ho Vebruary and during the present month will be glad to meet at the bank or vebruary with those who may care to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss details of South American business. The bank is establishing this branch to assist in building up the forelgn trade between the United States branch ond As so much of this trado passex throurh tho port of Boston, and as Nev England exporters and importers areso vitally interested ia ac ande forelgn credit information and dependable financlal arrangements. as and for the gencral benefit of the country's forelgn trade.

Arthur T. Spring, heretofore Assistant Cashler of the Merchants' National Bank of Boston, Mass., has been clected a Vice-President and ditector of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Nortland, Me.

Joseph T. Stuart has been elected a director of the Northwwewn Nationa! Bank of Philadelphta. Pa.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., has been called for March 28 to vote on a proposition to increase the capital of the institution from $\$ 1,000,000$ to $\$ 5,000,000$. The 10,000 shares of new stock (par $\$ 100$ ), If authorized, it is said, aro to be offered at $\$ 500$ a share. A recent sale of the Fidelity stock was reported at $\$ 732$ a share. The proceeds from the sale of the new stock, it is reported, will be used for financing the recent purchase of the Broad strcet property on which the company will erect a large office bullding. The company was organized in 1866 with a capital of 3250.000 . Arter a number of smaller in 1913 it was increased to $\$ 4,000,000$, its present amount.

Albert A. Outerbridge, Vice-President of the Land Titte \& Trust Co. of Philadelphla, Pa., and for many years a prominent member of the Phila delphla bar, died on Jan. 23 in his seyenty-fith year, Mr. Outerbridg had been a Vieo-President of the Land Title \& rust since 1912, and fo twenty-five years prior thereto served as its Trust Oricer. From 1881 to 1885 be was reporter of decisions in the suprume Court of Peansyivanha and at one time was editor-in-chlef of the "Weekly Notes and Cases," legal journal.

George H. Oherrington, President of the Brown \& Zortman Machinery Co, has been chosen a Viee-President of tho William Penn Trust Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa. The trust company if owe of Pitnourgn's youngest banking institutions, having begun busineas on Nov, A hast, as noted our fssue of Nov. 11. The company has a caplfal of $\$ 125,000$. It is headed by James M, Fannlug, as President.

Frod I.. Main has resigned as Cashier of the Commerclat Bank of Titusvitte, Pa., effective March 1, to become arsociated in an executive capacity with Main, squires \& Co., certified publie accountants, of 25 in the New New York Cley, abd wetsourch. York orfec of the (ommercial Bank of Titusylle for E. Li. Main benk to bank as Cnatier, in Samary 1010 , when John I. Mekinney resienned as President of the bank after thirty-three years' service, and was succeeded by Cashier George W. Iforne

The surplus fund of the Lancaster Trust Co. of Lancaster, Pa., has been increased from 3900,000 to $\$ 1,000,000$. Truating facotiously the changing of the figures on tho company's windows the "Daily New IGn" on the 166 th sald:
Charles F. Tucker, the artistic sign painter, for the first time in his life, is on the way of actunily making a million. True; he had s woek? Thls is
on, but who else could make a million out of it in less than a weet the way he did it. By changing the fircures of surplus on the plste glas window of the Lancaster Trust Co., where it
institution to regularly indicate its progress.
institution to regularly indicate its progress.
The Lancaster Trust began business in 1890 and now has a caplat of $\$ 250,500$ surplus and profits (as of Nov. 17 last) of $\$ 1,065,571$, and deporits of $\$ 6.401 .654$. The Institution is headed by John Ifertzier, as Prosident.

The administrative committee of the Maryland Bankerw Awociation has selected Atlantic City as the city in which the 1917 meetins will be held. May 23 and 24 are the days selected for the meetios and the headquarten will be at the Marlborough-Bleuhoim Hotel, where last ywors coavention was held. Speclal efforts, it is said, are betur made to mako the 1917 meet ing the most notable in the history of the association, both in the topio to be discussed and the promfactice of the speakers.

Point, Md. The new institution in which, it is sald, the Bethlehem Steel people are interested, will open for business with a capital or $\$ 100,000$, and surplus of $\$ 25.000$, both of which have already been paid in by the subficribers to the stock. It is expected that the bank will hande much of the banking business of the Bethlehem Steel Co. at Its Pemn-Mary plant at Sparrows Point. The incorporators of the new institution are: Van Lear Black, Vice-President of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Baltimore, Albert D. Graham and John 8. Gibbs of the Clitzens National Hank of Baltimore, George Weems Williams of the law firm of Marbury, Gosnell \& Willams
and James $C$. Fenhagen of the firm of Robert Garrett \& Sons of Baltimore.
On Eeb. 1 the bond department of the Security Savings Bank \& Trust Co., of Tolodo, Ohlo, was taken over by F. C. Hoehler, W, C. Thornburgh and Oscar Moreland, comprising the firm of F. C. Hoehter \& Co. The same policy of conservatism, it
and sale of municipal bonds.

Georgo M. Reynolds, President of the Continental \& Commercial NaHonal Bank of Chicago, III., has been elected a direetor of the Continental insurance Co, of New York.

A now banking institution, the Saginaw Valley Trust Co., of Saginaw Mich. capital $\$ 200,000$, and surplus of $\$ 50,000$, recently opened for and in addition it is stated, has acquired the abstract books of Sacinaws County and the business formerly operated by the Frank Lawrence Agency of Satimaw. The Saginaw County Trust Co, has as its President George A of Sayinaw. The Saginaw County Trust Co, has as its president George.
Adderton. Other officers of the company are: W. I. Orr and Samuel E. Symons. Vice-Presidents: Wm. B. Baum, Treasurer; W..J. Rachow, SecreCary; Wm. Melssner, Assistant Sccretary, and Charles E. Peckover Manager of the Abstract Department,

The Comptroller of the Currency has approved an increase of $\$ 100,000$ in the capltal of the First National Bank of Colorado Springs, Colo., raising it from $\$ 200.000$ to $\$ 300,000$.

The Comptroller of the Currency has approved an increase of $\$ 250.000$ In the capital of the Exchange National Bank of Tulsa, Okla, ralsing it from $\$ 500,000$ to $\$ 750,000$.

Stanley P, Ryland, heretofore assistant bank examiner of the Oleveland (O.) Clearing Houss Assoclation, has been elected Cashter of the Union Bank of Richmond. Va., to succeed Gcorge W. Call, who, as noted in these columns last week, has been elected President of the institution to succeed the late Joseph B. Beasicy. Mr. Ryland is a native of Richmond and has and prior to that time was Manager of the transit department of the First and prlor to that time was M.
National Bank of Richmond.

Otto Wells, General Manager of the Wells Amusement interests has been elected a diructor of the Cltizens Bank of Norfolk, Va.

The new Bibb National Bank, of Macon, Ga,, opened for business on Jan. 29. With a capital of $\$ 200,000$. During the first day of business deposits, it is said, aggregating $\$ 250.000$ were received. The new institution has as its President L. P. Hillyer, formerly Vice-President of the American NationaI Bank of Macon. Mr. Hillyer has a wide acquaintance throughout banking circles and has also had extensive banking experience.
He organizad tho American National Bank of Macon in 1891, and atso Ho organizud the American National Bank of Macon in 1891, and atso assisted in the formation of and for twenty years served as Secrotary Mutual Alllanen Trust Co. of thls eity, which was taken over by the Chatham \& Phemix National Bank. He is a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Ga., berying at regular intervals on its Finance Committee
Provious reference to the Blbb Nationat was made in these columns Oct. 28 ,

Arch B. Davis has resigned as Secretary of the Kentueky Bankers' Assocfation to become Cashier of the Union National Bank of Louisville. Ky,, effective Feb, 1. Me. Davis succeeds as Cashfer Frank M, Gettys,
who remains as Vico-President. W. R. Cobb, herotofore Assistant Cashfer, who remains as Vico-President. W. R. Cobb, herotofore Assistant Cashfer-
has been promoted to tho second Vice-Presidency to take charge of the has been promoted to the second Viee-Presidency to take charge of the ier, has been glven theadditional title of Office Manager, and J. H. Waterfill has been made Manager of the banks new business department, in addition to contiouing as Assistanc Cashis new. B. Daumont has been made Auditor of the bank and.J. H. Scales has been elected a dircetor.

The Bank of ttaly, of San Francisco, Cal., it is stated, has purchased the J. H. Goodman \& CO. Bank, of Napa, Cal., and will operate the same as a branch. The Bank of Italy, it is said, has also purchased controlling interest in the of Tivermore, Cal. James A. Bai Bank and the Livermorc Savings Bank, of for the Itallan Consul-Generai at San Francisco and the Itallan Chamber of Comm. He ill take charge of the new trust denartircecor of the Bank of Italy. He wir take charge of the new trust department which the bank is to establish. At tho annail meat or the instutution on Jan, 17 all the were added to the board. They are T, S. Hawkins, Joseph F. Cavagnaro and $F$. Kronenberg

At the annual meeting of the sharcholders of the Union Bank of Canada at Winnipeg on Jan. 10, two important announcements were made. The rirst was the rceignation of G. H. Balfour as Gencral Manager of the insti-
tution, sud the electlon of B. H. Shaw, heretofore Assistant General Manager, to the office of General Manager, to succeed him. Mr. Balfour however, will be identified with the bank as a director. He was in the service of tho Union Bank for the past forty-seven years, durlige which time he filled in succession every post in the bank from funfor elerk to general manager. Ife served in the fatter position for the past thifteen years. Tho bank bas had a prosperous lifu under his administration and was Increased from the benerit or his wisdom and experfence the board Mr. Shaw, the new General Manager, has been connected with the Union Bank for twenty-six years, for the past eleht years as Asslstant General Manager, and prior to that ho served as Superintendent of the bank's western business.

Announcement was also made of the intention of the bank to establish an agency in New York City, The bank has secured the services of Gilbert Cornclius Vanderbilt to act as an Advisory Committed for the new agency. This ageney, it is announced, will bo established by the bank "in order to avall itself of Its (the bank's) proper share of the Emplre's floancing at the
present time, and to assumie its share of solving the fimancial problems whichr
are bound to ensue at the close of the war." The statement of the bank's operations for the year ending Nov. 301916 shows net profits (after deducting expenses of management, fnterest, doubtfut debts, se., of $8651.184^{\text {. }}$ being $13.02 \%$ on the bank's paid-up capital of $\$ 5,000,000$. The usual dividends of $8 \%$ and bonus of $1 \%$, amounting to $\$ 450,000$. were paid: $\$ 150,000$ was transferred to contingent account: $\$ 10,000$, was contributed to offcer's pension fund: $\$ 5,000$ was donated to the British sallor's relief fund and $\$ 50,000$ paid as Government tax on circulatfon, leaving a balance do be carried forward of $\$ 93,160$. Gross deposits show a gratifying inmembers of reported at $\$ 89,267,789$, against $\$ 72,685,136$ in 1915. 658 43 have been killed, 28 wounded, and 3 are missing, leaving 584 still in the field. Seven new branches were opened during the year and fifteen branches have been closed. The total number of branches now operated is 309 .

The sixty-first aunual statement of the Bank of Toronto (head office Toronto, Ont.. Canada), for the twelve months ending Nov. 301916. hies an increase in net profits and also a considerable gain in deposits. The net profits for the year were $\$ 730,954$, an increase of $\$ 67,880$ over the earnings for the prevlous year, which were $\$ 663,074$. Gross deposis inThe total $\$ 48,769,766 \mathrm{in} 1915$ to $\$ 54,893,507$ in the year just closed. the year and a batance of $\$ 439,383$ carried forward from 1915 , was $\$ 1,170$. 337. Out of this sum dividends amounting to $\$ 550,000$ (115\%) were pald, $\$ 25.000$ was transferred to the officers' nension fund, $\$ 36,250$ was contribated to the Patriotic Fund and other war subscriptions, $\$ 2,000$ was donated to the Toronto Gemeral Hospital, and \$507.990 has beem carriod forward. The Bank of Toronto has a paid-up capital of $\$ 5,000,000$ and a reat fund of 36.000 .000 . W. G. Gooderham is President of the insticution, having uceeded the late Duncan Coutson, whose death Occurred last February, Joseph Hendereon is Vice-President and Thos. F, How is Generat Manarer of the biank.

The eleventh annual general meeting of the Northera Crown Bank of Ganada (head office Winnipeg, Manitoba) was held on Jan. 10. The shows that the bank has enjoyed a satisfactory year. The profits for the year wure $\$ 128,761$, comparing with net profits of $\$ 100,790$ for the previous twelve months. Deposits increased from $\$ 13,907,215$ to $\$ 18,385,055$. From the amount available for distribution, $\$ 150.392$ (consisting of earnings for 1916 and a balance of $\$ 21,030$ carried forward from 1915), $\$ 17,437$ was appropelated as a war tax on circulation and $\$ 132.955$ was carried forvard as a balance of profit and loss. No dividends were paid by the bank. On this point Sir D. II. MeMillan, President of the bank, in his address to the stockholders said:
Earnings were a little oyer $9 \%$ of the capltal of the bank, but in vlew
of the uncertainty as to what effect either the continuation or termination of the uncertainty as to what efrect either the continuation or termination of the war may have upon the financlal situation, your directors deemed it
the wisest course to pass the divldend for the half-year ended the 30th or November, and have carried the profits to profit and loss account after dethat this may be the last dividend they will have to pass, and they are encouraged to belleve that they will, if nothing umforeseen occurs, be in a po-
stion to resume payments of dividends from now on R. Camplefl is General Manager of the Northern Crown Hank.

The eighty-fifih annual report of the Bank of Nova Scotia (head ofrice Halifax), recently published, shows that net profits for the year ending Dec. 311916 were $\$ 1,252,039$, or $19.26 \%$ on the average pald-up capital for the year, and an increase of $\$ 31.982$ over the net profits of the previous welve months, when they amounted to $\$ 1,220,057$. There was a balance rom the previous year of $\$ 396.115$, which when added to the net profits or the year just closed made $\$ 1,648,154$ available for distribution. Out prlated for war tax on circulation, $\$ 38.500$ was doid; $\$ 65.000$ was approPatrlotic, British Red Cross and Sallors' Rellef funds, and $\$ 50,000$ was contributed to the officers' pension fund, leaving $\$ 584,654$ to be earried forward as a halance of profit and loss. Deposits and other liabilities to the public show the satisfactory Increase during the year of $\$ 12.188 .924$ and now amount to $\$ 97,308,673$. Interest-bearing deposits (including interest accrued to date) amount to $366,546,078$, while the non-interestbearing deposits total $\$ 21,278,802$. Agsregate assets amounted to $\$ 116$.621,727, comparing with $\$ 104,244,467$ for the year 1915. The bank has a paid-in capltal of $\$ 6,500,000$ and the surplus fand is $\$ 12,000,000$, sald to be the highest proportion of rewrve to capital of any Canadian bank The cash, bank balances and deposit in the central gold reserves amount to $\$ 33,013,838$, or a casli reserve of $38.93 \%$, while the addition of marketable bonds and wectred call toans make total quick assets of $371,565,213$ equal to $73.55 \%$ of liabilitice to the pubile. The executive offices of the bank are in Toronto. Ont., and it has 189 branches Chroughout Canada. Newfoundland, Jsmsica, Cubs and Forto Rico, and in Boston, Chicago and New York, John Y. Payzant is Presldent and H. A. Richardson of the bank.

Thomas Ahern, Prosident of the Ottawa Light, Heat \& Power Co., has been elected a director of the Merchants Bank of Canada (head office Montreal) to succeed the late Alexander Barnet of 12enfrew. Mr. Ahern Ottawn Car Manufacturing Co. Electrle Co., the Ottawa Gas Co. and the phone Co. of Canada, and the Canadian Westloghouse Co.. ws well as of severat other companles.

The aunual refort of the Provincial Bank of Canada (La Banque ProVinciate) (head office Montreal) for the year ending Dee, 301916 thows the largest esarnings in the bankers history. The profits (after deducting management expensew, Interest, \&e.) amounted to $\$ 203.98$, or more than $20 \%$ on tho paid-up capital of $\$ 1,000,000$. Out of this amount $\$ 70,000$, or $7 \%$ $\$ 16,502$ for dividends, 810,000 was appropriated for war tiax on circutation. was set aside for contigeneles, $\$ 5,000$ was contributed to the Patriotie Fund, $\$ 50,000$ was transferred to the reserve fund, which now amounts to $\$ 700,000$, and $\$ 25,000$ was reserved to create a pension fund for the bank's officers and employecs, leaving $\$ 17,520$ as a balance of profit and loss. Gross deposits stand at $\$ 13,583,974$, white the assets total $818,414,464$. The bank now has 81 branches, fonrteen of which are in the City of Montreal and the remalning 67 are located in various parts of the provinces of Quebee, Ontario and New Brunswick. During the year nine new branches were opened and three were closed. II, Laporte is Iresldent of the institution and Tancrede Blenvenu is Vice-President and General Manager.

Leon Rueff, formerly Managing Director of the Swiss Bankvercin, has been admitted to partnershlp in the firm of Selfgran Bros, of London.

The annual statement of the Natlonal Discount Company, Ltd., of umn. The tross assets ending Dec. 311916 will be found ind deposits and sundry batances $\$ 83,924,579$. The company pald dividends at the rate of $10 \%$ per annum amounting to $\$ 328.083$ and carried forward to 1917 of $10 \%$ per annum amounting to $\$ 328,083$ and carried forward to 1917
a balance of $\$ 169,260$. The National Discount Company has a subscribed capltal of $\$ 21,166,625$ (169.333 shares of $\$ 125$ each), paid-up capital ( $\$ 25$ per share) of $\$ 4,233,325$, and a surplus fund of $\$ 2,250,000$. The Institution was established in 1856. Edmund Theodore Doxat is chairman of the board, and Phillp Harold Wade is Manager.

## THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu \& Co. of London, written under date of Jan. 11 1917:

## GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue shows an increase of $\mathrm{E509.955}$, as compared with last week's return. The West Arrican gold output for Nov. 1916 amounted to 2130.101 , as compared with $£ 122,-$ Indla for the month of Dec. 1916 amounted to about $21,174,500$. Gold to the value of $\$ 25,000,000$ bas been received in New York from Canada.

## SLLVER.

The long stay of the price at 365d. from Dec. 27 last to Jan. 6, inclusive, comprising nine working days, ended in a fall of yd. on the sth inst. followed by a similar movement on the 9 th inst, and again to-day. This retrogression became probable owing to large sales to Mnda on Clinaaccount amounting to over $1,000,000$, which afrorded some tomporary cass to the demand for coinage. At the same time tho duler market tendency induced some holders to realize their profts and thus further substantial supplies were acquired for mtatage purposes. It is possible that the Indian Curency figures given below, recording a reduction of 21 lacs in the silver holding, do not show so favorably as they would do ir the total purchases for the Indian Mint, lately made, were included. The price in Bombay has touched 103 (cum daty): if it rose to 1091/3 a full weight ruple conld be sold in the Bazaar as bullion without loss. The last three Indian Currency returns received by cable give details in lacs of rupees as follow:

Notes in circulation. Dec, 22. Dec. 31.
79.63
82.15
an. 7,58
82,58
Reserve in silyer coin
and bullion -79.63
-16.23

17,36
Gold coin and bullion
bumion
 17,36
11.91 11.91
11.92 82,58
17,15 Gold in England.
., 11,92
The stock in Bombay consists of 2.000 bars, as compared with 2,100 hars last week. The stack in Shanghal on Jan. 61917 consisted of about $24.200,000$ ounces in sycee and $16,100,000$ dollars, is compared with about $24,500,000$ ounces in sycee and 16,600,000 dollars on Dec. 30 1916. The following shipments were made from San Francisco durinis the week 240,000 ounces to China and 200,000 ounces to Bombay
Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:

No quotation fixed for forward delivery.
Thi quotation to-day for cash delivery is 58 d . below that rixed a week ค

We have also received this week the circular written under date of January 18 1917:

## GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note keste shows an increase of R684,320 as compared with last week's return. The net import of gold into India for 1916 amounted to ahout $28.082,400$. In 1915 It was about e4,017,600, and in 1914 about $88,386,000$. Gold to the value of \$24,440, 000 has been recolved in Now York from Canada. The Transvaal gold output for Decomber 1916 amounted to Es,289.705, as compared with 83,317 , 949 in December 1915 and $83,326,253$ is November 1916. Tho cotal output for 1916 amounted to $239,484,934$, as compared with $538,627,461$ in 1915.

## 8ILVER.

The free sellitug, which has been rather a feature of late, disappeared when the pricen foll back to 3fd. on the 12 th last.. and offerings became more normal. On the 17 th some buylag orders from the indian bazaars and elsephere came into the maro and rovealed tho paucity of supplis. The price rose at onco to $30 \%$ d., and a rurther rise to 303 d. took ptace to-day, date of Dec. 23 last the "Times of India" states as follows:
date of Dee. 23 last the "Times of India" states as follows
tivelve months (of which about 100 millions are estimated to have of abou Mesopotamia and East APrica) is without precedent in the financial history of India, and is mainly due to trade conditions which have prevailed since the middle of 1915. The people of India have been paid in crores, for which produce has been going up by leaps and bounds in value and they retain these crores because they have not been able to buy freely imported articles Ike place goods, iron and coppor goods, bar silvor and gold.
The last Indian currency returns recelved by cable give detalls in tacs of rupees as follows:


| Dec. 31. | Jan. 7. | Jan. 15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 82,15 | 82.59 | 82.39 |
| 17,36 | 17.15 | 17.01 |
| 11,91 | 12,06 | 11,61 |
| 11,02 | 11.02 | 11.92 | $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Gold in Eng bullion in India.............................. } 11,92 & 11,92 & 11,92\end{array}$

The stock in Bombay consists of 3,300 bars, as compared with 2,000 bars last week. The stock in Shanghal on Jan. 131917 consisted of about $24,200,000$ ounces in syeve and $16,100,000$ doltars on Jan. 61917 .

Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:

| Jan. 12-36 cash | No | Bank rate. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| " 15-36 " | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ugtatyo } \\ & \text { fixed } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| \% 16-36 "1 | for | . |
| " 17-363 ${ }^{17}$.18 | forward delivery |  |
| verage. 36.166 cash |  |  |

The quotation to-day for cash delivery is $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. above that fixed a week

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS-PER CABLE.
The daily elosing quotations for securities, \&c, at London as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

| Weet endina Feb 2, San. | $\operatorname{Jan} \cdot 20$ Mon. | Jan. 30. Tues. | $\text { Jan. } 31 .$ <br> Wed. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } 1 . \\ & \text { Thars. } \end{aligned}$ | $\text { Feb, } 2 .$ $\mathrm{Nri} .$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| stiver, per 08......... 1374 | $37 / \mathrm{K}$ | 37 5-10 | :17 5 -16 | 37 5-16 | 37-5-16 |
| Consols, $21 / 2$ per centh . . . . 562 | 6136 | $511 / 2$ | 512 | 513 |  |
| Britsh 4/5 per centa.... ...0954 | . 098 | 093 | 0078 | 903 | 90\% |
| French rentes (tir Parts) - fr.62 25 | 62.25 | 62.25 | 02.26 | 62.25 | 62.25 |
| French War Loan, 5\% (m) Paris) | 88.70 | 88.70 | 88.75 | c87,50 | 87.50 |
| The price of silver in N | Yor | on th | same | days | been: |
| sllver in N. Y., per oz_ets. $76 \%$ | 765 | 76\% | 76\% | $70 \%$ | 704 |

## TREASURY CASH AND CURRENT LIABILITIES.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Dec, 30 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the U. S. Treasury for Dec. 30.

> CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

GOLD.

## 

$\qquad$
Gold certificates outGold reserve. Avallable gold in gen-
eral fund............ $022,076,62900$
$152,079,02563$ 99.547 .25450

Total .................2,174,602,009 13 Total ...................2.174,602,909 13 Note. - Reserved against $\$ 346,681,016$ of U. S. notes and $\$ 2,035,188$ of Treasury
noted or Treasury.
silver dollars.

Total
Assets-
Avail. gold (see above).
Avallable silver dollara (ice above)
United states note
ederal Reserve note Fed. Reserve bank notes Vational bank notes...
Cert, checks on banks. Sert, checks on banks.Minor coln.
Silyer bullion (availabio for mibstdary colnage)
Unclasilfed (unsorted currency, kc.)..... Depotits in Fedcral
Reserve banks Reserve
Dedanks.... Deposits in
banks:
To eredtit of Treasurer
United States
United states.....
To credit of other Governm't officers,
Deposits in Philpplas To eredit of Treasurer United States....
To credis of other

## SILYER DOLLARS.

495,039,455 00
$495,930.455 .00$ GENERA
$\qquad$ Silver certifleates out-
standing
reasury standing-............. outatanding.............
Avatable silver dollar
in general fund
Total. FUND.
Ltabultios-
Trensurer's

$$
\begin{gathered}
17,108,65400 \\
5,109.46200 \\
2,092,045 \\
\hline
\end{gathered}
$$

$\qquad$ standing ©............. Post Offieo Depart....
Board of trutteon,


3,152,760 50 4,332,491 63 $16,201,61292$

## 4, $046,800.06$

1,108,009 02 $22,024,14014$

6,973,260 29

400,00000
$27,231,218.72$

1,697,675 00
$15,856,98539$ 11,622,703 07

Net batance. Including
$\$ 81.150 .15033$ to red
Totat. $\frac{114,487,83756}{226,110,54063}$
Total
al -................ $226,110,540$ तа
$76,795,61300$ $2.035,18800$ $17,108.65400$
$495,939,45500$ $\$$ Postal savinga Syatom ( $5 \%$ reservi)
Comptroller of the Currency, agent for
credtors of insolcreditors of Insol-
vent banks....... Postmastens, clerks of
Deposits for:
Redempton of Ved-
eral Keserve notes
( $5 \%$ fund) (5\% fund) of Fed-
leicmpton of
eral Reverve bank crat Reserve bank
notes (G\% fund redemption of na-
tonal bink notos
 notog, set May 30
1003 ent
Exchanged of cirs-
$\qquad$
*All reports rrom Treasury otfices recelyed before $11 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~m}$. aro proved on the amme day, All roporta from depositary banks are proved on than day or reeclpt or the day officers balancestated is the amount avaltablo to pay Tronsury warranta, disburang 4 $\$ 51,893,032$ 00 of outatandtig national bank and ycederil Resorvo bank notea that have been asumed by tha United statea on tepoalt of lawfol money tor thetr
rettrement (see Act of Juty 141800 and Dee. 231915 ), wbloh by Jaw ta part of the pubtio debt of the Ualted Stater and is Included in the pubtio debt atatement. Proor to July 11913 the amount of this fund was Induded as a part of the publio debt and not hs a Hablity In the general fund. On July 1 t 913 the form of the
dally statoment was changed and the retirement fund was romoved from the dally statement was ethanged and the retirement fund was romoved from the
renerat fund balance and set up as a general fund llabllity. The Aet of July 14 1890 provides, however, that thls fund ahall be theluded as is part of the publlo debt, Tho above atatement restores it to the batance and makea it a part of the pabile debt as required by taw

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF U.S. DEC, 31,1916 (Formerly Issued as "Statement of the Public Debt,")
The following statements of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States are as officially issued as of December 311916.

CABH aVALlable to pay maturing obligations.

## Balance held by the Treasurer of the Untted <br> Treasurer of the Unitted States as per dally Treaury statement for <br> Treaury statement for Dec $301016 \ldots . . .$.

Deduet-Net exceess of
payments over recelpts
in Dce, reports subse
quently recelved....
$14,487,83756$
quently recelved

Settlement warrants,
coupons. and eheeks
coupons. and cheela
outstanding:
Treasury warrants..
Treasury warrants...
Matured coupons...
32,570,288 44

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Dlabursting officera } \\ \text { checks............ } & 16,571,80174\end{array}$

United Stalided to
retssued when redeemed:
les states notes.
$\$ 446,681,01600$
Exeesh of uotes over reserve..........
$\$ 193,701,90037$


Total
3253.021 .83477

THE CHRONICLE
debt on which interest has ceased since maturity. Funded (Payable on presentation.)

 Funded Loan of 1907, matured July 21907. Roftunding cortitifeates, matured July 11007 Od debt matured at various dates spror to Jann. I 1861 , and other
titems of debt matured at varlous dates sobsequent to Total.. $\qquad$






 3s, Converslou bonds

 $\begin{array}{llll}15,701,000 & 3,862,000 & 11,888,100 \\ 14,232,000 & 1,660,000 & 12,579,000\end{array}$
J. $\qquad$ $15,761,000$

$14,230,000$ | 900,700 | 838,080 | 798,500 | 8,720 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $0,245,100$ |  |  |  |
| $0.700,700$ |  |  |  |

Aggregate of int,-beating debt $\overline{1,181,141,990} \overline{902,275,120} \overline{70,194,170} \overline{972,469,200}$
it Of thls amount $513,871,100$ frive been converted into conversion bonds and $a \mathrm{Of}$ thla amount $\$ 13,871,100$ have been converted into converslon bonds and
$\mathbf{3 1 2 , 2 5 2 , 0 0 0 \text { into one-year Treasury notes. }} \mathrm{l}$ of this ortiginal amount Issued $5132,440,900$ have been refunded into the $2 \%$
onsols of 1030 and $\$ 2,396,800$ bave been purchased for the sinking fund and canceled, and $\$ 500$ have otherwise been purchased and canceled.
$c$ Of thls original amount lasued $\$ 43, \$ 25,500$ have been purchased for the sinking $d$ or this original
bonds and $\$ 1,726,000$ into one-year Treasury notes ben converted into conversion oonds and $\$ 1,726,00$ into one-year Treasury notes,
eOf this orlinat amount
ond and 201,000 into ane conversion GROSS DEBT,
Debt bearing no Inter't $\$ 263,021,83477 \mid$ Gross debt (opex DEBT. Debt bearng no inter'
Debt on which Interest

Aggregate $\qquad$ 81,226,954,315 03 $\qquad$ Net debt..... $-\frac{94,315,11926}{51,132,030.19577}$

TREASURY CURRENCY HOLDINGS.-The following compilation, also made up from the daily Government statements, shows the currency holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of October, November, and December 1916 and January 1917.


New York City Banks and Trust Companies


- Banka marked with a (*) aro Btato banks,

Canadian Bank Clearings. -The clearings for the week ending Jan. 25 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1916, show an increase in the aggregate of $20.9 \%$

| Cleartings at- | Weet ending January 25 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1917. | 1916. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Inc. or } \\ D e c . \end{array}\right\|$ | 1016. | 1014. |
| Canada- |  | , |  |  |  |
| Montreal | $68,113,250$ | 55,423,025 | +22.9 | 42,450,390 | 48,377,838 |
| Winnlpeg | 10,763,779 | 29,780, 316 | +22.1 +6.2 | 29,071,583 | ${ }^{41,910,791}$ |
| Vancouver | 6,606,433 | 4,681,089 | +43.0 | 5,345,133 | 21,214,047 $9,087,463$ |
| Ottawa | 5,001,064 | 4,127,260 | +21.2 | 3,953,442 | 3,417,507 |
| Calgary | 4.805,165 | 3,404,134 | +41.2 | 2,428,364 | 2,994,122 |
| Quebec | 3,517,773 | 3,103,154 | +13.3 | 2,343,922 | 2,544,232 |
| Hamiton | $4,122,161$ 1,501619 | 3,235,802 | $+273$ | 2, 306,537 | 2,800,000 |
| Edmonton | $1,501,619$ $2,343,351$ | $1,233,489$ $1,634,845$ | +21.7 | 1,326,251 | 2, 330,611 |
| Halfax | ${ }_{2,220,472}^{2,31,351}$ | 1, $1,024,8345$ | +43.4 +15.9 | $1,824,391$ $1,625,622$ | $2,886,208$ $1,547,707$ |
| St. John | 1,764,673 | 1,492,471 | +15.9 +18.2 | 1,6276,022 | $1,547,707$ $1,553,681$ |
| London. | 1,782,846 | 1,557,105 | $+14.5$ | $1,442,888$ | 1,367,994 |
| Itegina | 2,333,401 | 1,598,719 | +46.0 | 1,019,723 | 1,597,302 |
| Maskatoon. | $1,353,637$ $1,043,781$ | 990,455 843,871 | +36.7 +23.7 | 617,893 | 1,092,503 |
| Lethbridge | -715,185 | 843,871 358,509 | +23.7 | 518.195 265.667 | 700,317 380,907 |
| Fort William | 620,099 | 549,439 | +12.9 | 265,607 407.459 | 3800,907 <br> 806 |
| Brandon. | 49.030 | 468,399 | +1,1 | 331,377 | 326.400 |
| Brantford, | 689.002 | 568,800 | +21.3 | 403,493 | 695,951 |
| Medielne Hat | 279.450 566.010 | 180,997 287,935 | +54.4 | ${ }^{261.084}$ | 370.064 370.068 |
| Peterborough | 486,475 | 261,935 | + 16.15 | 208,402 | 370,068 |
| Sherbrooke | 513.385 | Not inel, in | total. | 352,057 | - F . |
| Kitohener | 437,951 | Not inel. In | total. |  |  |
| Total Ca | 191,803,347 | 158,611,416 | $+20.9$ | 122,324,471 | 48,276,568 |

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 467. The statements below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Westorn lake and river ports for the weok ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

| Receipts at- | Nlour. | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats. | Barke. | Rye. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| chicam | sbts 10045es <br> 108,000 <br> 0.000 |  |  | ouxh, 32 los, | bush 4816 s . |  |
| Milvan |  |  |  | 574,000 | 400,000 | 80,000 |
| Minacaplis |  |  |  | 16,000 305000 | 74.000 319.000 | 15,000 |
| Totedo |  |  |  | 78.000 | , | 62,000 |
| Derroitand |  |  | (199,000 | 90,000 |  |  |
| 8t. Lou |  |  | 886,000 | 474,000 | 19,000 | 3,000 |
| Kanas Cily |  |  | 1,188,000 | 218,000 | 21,000 | 4,000 |
| Omaha. |  |  | 467.000 | 196,000 |  |  |
| 176 | 30 | 5.1 | 6,522,000 |  | , 401 |  |
| Same wk 1915 | 379,000 | $8,300,000$ $4,781.000$ |  | 6.129.00 | ,, 000, |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


 Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Jan. 271917 follow:

| Recerlpts at- | Mlour, | Wheal. | Corn. | Oats. | Bathen. | Rye. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Barrcte } \\ 114.000 \end{gathered}$ | Burhicts. <br> 1,957,000 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bushels, } \\ & 405,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bushers.ig } \\ \$ 88,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{c\|} \hline \text { Bustrule. } \\ 535.000 \end{array}$ | Bushels. 14,000 |
| Pratadelphla | 30.000 | 878,000 | 140,000 |  |  | 22.000 |
|  | 45,000 <br> 16.000 | 673.000 | 634,000 | 10,000 208,000 | 88.000 | 157,000 |
| Mobito | 17.000 |  | 24.000 | 2.000 |  | -ran |
| Nay ${ }^{\text {caiteana }}$ | 37,000 | 947,000 733,000 | 914,000 | 21,000 |  |  |
| Montreal | 1,000 | 97,000 | ,000 | 124.000 |  |  |
| 1soston | 49,000 | 107,000 | 135,000 | 84,000 | 1.000 | 0,000 |
| Total wk, 1917 |  |  |  |  | 722,000 | 303,000 |
| Stincelan.1.17 | 1,495,000 608.000 | $18,244,000$ <br> $8,278,000$ | 6.800 .000 | $7.010,000$ | 2.052,000 | 1,495,000 |
| SniceJan. 1.16 | 2,830,000 | 8, $\begin{array}{r}8,278,000 \\ 31,769,000\end{array}$ | 4.157,000 | 2,731,000 $0,029,000$ | 54,000 $3,532,000$ | 1,574, |

a Recelpts do not inc
nirough bula of tading
Tho oxports from the several seaboard ports for the woek unding Jan. 27 are show in the annexed statement:

| Exports from- | Thrat |  | Plour barrets. | Naty. brohelis. | He: | $\begin{aligned} & \text { nately. } \\ & \text { buathetr. } \end{aligned}$ | P. Peas: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{New}^{\text {New }}$ Y | 3,277 | 42 232,372 | 111,753 | 351,708 |  | 755,078 | 8 43,483 |
| Boston | 186 | 72 |  | 455.000 |  |  |  |
| aladel phta | 1.234.73 |  | ${ }^{14,000}$ | 650,000 |  |  |  |
| wport Ne |  |  | 15,000 | 203,000 |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{0}$ |  | 24,000 38.000 | 17.000 42.000 | (2,000 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| otal w |  | 161.017185 | 197,773 | $1.676,70839$ |  | 755,978 | 3 |
| The destination of these exports for the week and since |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brports for Week and since Juty 1 to- | Plour. |  | Whens |  | Corn. |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Week } \\ J_{10 n} \\ 1917 \end{array}$ | $1916$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Week } \\ & \operatorname{son}^{27} \\ & 19 i z_{2} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
| United Kingdom. Continent 80,6 Cent. Amer west indtes Brt. No.Am.Col'a. Other coumtrien- |  | Barrels <br> $2,689,742$ $3,580,652$ <br> 088,762 <br> $1,289,640$ 9,676 <br> 136,212 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 35,503 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 24,104 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 61,179 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 187 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8,694,591 \\ & 8,501,403 \end{aligned}$ | 6,634,346 6,446.242 | $170,209,7051,047,18526,401,327$ $190,705,742 \quad 885,230 \quad 9,842,308$ |  |  |  |
|  | 290,166 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Jan. 271917 and since July 11916 and 1915 are shown in the following:

| Exports. | Wheat. |  |  | Corn- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1916-17. |  | a1915-16. | 1916-17. |  | a1015-16. |
|  | Week Jan, 27. | Stince <br> July 1. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Judy } 1 . \end{aligned}$ | Week Jan, 27. | Since a Juty 1 . | Stuce July 1. |
| Northamer ${ }^{\text {Ruefa }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bushets. } \\ & 0,390,000 \end{aligned}$ | Bushets. $225,550,0002$ | Buaticts. 255,262,000 3,608,000 | Bushels. $1,269,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bushels. } \\ & 26,570,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bushels, } \\ & 7,441,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Ruesta. Danube. |  | 6,262,000 | 3,608,000 |  |  |  |
| Argenttina..- | 2,416,000 | 43,010,000 | 9,088,000 | 1,408,000 | 80,832,000 | 118,910,000 |
| Australa. | $1,186,000$ 440,000 | $25,020,000$ $21,918,000$ | $4,904,000$ $8,648,000$ |  | , |  |
| Oth.countr's | 06,000 | 3,971,000 | 5,208,000 | 112,000 | 3,428,000 | 4,814,000 |

Totat.. $\sqrt{10,528,000} 325,770,000,286,718,000,2,780,000,111,111,000131,165,000$ *North Amerlea.-The Canadran Government has offtelally prohitited the
lssuance of both manifesta and exports untl after ten days. This ts effective during the continuance of the war. a Rovised.

The quantity of wheat and corm allont for Europe on dates mentioned was as follows:

|  | Wheat. |  |  | Carn. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | United Kingdom. | Coustinent. | Totat. | United Kinodom. | Continem. | Totat. |
| Jan. 271917. | Bushels. Not ay | Bushels. allable | Bushelt. | Bushels, | Busheld. | Busheld. |
| Jan. 201917. | Not av | allable | 40,340,000 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $40,340,000$ $36,232,000$ |  |  | $16,083,000$ <br> $22.806,000$ |

## DIVIDENDS

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

Dividends announced this week are printed in italics.

| Name of Company. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { Cent, } \end{aligned}$ | When Payable. | Books Closed. Dayz Inctustio. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Railroads (Steam). |  |  |  |
| abama Great |  |  |  |
| Preferred (extra) | $36$ | Feb, 23 | Holders of rec. Jan. $22 a$ |
| tehison Topora des | 13/2 |  | Holdera of reo. Jan. 319 |
| altmore \& Obio, co | $25 / 5$ |  | Holders of rec. Jan. 200 |
| Preterre |  |  | Holders of rec. Jan. $20 a$ |
| Ellefonte | 50 | Feb. 15 | Feb. 1 to Feb. 15 |
| Extra | 50 | Fob. 15 | Veb. 1 to Veb. 15 |
| df. Rochester \& Pultsourgh, com. © pref- |  | Feb, 15 | Holders of rec. Feb. 0 a |
| hicago Milw \& \&t. Pau Preferred | $\begin{aligned} & 2 K \\ & 3 K \end{aligned}$ | Mar, 1 | Holders of rea. Feb. Hotders of rec. Feb. |
| hle, 8t. P. Minn | 31/2 | Feb. 20 | Holdeni of rec. Feb, la |
| ripple Creek Centrat, oon | 15 |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 15 d |
| Preferred (quar.) |  |  | Holders of rec. Veb. 15 a |
| daware \& Hudso | 21. |  | Holders of ree. reb. 26a |
| rem bay e West |  | Feb. | Holders of rec. Feb. Dia |
| nlinots Central ( | 131 |  | Holders of rec. Feb. |
| oulsvithe \& Nashiv | 31/2 | Feb. 10 | Holders of rec. Jan. 10 |
| Nortolk \& Wester |  |  | Holders of ree. Jan 3 ! |
| Norfolk \& Western, | 13 | Mar. 19 | Holders of rec. Feb. 28 |
| Common (extra) |  | Mar. 10 | Holdors ot ree. Feb. 28 a |
| Pennsylvanla (quar. | 750. |  | Holders of ree, Veb. 19 |
| Readtry Company, co | 31 | Yeb | Holders of reo. Jan. $22 a$ |
| First preferred (qua | 500. | Mar. 8 | Holdets of ree. Veb. $20 a$ |
| Unica Cifinton \& Btaghamato. Street and Electic Rallways | 135 | 0 | Veb, 1 to Feb, 11 |
| Amerlean Radways, pref. (qua | 11 | Feb. 15 | Holdera ot ree, Jan. 31a |
| Boston Elecated R. | 1/2 | Vob. 15 | Holders of ree. Feb. |
| Brazilan Trac, Lt. \& Pow., ord. |  | Mar | Holders of ree, Jan. 31 |
| Brasol if Platiollte Tramucay (quar.) |  | Feb | Holdera of ree. Jan, 29 |
| Cittes Service, com. \& pret. (monthly |  | Mar | Holders of ree. Feb, 15 |
| Common (payable in common stock) | $15 / 2$ | Mar. 1 | Holders of ree. Feb. 15 |
| Civid Inyest. \& Industrial (qu.) (No. 2)- |  | Veb. 15 | Holders of rec. Jan. 31 |
| (onntecticut ky. © Ltq., coms, \& pref. (gu.) | t | Feb. 15 | Feb. 1 to Jeb. |
| Duluth-Superlor Trael, , pref. (quur.).... | $t$ | April 2 | Holdees of rec. Mar, 150 |
| Iminois Traction, common (q) |  | Feb. 15 | Holdery of rec. Jan. 31 a |
| Lehtgh Valley Translt, prer | 13 | Veb, 10 | Holders of rec. Jan. $31 a$ |
| Etrooln Tractlon, pref. (guar.) | 1/2 | Veb. | Jan, 21 to Jan. 31 |
| Paclue Gas de Elec., 1se prer. | $1 / 2$ |  | Holders of rec. Jan. $31 / a$ |
| Original pref. (quar.) | 13 | Peb. 15 | Holders of tee. Jan. $31 a$ |
| lladelphla Co., $3 \%$ preferred ssanks. | 31.25 | Mar, 1 | Holders of rec. Veb. 10a |
| Lincotr Nattonat (qu) | $21 / 2$ |  | Holders of rec. Jan. 350 |
| astchester Arenue ( | 1/5 |  |  |
| Astor (ouar.) | 4 | Fob, 1 | Holders of ree. Jan. $26 a$ |
| Fire Insu |  |  |  |
| thester Filre (guar). Miscellane | 10 |  |  |
| sceptance Corporation | 124 |  | Holders of ree. Fob. 14 a |
| aska Packers' Assoclation |  |  | Holders of reo. Jan. 31 |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Jan. 31 |
| Americaa Bank No | 115 |  | Holders of ree. Yeb, la |
| Amertian Bort Sugar | 12 | April 30 | Holders of rec. April 14 |
|  | 12 |  | Holders of ree, Feb. 17 |
| Preferred (ouar.) | 115 | April | Holders of rea. Mar. 17 |
| merican B | 115 | Veb. 15 | Holdera of rec. Jan. 31 |
| Extr | 11 | Feb. 15 | Holders of rec. Jan. 31 |
| merica | 21.6 | Veb. 15 | Holders of reo. Fob. 5 a |
| Amer. Ia Vrance Ftre Eng. Ine, com. (qu,) |  | Veb. 15 | Holders of ree, Feb, 8 a |
| merlean Mramuyat | R1)/2 | April 1 | Mar. 17 to Mfr. 31 |
| Common (ertro) |  | April | Mar. 17 to Mar. 31 |
| u Common (payable in common stock) | $331-3$ | April 15 | Holders of red. Mar, 10 |
| u Common (payable in preferred stock) | $162 \cdot 3$ | Aphi 15 | Holders of ree. Mar, 16 |
| Prefortes (qua | 113 | Apris 1 | Mar. 17 to Mar. 31 |
| Americin Radtator. com. (gua |  | Mar. 31 | Holders of reo. Mar. 216 |
| Common (payable | 150 | Mar. 15 | Holders of reo. Mar, 7 |
| Preferret (guar.) | $1)$ | Feb. 15 | Holders of rec. Jeb. |
| merican Sewer 1'tp | P500. | June 20 |  |
| American Soda Fountafa (qu | $11 /$ | Veb. 15 | Veb 1 to Fob, 15 |
| Amertan Sumatra Tobracco, pres | 3y | Mar. 1 | Holders of ree, Veb. 15 |
| American vulties, prof. (quar.) | 12 | Fed. 10 | Holders of rea. Jain. 314 |
| Amer, Window Glass | 12 | Eeb. | Holdera of ree. Jan. 27 |
| maconda Codper Min | \$2 | Veb. 26 | Holders of rec. Jun. 20 a |
| Asbestox Corp. of Canaita, Lld, , pref, (gu.) |  | Veb. 15 | Holders of rec. Veb. 1 |
| Beatrice Creamery, common | 2 H |  | Feb. 7 to Feb, 12 |
| mmon (extra) | 10 | Mar, 10 | Holders of ree. Mar. 3 |
| forred | 13 |  | Veb, 7 to Feb, 12 |
| ethehem steel, com | 10 | $\text { Apeli } 2$ | Holders of ree. Mar. 154 |
| ${ }^{4}$ Com. (pay, in new Class B com. stk.) | 200 | Feb. 17 | Holdera of rec. Feb. $16 a$ |
| Preferred (quar.) | 2015 | april | Holders of rec. Mac. 150 |
| gelou-Hatford Car |  |  | Hotders of rec. Jan, $25 a$ |
| l'referral (quar | $1 / 5$ |  | Holders of rec. Jain. 250 |
| ad \& Mortgage Gua | 4 | Feb | Holders of ree. Feb. 80 |

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$\frac{\text { Name of Company. }}{\text { Miscellaneous (Conctaded). }}$
 Common (quar.).
Prieract (luar.) Bordform Condensed Milik, com. (No. 43)
Buckeye Plpo Line Buckeye Ppa
Burna Bros. Common (quar, (NO, 14)
Burn Bros. Tce Corp., Calumet \& Arizona Minlug (quar).... Canada Cement, Dreforred (quarf).........
Canada Foundries \& Vorking , com. (qu.) Common (extra)
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Eastman Kodak, common (estra).. Eisentohe (outo) \& Bros. IM. © common:, Gnston, Wiliams \& Wigmore (No, 3),
Renerai Chemical, common (quar.).
General Ftreprooftig, common (giar)
 Goodrich (B, F.) Co, common (quar
Goodrich (B, V. Co, common (quar.
Preferred (quar) .......................... (quai,
 Grecene Canainea Copper, In. . com. (gu.
 Indiana Plpe Line (quar.) Indmanpolis Telephone, proferred (guari) In. Harrester of N. J, prif. (Vu.) (No. 40)
Int. Harrester Corp., pre. (qu.) (No. 16) Jefferson \& Ctear, Coal \& ron (quar.)
Ketogs 8wlithboard \& Supply (quar.) Kerr Lake Mining (quar) (No, 46
Lehigh Coal $\&$ Navigation (quar.)



 National Acme (quar.)
National Cale
Natonal Carbon, pref, (quär,)
National Cloak d Suif, com. (qu.) ive.is Natlonal Lead, prer. (qua

## Common (oxtra) New Jersey Zinc (quar) <br> North Amerlean Co. (quar,)...... Ohto Clites Gas, common (quar).

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Pacific Mafl Steamshilp, prof. (quar.) Penmans, itmilted, common (quar,)..
 Pittssurdh Stel, prefercht.
Pressed Steel Car, com. (qu) (No, 26).
 Pullman Company (quar.) (No. 200).
Pure Oll (quar.) Fxtra.
Quaker
Quaker Oath, preferred (quar.) -........)
Sears, Roebuek \& Co.. common (quar.)

 Southorn Paif Line (guar.).
Soukhern Pipe
Standard OII (Call), (quar.)

## Stock dividend........... Standard Oll (Tndam) (quar

Extra
Standard oll (Kansas) (quar) No o. 4i).
 Preferret (quar). Stadard Serew, common (extra)......
Stewart-Warner Spoedomo:e: (quar.), Superior stal, flort preferred (No. 1 ). Thompson-Starrett Co., preferred.
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Vnion American Cloar, preferrad (quar).
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United Cirar Stores of Amerten, com. (qui. United Dyewood Corporition, common.
Preterred (quar,......$:-~$


## Common (erira) Prefirmed (guar.)

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Wheling sued is Tron fotock dibitind
 Wootworth (F. W.). common (quar)




#### Abstract

       


## Auction Sales.-Among other securities, the following, not usually deall in at the Slock Exchange, were recently sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia: <br> By. Messrs. Adrian H. Muller \& Sons, New York: <br> Shares: 100 Stocks. 100 U. S. Fil <br>     Bengup Coal Co. of W: San oppaten      Mg. Co., waynt. No. 3 patd, 81 cash 19 .    <br> Per cent. Shares Stocks. 4.000 Goid. Anch.Mg. Co. 18 za . 220 fot 10,000 Tonopaa Glpsy Queen MI. CO., Assmt. No. 10 pald, <br>   $\stackrel{1}{2}$ Devel, Co.. assmt. No. 6 pd . 81 ea 150 , per share No. 6 pd, 81 ea Tse, per share $111,200 \mathrm{The}$ Groumd Hog Tunnel \& Mif. Uo. 81 each 815 tot 9,700 Diamondthild Black Butte  3,000 Ismoralda-Farral Co, 31 eaeh. Co, 31 each....... 8195 lot 20,000 Indepentont Fiead Sitver Mg. Co., 31 cach... $\$ 71$ tot Bonds. Mg. Co., 81 cach....S. Pet cent. $\$ 3.000$ Mexican Minerats Co. 1 st is. 1910 ............ 31,000 Mextean Coul \& Coke Co.     <br> By Messrs. Barnes \& Loffand, Philadelphia:

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| 60 Kuystong wateh caso.-... 703 |  |
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|  | Chester Sthlpptng Com |
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| ,000 Veta Grande Mgi, \$1 bach. |  |
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| 18 Commerctat Trust Co....... 120 |  |
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| 25 Phila Lifo Tnxur, $\$ 10$ each - 11/2 |  |
| 5 Parmers ik Mechan, Nat. Bk, 135 10 Vourth Stroet Nat, Bank 300-302 |  |
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Imports and Exports for the Week.-The following are the reported imports of merchandise at New York for the week ending Jan. 27 and since the first week of January: FOREIGN IMPORTS AT NEW YORK.

|  | 1017. | 1916. | 1915. | 1914. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| For the week... Previously repor | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 28,312.500 \\ & 08,044,320 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 822,403,000 \\ 80,660,612 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 517,368,125 \\ 53,178,192 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 321,143,660 65,635,51 |
| Total 4 weeks. | ,307,120 | (1)063,612 | 570,510,317 |  |

 EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF SPECIE AT NEW YORK.

| Week endtno Jan. 27 Gold. | Esports. |  | Impors. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week, | Stance | Week. | Stinee. |
| Great |  | \$10,828 |  |  |
| Crance- |  |  |  |  |
| West Indi |  | 804,000 | 818,750 277355 | S29,411 095,852 |
|  | \$42,000 | 73,838 4,44603 | - 317.3745 | 993,852 |
| Aut other count | 2,44,463 | 3,594.463 | 51,197 | 110,680 |
| Total 1917 | \$2,486,463 | \$0,320,732 | 3632,646 |  |
|  | 1,534,450 | 1,805,002 | 2,245,417 | 10,755,161 |
| Total 1015 | 210,000 | 628,000 | 545,385 | 1,949:500 |
| Great Britaln. | \$353,249 | 33,010,700 |  |  |
| France- |  | B,000 | \$636 | 300 |
| Cermany- | -0̈o | 1.106 | 100 |  |
| Mexico. | 3,000 | 1,549 | 330,236 | 1,064,847 |
| South America |  | 409 | 10,562 | 441,215 |
| All other countries. | 8.280 | 8,280 | 151,370 | 188,780 |
| Total 1917 | 8305.830 | 33,030,224 | \$102.073 |  |
| Total 1916. <br> Total 1015 | 1,092,172 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,568,077 \\ & 3,568,517 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,3,005 \\ 3 \\ 3,569 \end{array}$ | $1,471,055$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |

The Federal Reserve Banks.-Following is the weekly statement lssued by the Federal Reserve Board on Jan. 27: Continued liquidation of commerctal and bank paper owned by the Federal Reserve banks, accompanied by increases of reserve deposits and of bot lank ropocts an increase of about an increase or 18.2 milions in its mild holdings and of 7.5 millifons nddition a gain for the week of 24.8 millions. The New. York o the chance of a favorable balance of 12.5 millions in account with other Federal Rescrve banka 0 other cash reserc.
 with increased deposits and reduced holdiags of paper on the ong hand, and a larger balanco due from other federal Reserve banks on the other.
 mulions is indicated in the total of accoptaneess on hand, all the banks reporting smatler holdings than the week before. Transactions in U, S, securitles nctuding the converstion of $2 \%$ bonds into $3 \%$ bonds and notes, are shown for 6 banks, resulting in a decrease of $\$ 1,777,000$ in the aggregate amounto

 15 days, and less than $3 \%$ after 15 , but withln 30 days. Levs than $1 \%$ of the commerclal and bank paper, as agalnst $61.5 \%$ of the warrants hold, mature
 346 Shown the wook Government deposits show a decling for the week of 2.8 millons, the Boston, New York and Chicago banks reporting considerable net withdrawals of
 063,000 as artaninst $822,382,000$ the weok beforo. of papect. Tho banks outstanding circulation of Fecteral Reserve notes is stated as $\$ 259,768,000$, with aggregate liabilite thercon of $\$ 13,509,000$.

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 Agenta' 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 Banes at the Close of Bubinese Jan. 261917.

|  | Jian. 201917 | Jan.18-19 17 | Jan. 121017. | Jan. 51917. | Dec. 291910. | Dec. 221018. | Dec. 15.1916. | Dee. 81010. | D |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| gold setulement tund. | 213,771,000 | 8288,509,000 | \$292,820,000 | \$207.169,000 | 8281.5888,000 | \$269.027.000 | \$256,418,000 | \$245, 335,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 8201,017,000 \\ 175,781,000 \end{array}$ |
| Giold redemption tund | 1,813,000 | 1.783,000 | 1,782, 6 | 1,600,000 | 1,654,000 | 1,479,000 | 1,543,000 | 1,533,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,476,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Losat Tean | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 517,025,000 \\ 17,570,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8500,343,000 \\ & 10,338,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 501,152,000$ | $\$ 860.770,000$ 10,180,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 463,713,000 \\ 17,538,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 249,917,000 \\ 6,025,000 \end{array}$ | $35,302,000$ 7,007,000 | \$427,.969,000 $4,644,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 139,174,000 \\ & 10,836,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 5\% redempt | $\begin{array}{r} 8535,504,000 \\ 400,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8510,681,000 \\ 400,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8517,921,000 \\ 400,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3476,950,000 \\ 400,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3471,251.000 \\ 400.000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 855.042,000 \\ 300,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 243,200,000 \\ 420,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 532,613,000 \\ 420,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 450,010.000 \\ 420.000 \end{array}$ |
| Bute droount | \$15,711,000 | \$17,219,000 | 324,231 | \$26,217 | \$30,108,000 | 832.207,000 | *37,748,000 | 838,345,000 |  |
|  | ${ }^{97,697,000}$ | 108,447,000 | 116,103,000 | 121,807,0 | 127, 97.0 | 124.633.000 | 123,918.000 | 110,782,000 | 106.379,000 |
|  | 19,047,000 | 37,899,000 $18,314,000$ | 41.100,000 $14,857,000$ | ${ }^{41,052,00}$ | 14,167.0 | 43.504 11.167 | 42,648, | $41,548.000$ $11,167,000$ | 40.215 .000 $11,167,000$ |
| M | 12,249,000 | 10,596,000 | 9,859,000 | 8,736,000 | 3,975. | 10,557,000 | 11,195,000 | 13,235.000 | 21:251,000 |
| Total earning | \$181,420,000 | 1192,475,000 | \$206,156,000 | \$212,669,00 | 3222,052,0 | 3222,158,000 | 2225,670 | 3224,077, | \$200,747,000 |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 827,061,000 \\ 94.123,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 824,064,000 \\ 5,354,000 \end{array}$ | \$19,902.000 | \$21, | \$21,30 | $119,230,000$ $60,318,000$ | 9,504.000 <br> $7,686,000$ |  | $18,301,000$ $38,188,000$ |
|  | 13,000,000 | 132,116,000 | 120,846,000 | 142,629, |  |  |  |  |  |
| All oth | 13,000,000 | 12,729,000 | 12,261,000 | 8,752,000 | 0.235,000 | 3,506,000 | \$,0606.000 | 2,881.000 | 2,995,000 |
| Total | 0,31 | 8877,819,0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


a Net amount due to other Federal Reserve banks. + Amended figures. $x$ One to ten days. $y$ Eleven to thirty dags.
WEEELX STATRMENT OF RESOURGES AND LIABILITIES OV EAGH OF THE II FEDERAL RESERVE BANES AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 26 'IF

|  | Bation. | Neto York. | Pbiladera. | Cleveland. | Rtchmond. | Alfanta. | cnicago. | 8t. Louts. | Minneap. | Kan. Cuty. | Dallas. | San Pran. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RRSOURCES. |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{5}$ |  | ${ }^{5}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gold cola \& etfo. In vault Gold settlement fund. | 14,977,000 | $145,136,000$ $50,807.000$ | 23,558,000 | $16,860,000$ $26,552,000$ | $5,434,000$ 18.085 .000 | $6,138,000$ $3,012,000$ | $33,034,000$ $33,504,000$ | $14,478,000$ $3,468,000$ | $10,468,000$ $6.316,000$ | $6,900,000$ $27,355,000$ | $5,833,000$ $10,629,000$ | $19,530,0003$ $3,804,0002$ | $302,341,000$ $213,771,000$ |
| Gold redemption fund.- | 50,000 | 250,0 | 100 | 48.000 | 245,000 | 495,000 | 200,000 | 84,000 | 125,000 | 156,000 | -45,000 | 15,000 | 1,813,000 |
| Total gold reserve. .- | 1 | 8.06 | 922.000 | 960,000 | 764.000 | 9,545 |  |  |  | 220,000 | 572,000 | 00,000 | 00 |
| co.notee | 1,270,000 | 8,069,00 | 922,000 | 960,000 | 127,000 | 688,000 | 1,1 | 3,054,000 | 497,000 | 220,000 | 572,000 | 90,000 | 17,579,000 |
| T | 31,429 | 204,352,000 | 39,697,000 | 44,420,000 | 23, | 10,233,000 | 67. | 21,0 | 17 | 34,631,000 | 17,079,000 | 23,439,000 | 535,504,000 |
| $\mathbf{5 \%}$ redemp, fund-F.R. bank notes. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 300,000 | 100,000 |  |  |
| Billa: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dlacountod-Members Bought in open mkt.. | 790,000 $13,498,000$ | $1,702,000$ $27.404,000$ | 627,000 $8,093,000$ | 7, 4898.000 | $4.150,000$ $3,688,000$ | $2,120,000$ $3,902,000$ | $1,922,000$ $7,436,000$ | 554,000 $5,545,000$ | $1,815,000$ $5,966,000$ | $\begin{array}{r} 524,000 \\ 3,044,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 903,000 \\ 1,676,000 \end{array}$ | 9,203,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 15,711,000 \\ & 97,697,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total | 14,288 | 29,106,000 | 9,520, | 7,831,000 | 7,838,00 | 6,031,000 | 9,358, | 6,099,000 | 7,781,000 | 3,568,000 | 2,579.000 | 9,4 | 13,408.000 |
| Investmenta: U, S. bds- | 666,000 | 232,000 | \$20,000 | 6,117,000 | 1,340,000 | 1,372,000 | 7,413,000 | $2,203,000$ | 1,913,000 | 8,518,000 | 3,603,000 | 1,019,000 | $36,122,000$ |
| One-yr. U.S. Tr, notea Muntelpal warranta.- | 1,666,000 |  | t,999,000 1,482,000 | $1,2820,000$ $1,806,000$ | $1,969,000$ 61,000 | $1,491,000$ 402,000 | $2,962,000$ $1,784,000$ | 891,000 589,000 | $1,230,000$ 605,000 | 963,000 225,000 | $1,430,000$ 178,000 | $1,500,000$ 820,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 19,647,000 \\ 12,249,000 \end{array}$ |
| Totat earntng asef | 17,249 | 34.7 | 13,827,000 | 17,8 | 1,208,000 | 9,296,00 | 1,517,000 | 3,732,000 | 11,529,00 | 13,274,000 | 7.790,00 | 13,657,00 |  |
| Yed. | 1,060 | 18.02 | 1,342 | 893.000 |  |  | 695.000 |  | 142 |  |  | .003,000 | 27,061,000 |
| Reserve Banki- |  |  |  |  |  | N1 |  | 1,933,000 | 539,000 |  | 377,000 |  |  |
| neollected tema | 11,5 | 26,997,000 | 14,497,000 | 9,266,000 | 8.575 .0 | 10,136,000 | 5,780,000 | 8,137,000 | 4,358,000 | 8,085,000 | 3,017,000 |  |  |
| 411 other | 080,000 | 701.000 |  | 737,000 | 227,000 | 2.727.000 | 1,109,000 | 3,616,000 | 117.000 | 566,000 | 1,737,000 | 112,000 | 13,609,000 |
| Total resour | 62,298 | 88 | 60,837. | 75,489,0 | 3. | 33,206,00 | 107949000 | 44,497,000 | 34,091,000 | 57,756,000 | 11,000,000 | 45,397,000 | , 3 |
| LIABILITIE <br> Capteal pald $\operatorname{tn}$. | 4,300,000 | 11,852,000 | 5,230,000 |  | 3,361,000 | 2,410,000 | 6,032,000 | 2,799,000 | 2,402,000 | 3,074.000 | 2,694,000 | 3,930,000 |  |
| Government dep | 325,000 | 3,197,000 | 2,861,000 | 1,157,060 | 2,058,000 | 2,573,000 | 1,592,000 | 4,633,000 | 2,335,000 | 441,000 | 1,492,000 | 2,643,000 | 25,607,000 |
| Due to membera-Renerve account |  |  | , |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Collection Iter | 7,023,000 | 18,875,000 | 14,925,000 | 9,730,000 | 7,324,000 | 0,929,000 | N,526,000 | 6,683,000 | 2,096,000 | $5,809,000$ | 3,117,000 | 2,784.000 | $97,374,000$ |
| ed. Res've notes-Net. |  |  |  |  | $3.749,000$ $1.256,000$ | 3,802,000 |  | 3.045 .000 |  | $1.824,000$ 035.000 | 394,000 |  | 13,600,000 |
| All other Habluttea | 2, 40,000 | 70,000 | -90,000 |  | 1,200,000 |  | 300,000 |  |  | Sos,000 |  | 74,000 | 280,000 |


 Togued to banks....
 Cold and tawfut money
with agent......... $13,898,000$
$107,490,000$
$16,880,000$
$10,514,000$
$13,508,000$
$18,525,000$$\frac{7,161,000}{12,416,000} \frac{17,386,000}{18,314,00021,601,00014,727,000273,320,00} 0$ a Difference between uet amounts due from and net amounts due to other Federal Reserve banks

## STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS JAN. 261917.

|  | Boston. | Neto York. | Philadela. | Cleveland. | Rechmond. | Allanta. | Chicago, | St. Lotist. | Minneap. | Kan. Cry. | Dallas. | San Fran. | Totat, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Federal Reeerve Notee- Reo'd from Comptroir |  | 400 | $\xrightarrow{80,480,000}$ | 0,000 | , | , 380 | \% | $\frac{5}{\text { 22,540,000 }}$ | 500,0 |  | $\frac{3}{3}$ | 20,0 | 0 |
| Reo'd from Comptroir | 7,772,000 | 59,800,000 | 6,340,000 | 4,046,000 | 7,102,000 | 4,089,000 | 1,719,000 | 2,737,000 | 194,000 | 2,313,000 | 5,063,000 | 4,593,000 | 4,358,000 |
| Chargeabte to Agen | 105,000 | 1 | 00 | ,000 | 2,008.000 | ,291,000 | . 000 | 19,803,000 | 25,506,000 | 25 | ,20 | 15,727,000 | 0 |
| In hands of F,R.Agent | 7,210,000 | 18,020,000 | 7,260,000 | 3,100.000 | 1,000,000 | 8,135,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,040,000 | 5,620,000 | 4.088,000 | 7,986,000 | ,000,000 | 73,329,000 |
| tesued to $V, R$, baak. Held Dy F, R, Agent- | 13,808,00 | 107,400,000 | 16,880,000 | 0,514,000 | 18,008,000 | 23,156,000 | 7,161.000 | 16,763,000 | 19,880 | 0,849,0 | 22,271,000 | 4.727,000 | 603,000 |
| Gold coln \& certfs. Oredth balancen: | 13,150,000 | 103,340,000 | 3.730 .000 | 0,880,000 |  | 2,060,000 |  | $5.105,000$ | 13,230,000 | 4,370,000 | 0,340,000 |  | 106,174,000 |
| Oredit balancea: In gold rederoption $\mathrm{F}^{\prime}$ d With F. R. Board.... | 748,000 | 4,141,000 | 870,000 | 684.000 | 908,000 | 1,715,000 | 151,000 | 741,000 | 006,0 | 884,000 | 1,131,000 | 697,000 | $13,436,000$ 03,700000 |
|  |  |  | 12.280,000 |  | 12.900,000 | 13,850.000 | 7,010,000 | 0.510,000 | 3,250,0 | 3,660,000 | 10,130,000 | 120,000 | 03,710,000 |
| Note secured by commerctat paper. |  |  |  |  | 4,200,000 | 4,631,000 |  | 4,347,000 | 2,500,000 | 1,035,000 | 670,000 |  | 18,373,000 |
| Total <br> Amount of comm'l Daper dellvered to E,R,AK't | 13,898,000 | 107,400,000 | 10,880,000 | 10,514,009 | 18.008.000 | 23,150,000 | 7,101,000 | 10,763,000 | 19,856,00 | 20,549,00 | 2,275,000 | 14.727,000 | 1,623,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  | \% | (655,0 |  | 4.347,000 | $2,500,000$ | 1,941,000) | 1,023,009 |  | 19,116,000 |

Statement of Now 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 Jan. 27. 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.


BTATEMENTS OF RESERVE POSITION.

|  | Averages. |  |  |  |  |  | Actual Figures. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash Reseres in Vaut. | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \text { Reserve in } \\ \text { Depositarits } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { Reserre. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { a Reserve } \\ & \text { Requtred. } \end{aligned}$ | Surplus Reserve. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Inc. or Dec. } \\ & \text { fremionsWeek } \end{aligned}$ | Cash Reserse in Vaulf. | Reserve in Depostlartias | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { Reseref. } \end{aligned}$ | D Reverse Regetred | Surpius | $\begin{aligned} & \text { The, or Des, } \\ & \text { Pration: } \end{aligned}$ |
| Members Federat leterys Bank. | $406,7^{3} 0,000$ | 190,026,000 | 406,000 | 435,367,050 | 1,038,950 | +11,004,020 | 407,384,000 | 205,910,000 | 13,204, | 438,372,290 | 174,921,710 |  |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { State Banks* }}$ Trust Compantes* | $39,855,000$ $107,189,000$ | $9,250,000$ $47,978,000$ | 49,103,000 | $41,459,760$ <br> 122,743 | $\begin{array}{r} 7,645,240 \\ 12,023,250 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -1,010.020 \\ -0,758.800 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 407,381,000 \\ & 12,838,000 \end{aligned}$ $100.723 .000$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9,210,0,000 \\ 47,200,000 \end{array}$ |  | ${ }^{438,38,02,200}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} +2,186,940 \\ +20,1020 \end{array}$ |
| Total Jan. 27 Total Jan. 20 Total Jan. ${ }^{\text {Total Jan. }} 8$. $\qquad$ | $553,824,000$ $516,387,000$ 514,530.000 400,269,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 256,454,000 \\ & 250.579,000 \\ & 235,73,000 \\ & 238,573,0001 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $90,707,40$ <br> $86,262,300$ 20,661.22 | $\begin{array}{r} +3,75,100 \\ +24,341,200 \\ +41,259,920 \\ +28,325,080 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 850,94,000 \\ & 500,35,000 \\ & 599.88,000 \\ & 482,544.000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} -11,089.020 \\ +21,034,101 \\ +40.197,180 \\ +23.105 .750 \end{array}$ |

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:
GUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER
NEW YORK, NOT TNOLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT. NEW YORE. NOT INOLUDED IN CLEARING BOUSE STATEMENT.

 Depoatts, elliminating amounts due from reserve
deposttarles and from other banks and trust com-
 Reserve of deposits. Pereentage of reserve, $32.1 \%$.

RESERVE.
Cash in vaults....the..............

Deposits in baiks and trust cos. Total $\xrightarrow{313,635,900}$ $\begin{array}{ll}513,635,900 & 9.86 \% \\ 10.643 .100 & 14.21 \%\end{array}$ $\$ 59.650,400 \quad 9.25 \%$ | $154,177.600$ | $23.89 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
|  |  | $213.837 .000 \quad 33.14 \%$

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 GOMPANTES IN
GREATER NEW YORK. We omit tigo ctphers in att these figures.

| Week Ended- | $\begin{gathered} \text { Loins } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { Investments } \end{gathered}$ | Demana Departls. | Specte. | Other Money. | Tolat Moncy Holdinos. | Enutre Reserve on Depostis. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ov. | 4,080,815,3 |  | 463,886.5 | $78,010.6$ | 531,006, 1 | $\begin{gathered} { }^{8}, 437,9 \\ 10, ~ \end{gathered}$ |
| Nov, 11. | 4,138,263,5 | $4,182,980,7$ | 464,025,3 | 74,591,0 | 638,616,3 | 918,457,7 |
| ov, 18. | 4,203,603,3 | 4,229,408.0 | 442,854,6 | 65,277, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 511,132,5 | 806,312.0 |
| Nov. 25 | 4,197,251,1 | 4,190,946, 3 | 410,073,3 | $67,383,8$ | 478,357,1 | 818,605, 1 |
| Dec. | 4,150,284,4 | 4,114,410,3 | 387.700,4 | 72,047,8 | 459,748,2 | 805,744,0 |
| Dec. | 4,100,398,2 | 4.064,288.3 | 402,429,0 | $74,500,7$ | 476,929,7 | $814,149.2$ |
| Dee. | 4,119,849,8 | 4.000.889.1 | 412,662,2 | $74.989,5$ | 487,651,7 | $825.012,2$ |
| Dec. 23. | 4,108,482,0 | 4.094.525.9 | 418,483,9 | 72,791,1 | 491,275.0 | 834.734 .5 |
| Dec. 30 | 4,087,289,2 | 4,098,827,8 | 424,810, 1 | 75.592,2 | 500,411,3 | $856,072,3$ |
| Jan. 6 1917 | 4,099.002.9 $4,110.8973$ | $4.160 .751 .3$ | 455.225 .7 505303 | $77,977.5$ $82,471.5$ | 533,203,2 $587,774,8$ | $915,437.2$ $070,056,4$ |
| $\mathrm{Jan} .13 .$. Jan. 20. | $4,119.897 .3$ $4.172,608,3$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,230,341,0 \\ & 4,333,416,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 505,30: 3,3 \\ & 5: 36,436,5 \end{aligned}$ | $83,471,6$ $83,323,8$ | 619,760, | 1070,056.4 1.031 .316 .7 |
| Jan, 27 | 1,216.025,9 | 4,389,954,3 | ${ }^{\circ}$ | 70 | 627,110,3 | 1,057,394,0 |

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 281914 (V. 98, p. 968). The regulations relating to calculating the amount of deposits and what deductions are permitted in the computation of the reserves were given in the "Chronicle" April 41914 (V. 98, p. 1045). state banks and trust companies.

| Week onded Jan. 27. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \left.\begin{array}{c} \text { State Banks } \\ \text { Greater } N . \end{array} \right\rvert\, \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trust } \operatorname{Cos.} \\ \text { incoter } N, Y \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Stato Banks } \\ & \text { outside of } \\ & \text { oreater } N . Y \text {. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trust Cos. } \\ \text { ounside of } \\ \text { Greater } N . Y . \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Captal as of June 30 | $23.450,000$ | $\underset{75,550,000}{8}$ | $\underset{11,783,000}{8}$ | $\frac{\stackrel{5}{5}}{14.000 .000}$ |
| Surplus as of June 30 | 40,063,500 | 173,239,300 | 14,054,00 | 14,381,600 |
| Loans and Investments. Change trom last week. | $\begin{array}{r} 417,720,200 \\ +1,313,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,691.833 .200 \\ +17.714 .360 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 167,486,300 \\ & +043,500 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 275,342,780 \\ +1.101,500 \end{array}$ |
| Gold. Change from last week. | $\begin{array}{r} 47,060,060 \\ +556,700 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 155.051 .200 \\ +1.567 .900 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| Currency and bank notes. Change from last week. | $\begin{gathered} 19,785,600 \\ -592,4 \mathrm{co} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14,426,300 \\ -7,133,600 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| Depoatts. <br>  | $5102,555,400$ <br> $-12,680,800$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,183,574,300 \\ +41.082,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 182,467,000 \\ -627,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 292,512,700 \\ -56,800 \end{array}$ |
| Regerve on deposits . . . Change from last week. | $\begin{aligned} & 120,331,500 \\ & -1,274,200 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 405.317 .700 \\ & +20.998 .500 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 33.341,700 \\ -\quad 585,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 41,466,800 \\ -1,022,700 \end{array}$ |
| P. e. of reserve to deposits Perenntage last week. | $\begin{aligned} & 20.15 \\ & 20.6 \% \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{27.5 \%}{26.9 \%}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21,0 \% \\ & 21.2 \% \end{aligned}$ | $17.7 \%$ $18.1 \%$ |
| + Inereaso trom last w | veek. - Deere | rease from last | week. |  |

Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.-Following is the report made to the Clearing House by elearing 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.

| clearing NON-MEMBERS, <br> Week Endtns Jan. 271917 | Capilat. <br> Nat, bk State b | $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{c} \text { Net } \\ \text { Profis. } \end{array} \\ & \hline \text { Dec, 27 } \\ & \text { Dec. } 27 \end{aligned}$ | Loans. Dfxcounts, tncestments, ec. | Gola | $\begin{gathered} \text { Legat } \\ \text { Tenders. } \end{gathered}$ |  | Nat Bank Notes IReserge for State Institutionsl | Nat Bank NotesiNot Counted as Reserse.) | Federal Reserve Bank Notest N ot Reseroel | Reserve totion Legal Depostarles. | Adtutona Depostas weth Legat Depostartes. | Net Demand Depotils. | $\begin{gathered} N(t \\ \text { Nime } \\ \text { Depostit. } \end{gathered}$ | Nattonal Bank Clictulatson. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Members of Fed'Reservo Bank Battery Park Nat.- | 400,000 | 360,800 | $4,451.000$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average, } \\ 321,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|} \text { A eerage. } \\ 30,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aeerage. } \\ 8.4,600 \end{gathered}$ | Average, 3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { erage. } \\ & \mathbf{3}, 000 \end{aligned}$ | A eerage. B | $\begin{gathered} \text { Averave. } \\ \text { 俗 } \\ 408,000 \end{gathered}$ | $3$ | $3,89^{3}, 000$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { verage. } \\ & 3 \\ & 180,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lecrage. } \\ & \text { 令,000 } \end{aligned}$ |
| Battery Park Nat.- | 400,000 | 360,800 | 4,451,000 $5.494,000$ | $321,000$ |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 498,060 \\ & 403,060 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 3,50-1,000 \\ & 5,046,000 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 193,000 \\ & 290,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Firat Nat, Brooklyn | 300,000 300,000 | 691,700 | 5,838,000 | 181.000 | ${ }_{67.00 \mathrm{C}}$ | 137,000 |  | 8.0 co | 0,000 | 690,uco | 339,060 | 5,960, coc |  | 20,000 |
| Flrst Nat., Jera, City | 400,000 | 1,276,200 | 5,065,000 | 238,000 | 508,600 | 91,000 |  | 10,000 | 16,0c0 | 1,637,000 | 7,211,000 | 5,491,090 |  | 2,000 |
| Hudson Co, N., J.C. | 250.000 | 768,000 | 5,172,000 | 159,000 | 16,000 | 80.000 |  | 118,600 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Firat Nat, Hoboken | 220,000 | 616,800, | 6,103,000 | ${ }^{161,000}$ | 13,000 | 63,009 113.000 |  | 18,000 2,000 | 13,000 3,000 | 48,060 666,000 | 401,000 | $2.377,060$ | 2,30t,0c0 |  |
| Becond Nat., Hobok | 125,000 | 316,300 | 4,930,000 | 51.000 | 40,000 | 113,000 |  | 2,000 | 3,000 | 561,000 | 402,000 | 2,377,06.0 | 2,301,000 |  |
| To | 1,095,000 | 4,851,000 | 37,059,060 | 1.263,cos | 763.000 | 702,0C0 |  | 162,000 | 60,600 | 4,840,000 | 02 | 00 | 5,825,00C | 1,505,000 |
| Scate Banks. Not $\Delta$ fimbers of the |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Federal Reserse Bank, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 71,000 | 1,805,000 |  |  |
| Bank of Waan. E'ta. <br> Colontat Bank. | 100,000 | 930.100 | $8,957,600$ | 505.000 | 200.000 | 100,000 | 22,000 |  | 20.060 | 572,0c0 | 419,000 | 9,634,000 |  |  |
| Columbla Bad | 300.000 | 703,800 | 8,569,000 | 74.000 | 33,000 | 203,000 | 116,000 |  |  | 562,000 | 777,000 | $9,376,000$ <br> 1.686 |  |  |
| Ftamty Bank | 200,000 | 197,100 | 1,432.000 | 118,0c0 | 12,000 |  |  |  | 0 | 105,000 | 25.000 | 1, 252,600 |  |  |
| Interoationat A | 500,000 200,000 |  | 3,527,000 $7,334,000$ | 69 t 600 | 64.000 | 944,000 | 50,000 |  |  | 178,000 | 419,000 | 7,740,060 | 110,000 |  |
| Mutual Bank New Netherlan | 200,000 200,000 | 495,200 208,800 | 4,004,000 | 229.000 | 63,006 | 188,000 | 30,600 |  | 0 | $2 \mathrm{Ta,cco}$ | 1990000 | 3,007,0C0 | 185,000 |  |
| Yorkville Bank | 100,000 | 642.500 | 0.745,000 | 417,000 | 85,000 | 337, 000 | 105,000 |  |  | 145.000 1.294 .000 | 318,000 $\mathbf{1 , 9 7 5 , 0 0 0}$ |  |  |  |
| Meosantos', Rkjyn.. | 1,800,000 | 033,200 204,300 | 19,007,000 | 955,060 378.000 | 185,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 853,000 \\ & 114,000 \end{aligned}$ | 238,600 20,000 |  |  | $1,299.000$ 269,000 | $1,975,009$ 311.660 | $21,570,000$ $4,417,000$ | 66,000 400.000 |  |
| side, Bkly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3,800,000 | 4,885,500 | 67,108,000 | 4,566,000 | 665.000 | 2,619,000 | 626,000 | 00,000 | 34,000 | 4,243.000 | \$,725,000 | 70,801,000 | 1,477,000 | +10.0 |
| Trust Companies. Not Membert of the Federal Reserce Bank, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| HamlltouTrust, Bkt |  |  | co | 601,000 | 52,000 | 14,000 |  |  |  | 139,000 | t. 5099.000 | 6,078,060 | 1,024,000 |  |
| Mecbsates',Bayonne | 200.000 | 303,000 | 5,977.000 | 125,000 | 000 | 96,000 | 55,000 |  | 22.000 | 139.000 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 700,000 | 1.450,400 | 14,217,0 | 726,000 | 109,000 | 104,000 | 104.0 |  | 32 | 473.0 | 2,209,00 | 461,000 | 4,203,000 |  |
| Grand aggregate.... | 6,495,000 | 10,986,200 | 118384000 | $6,540,000$ $-120,000$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,537,000 \\ +17,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,425,000 \\ +72,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 730,000 \\ -164,000 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 126,000 \\ -10,0 \mathrm{C} 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0,556,0 c 0 \\ -00.000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16,861,000 \\ & -553,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 110130000 \\ & -8: 19,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11,505,000 \\ +74,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,505,000 \\ -14,000 \end{array}$ |
| ompartson,prev,wk |  |  | $-951,000$ | -120,000 | $+17,000$ |  |  | $+96,000$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Aggr'to Jan. 20 | 6,495.000 | 10.080 .000 | 110335000 | 6,669,000 | 1,520,000 | 3,353,000 | 874,000 | 165,000 | $145.000$ | $0,655,000$ $9,627,000$ | $17,414,000$ $14.824,000$ | 1109 | 11. | 19,000 |
| Grand agierte Jan. 13 | 0.495,000 | 10,077,500 | 120055000 | 6,844.000 | 1.508 .000 | $13,637,000$ | 838,000 730.000 | 315,000 453,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 160,000 \\ & 14,000 \end{aligned}$ | 9,627.000 | 14,884,000 | 113351009 113073000 | $11.423,000$ $10.956,000$ | 1,513,000 |
| Grand agge to Jan. 6 Grand akgr'to Dee. 30 | $6,498.000$ 6.405 .000 |  | 120079000 1204500 | $6,633,000$ $6,478,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,512,000 \\ & 1,423,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,574,000 \\ & 3.713 .000 \end{aligned}$ |  | 443.000 | 197,000 | 10210000 | 10,438,000 | 113581000 | 10,895, | 1,512,000 |
| Grand Agyr to iec.30 | $6.495,000$ | 10,752,700 | 120768 | '6,452,000 | 1,540,000 | 3,511,000 | 812,000 | 291.000 | 180,000 | 10390 | 10.651 . | 112050000 | 10.889. | 1,515,000 |

Philadelphia Banks.-Summary of weekly totals of Clearing House banks and trust companies of Philadelphia: We omit woo ofphera (00) ingall these figures.

|  |  |  |  | Depostls. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | canks. | Bank. | Indtotat', | Total, | Rescrese Held. | Eeserve. |
| Jan. 27. |  | $3_{8}$ | ${ }_{4}^{8} 35$ |  |  |  |  |
| Trust cos.. | 151,001,0 | 7,032,0 | 3,605,0 | 146.174,0 | 143,779,0 | 31,757,0 | 10,684,0 |
| Total | 535,591,0 | 22,0 | 185,060,0 | 486,846.0 | 672,8 | 132,3770 | 48,513,0 |
| Jan. 20. | $533,628,0$ $532,505,0$ | ${ }_{88,74}$ |  | 189,741,0,0 | 971,794,9 | $137,515,0$ $17,768.0$ | $44,406,0$ $30,313,0$ |
|  | 529,395,0 | 97, 250 | 176 | 470,750,0 | 647,124.0 | 102:804,0 | $24,471,0$ |
| Dee. 30.. | 529,874,0 | 93,283 | 170.198.0 | 163.811 .0 | 634.009.0 | ${ }^{96,565,0}$ | 19,323,0 |
| Deo. ${ }^{23}$ | 535,686.0 | ${ }_{83}^{83,22}$ | 18, | 458,78860 | 630,641,0 | ${ }^{95,177,0}$ | 17,684.0 |
| Deo. 16 | 554,772.01000 | ${ }_{78,200}$ | 172,747,0 | 462, | 635.611,0 | ${ }_{93,34,0}^{90,17,0}$ | 18,084,0 |
| Deo. ${ }^{2}$ Nov. 25 | \| $\mid$ S47,195,0, | ${ }_{85,381}^{87,1}$ | $178,078,0$ $178.702,0$ | 473 | ${ }^{652,038.0}$ | $00,653.0$ 100.705 .0 | 18,9060 $24,600,0$ |

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.

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. }{ }^{27} .{ }^{27} \text {. } \end{aligned}$ | Change from preptous treek. | $\text { San. }{ }_{101}^{20}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Jan}_{1017}^{13} . \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 80,35 | tac. 87,000 | 36,345,000 | \$6,359.000 |
| Loans, difo de \& livestments | 485,241,000 | Inc. 0 De.024,000 |  | 140,510,000 |
| Indilduaid deposits, incl.U.8. | 147, 185,000 | Dec. $2,470,000$ | 140,055,000 | 141,760,000 |
|  | 34,776,000 | tne. 1.001.000 | 32,185,000 | 30,006,000 |
| Exchanges tor Clear. House. | 15,236,000 | Dec, 1,800,000 | 17,096,000 | 22,030,000 |
| Due rom other bariks. | 42,304,000 | Dec. 3,974,000 | 40,538,000 | 4,206,000 |
| Cash reserve. | 30,776,000 | Dee. 1.107,000 | 31,882,000 | 32,086,000 |
| Reserve wth other banka. | 43,983,000 | De\%. 4,720,000 | 48,708,000 | 40.516.000 |
| Reserve exceas in bank and |  |  |  |  |
| Federal Reservo bank -iti- | 41,067, 8 ,000 | Dec. $\begin{aligned} & 1,552,660 \\ & \text { Dee. } 4.824,000\end{aligned}$ | 35,889,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 8,246,000 \\ 36,043,000 \end{array}$ |

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Tho Money Market and Financial Feb. 21917. Domestic affairs, some of which absorbed a good deal of attention during the early part of the week, dropped completely out of sight when announcement was made on Thursday morning of Germany's intention to blockade all enemy ports, commencing at once. Naturally there was a sharp decline of security quotations, but it has been said that sales for short account were more persistent than actual liquidation and it is perhaps significant that there was a substantial recovery from the lowest recorded prices. To-day's market has again been weak, however, and in some cases new low records were made. The outcome of the present international crisis is, of course, problematical, but there is a general feeling that the security markets are in excellent condition to withstand any strain.
Among the most important matters attracting attention earlier in the week was the exceedingly favorable statement, issued by the Steel Corporation, of earnings for the tast quarter of 196 and the sheme for additional Federal
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very little opposition and we venture to predict that a year from now, when too late to protest and returns have to be made, there will bo an awakening from the present indifference to this matter.
Foreign Exchange.-Sterling exehange continued under full control and showed no appreciable evidenco of the aoute crisis that has arisen over the German submarino situation. Continental exchanges were under prossure most of the weok. To-day's (Friday's) actual ratee for sterling exchange were $4723-18$ for
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State and Railroad Bonds, Sales of State bonds at tho Board this weekare limited to S1, 000 N.Y. Canal 4s. 1961 t $1061 / 2$, and $\$ 6,000$ Now York State $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ at 117 to $1171 / 8$.
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and New York Central deb. 6 s lost from 112 to 108 . The various St. Louis \& San Francisco bonds declined sharply, the adj. 6 s leading the movement with a loss of 33 points, whilo Southern Pacifio cons. 58 and U. S. Rubber 68 lost 2 and $11 / 10$ points each. New York Railways adj. 5 s fell from 40 to $38 / 8$ and other losses ranging from 1 to 3 points were noted throughout the list.

The bonds of various foreign governments, such as AngloFrench 5s, American Foreign Securities Corp. 5s and the several Great Britain and Canadian issues were active and fell away slightly in value

Sales on a s-20-f basis have again diminished, being only $\$ 12,000$, as against $\$ 45,000$ a week ago.
United States Bonds.-Sales of Government bonds at the Board include $\$ 10,0002 \mathrm{~s}$ coup, at $993 / 4$, and $\$ 3,00038$ coup. at 101 to 1023.4. For to-day's prices of all the different issues and for the week s range, see third page following.
Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks. - The course of values at the Stock Exchange during the first few days of the week was an irregular ono showing, however, a general tondency to weakness. On Thursday upon announcement of Germany's determination to resort to unrestricted naval warfare and the declarntion of a submarine blockade of the Allied ports, prices declined in what has proved to be the most violent movement since the week ending Dec. 23.
Atchison foll from 107 to $100 \frac{1}{2}$, Baltimore \& Ohio from 82 to $747 / 8$. Chicago Milwaukee \& St. Paul from $901 / 2$ to $841 / 2$, while declines of from 1 to 7 points occurred throughout the list of railrond slarres. Long Island, noted in past weeks for its upward movement, lost from 441/ to $397 / 8$, and New York Central, Norfolk \& Western and Reading show a net loss of $91 /, 83 / 8$ and 1018 points, respectively.
Among the industrial stocks
Among the industrial stocks, American Beet Sugar lost $101 / 3$ points for the week, and American Can fell away from 5034 to 375 . United States Steel moved between $1141 / 2$ and 99, the final figure being $100 \frac{3}{6}$. The coppor and sugar
stocks were weak, while shares of the various shipping concerns were violently affected. International Mercantile Marine common fell from 31 to 21 , while the preferred dropped from 863 s to 663 .

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


Outside Securities.-As noted in our review of the other branches of the securities market and for causes mentioned "sowhere in these columns, values on the Broad Street "curb" declined. Aetna Explosives moved up from $41 /$ to from $1357 / 8$ to 130 and Carwen Steel from $127 / 8$ to 10 . Che rolet Motors, the most spectacular, lost 23 points, the final figure to-night being 95. Marlin Arms fell from 82 to 68 while the high, low and last prices of Haskell \& Barker Car Co., Lima Locomotive, Midvale Steel, Submarine Boat and United Motors were 44-381/4-3814, 591/2-56-58, 591/4-507/8 $507 / 4,211 / 2-181 / 2-20 \frac{1}{4}$ and $443 / 4-38-381 / 4$. Poole E. \& M. was most orratio. From 60 it moved up to 90 and fell to 80, at which it closed.
Standard Oil issues were active and advanced generally. Ohio Oil moved between 435 and 398 . Standard Oil of New York advanced from 300 to 345, the final quotation being 278. Vacuum Oil covered a range of 65 points, closing at 475,5 points below the high mark,
Among the bonds traded in at the "curb" were $\$ 145,000$ French municipal 6s at 961/4 to 97, \$1,310,000 United States Rubber Co. new 5 s at $961 / 2$ to $96 \% / 8$ nad $\$ 5,095,000$ of the now Great Britain 1 and 2 -year $51 / 2 \%$ notes at prices ranging from $997-16$ to $993 / 4$ for the former and 99 to $995 / 8$ for the latter. A complete list of "curb" market transactions for the week

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## 436 New York Stock Exchange-Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

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Chicago Stock Exchange.-Complete record of transac-
tions at Chicago Stock Exchange from Jan. 27 to Feb. 2, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is as follows:


Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.-Record of transaotions at Pittsburgh Jan. 27 to Feb. 2, compiled from official sales list:

| Stocks- Par | $\begin{gathered} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Lant } \\ \text { Sorce. } \\ \hline \text { Prei. } \end{gathered}$ | Week's Range of Prices. Lole. Hign | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales } \\ & \text { for } \\ & \text { feek. } \\ & \text { Sharei. } \end{aligned}$ | Range Sthoe Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
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| Cable Consol |  | fic 70 | 8,200 |  | J 51 |  | Jan |
| Caney ruver Gas.t.e. 25 |  | 47/5 | 1.110 | $451 /$ | Jan | 475 | Jan |
| Columbla Cas © Ejece. 100 | 384 | 384 |  | 3sy | Feb |  | Jan |
| Consolldated Ice com. . 50 |  | 456 4/5 | 00 | 44: | Feb | 14 | Jan |
| Gold bar Mines..... ioi | ${ }_{107}^{108}$ | ${ }^{350}$ | 2,100 | ${ }^{35 \mathrm{c}}$ | Veb |  | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |
| Harb-Walk Refract., 100 Tretered 100 10, | 127 109 | $\begin{array}{ll}127 & 127 \\ 105 & 108 \\ & 108\end{array}$ | 25. | ${ }_{123}^{123}$ |  | 127 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |
| Independent Brewing. .. 80 | $31 / 4$ | 10.10 | 15 | 100 | Jan | 193 | Jan |
|  |  | 17/6 |  | 10 |  |  | Jan |
| 1 1a Beto iron Works, . 100 | 74 | 121 | 1.811 | 75 |  |  | Jan |
| Proterred .....t... 100 | 124 | $124 \quad 124$ |  | 124 |  |  | Jan |
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|  | ${ }^{63} / 2$ | $\begin{array}{cc}68 \\ 7 & 67 \\ 7\end{array}$ | 510 | 63). | Fob |  | ¢man |
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| Pare Oil | $20 \%$ |  | 1,48 |  |  |  | Jan |
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| 隹 |  | ${ }^{6715} 9018$ | $4,000$ | 875 | $\operatorname{six}_{J \pi D}$ | $91$ | Jin |

Baltimore Stock Exchange．－Complete record of the transactions at the Baltimore Stock Exchange from Jan． 27 to Feb．2，both inclusive，compiled from the official salos lists，is given below．Prices for stocks are all dollars per share，not value．
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Volume of Business at Stock Exchanges
TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW MORE STOOK EXCHANGE


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|  | Shares． | Bond Sales． | Shares． | Bond Sites． | Sharcs． | Bond Sales． |
| Sall | 12，828 | \＄22，000 | 6，640 | \＄90，400 | 5.043 | \＄，65，000 |
| Moday | 20，952 | 54，500 | 14，915 | 54，750 | 7.074 | 118,000 |
| Tuesday | 25.451 | 91，000 | 11，885 | 321,300 | 6,350 22 | 129.000 210.000 |
| Wednesd | 28,750 68,918 | 78,000 73,000 | 15,587 <br> 47,124 | 216,600 131,600 | 22,602 16,199 | 219,000 380,300 |
| Friday | 47，503 | 79，000 | 30，409 | 188，600 | 12，748 | 238，700 |
| Total | 204，408 | \＄397，500 | 126，560 | \＄1，012，250 | 70，106 | \＄1，140，000 |

New York＂Curb＂Market．－Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from Jan． 27 to Feb．2，both inclusive．It covers the week ending Fri－ day afternoon：

| Week ending Prb． 2 ， |  | Week＇s Range of Prices Lote．Hlgh | Sales for Week Shares | Range since Jah． 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low． |  | High． |  |
| Astna Explos．r．．．．（no par） | 4\％ | 531 | 31，300 | 315 | Jan | 51／3 | Jan |
| Amer Int Corp 350 Dd． 100 | 4 | 51／5 545 | 3，000 | 515 | Jan |  | Jan |
| Amer Sumatra Tob． 100 | 15 | ${ }^{15} 519 \%$ | 1，000 |  | Feb | 1915 | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |
|  |  | $130^{3 / 2} 13 i^{4 / 6}$ | 600 2,800 | 126 |  |  |  |


| Stocks－（Conn＇d）Par． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Frldouy } \\ & \text { Last } \\ & \text { Sate. } \\ & \text { Price. } \end{aligned}$ | Week＇s Range of Prices： Low．High． | $\begin{gathered} \text { sates } \\ \text { fret. } \\ \text { Whares. } \\ \text { shares. } \end{gathered}$ | Range since Jan． 1. |  |  |  |
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|  |  | ${ }_{3}^{1} 1515$ |  |  |  |  |  |
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| borr 8 colt com |  | $05^{1 / 4} \quad 1$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 103 | $\begin{array}{ll}05 & 05 \\ 10 & 12 \\ 125\end{array}$ |  | 10 |  | 13 |  |
|  | 㖪 | 20.21 |  | 19 |  | 26 |  |
| Charcoal Iron Comer |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chevrotet | 05 |  | 0，000 |  |  |  |  |
| Con Motors pref r＿＿100Elsenlotir（Otto）\＆BrosPreferred $\mathrm{r} \ldots \ldots$ |  | ${ }^{98}$ | 100 | 98 |  | 98 |  |
|  |  | 0035 9915 |  |  |  |  | Jan |
| Emerson Motors Inc r． 10 |  |  | 1，30 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 33 | $\begin{array}{lll}10 \% & 13 \\ 30\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  | an |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Erlekson Wheel r... } 11 \\ & \text { Vrsher Body Corp pt rion } \\ & \text { Hart-Bell Co r............ } \end{aligned}$ |  | 014 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hart－Bell Cor Hask \＆Bark Car－（ino par） | 38. | 44 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Holly Sugar Corp．（1） |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 46 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{lll}11 \\ 2415 & 121 \\ 24\end{array}$ | 3.4 |  |  |  |  |
| Intercontenental Rubb． 100 Int Arms \＆Fuze Sec |  |  | 10 | 68 |  |  |  |
| Internat Motors 1 st of Jopin Ore ed Speltet r |  | 250 | 10，4 | 250 |  | ${ }^{35 a}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |
| Keystorie Tirede R com＿ 10 Lake Torpedo Bo＇t com r10 151 preferce |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | 1,1 | ${ }^{3}$ |  | 12 |  |
|  |  | 972\％ 07 |  |  |  | S |  |
| Marconi Wire Tel of $\mathbf{A m a}$ |  | 82 | 7.00 |  |  | s2 |  |
| Marlin Armave $t$ e．（no par） <br>  National Aeme Co r．．．． 50 |  | 82 | 65，20 |  |  | S |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }^{33}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| North Amump raper |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 15.17 | ${ }_{400}$ |  |  | 17 |  |
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|  |  | ${ }_{6}{ }^{6}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| St Joneph Lead r |  | 19 | 4，900 |  |  | 1932 |  |
|  |  | 31／2 32 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 27 | 81 |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Smith Motor Truek } 10 \\ & \text { 8mater \& Tcery Tranap pfio } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 9，210 |  |  |  |  |
|  | － | 93／ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8labdard Mot Constr r． 10 Sinel Alloye Corp $r$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Strombars Carb．－（Bo par） Submatine Boat（no par） Superlor Steol Corp r．－ 100 |  |  | 33.45 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 34 |  |  | T |  |  |
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|  |  |  | ，300 |  |  |  |  |
| Trangta vim Corove c． 6 United Alloyast Corp $\mathbf{r}(t)$ |  |  | 7，300 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 24.5 |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Untied Motors r. (no par) } \\ & \text { United Sular Cois riv. } 50 \end{aligned}$ | 354 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| PockPretersed A Preferred B w fr．．．． 100 Rishts－ |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{910}$ |  |
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|  |  | 313 | 800 | 26 |  | 30 |  |
| Dormer Standard oitsubsidaries |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anglo－Amer On．． |  |  | 1，200 |  |  |  |  |
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| Gatena－Signal Oll com． 100 National Transle＝－ 12.50 |  | 178 |  |  |  | 20 | ， |
|  |  | 400 4īa | t．040 | ${ }^{381}$ |  | 135 | Jan |
| South Pemin Oin ．．．．．．．．iot： |  |  |  |  |  | 10 | Jan |
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|  | 600 |  |  | 270 |  |  |  |
|  | 278 |  | －，250 |  |  | ${ }^{345}$ |  |
| Vacuum Oll other OH Stocks． <br> Alcoken OU r |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Abhit Oit 6 G．is Am Ventirim Oll r． Barnett Oit \＆Gas r |  |  | 69.30 |  |  |  |  |
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| （errern |  | 11.14 | 21. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $7-10117$ 13 | 18 |  |  |  |  |
| Merraliolil Corp r．．．．） 10 |  | 13／217 | ${ }_{24,5}^{18,9}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Metropotitan Petroleum 5 | 125 | 124 | ， |  |  | $12 \%$ |  |
|  | 67c | $1000 \cdot 7 \mathrm{se}$ | 36，50 |  | ， | k3g |  |
|  |  | Sse 990 | 3, |  |  |  |  |
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| N Y \％Fre |  | ， |  |  |  |  | 号 |
| Okkahoma Oil |  | 14 | 70，00 | 100 |  |  |  |
| Oxta |  |  | ${ }^{2310,0}$ |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}^{\text {Job }}$ |  |  |
| Omar |  |  | 27，500 | 1 | Jan |  |  |
| Penusylvanta | 11－10 | $11-16$ | 4.100 | 11 |  |  |  |
| al Dute |  | 604 mi | 8.500 | 59 | Fel | 07 |  |
| Sapalpa R |  | $9 / 811$ |  |  |  | 11 |  |
| voy oll |  | 19.16 | 104．800 |  |  | 24 |  |
| Sinctate 0 It \＆$B$ |  |  | 22，0 |  |  |  |  |
| dited West |  | 1 |  |  |  | ${ }_{63} 8^{18}$ |  |
| nay Metr |  | ${ }_{7-16}{ }^{2}$ | 20.30 | ${ }^{5-10}$ | Jat | ${ }^{11-16}$ |  |
| ctum |  |  | 38.700 |  |  | 23. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 600 |  |
| West Kid ol Minins | $1{ }^{300}$ | 300 | 10，400 |  |  |  |  |
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| Hm |  |  | 6，60 |  |  |  |  |



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## RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS.

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

| ROADS. | LatestGross Earnings. |  |  | Juty 1 to Latest Date. |  | ROADS. | Latest Gross Earnings. |  |  | July 1 to Lntest Date. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week or Month. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Current } \\ & \text { Year. } \end{aligned}$ | Preofous Year. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Current } \\ & \text { Year. } \end{aligned}$ | Preplous Year. |  | Week or Month. | Current Year. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Preoifus } \\ & \text { Year. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Curront } \\ & \text { Year. } \end{aligned}$ | Precious |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| O N Nor chast. | Decomb |  | $\begin{aligned} & 343,695 \\ & 100.909 \\ & 158.909 \end{aligned}$ | ? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vindets Altirev \& P - | Dacemb | 200 | 158,264 | 1,017,231 |  | N Y Chle e - St Loul |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Decomber |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tant. |  |  |  | 2,05 | 1.331 | susa \& Weab |  |  |  |  |  |
| , | Decomb |  | , |  | 15,197:985 | erolk \& Whetorn. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| a Bation | Decemb | 9. | 0,164 | 11,310 | 56,010,304 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 158.395 388.415 |  |  |  | $p$ Pemisylvamia $0 R$. |  | $1872$ | 18171676 | 11884939 | 108169164 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 6,443,286 | Clumbertand vall. |  | 07 |  | $120$ | $1,699,227$ |
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| fralo \% |  |  |  |  |  | Phil Balt \& Wash | Decembor |  |  |  | 1. 16.1263 |
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| ntrat of Georgla | Nov |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Dec | 120,040 | 11:143,743 | 7.112,671 | 272 |
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| Chic Mm | Dccember- | $9.10$ | $9,212,150$ | 59,365 | 54.402,746 | Goat \& lro |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ${ }^{2}$ Chic Ter | Novem | 250 |  | 1.6 |  | St Jose |  |  |  |  |  |
| H | Dece | 785 |  | 万is2 | 5.86 | St L Imo | No |  |  |  |  |
|  | , | 327,200 |  | 0.045 | 0,18 | St Louls Sout | an |  |  |  |  |
| rnwa |  |  |  |  |  | Smabora Sir |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ouba Rai | No |  |  |  | 2,026:929 | Southern Pa | wk Jan | 1.437 |  |  |  |
| Delaware \& Hudson | November |  | 18 | 481,0 | 0.712 | Mobil | wk tan |  |  |  |  |
| Denv s | 3 d wk Jan | S001, | 12 | 00, | 1,620,34 | 1a | 3a wk jan |  | 19 |  | 1 |
| Denver | 2a wt J |  |  | 1, | 1.45 | Spok | Sovomber |  | 410,320 | $\frac{1}{2.420}$ | 2,262,201 |
| Detr | November | 198'5 | 109 | t. 0 |  | Tonn A |  |  |  |  |  |
| Det \& | Vovemit |  |  |  | . | Tomnessed Oont | November | 150,301 | 1 130,801 |  |  |
| Dul Missa | antober | 1.88\% 5 | 371.808 | 8.126.772 |  | Wotelo Pim | , |  |  |  |  |
| at Sot | ${ }^{3}$ |  |  | 2,203,4 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.95 .369 \\ & 850.720 \end{aligned}$ | Totedo st | Ya wk Jan |  |  |  | 11 |
| 1 ln J | Doc | 1,080.583 | 103,178 | 7,043,026 |  | Unlon lacider | Docem | 9,97 | 8,91 | 63 | 54,020.020 |
| Past |  |  |  | 6.016,156 |  | w |  |  |  |  |  |
| Florda inst Co | Nover |  | 468.685 | 3,186;58 | $1.007,176$ | Westorn M | 31 wl |  |  |  |  |
| Forda Johns | No |  |  | 40,48 | 96, | Western Pa | Novembor |  | 664,034 | 4.037,004 | $99$ |
| Grand Tro | list wle Jan | 6 |  | 1, ${ }^{4}$, 0 | 3.52t,604 | Wheel | , |  |  |  |  |
| Grand T | 34 wk Ja | 1,0 |  | 36.191 | , | Yazoo \& Miss |  |  |  | 8,635,493 |  |
| Grand | 2 wk Jan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Det Gr H \& Milw | 2 dwk |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | nt | vious |
| Gulf \& Ship Island | Decemb Novemb |  |  |  |  | - Varta |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hocking Yalley- | No |  |  |  |  | Buffat |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan } \\ & \hline 1 a n \end{aligned}$ | Doc 31 |  | 53.863 |
| Internat \& Grt N | Novemb | 1.121.9 | 87 | 5.125.372 | 3, 221 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kansa |  | 1.003 | 887,468 | 6,034,544 | 5,32 | New Yoi |  | Jan | to Nor | 18 | 252182219 |
| Lehigh \& Hud | No | 174.98 |  | 89. | 917780 |  |  | Tan | Nov |  |  |
|  | Docemb | 4.391 |  | 21.48 | $3{ }^{3} 3$ | M |  | tain | Nay |  | 3,000.435 |
| Los Angel |  |  |  | 4.885 | 4805 | Slave Clma |  |  | Nav |  | $31.506,138$ |
| Lousiana |  | 123 | 160 | 1.166,368 |  | Pite |  | Jan | Nov |  | 10.374, 388 |
| Coulsylle e N | 3d wic | 1,24. |  | 37.60 |  | Tole |  | Jan | No |  |  |
| aryland \& Pe | Do |  | 324,811 | ${ }^{6} 2.82 .501$ | 5.8 | Tot |  | ${ }_{\text {min }}$ | Nov | S-9 | 28064894 |
| Midarad Valley |  | 202.0 | 169,847 | 974. |  | Now yo |  | tan 1 to | Doct | 15 |  |
| Minn | wh J | 22 | 222,0 | 6,45 | 6.177,6 | $p$ Pennsylv |  | fan to | ${ }_{6} \mathrm{D}$ Dec | 2302 | 106628170 |
| inn St | Nd wk |  |  |  |  | Batumoro Ohe |  | $n$ | Doc |  |  |
| Mo Kan \& T | , | 6:2,1 |  |  | 18.394,24. | Loms fotar |  | m | Doc | . |  |
| Missourd Pac | No | 6.606. |  |  |  |  |  | Jan | pec | 92 |  |
| Now Yor |  | 167061 |  | 7 N | \%.223, 30 | 1 a 3 |  |  | Dec |  | ,311,137 |
| Boston \& | No | 1,883,716 | 1,645,461 | 9.420 | 7.912.035 | cat Je |  | fain | Doc |  | 6,042,485 |
| nlaterer |  | \% 578 |  | 3,31 | 2, ${ }^{2}$ | Penngylyn |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}^{\text {Jan }}$ | boce |  | - ${ }^{0.857 .677}$ |
| Cl | - |  |  | 20. |  | Pusb Oinc C |  | tan | Dec |  |  |
| Or |  |  |  |  |  | Vindal |  |  | Dod |  |  |
| Pites \& Lake |  |  |  | 10 |  | Totalimes- |  | Jan | ${ }_{\text {Do }}$ |  |  |
| Kanawho \& |  |  | $12 \times 44$ | 4 |  |  |  |  |  | 1410047 |  |
|  |  | 30403395 | 29173055 | 7345091 | 123065 | Rto Grando J |  | Doc 1 |  |  | 845,351 |
| Novada-Cat-Orecon | 31 wk Jam | 6,2 | 1,521 | 203,190 | 234,5 | Rutland |  | Joil 1 | to Dowe 31 | 1.035 | 3,54 |

AGGREGATES OF GROSS EARNINGS-Wookly and Monthly.


Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.-In the table which follows wo sum up separately the earnings for the third week of January, The table covers 33 roads and shows $11.13 \%$ increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.


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























 Unlon Pactrio.
 Exponses for December include entire amount of extra compensation alowed to employovs, as announced Dec. 211916.
 Weatern Maryland_b

July 1 to Dec 31 | Yazoo \& Mts Valley a a - Dec | $1,697,263$ | $1,368,849$ | $7,492,034$ | $1,902,836$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

a Not earnings horo given are after deducting taxos.
b)Net earnings hero given are before deducting taxes.
carter allowlag for additional fucomo for tho month of December 1916. total net earnings to Dec. 31 were $\$ 1,631,700$ thils year, agalnst $\$ 1,591,352$.
period from Iuly 1 to Total Oper, Totat oper, Net Rep. Net Inc.
Recenue. Kxpenses. from Oper, after Chgs.
Chleago Great Weat.Dec
6 mos :



[^2]$\begin{array}{ccccccc}\text { Dec } 16 & 18,725,511 & 3,271,842 & 1,958,262 & 5,230,104 & 2,185,109 & 3,044,995 \\ 15 & 18,77,676 & 4,206,524 & 1,678,578 & 5,885,102 & 2,17 i & 090\end{array}$
 matt ches a Alantio-













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 12 mos 410

 expenditures made out of Income or surplus prlor to 1907

## EXPRESS COMPANIES,

| Adams Express Co,Total from iransportion..Express privilogis-Dr..... | - Mont 1916. 8. | $1915 .$ | $\text { Tulu } 1$ $1916 .$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct. } 31 \\ 1915 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | .112.520 | 3,577,271 | 15,686,229 | ,258,350 |
|  | 1,988,322 | 1.759,028 | 7,602,275 | 6.552,700 |
| Revenue from tramport $n$.Oper'ņs other than transp'n. | 124,197 | 1.818,243 | 8,083,054 | 6.705 .650 |
|  | 54.969 | 51,831 | 207,504 | 192,560 |
| Totat oporating revenues.Operating expenses....... | 2.179.166 | 1,870,07 | 3,291,458 | 210 |
|  | 2,137,259 | 1.571,698 | 7,890,090 | 009,664 |
| Not operating rovenue. Uncollectible rev. from trans. Express taxes. | 41,907 | 208.376 | 401,368 | 6 |
|  | 21.367 | 17.881 | 1,731 | 2.010 65.823 |
|  | ,299 | 17,187 | 88.173 | 65.823 |
| Operating income. | 18.239 | 280.356 | 311.468 | 820.712 |
| Canadian Sippress Co.-Totat from tranoportation-.Expross privitegos-Dr.-. | -Month of Octot |  |  |  |
|  | 1916. | 1915. | 1916. | 1915 |
|  | 410.282 | 351.416 | 1.576,121 | ,.359,383 |
|  | 211,226 | 165,433 | 836.027 | 689.816 |
| Reyenun from transport'n. Oper'ns other than transp'n. | 199,055 | 85,082 | 740.004 | 7 |
|  | 6,479 | 5,6 | 23,977 | 7 |
| Total operating revenues Operating exponses | 205,535 | 191,595 | 764,072 | 690,694 |
|  | 170,207 | 138.964 | 661,274 | 553,803 |
| Net operating revenueUncolloctiblerov Tromirans. Express taxio. | 35,327 | 0 |  | 36.690 |
|  | 1781 |  | 18,800 |  |
|  | 1.700 | 20 | 18,800 | 0.800 |
| Operating income... | 30.572 | 48.411 | 83.876 | 110.977 |




Revenue from transport'n
Operatlons other than trans
Total operating revenues.
Operating espences.
Net operating revonue
Uncollectible revenue from
tronsportation

Express taxes.....................


ELRCTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

| Name of Road or Company. | Latest Gross Earnings. |  |  | Jan. 1 to latest date. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Precious Year: | Yea | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Proiolo } \\ & \text { Year } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | $349.864$ |
| cAur Elgin \& Chic | November | $168,132$ | $156.441$ | $1,879.790$ | $1,754,992$ |
| Bangor Ry \& Ele Baton Roure Elec | November |  |  |  | $1,525$ |
| Belt LRyCorp (N) | Novcmber |  |  |  |  |
| Borlishire 8treet | December |  |  |  |  |
| B | Novembe Decombe |  |  |  | 70586,110 |
| Bklyn Rap Tran | Novemb | 2381,638 |  |  |  |
| Cape Breton Elec | Decerabe | 40.287 |  | ,303,667 |  |
| Cent Mlss Y E1 | Docembe |  |  |  |  |
| Chattanooga Ry | November | 103,536 | . 812 | 1,124,864 |  |
| Cities Service Co | Decembe |  |  |  | 4,479,800 |
| Cleve Painesy \& E | Noyombe |  |  |  |  |
| Cleve southw \& C | December | 118,2 |  |  |  |
| oColumbia Oolumbus ( | December | 1011,07 | 861. | 9,056,7 |  |
| Colum (O) 1 | nber | 316.468 | 277.008 |  | , |
| gCom'w'th P | December |  |  |  |  |
| Connecticut | December | 808 | 701 |  |  |
| Cousum Pow | Decambe |  | 418,0 |  |  |
| Cumb Co ( <br> Dallas Elect | Novambe |  | 213,2 | 2,6 | 2 |
| Dayton Pow \& L | Decembe | 170,104 | 131.57 | 1,613,017 | , |
| Q Detroit Eaison | Decembo |  | 881, 85 |  |  |
| Detroit United |  | 13 | 1145,36 | 14,629.217 | 12,041,366 |
| DDEB\&Batt(H) | No |  | 40 |  |  |
| East St Louis e Sub. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eastern Texas | D |  |  |  |  |
| qE1 Paso Electr | Decem |  | 101 |  |  |
| 42d St M \& St N | Novemb |  | 164, |  | 26 |
| ${ }^{6}$ Federal 1 | Decomber <br> Decomber |  |  |  |  |
| and Raplels 1 | Novemb |  |  |  |  |
| Great Weat | Decer |  |  |  |  |
| Harris | Decer |  |  |  |  |
| Havana EI Ry | Novem | 517 | 481,314 | 5.4 |  |
| Honolulu R ' | Noyembe |  |  |  |  |
| Houghton | Decombe | 29,777 |  |  |  |
| b Mudson ${ }^{\text {e }}$ Ilinols Tra | Novem |  |  |  | 5,014,932 |
| Illnois Traction | Novemb | 1025 | 087 | 10. | 9,958,601 |
| cksonvillo Tr | Decem | 62 |  |  |  |
| Keokuk Elec | Decemb | 21.45 |  | 240,182 |  |
| cy West | Dece |  |  |  |  |
| Lake Shore Elec | Novembe | 125,610 | 112. | 1,468,736 | 1,263,332 |
| Lehigh Valley | Decembe |  |  | 2, |  |
| Lewlat Aug \& Wat | Novemb |  |  | 740,390 |  |
| Long Istand Elect | Novem |  |  |  |  |
| Loulsville Railwa | Decembe | 270,13 |  |  | 2,940.501 |
| Iw 161 Ry \&c | Decem |  |  |  |  |
| Sw Le Ht \& | Decomber |  |  |  |  |
| onongahela Va shyillo Ry \& 1 | Decambe Novembe | 196,691 199,981 | 18 | $1,580,790$ $2,166,127$ | $\frac{1009.834}{1020}$ |
|  | Novemb |  |  |  |  |
| N Y City Inter | Novemb | 19,612 |  |  |  |
| on |  |  |  |  |  |
| Or | Novemb | 12,451 | 13,285 | 148.101 |  |
| Quec | Novem |  |  |  |  |
| Now York liallways. | Novem | 837.383 | 1134 | 11,216,136 | $12$ |
| N | Octobs |  |  |  |  |
| N Y West ches it 1 | Decemb |  | 42 | 564,652 |  |
| Northampton | Decomb |  |  |  |  |
| Nor Ohio Trac \& | Decomb | 480,865 | 379,817 | 5,170,411 | 3,300, |
| North Touns Eloc | Decant | 2, 358 | 156 | 1,930.321 | 1,713,213 |
| Ocean Electric (L | Novem |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 147.651 \\ & 0.65170 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | Dec |  |  | $19,099,179$ |  |
| Praducatr ${ }^{\text {a }}$ e | Docembe |  |  |  |  |
| usacola klectric | Decembr | 26.814 | 23,938 | 280,101 |  |
| 1 la | Decemb |  | 221 | 27,279,510 |  |
|  | Drcemb | O' |  |  |  |
| Port(Ore) RyI \& PCo | Novemb | 479,3 | 455 | 4,970,515 |  |
| 9Pugot 8d Tr, L \& | Decembe |  | 69 | 8,107,371 |  |
| zopub | Novemb | 34.01 | 289, | 3,614,204 | 2,800,428 |
| Mhode Isiand | Decomber | 481.639 | 440,663 | 5.814, 895 | 5,052,381 |
| Richmond Lt | Novembe | 咗 | 28,30 |  |  |
| y, | Docombe | 188 | 124,578 | 1,374,439 |  |
| Santiago Elec Le \& | November |  | 48,230 | 195.775 | 132,261 |
| vannah Electere | December | 80,097 | 68,003 | 820.094 | 794,214 |
| cond Avenue | Novembe | 46.486 | 68.420 | 68 |  |
| Southern Boutevard | Novanber | 12,131 |  |  |  |
| Southorn Cat Edison | Decomber | 412,182 | 412 | 4,001,375 | 4,808,607 |
| staten Isld Midland | Novomber | , | 70 | 307,857 |  |
| Tampa Et | Decembige | 91.4 | 80.770 | 1967,08 | 981,049 |
| Third Avenu | November | 263,5 | 320, 22 | 3,272,6 | 3,536,010 |
| win City kap T | 2a wk Jan | 196 | 178,39 | 305,00 | 358,711 |
| Unfon Ry Co of N | Novomber | 183 | 226 | 2,321,537 | 2,567,953 |
| ryinia Ry \& Powot | December | 626. | 503, ${ }^{6}$ | 5.836,870 | 262.881 |
| ash Balt \& Ant | Decomber | 76,7 | 65,017 | 046.202 | 83 |
| estehester flee | Novemb | 23,669 |  |  |  |
| tchestor 8 t R | Decem |  |  |  |  |
| $a$ West Penn Tra | November | 568 | 449,257 | 5,70 | ,593,667 |
| cers Rat | November | 12.198 |  | 20. |  |
|  | cmbe |  |  | 970 |  |
| grito | embe | 27.0 | 24.02 | 307. | 263.892 |

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 companfes.Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earn-ings.-The following table gives the returns of ELECDRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with oharges and surplus reported this weels:

$\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Gross } & \text { Net, after Fired } & \text { Batance, } \\ \text { Larnings. } & \text { Tareg. } & \text { Sharges. } \\ \text { Surplus. }\end{array}$
Atfantic Gulr \& West Indinw S8 Lines-
(Subudfary cois). Nov $163,107,125$
$\begin{array}{l:lllr}11 \mathrm{mos} & 16,30,879,981 & 9,672,129 & 1,818,564 & 7.883,565 \\ & 15 & 18,397,782 & 4,494,794 & 1,815,732\end{array}$

| Cleve Southw \& Col.Ded :16 12 mos :16 15 | $\begin{array}{r} 118,204 \\ 105.903 \\ 1,335.839 \\ 1.240 .832 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 34.832 \\ 13.072 \\ 468.486 \\ 375.7888 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 27,924 \\ 37.891 \\ 332,259 \\ 330,370 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { r7.144 } \\ x \operatorname{dec} 14.619 \\ x 137544 \\ \times 16,688 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Comecticut PowCo.Dec 16 | 70.923 | 36,567 | 16.503 16.646 | 20.054 10.803 |
| $12 \mathrm{mos}: 16$ | 742.686 | 373, 56 | 195,466 |  |
|  | 574,386 | 277,856 | 143.578 |  |
| Eastorn Texas Elec_Doc 16 | 75,473 69.454 | 35,763 34.080 | ${ }_{9}^{9.625}$ | 26,136 |
| 12 mos :16 | 826,314 | 381,892 | 107 \%69 | 274,193 |
|  | 723,091 | 336,644 | 105,561 |  |
| Federal Lt \& Trac. . Dec :16 | ${ }^{230,174} 2$ | 96.789 83.014 | $\begin{array}{r} 49,795 \\ \hline 48.493 \end{array}$ |  |
| - 15 | 2.502.142 | $\begin{array}{r} 83,049 \\ 8649 \end{array}$ | 586.046 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,8,203 \\ & 270.957 \end{aligned}$ |
| Harrisburg Rys.... Nov ${ }^{16}$ | 2,352,015 86 | $\begin{array}{r} 806,299 \\ 48.513 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 589,342 \\ 32,211 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 216,957 \\ 14,302 \end{array}$ |
| Harrisburg Rym....Nov : 16 | ${ }_{8}^{86,767}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 46.513 \\ & 44668 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,21 \\ & 32,148 \\ & 20.218 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Dec 16 | 100.699 | $\begin{aligned} & 57.185 \\ & 53.885 \\ & 53 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32 \cdot 211 \\ & 32,148 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 23,974 \\ & 21,733 \end{aligned}$ |
| $12 \mathrm{mos} \cdot 16$ | 1,021,668 | ${ }^{5517.597}$ | 386,263 | 164,331 |
| $\mathrm{Ry}_{12} \mathrm{~L} \& \mathrm{P} \frac{15}{16}$ |  |  |  |  |
| $12 \operatorname{mos} \cdot \frac{16}{15}$ | 248,817 161,662 | $\begin{array}{r} 103,532 \\ 62,273 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32.380 \\ & 24.309 \end{aligned}$ | 71.152 37.964 |
| Lowell Eleo Lt Corp Dec ; 16 | ${ }^{62} .910$ | 27.491 | 757 | 26.731 |
| 12 mos :16 | 644.640 | 259.771 | 4,947 | 251.624 |
| Gas \& Eteo-- ' |  |  |  |  |
| $12 \mathrm{mos}{ }^{\prime} 15$ | $19,099.179$ 18.04180 | $\begin{aligned} & 8,290,463 \\ & 8,358,587 \end{aligned}$ | 4,209,585 | 4,080,878 |
| Pac Lt \& Pow Corp-Dec :16 | 283.431 257,606 | 179.325 165.961 | ${ }^{97} 13.992$ | 287,360 |
| $12 \mathrm{mos}: 15$ | $\begin{array}{r} 257606 \\ 3,261,126 \end{array}$ | 2.137,514 | $1,217,711$ <br> $1,296.080$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { x1. } \\ \times 14 \\ 1770.822 \\ \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Patucah $\operatorname{Tr}$ \& Lit...Doe '10 | ${ }_{28,282}$ | 7.623 | 1,20,268 |  |
|  | 28,945 310.963 | ${ }_{97}^{13,253}$ | 76,675 | 5,81 0.68 1 |
| $12 \mathrm{mos} \cdot \frac{15}{15}$ | 289,156 | 110,130 | 91,268 | 18,862 |
| South Calle Edsion. Dec ${ }_{15}^{16}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 412,182 \\ & 412,912 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 214,093 \\ 221,301 \end{array}$ | 74,541 | $\begin{aligned} & x 154.312 \\ & x 163.611 \end{aligned}$ |
| 12 mos :16 | 4,001,375 | 2,667,141 | 1,004,015 | ${ }^{1} 17.71100017$ |
| - 15 | 4,808,607 | 2,589,989 | 1,003,181 | 11.711,317 |


|  | Gross Earnings. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Net } \\ \text { Earnings. } \end{gathered}$ | Fized Cligs. \& Taxes. | Batance, Surptus: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| York | ¢ 9.670 | 48,868 | 31.689 38.060 | 79 |
| Halt \& Annap Dec '16 |  |  | 27,309 | $\pm 8,176$ |
|  |  |  | 313,511 | 114 |
| 12 | 15 , | 376.110 | 301,272 | div |

$\pm$ After allowing for other income received.

a Not varnings hero given aro after deducting taxes.
c Other income amounted to $\$ 84.783$ la Noy
$c$ Other income mmountod to $\$ 84,783$ In Nov. 1015, agst, $\$ 84.001$ In 1915 .

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual, \&c. Reports.-An index to annual, \&o, reports of steam railroads, stroot railways and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the proceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Jan. 27. The next will appear in that of Feb. 24.

Pennsylvania Railroad.
(Preliminary Results for Years onding Decomber 31 1916.) The company reports the following date for the Iate fiscal year in comparison with the years 1915 and 1914:

| Average miles operated. | $1916 .$ $4,536$ | $1915 .$ | $\text { 1914. }_{4,512}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating Rercnues - | 4,206.792 | \$140,654,857 | \$131,158,930 |
| Passenger | 44,907,477 | 38,611,086 | 38,977.848 |
| Mall, exp | 13,109,296 | 11,383,588 | 11,000,021 |
| Incidental, | 8,054,968 | 5.978.639 | 5,215,052 | Total operating revenue....... $\overline{\$ 230,278,538} \overline{\$ 196,628.170} \overline{\$ 187.251,851}$

Operating. FzppensesOperating. Firpenses-
Malntenance or way \& st Maintenance of way \& struct
Malntenanco of equipment.
Traftic expenses. Traffic expenses.. Transportation expenses.-
Miscellancous operations. General cxpenses.-..................
Transp. for fnvestment.......... $\begin{array}{r}\$ 29,819,322 \\ 45,805,126 \\ 2,534,360 \\ 80,394.314 \\ 3.147,328 \\ 5.509,430 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\$ 25.328 .513$
$38.641,078$
$2,386,064$
$68,650.005$
$2, .53 .146$


Operating income.
other Income Gross Income. Flusu charges $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 55,056,011 \\ 23.164,885 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\overline{\$ 78,220,896} \overline{\$ 66,626,245}$ $\$ 66,626,245$
26.147264
29.052 .219 $\$ 35,258.772$

$16,697.270$ | Dividends $(6 \%)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

 the Editor.
EARNINGS OF THE ENTIRE SYSTEM FOR CALENDAR YEARS,


Total both lines............ $\$ 441,010,417 \overline{\$ 371,742,444} \overline{\$ 353,327,444}$


Total both lines_.......... $\$ 109,342,005 \overline{\$ 88.342,740} \overline{\$ 66.105 .327}$ -r.
J.), Minn., St. P.
(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1916.)
President Horace Lowry says in substance:
Results.-The net income for 1916 available for dividends was $\$ 2,237,548$.
 franchise relations of the Minneapolis Street Ry, with the ofty of Miningeapo-
If have voted to made progrecz, the greater part of the year 1916 having been dethe company faliry, and wo ore very hoperiu property. The city hat mutually aatisfactory contract will bo agroed upon (V. 103, p. 2343 ).
 510 for track and paving

EARNINGS, EXPENSES, OHABGES, ETC.

 gregating (net) $\$ 3,675$.-V. 104, D. 362 .
The Columbus (O.) Railway, Power \& Light Company.
(3rd Annual Reporl-Year ending Dec. 31 1916.)
Vice-Pres. Norman MeD. Crawford Jan. 23 wrote in subst,: General.-During the year 1916 the gross earnlngs increased sufficiently
ot take caro of advanced prices in all classes of supplles and matelat, the greater tax assessments, maintain dividends, and yet leavo an fincreased balanco for reaewals, depreetation, sc.
 wired as compard with 654 for 1915 and 455 for 1914 , A now 0,500 k.w. turbo generator has been installed in the spring st, ktation. Forl y-lour
cars have boen rebulle equipped with folding oteps and doors and other
 agnimit $\$ 34,000 \mathrm{~m} 1915$ and $\$ 26,000 \mathrm{~m} 1914$. As of Dic. $311916,25.081$

Operating Expenses.- This Item can be satisfactorily compared with
1015 , notwithstanding the increased cost of labor and of all material enterIng into the operation or the property, inctuding the cost of coal, which alone during the last threo months increased 359,081 as compared with 1915 . resulted in your complay securing some now customers of importance who had previousty dopended upon grs engines.
Nep Business.- At the close or 1016 the
New Business.- At the close of 1916 hie company hat contracts covering placed on the line. In addition to these consumers contracts botaling 5.450 k .W. Were in process of negotiation. Both of these facts indicate a ubstantal increase in our power and light business during 1917 ,
INCOME ACCOUNT FOR OALENDAR YEARS,

Raltwny oper. revenues. $32,248.91$
Power, Hifht and heat. $1,286.00$ $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Power, Heht and heat.- } & 1,286,006 \\ \text { Non-operating revenues } & 1,576\end{array}$
Total gross reyenues.
Operatlog exp. \& taxes.
Gross fncome
interest on funded debt: int. On unfunded debt.
 Not Incomo- rantals.
Diys. pald as
Prior wer. stock $(4 \%)$. $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Prior prep, stock ( } 4 \% \text { )- } & 76,218 \\ \text { Prof, IIVs, Series "A } \\ \text { Pref, divs. Series "B"- } & 209.170 \\ \text { Commondividends }(5 \%) & 300,765\end{array}$
 Revenue pussenvery

| Total passengerg..... |
| :--- |
| Per cont of transfers... |
| $82,575.057$ |
| 19.29 |

Per cent of transfers.
Rov. per rev, passenger
$\begin{array}{cc}\text { do fnel, transfers-- } & 3.23 \mathrm{cts} \\ \text { Ct } \\ \text { Car mileage. }\end{array}$

| Potoer de Lighi Dept. - | $8,502,423$ | $8,204,525$ | $8,376,901$ | $8,481,397$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Kllowast hours sold_-4 } & 40.772 .239 & 31,020,852 & 27,471,961 & 23,986,482 \\ \text { Number of customers:- } & 18,603 & & 38,039\end{array}$

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Rood \& oguipm't
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tomers -....-
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eourites pledger
as collateral....
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Total . . . . . . . . 23,802,075 $\frac{1,926,773}{1,500,000}$
$x$ Includes Columbus $23,802,07523,02$, Total ...........23,862,075 23,020.773
 Markot St. Ry, 1922, \$372,000; Col. Ry. P. RE. Lt. Co. 1040 . $83,500,000$. Co. $63,3446.000$ : Columbus Edison Elec. Co. 5 Es, $\$ 300,000$ : Colmbubs Lec. Heat or Power Co. 6s, $\$ 511,000 ;$ Columbus P. S. Co. 6s, $\$ 182,000$ and Co, 1 , Rer. in 1916 an issuo of $\$ 3,500,000$ Columbus Ry. Power \& Ligho Oo, 1 st Ref, \& Rxtenslon stnking fund M. 5s was mado for the purpose of
redeoming the aforementloned bonds and also for extensfons and better ments to property:-V. 104, D. 361 .

## United States Steel Corporation.

(Earnings for Quarter and Year ending Dec. 31 1916.)
The following statement of the corporation and its subidiaries for the quarter ending Deo. 31 was given out on Tuesday after the regular monthly meeting of the directors. Tho "not earnings" as here shown were arrived at after deduoting the cost of "ordinary repairs and maintenance, of plants and interest on bonds of the subsidiary companies." In addition to the regular quarterly dividend of $11 \% \%$ on common stock, an extra dividend of $13 \% \%$ was declared, this extra distribution contrasting with $1 \%$ for each of the two preceding quarters in 1916. Both the dividends now ordered aro payable Mar. 30 to holders of record Mar. 1, making a total of $3 \%$, payable on the common shares out of the earnings of the quartor ended Dec. 31 1916, against 21/4\% each for the two preceding quarters and 11/4\% for the corresponding quartor in 1915. For the ontire yoar 1916 dividends on common stock aggregated $8 \% \%$, against $11 \%$ in 1915; 3\% in 1914 and $5 \%$ in 1913.
The unfilled orders on hand Dec, 311916 amounted to $11,547,286$ tons, against $9,522,584$ as of Sept. 301916 ; Seo full statement in "Trado and Traffic Movements," Jan. 13 1916. (p. 138.)
INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THREE MONTHS ENDINQ DEC. 31 .
 Deduci-
slinishg runds on bonds of subsld. cos.



Totat doductions steel Corp..... t. 728.4883

Total
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aductons. $\qquad$
$\square$
 EXTRAORD. EXP ENDITURES ORDERED FOR FOURTH QUARTER.
 Adjust'ts in sundry accts. charged off. Cr. 129,626
Sur. or def. from prevlous 9 mos.- $8 \mathrm{sr} .132,678,167$
 aThls amount may be slightly changed on completion of audt of nccounts for the year. The complete annue

$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Tolal net earns. for yoar } \\ \text { (seo fotroduc. remiks) } 333.625,086 & 130,390.012 & 71,663,615 & 137,181,345\end{array}$ Sinking funds, deprec'n \& roserve funds.......
Interest
Prem. on bouds redeem. $39.502 .287 \quad 32,428.049$




 | Precererad |
| :--- |
| Common | Total dividends -V. 104, p. 170, 78

## Republic Iron \& Steel Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Deo. 31 1916.)
The remarks of Chairman John A. Topping will be found at length on subsequent pages, together with the comparative income account, and the balance sheet and other tables,

> SUMMMARY OF PRODUCTION (1*ms).

a Gross tons. b Net toms.
INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALISNDAR YBARS
 Total net profits..... $\$ 16,647,000 \quad \$ 1,385,723 \quad \$ 1,869.074 \quad \$ 3,963,390$
 Common dive........(15\%\%)407,565 $\qquad$
Balance, suplus. .... \$0,881,298 \$2,328,319 \$153.748 \$1,351,300 Preferred dividends as above in 1916 inctudes the regular $7 \%$ dividend
and atso $11 \%$ on account of accumulations. Tho company, fiavtme dis.


BALANCR SHEET DECEMBER 31
$\begin{array}{cccccc}\text { tarets- } & 1016 . & 1916 . & 8 & 1010 . & 1015 .\end{array}$ Plome. \& O.......70,733, 085 60,244,071 Common atock...27,191,000 27,191,000 Noweat's in other cotapanieg. . Cana to redtern int
mortinate mortigato bonds,
Prepala royatilea $\begin{array}{lrrr}\text { Prepala royatheo } & 70,007 & 26,028 \\ \text { e expenitturch } & 780,721 & 730,618\end{array}$ Rav and ntalatied
matertatal. matertata....... menta.
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 Cash............... | $0,608,130$ | $\mathbf{4}, 390,615$ |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | $3,700,237$ |

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- As to relerve finds in 1916 see a subsequent pase.-V. 103. p. 2348,1986

Sears, Roebuck \& Co., Chicago.
(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1916.) INCOME ACCOUNT.
$1916 . \quad 1015 . \quad 1914 . \quad 1013$.
Gross sales

Returns, alowances, dis:| $146,838,511$ | 112,655 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | counta, \&c........

Not sates........
Other incomo...... 0,637.708 $\underset{[5,437.307}{5,096,004}$

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Balance
Repars and ronewals.
Depredation reserve
Dopredation reserve...
Other reserves_-....
Common dividend ( $7 \%$ )
Surplus for year... $137,200,80$ $\frac{0}{106,228,42} 15$ $\frac{11}{26.024 .75} 190$ $\frac{}{91,357.276}$

 | $91,619,247$ |
| :--- |
| $81,287,267$ |

 31,287,267




## $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { BALANCE SHEET DECESMBER } & 31 . \\ & 1916 . & 1015 . \\ 1914 .\end{array}$


 Supplies en merchandioily
 Adv. . inv. brech houses
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Sundry persons........

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## Tota

 Common stockPreferreck stcclk
7 .....- $\$ 102.734,992$

| 3,552,056 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 339,37 |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| 6.711.370 | 1 | 2,543,577 |
| 2.183 |  |  |
| 538,119 | 6.708:24 | 88. |

1913. \$9,879,185 $30,000.000$
$13,176,910$ $8,439.513$
$5,845,624$
$4,886,940$ $4,886,940$
2000.530
$2,092.315$
120.734 \$83,806,878 s77,725.070 $\$ 75,954,036$
 Divs. on preferen stocts
Divs. on preferred stocl

3 On April 1.195 there was paid out of the total accumulated surplus to
Dec. 311914. V.e. 104, D. 368 , 77.

National Cloak \& Suit Co., New York.
(Reporl for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1916.)
Pres.S. G. Rosenbaum, N. Y., Jan. 31 1917, wrote in subst:
 adjoinins our plant. Thing plot hatr we parchased ach trontitional property

 covering all amortzation requirements to ect. 15 1918. it pe company has

 stock of your company has boen
holders of record March 311917 .
Not sales.


| 815 |
| :---: |
| 51 |
| $(31 / 5$ |


$\begin{array}{r}191 \\ 51,16 \\ 51,00 \\ 1 / 17 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 14. |
| :--- |
| 164.728 |
| 175.196 |
| 1000 | Prem. on 1,500 shs. pf. stk. cab $\qquad$

 Io 1917 , see text abovo.

| BALANCES SUEET DEC. 31 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lasists buladies. | $1010 .$ | $1915 .$ |  |  | $1018 .$ |
|  |  | 4,250,300 |  |  | 4, $4.8000,0000$ |
| Good-wiol | ,000,000 | 2,000,000 |  |  | 21 |
| Markerawio am Hes (at coat) | 119,43\% | 150,104 | Unituc orroisixo. |  |  |
|  | 609,057 | 1.053.731 | Miseoll rear | ${ }^{53,783}$ |  |
|  | ,60 | 2,152 | Surpiss re |  |  |
|  | 170,371 |  | Proft andloal | 155,214 | 1,470,678 |
|  | 139,101 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

Inland Steel Con, Chicago. (Report for Year ending Dec, 31 1916.) INCOMS ACCOUNT NOR CALENDAE YEARS.


 Net protita... $8 \overline{10,826,237} \overline{\$ 4,169,104}$ Total surplug .. $310,350,410$ \$0,708,530 306 in 1015.

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& \text { BALANCE SHEET DECEMAKR } 31 . \\
& 1010 . \\
& \hline 1015 . \\
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\end{aligned}
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## Pennsylvania Water \& Power Co.

(7th Annual Reporl-Year ending Dec. 31 1916.) President Charles E. F. Clarke says in substance: Resuths-Gross income for 1916 shows a gatn of 3234,180 , or $20.8 \%$.


 at the rato of $5 \%$ per annum. This increase in the year's disteflbution in
 Higher Load Factor. marketable securitics of other companjes. ments with our customers, to carry the growing peak load of the system by steam, and thus to focrease the load factor at which the hydraulc ptant is
operated. $A$ yearly substantial improvement has been made in this conoperated. Myearly substantal improvement has boen made in this con-
nection. The additlonal heome carned in 1916 over that carned in 1015 nection The addutlonal beome earned in 1916 over that earned in 1915 ment.
mentitook. -The prospects for further increase in earninus continue as good
os in the past, for the reison that, asid from the ability to inctease the load ns in the past, for the resson that, astden from the ability to increcesc thol oad
factor, waich means offzetting tho constant charge on livested capital by constant output, there are yet to be installicd two more units of $17,000 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{D}$. each berore your power plant is completed. In other words the presoni oqraning aro derived from o plant (iquipmont of 112.000 h . D., while the plant
when comploted wil have an equipment or $196.000 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$.
 high pricem. Whitch would involve a capltal charge at least $50 \%$ in excessa of

> | 4.818, |
| :---: |
| 0. |
| $\quad 3.481$ |
| 7 | $\begin{array}{r}2,40,027 \\ 185,105\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}2,440,105 \\ 188,629\end{array}$

normal. The only construction work ot any magnisuase now under way is
thio deepening and wdening of the tail raco below the power house, which, power from the prosent development. This work is betis carried along power rom the prosent development.
slowly with the Pdea or minimizing expenditure in excavating equilpment.
The work will be spread onver a perin The work will be spread over a period of several years and the cost thus far
has been paid out of prorits rather than charzed against capital account. uas been paid out or pronts rather than charged against cappial account.
Shatoinigan Electro Products Co.-Early in 1916 your company commenced tho manufacturc of ferro-silicon through its subsidiary the Shawinl-
gan Electro Products Co. (entire stock owned), and in July it was declded to double the capacity of the plant. The plant has since then been still entire output has been sold for 1917 at satisfactory prices. The operation of this subsidilary will not only add materialy to our profits from tho salo of fis products, but will also involve a primary use of power in 1917 or obout
$100,000,000 \mathrm{k}$. w. h., the larger part of which would otherwise be unsalesble INCOME AOCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.
 Net earntngs........ $\$ 1,141,000$
Interest on bonds....
\$52. Interest on bonds....... $\$$ Balance, surplus.
provious surplus Tonting ent rund. $\qquad$ Construction account.:
Deprectation fund..... 21.798 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Doprectation fund....: } & \$ 100.000 \\ 150,000\end{array}$
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## Scourties of other

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of other co $z$ tho $\$ 200000$ invested in or other cos. 00 in 1916, $\$ 50,000$ was invested in marketable securities ferred to deprectation fund.-V, 103, p. 1036 account and $\$ 150,000$ urans-
(The) Owens Bottle-Machine Co. of Ohio, Toledo.
(9th Annual Report-Year ended Sepl. 30 1916.)
Pres. E. D. Libbey, Toledo, Noy. 14, says in substance:











 rinanerd sat of the surptax mannimg of your company.
Befle sales. -The sales of the Owens and subslatiary

 bottleg has increased from month to month until to-day the demand conThe wages of employees have becn voluntarily advanced and the hours of work shortened so that to-day your factories are pperated substanthally
on an oight-hour basis-three shifts per day. There has been an unprecedented demand for Owens machinas during reccnt months, is machines have been delivered to tho cactories of the
Owens company and its licensees within the y yerind and mactines have been ordered for futuro delivery , These otders will require maximum operation
until March or Aprit of 19 is
 covering the foportant basic primeplos of all or me modera types of owens machines Your company has atso purchased Avaluable itcease under a
patent which protects the basle inventlon of flowiag glass. The U. 8 . patemt rights on the bottle machine and alllod appllances controlled by this company now number 61 and expiro oo varfous datas from 1920 to 1933. Llcenses-The most important Hconse granted during the past year poe-
talns to thin manufacture of farge-size boulles and carboys. The royalties thercon wil sad a substantat sum to our income.
Outionk. Who following shows the satifactory conditon of our business: Contracts for salo of bottles clowed during 40 daya 1016-17. Year 1915-16 Contracts for sale or bottles closed durins 40 days
PTor to No to 1916 specify delivery during
 1roperly to supply our customers moce than $32,000.000$ bottlos will have
 the payment of the regular quarwedy cash difdend of $13 \%$ on prefermed
 of Your directo ghave this day dectared the returar quarteriy cash dividgad of $13 \%$ on ontstanding pref. stock, he regolar quarterly cash dividend of
\% on the outstanding common stock, and an extra cash dividend of $2 \%$ on the outstanding common stock, all payable Jan. 11917.
INCOME ACCOUNT FOR FISOAL YEARS ENDED SERT, 30.


 Amertican Bottle $\mathrm{CO}_{0}$.
 Werchgrapeduceco.
Chas. 1 solat Chas. 1 Sold $\&$ Co--
Buekneclay Mla-West Hox Co.
Mbe
$\begin{array}{cc}20,273 \\ 1,600 & 17,110 \\ 1075\end{array}$
 In $1915-16$ also paid a common stock divideod of $20 \%$ in stock out of
the aceumalated sumplus, calling for $\$ 1,250.000$. (See V, 101, p. 1718.)


BALANGE SHEET SEPT. 30.
1916. 1910 Cand. buldatngs, \&e, 2,381,10812,473,104


Total

INCOME 19,647,802 8,657, 68
$\qquad$ 1916.
1915. s endingYears endin
Net nales.
Cost of sates. $\qquad$
 Manufacturing profits \$1.221.297 Total ticome.
 $\begin{array}{r}3621,917 \\ 18: 214 \\ \hline\end{array}$
 Kabilittes7,257,400 Bits payable.
 six union aind , 768

In taking over the business of the vendor companies the corporation
assumed control of the sales branches In various largo cities of the United
States and Canada, and caused the incorporition Stewar and Canada, and caused the incorpous largo cittes of the Untted Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corporatlon of $N$. Y on Doc. (capital stock $\$ 25,000$ of the
which purchased and operates the sales branches located in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston, Detrot, st. Louls, Kansas City, N. Y. Dity,
Oleveland and Buffalo. Similar branches are located Indianapolis, Minneapolis and Cheanches are locatod in Philadelphla, omployed in the sales branches. The parent company also has arranged for the distribution of its products, in numerous other cities throughout the world, by what are known ns the Stewart Products service stations, owned
by outside parties, but Imited as to sales to lts products The corporatlon owns in fee simple 3.10 acres of real
III, bounded by Diversey Bonlevard, Lincoln St., an alley and at Ohicago.
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(2) Mill constructed bldg... $2125 \times 144\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { (a) Tool making \& ropatr dept. } \\ \text { (b) Servigo garago for ropair. }\end{array}\right.$ (3) Reinforced concrote bldg. $6125 \times 80$ Mfg. depts, restaurant, hospic


 $\qquad$ $96 \times 550\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Oleaning, grinding a } \\ \text { ing and shipping. }\end{array}\right.$ (3)
 The Warner Instrument Co, was Incorporated in IIlinols Oct. 111907 with a capital stock of 330,000 . Which on Aug, 121914 was reduced to s1,000, all
in the name of the Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corporation. Nelther of In taking over the bustis now in active operation.
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 formerly conducted in the Warner plant. Plans hava fust been processea for tho transformation of tho Beloft plant into an extoustve gray fron and
malleable foundry mafleable foundry to provido for the neods of tho corporaton, which have The corporation has no mortgage nor finded fide
Regular dividends fave beon pald on the proferced stock slac.
and rugutar quarterly dividonds or 1\%\% have beon paid mpon the common 1913
stock since the samo date.
CONSOLIDATED INCOMB ACCOUNT.
Gross income(all sources) $\qquad$
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Cash.
$\begin{array}{rr}9,132,008 & 0.003,318 \\ 2,320,919 & 703,750 \\ 1,165.017 & 637433 \\ 112,711 & 051,514 \\ 105,429 & 10,703\end{array}$
Notes payable (to
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132.512 year becansio of the presure under which abuormally heavy during the pas $\$ 300,000$ to cover renevals and roplacomeat of equipment. of our carmis. Invested in new acid plants, the fopon revurn of normal conditions it is
mrobable that theso plants ivil bo of somowbat dublous value mintit tho carmal uses for aclid have overtaken the enormous facereaso in prodnctive
capactey of the varlous new ach plants, which have been pot thic past two yearg. Co. of toplimposton, Del., spe V. 104. p. 168).

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { TAND LOSS FOR YEARS ENDING OCT. } 31 . \\
& 1911-15 . \\
& 1913-1 \% \\
& 1912-13 .
\end{aligned}
$$

 Proferred dividends... ( $\%$ \% 105,000
Common dividends.
$\begin{array}{rr}65,000 & 65,000 \\ \text { (3) } 45.000 & \text { (5)75,000 }\end{array}$
Batance, surplus ..... $\$ \overline { \$ 1 , 6 8 3 , 7 4 6 } \overline { \$ 2 3 0 , 1 6 0 } \longdiv { \$ 1 2 4 , 4 5 7 } - 8 8 8,321$
 BALANCE SHEET OCTOBER 31.

Patent right
will, 80. Securties owae
Atranees to sul Advanecs to sub.
Inventory
Notes \& acets. Cash ........ ree. Total $104 . \mathrm{p} .168 .{ }^{8}$

## Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corporation, Chicago.

(Official Statement to $N, Y$. Slock Exchange Nov. 15 1916.)
This corporation recently furnished the following data to the New York Stock Exchange. Net earnings for the calendar year 1916, as reported in last week's "Chronicle," were $\$ 2,215,043$, an increase of $\$ 184,423$ over 1915 .
Organized on Dec. 201912 in Virginfa, with an authorized capital of
sil.000,000 consliting of 10,000 shares of $7 \%$ cumulative pref. stock
 $\$ 724.400$ was called and has been retired and canceled, except batance
 Mrg. Co. Or beiceago, and the Warner Instrument Co. of south Beloit, It cash and lesued all or trs proer, stock and all of tha remaindec of its cook for
stock in exchango for all the property and business of the two form stock in exchange for all the property and businems of the two formmon
compantes. 10 thus acgulred allof tho business, property, assots for of the original cox, incl. patents, good will and all or tho capleal stoctis During tho caply history of tho corporation and during the ondirectiskory
of its constituent compandes, only mped fndicating fostruments were
 ing signals, ongino driven tire pumps, vacuum systems and sparle parn-


## $\overline{15,061,019} 11,060,710$

Total ............15,061,010 11,060,710 xAccounts payablo- 120 shares of pref. stock called for redemption V. (See further particulars in stock offering V. 101, D. 51; V. 102. D. 2347).

Lake of the Woods Milling Co.
(Report for Fiscal Year ending Aug. 31 1916.)
income account for years ending aug. 31
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BALANOE SHEET AUGUST 31 .
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 ducting $\$ 100,000$ proviston for 2 years war tare to Aus. 31 1916.
 shown in tho above balance sheet. but laterest on whicti ls deducted in


## GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELGCTRIC ROADS.
Ashland (Wisc.) Light, Power \& Street Ry. Co.-Bond Offering.-P. W. Brooks \& Co. are offering at 95 and int. the unsold portion of 8721,000 First Mtge. $5 \%$ Sinking Fund gold bonds of 1909. Int. J. \& S. Callable at 104 and int. on any int. date. A circular shows:

Capitalitation as of Sept. 1 1916- $\qquad$ | Authorizet. Oustanding. |
| :--- |
| $\$ 1,000,000$ |
| $\$ 621.000$ |
| 200 |



additional extenslons and improvements.
The company is a Wisconsin corporatlon, controlled by tha Ironwood \&


 The distributing system covers the entiro clty, The company also owns
bilth-tension trankmisson unes to near-by towns. Also owns and operates
 street rallvay systum in Astand, about five milles of track, also owned
and operated. contibutes onla about $10 \%$ or the total ownims
and
 Earnings Years ending June 30 and S Months to Aug. 311916

## June 30 Years-


Bellefonte Central RR.-Extra Dividend,-
 regular a
98. D. 23

Central Jersey Traction Co. Incorporated, $\overline{\text { Ith }}$ an nuth.


Chosapeake \& Ohio Ry, - Interest Payments, - bo at com-
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Chicago Milwaukee \& St. Paul Ry.-Gencral and Rcfunding Bonds Offered. - Kuhn, Loeb \& Co, and the National City Co. are offoring at $961 / 2$ and interest to yield about $4.68 \%, \$ 25,000,000$ General \& Refunding $41 / 2 \%$ bonds, Serios A. Int. A. \& O. Due Jan. 12014 . There are out$\$ 29,141,300$ Series B 58, Tho bankers report:
 of stock at par stinco 1006 ion on 863 milles, a sucond on 6.540 milles, a third
 R., The Not, NJ. Nachings for the five flical yeard 1012-1916. Inclustre, have


Success of Electrification-Plan to Extend Electric Service ovor Cascade Monntaina to the Pacific Coast,-C. A. Goodnow, Assistant to President and in chargo of electrification says: Firher Stedrification. Succows of the electrification alecady completod has been so phemomenai that the dectirlied timo will be extonded throwh
 hope to push 10 to completion soon.
 and work on tho 24 millos from East Portal to Avery, Inchan, is to be com-




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with the increasid comforts, has brought a marked growth fo our bustross.

Chicago \& North Western Ry.-Nem Stock:-Notice is given, by adv, on another page, that, pursuant to vote of the directors on Dee. 12 1916, the common and preferred shareholders of record March 11917 will bo permitted to subscribe at par, 8100 a share, on or before April 7 for $10 \%$ (say, $\$ 15,251,000$ ) additional common stock. Subseriptions must be paid in full on or before April 7. Tho new stock cortificates will bo issued and dated April 9, but will not participate in any dividends payable prior to July 11917. scrip certificates for fractional amounts will pass by delivery, but will not ac entited th diviple thereof will be exchangable for swock certircates in 1 kk
 at thoir proportlonate vatug at tho rato of 8100 per share. Inbrciviptor warrants will be issted shorty after March 1国The proceeds of the nev lesuo, which will linerease tho outstanding com
 stricting, extendmitimimprovint and coulpping its ruilwny, not dfrectly or inditicty segred by or obtained from tho ksue of nny stocky stack pany, within five yous orior to filins of application for authority therefor:

Redemplion of Sinking Fund Bonds.-Five and six por cent sinking fund bonds of 1879 to the amount of $\$ 134,000$, drawn for redemption Feb, 1, are being paid at the Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co., Now York, at 105 and int. to Feb, 11917. See numbers in advertising columns.-V.103, D. 2237, 2078.

Chicago Railways Co.-Additional First Mtge. Bonds Offered. - The National City Co., New York, and associates are offering at $97 / / 2$ and interest, to yiold over $5.30 \%$, an additional block of $\$ 1,700,000$ First Mige. $5 \%$ gold bonds of 1907, making the total amount now outstanding $\$ 55,681,000$.

Data from Letter from Pres. Henry A. Blair, Chicago. Jan. 221917. Slatement of Operation for Year Ended Not. 301916 Grosg earnings. Chicago surface lines,

Residue recelpis. Chlcano surface lines (arter operating ex- $34,322,338$ penses, taxces and maintenance) ........................... $\$ 12,429.105$ | Chteago Railways Co.'s slare |
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 Sifs. The company owns a comprehensive and well-matntatned street railway system, whitch includes 574 miles of single-track equivalent, ocated in dation wown as well as the north and west sides or chio city, having a pop-
 V. 104, D. $72,163.1$

Chicago Rock Island \& Pacific Ry.-Plan Declared Operative.-A ssessment.-About $95 \%$ of the debentures and over $96 \%$ of the stock having assented to the plan, the Joint Reorganization Committoe has declared operative the plan of reorganization dated Noy. 141916 (V. 103, p. 1887).
Further depooits of stock and debentures will be recelved only at the diss
cretion of the Joint Reorganlzation Committee upon kuch penalty as it may Imposi. Soe adverthmment on another pago. 1917 the first install-
The committeo has called for payment on Mar. 3191 . ment of 810 nor respect of cech share of stock deposited at the depositary by First Trust \& savines mark. Chicamo), In current News Youlk or Chichen thatsird. $\$ 20$ per share, on June 141017 per xhara ts due on Seltement of Suits - Purchase of $\$ 5,000,0006 \%$ Pref. Stock - No Bond Salo at Present-Wrtharawal of Foreciosure Surt.mittee, on Thursday said:
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 the terms upon which it will withdravy the sutt hrought for the foreclosure


Chicago Utilities Co.-New President.- . W, Hotchis. 8. W. Traoy has.

Citizens Streot Ry., Muncie, Ind.-Bonds Called.Five first mitgo. 6 Fg mid bonds of 1897 or $\$ 1,000$ esth and one of $\$ 500$.
Commonwealth Power, Ry. \& Light Co.-Report.-



Erie RR.-New First and Refunding Mortgaye.-



Greon Bay \& Western RR.-Distribution on Class B Debentures Increased. The dircotors have declared a distribution of $1 \%$ on the $\$ 7,000,000$ Class "B" debentures (comparing with $\% / 5$ of $1 \%$ in Feb, 1916 and 3 of $1 \%$ paid in Feb. 1915), payable out of the net earnings for the year 1916, at 40 Wall St., Feb. 15, to holders of record Feb. 5.



Haytian American Corp. (N. 叉.)-Pref. Stock Offered.The bankers named below are offering, by adv, on another page, at 100 and dividend, accompanied by $25 \%$ in ordinary common shares and $50 \%$ in founders shares, $\$ 5,500,0007 \%$ Cumulative Convertible Preferred stock of this corporation (ineorporated in New York), owning and operating railroad, publio utilities and sugar properties in the republio of Hayti. Divs. Q.नJ. A circular shows:




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(b) An etectide Ught and power company in Port-au-Prince and Gap-
Haltten, operatlig under contract for munlefpal Ughtlng, secured by pledge
of Govt, revemucs. (c) A wharf company for the harbor of Port-au-Prince: a commerclal
wharr of rennorced concrete 2,533 ft. long) with warehouse and fretghthanditng equipment and served by tho ralltoad. With warehouse and fotghtcompany to collect charges on all lmports and exports whether or not the (d) A sugar company whtch wtil
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Tronwood \& Begsemer Ry, \& Light Co.-Sub. Co.-
gea Ashland (Wlsc,) Litht. Power \& Strect Ry. Co.-V. 96. D. 63 .
Jergey Central Traction Co.-Successor Incorporated.-
sec Central Jersey Traction Co. above.-V. 100. p. 1592.
Kansas City Kaw Valley \& Western Ry,-Bonds.C. E. Denison \& Co., Cloveland, are offering at 101 and int. $8200,0006 \%$ lst Mtge. bonds of 1914 due. Aug. 11924, but callable at 101 and int. A circular shows:
 Tha Ine now extends from Kankas City, Kan. to Eavprence, Kan.

 For the calendar yus 1916 the
opgratins expenses and taxes, $\$ 63,417$ 1st M19 were $\$ 152,984$; net after
$\$ 320,000$, $\$ 19,200$, and sever moniths on $\$ 460$. 12 monthy on Those carnings are for five monthonths on 16 mlles of track and sever months


Kangas City Southern Ry,-Valuation Protest.the company's protest asalnist the tontative vatuartion placed on the prop-

Lourel (Miss.) Light \& Railway.-Bond Offering.H. N. Whitney \& Sons are offering at 100 and int. the unsold portion of their block of $\$ 150,0006 \%$ First M, gold bonds. Dated Dec. 12 1911; due July 1 1936. A circular shows : The company owns and oparates the lighting, power and street rallway
system in the citios of Laurel and Eltesille. Miss, and an electrle foter-

 In Laurel, subject onty to $\$ 80,000$ bonds of Laurel EI. Pow. AD Lt. Co, which gresent lisunc aro reserved to retire these bonds. With the Issuance of
$\$ 12,000$ addite $\$ 12$ The bonds aro not sublect to pror property, the mtse, will be closed Interest J. \&J, without deduction for Federal Income tax, at Eldolity Trust
Co. of N . Y. trastce. Property, Owns and operates nil of the electric light, power and street
raltway facilles in Laurel and Ellisilto, supplying munletpal lighting in both clties. The electric rallway system comprises 16 miles of inges in
 outside the citfes and two miles in Laurel are on privato pight of way. The
company owns a pleasure park between Laurel and Filkwlif. 8ince 1913



 lumber manafacturing, cotton mills se. Population has increased prom
3.000 in 1900 to nearly 10.000 in 1910 , now

McConnellsburg \& Fort Loudon RR.-Receiver. Judge Charles B, Witmer, in the Federal Court at Sunbury, Pa, on
Fob. I appointed C . H. Gergner, of Harrisburg. roceliece for the company

Mail Remuneration.-Supreme Court Upholds Law.-

## Marietta Columbus \& Cleveland RR,-Sale.-

Recelver D. B, Torpy Vritis: "After the sate to Mr. Isham (on July is
tast), the court ordered all traffic discontinued after Oct. 311916 . Slnce then tho ind rrom Curts Junction to Palos was sold to J. H. Barnshaw, property was sold to O. W. Walters, of Oteveland, O. Who is Presldent of
tho Cloveland stone, Co. The purchasers are hauling thetr own product to palos and Moore's Juncton respectively, those belng the wowtern and
eastern termint."-V. 103, D. 320 .

Marshall \& East Texas RR,-Receiver Appointed.Judge Gordon Russell in the U. S. District Court at Tyler on Jan. 25
appomted Bryan Snyder recefiver on application by the St. Louls Trust Co.


Missouri Pacific Ry.-Additional Sale.-The 372,550 shares $(\$ 37,255,000)$ of the capital stock of the St. Louis Iron Mt. \& Southern Ry. pledged to secure an equal amount of $4 \%$ bonds issued in 1905 by the Missouri Pacific Ry, will be offered at foreclosure sale in N. Y. City on Feb. 28. Upset prico, $\$ 15,200,000$

Mobile \& Ohio RR. - New Mortgage.-Southern Ry. Ca,
Willing to Sell Its Control.-The sharoholders will vote Feb. 7 on ratifying their provious action of Sept. 1914 in authorizing a mortgage of $\$ 50,000,000$ upon the property whenever the directors may deem it advisable so to do.(V. 99, p, 748).



 Mobite \& Ohlo RE Oper tho sto It all save the larger matter or policy, the management Is now distioct ssts of the two Hines arc not the same, and the tendencles of traffic are not
the same. The Mobto $\&$ Ohto


Monongahela Valley Traction Co.-Earnings:-
Gross earnings
Fixed Chgs., taxes ix ins.


| Dec. $31-$ |
| :--- |
| $1915(a c t)$ |
| $81,000,834$ |
| 8611,040 |
| 326.371 |
| 3284,678 |

Not surplus
Morgantown \& Wheeling (Electric) Ry.- Recciver.-
Wm. E. Glasseock was recently appolnted recolver.-V. 07 . p. 521 . Nashville Chattanooga \& St. Louis Ry,-Lease.-
Nashville Terminal Co,-Coupons,-The Mercantile Trust Co.,St. Louis, as of Jan, 26 informs us:
Nashydill Terminal Co.. due Jan, 1017 , have not been recolved. Fund



## National Utilities Co.-New Merger Company.



 Holdery or tho pref, plock of tho National Gay R1evtric Light \& Power




New York Central RR.-Time Extended-Purchase.The time within which subscriptions may be made to $\$ 25$,-
000,000 of additional stock under and on the terms of the warrants datod Jan. 21917 has been extended to Feb, 13 1917; and the time within which payment of such subscriptions shall be made is oxtended to Feb. 16. (V, 103, p. 2341). H. Vemeren appeai from the ordecorchupgomo Gourt of Ohio, on Clarence Jan, 1917 granting tho Company's applleatlon to tawe atock, has post-
poned the efroctive dato ot hatordor unil after he dection of the appoal.

New York Now Haven \& Hartford RR.-Status, \&c.The ral In the price of the stock on Tuesday to $391 /$ rave rtse to rumors
of an lapending recelycrahip or readjustment, but theso rumory wore promptly dented by bankers closely assoctated with the property J. P, Gsuss maturing May 1 wilt bo extended, or replaced, by a now lssue. Navigation Co. \&s. geo Earntigs Department on another Nago England
 Yale Univgralty, together akgrogating 15.704 shares have been sold stace
April $11916 .-\mathrm{V}$. 104. D. 164, 257 .

Ozark Valley RR.-Bonds Exterded.-
for is years from sept. 1916 maturing $\$ 50,000$ annualty. These bonds haye beon pledged as collateral and are for shto. Plans are now under
constderation for an cstonslon to Fredericktown, 20 miles.-V. 100, p, 633

PhiladeIphia Rapid Transit Co,-Voting Trust-Plan.yoting trust certificates, malding total $\$ 23.729 .950$ Itstexi. A Merite Taylor, former director of eity translt. has lisuced a nitatomint endocsing
the proposed plan for lease of the new clty-bult bloh-speed lines, as ono the proposed plan for lease of the new elty-bulle bigh-speed incs, as one
which adequately protects the city, the taxpayers and the strcot-car rider.
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Pitts. Cinc. Chic, \& St. Louis RR.-Exchange of Stock. pany, through J. W, Marshath, Transfer Agent, N. Y. Will exchangot the

St. Louis Iron Mt. \& Sou. Ry.—Stock Sale Fcb. 28.-
Seo Missourl Pactict Ry. above.-V. 104, p. 362,
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.-Adjustment Bonds-Status. -An authoritative circular regarding the (cumulative) Adjustment Mtge. $6 \%$ gold bonds, Series "A," of this new company, says in substance:
 Interest payable A . E . 0.1 in Now Yy

 600 serfes "A" have been lssued to the reorizanization managera, to bo ap-
plled to part for the refundlog, payment or acquistion of $\$ 7,382,400 \mathrm{St}$.

Louls \& San Francisco RR. trust certificates for Kansas City Fort Scott \& Memphis pref. stock.
Tho Ad Justment bonds are secured by a mortgage upon the entire prop-
erty of the company, whether now owned or hereafter aecquired, subject an


 aro controlled through ownership of substantially all the capital stock, and
205 milleg are operated under trackage rights. The milieage of the company



 Equipment trust obligations ( $\$ 841,000$ cash is reserved to retire
6.094,000
 Cumulative fixed charge obligations $\$ 190,336,070$
$.38,702,218$
 "In addition, $89,507,300$ Prior L.en Beries "A" 4 45 bonds have beon sition of tho reorganization mamagers for the refunding, payment or acgut Kansas City Vort Scott . Memphis ptef, stock in part, and $\$ 3.651,800$

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Balance available for faterest on income bonds
Interest on lacome bondk-c....................



| Surplus ........................................ $81,686,634$ |
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| Tho batance avallable for finterest on the cumulative adjustment bonds |
| $\$ 380,674$ | thus was for the five months endel Nov. 30 1916, more than $3 / 2$ Imes the amount thereor at the full rate of $6 \%$ per annum, and for the yoar 1915-16

more than twice the foll amount.
 tho year ending 1016-i7 wif be approximately $511,680,133$.- V. 104, D. 164.
San Antonio Uvalde \& Gulf RR.-Appeal Dismissed. company sestock and boads to John 7 . Milulien or st. Louls has been dis


Texas Electric Ry.-Firat Pref. Stock Offered.-Babcook, Rushton \& Co., Chicago and New York, are offering by advertisement on another page, at 98 and div., $\$ 700,0007 \%$ cumulative first preferred (a. \& d.) stock. The stock is rodeemable on any div. date after Jan. 11922 at $1071 / 2$ and div. on 30 days' notice. Divs, Q,J.

New First \& Ref.-Bonds Offered.-Harris, Forbes \& Co.b the Harris Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago, Harris, Forbes \& Co., Ine., Boston, and Coffin \& Burr are offering at $941 / 2$ and intorest $\$ 4,804,000$ First \& Refunding Mtge. 30 -Year $5 \%$ gold bonds dated Jan. 11917 , due Jan. 1 1947, but redeemable on any int. dato up to and including Jan. 1 1942 at 105 and int. and thereafter at $1021 / 2$ and int. Interest J. \& J, in Chicago and N, Y. Denom, \$500 and \$1,000 ${ }^{\circ}$. Harris Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee.
Digest of Letter from Pres. J. F. Strickland, Dallas, Jan. 251917. comprising the Texas Traction Co, and the 8outhern Traction Co includ
 ber of cities and towns in Texasi, in and adyacont to the Black Waxy Bele,"
focluding Dallas, Waco, Donson sherman, Coraicana, Waxahochio and
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copt Dallas. Presont callonated population connected and served, 250,000 , od Dalas. Prsenc ematantiny Uapilalkation.


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servative restrictions as to the bsuanco of cocrow bonds, without tion as to the amount of the authorized tesue. These bonds are amitafirst mortgage on the southera Hones. From Dailas to Corsicana and from Dallas to Waco: and amortgage on tho northern linece from Dailas to Drom Traction Co, and the Denison \& Sherman ky, Provision ts made for the refunding of these underiying bonds. Adational 1st \& Ref. bonds may be lesued for onty $75 \%$ of the cost of extensions, ece, provided net earning aro twice the total annual interest charge, including bonds applied for
In addition to ordinary resecres for porsonal injuries and damages, $\$ 75,000$ bonds ara provided usablo for this sole purposo which 249 mites is owned:

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atock, 83.000 .00020 pref. stock and 56.000 .000 dores, 8700,000 first pref. Directors. Largely representative residenta of cities along the road.
Compare $V, 104$, p. 362.)

Texas \& Pacific RR.-Equipment Notes.-Reorganization. J. L. Lancaster, one of the recelvers of thls property, announces that
the company has arranged to spend $\$ 2.900,000$ for Improvements, ballast new track, de., and equipment, consisting or locomotives, passenger and
 somi time aso umdertookes tho reorganization, ara stil, we anderstand

Texas Traction Co.-Successor Company Bonds.-
See Texas Electric Ry. above.-V. $104, \mathrm{p} .362$.

## Virginian Railway.-Stock Increase.-

 and $835,000.0005 \%$ cum. proferred stock. The incrase, consisting of $34,000,000$ common and $86,000,000$ pref., may be lsued for the purposes of
the company at the discrotion of the board. Compare V . 104 , p. 258 .

Washington (D. C.) Rail'y \& Electric Co.-Reporl.Catendar Gross Totat Net Int.,Sink. Ef, Dirs. Com.Dies. Balance,
 President Clarence P. King says in substance:
The grow operating rovenues ten years aso wero $33.183,000$, white now
 prosent surplus carning or $\$ 1,092,33$. The capital stock remains to-day
as 16 was ten years 1450 , thero having been no xtock lissued since


## Western \& Atlantic RR.-Proposed Rental. -






## Western New York \& Pennsylvania RR.-Rumor,The recent advanco in the price of the company s sharea ofstock has given rise to the report in Philadelphia that the Pennsylvanla HR, is buylimthe 

## INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

American Beet Sugar Co.-Extra Dividend.-An extra dividend of $12 \%$ has been deelared on the $\$ 15,000,000 \mathrm{com}$. stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 17, along with a dividend of $8 \%$ on the same stock, payable $2 \%$ quarterly beginning April 30 1916. The regular quarterly $11 / 2 \%$ on the pref. was also declared payable $\Lambda$ pril 2 to holders of record March 17.-V. 102, p. 1989
American Brass Co., Waterbury, Conn.-Report.-
 Balance, zurplus e $\overline{37,241,670} \overline{\$ 4,178,453} \quad \$ 550,347 \quad \$ 867,605$ Run extra dividend of $11 \%$ was declared last wenk on the stock along with
the quarterly 1 $1 / 2 \%$. both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 31 .



 Tota1 .... $\overline{40,925,568} \overline{31,791.281}$ Total …..40;925,568 $\overline{31.791,281}$
American Ice Securities Co., N. Y.-Oplion to Subscribe. -In pursuance of the plan for the redemption of the debentures of the company, now being carried out (V, 103. p, 165), the Securities company is offering to its stockholders a limited amount of a new issue of preferred $6 \%$ non-cumulative stock of the American Ice Co., which is now the only issue of pref. stock of that company outstanding, the former issue having been retired. Secretary Henry C. Harrison in a circular of Jan. 25 says in substance:
The price at which this stock is to be sold is 866 per share, and each stockholder of record on Feb, 11917 is entitled to subscribe for and purchase tn
amount of stock equal to $30 \%$ of his holdings of American lec Securities stock; for example, a holder of 100 shares of Securities slock may purchase
30 shares of new American proferred ktock for $\$ 1.980$ and smaller amount in proportion. On oach subscription and purchase of the preferred stock
there will bo given as a bonus an amount of American Ice Co. common stock oqual to $40 \%$ of the preferred stock so purchased. Paymont of the 20 -year $6 \%$ dobentures of the American Ico securities Co. at par and ine. to Mrarch 11917 . 1 ISubscriptions on warrants were to be mailed on or about Feb. 1.I Bee plan V. 104, D. 165, 363.

American Light \& Traction Co.-Earnings.-
Cat. Years- 19.6.


Amer, Malting Co.-Earns, 3 Mos. to Nov. 30 1916.Not income ...........82,567,742 Total $\$ 240,388$ Hond interest, \&c........... 8247,306 Yotrating in

American Manufacturing Co. (of Mass.), Mfrs. of Bagging, \&c., Brooklyn, N. Y.-Both Cash and Stock Divi-dends-Stock Increase,-Pres. John D. Filley in circular of Jan. 27 says in substance:
The board has dectared cash dividends at the rate of $5 \% \%$ p. a, on the pref.
 1017 of 2 H upon the common stock, 10.000 .000 ( $86,000,000$ common and







Assets-







 Of tho water powers in

 $\begin{array}{llr}5,203,116 & 5,441,553 & 5,306,621\end{array}$ $10,305,83959,945,1231 \overline{\$ 12,446,749} \overline{\$ 14,310,271}$ $\$ 6,000,000 \$ 6,000,000 \quad \$ 6,000,000 \quad 80,000,000$



American Radiator Co Chicare - Sat 000 to dractors have suthorizod tho lucrease In canptal atock Crom 35.000 .

 declared, payable Feb. 15 to holder of record Feb. $7=V$ V. $102, \mathrm{D}$. 972 .
American Real Estate Co., Now Xork.-Plan of Reorganization. -The committee named below has issued a plan of reorganization dated Jan. 25 1917, saying in brief The committee his recelved deposits of bonds, certificates and clalms 14.000 craditors and more thai $80 \%$ of the face amount or or moro than unsecured oblyations, It has intervened by its Obairman in tho pendin
sutt in equity, in whith the recavers were appolnted, and las co-oprated
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book cost of 56.251 .870 . against parts of which thice wer standing metce to thin amount of $\$ 2.926$. 115 : net book yalue- $3,325,755$
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 1916 tit was assessed at $\$ 13,498,580$; mortsages and other Hens ageregated
In the opinfon of tho commiltee, propertles so extensive are well worth effectlvely and ceonomically bo accompllshed by means of a new company, with resh capital and an entirely now management, to protect the new
To discharre the llens for taxes and assessments to of the recelvership and reorganization, and for adv lsable fmprovements and working capital, it is estimated that not less than $\$ 2,300,000$ must be prosubject to call by the committice or he new company as riould may avaltable The commitce, therefore, proposes that the holders of bonds and cequired. cates and othcr unsceurd creditors and lis stockooldors sabscribe an ame value of thetr stock, respectively, to the aggregate amount of $\$ 3,094,167$. payable in instalments, as stated in the plan.

Present Capitalization, with Interest to Aprit 191916.
mon, 3151,100 . preferrad. $81.855,400$; totat. 6\% coupon bonds and certiftcates fully pald
$6 \%$ accumulativo bonds and ceriffeates of the face amount of
Pald-up Installment certificates, race amount $\$ 272.810$.......... 5 7,434,036
mount $\$ 272,810$-. $\quad 5,703,177$ Successor Company to Tasuc About 814103 255. Par Valuc. of Neto S 104.207 (1.) Profored Debemlures, Class 1 (Rectistaceh, Total about 83.094 .500 . notice, with accrued unpald interest: Intwrest at $6 \%$ from date of tssue. payablo as determined and declared by the drectoss and to be cumulative: any distribution of carninges or assets to holders of other debenturets or stock. rssuable at par to the amount of subscriptlons made under the plan.
(2.) Preforred Debemures, Class B (Reqistered). Total, about $83,366,500$.
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Issuable to all umecored creditors to the amount of $25 \%$ of thetr clatos as proved and allowed by the court
(3.) Preferred SLock (Par, 310). Totat, about 86,958,600. of ammal earntags, when and as declared by the directors, akt pall paym out of all debomures, with interest; redcemable as a whole or pro rata in part on payment of ail debenturen with accrued wopad interest: to be mentiled to solo votink power until wholly redeemed.
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American Rolling Mill Co., Middletown, O.-Re Incorporation and Merger. - The plan of re-incorporation and consolidation with the Columbus Iron \& Steel Co. is outlined in circular of Jan. 23 in substance as follows:







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accumulated or accrued dividends, beforo accumulated or accrued shall always be $100 \%$ and total net askits $200 \%$ of amount of pref. stock outatanding, At any remular dividend perlod tho
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 Development-Data from Statement by Pres. Geo. M. Verity, Jan. 23.
The company becau operations in Mldatown in March 1901 with one open hearth furmace and a sticet mull and kalvaniziog department.

Posifion of Company at End of Fire-Year Periods.

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## American Steel Foundries, Chicago.-Narnings.-

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| 739,413 | 201,083 | A quarterly ditydend of 1 th\% has beon declared on the 317.184000



Asbestos Corp. of Canada, Ltd.-Inilial Dividend.-

Assets Roalization Co., N. Y.-Slock Reduction.-
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 Statoment by Presidont Charies A. Marshall, Now York. Dec. 9 1916.

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Associnted Oll Co., California.- Earnings. -

Atiantic Paper \& Pulp Co., Savannah.- New Proicd.-






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Bethlehem Steel Corporation.-No New Bonds in Early Fulure- Toncling the proposition to issue a new First \& Ref. Mitge., the company says:
No satt of boinds the the eary futuro he contcmplatiad. The company to commg annual meeting in April to obtaliatino or ntocitholacers at the forth-

Blackstone Valley Gas \& Electric Co., R. I.-Par.-

Bon Air Coal \& Iron Co.-Forcelosure Sale.-



 Ar Coal \& Iron
Booth Fisheries Co., Chicago.-Common Dividend.larod an initial dryidend of 2 , on the commone Booth Wheterles Co dopayable Mar: 1 to stock or rrecori Feb . 6 :amon 1 sock tor the year tial
 or record Mar. 20" 1 pril 1913 pala $4 \%$ fin preferred stock on the conmmon
Burns Bros., N. Y.-Retirement of Prof. Stock, de.-





Calco Chomical Co., Bound Brook, N. J.-Stock-Noten. -Swartwout \& Appenzellar recontly reported in substance:
This company, witha hargo up-to-dato plant tor thom manuracturg of the
 noncy will milo the company one or tha tmportant fictors in the 000 new


Canada Foundries \& Forgings Co.-Extra Divident.



Canadian West. Nat. Gas I. H. \& P. Co., Ltd.-Earns. Scep. 30. Grass Mailnte Propin of Deprec'n, Diedidends Balance,



Carbon Steel Co.-Plan Withdrawn.-

Central Coal \& Coke Co.-Earnings for Calendar Years.

Contral Maine Power Co., Waterville, Me.-Earrings.

Central Power \& Light Co., New York-Earnings--

 Chesapeake \& Potomac Telephone Co., of W. Va.-






Chicago Car Heating Co., Chicago.-Decision.-
 from 1908, oyer certain vapor heating syatom patent clafms, tho contantong



 Dind the sult agalnst the standard Hent \& Ventilation Co.. in the if end the sult against the standard Hent \& Ventilation Co., in the U. S.
District Court of Chicago, for infringoment or vapor heatingsyatem patents.
Chicago Telephono Co.-Stock Increase.-

Citizens' Gas Co. of Indianapolis.-Earnings.-



Cleveland Stone Co-Purchase.-


## Consolidated Car Heating Co.-Decision.- <br> See Clicaso Car Heating Co. above.-V. 101, p. 2147

Consolidated Gas, Electric Light \& Power Co. of Baltimore.-Delayed Delivery of Engraved Notes.-
Oring to the falluro of tho engraving company to make complote delivery
within the time specified of the permanent encraved notem, the company kives notice that the date for the exchange of temporary pote for perma



## Continental Coal Co. (of Ohio),-Sold.-

 at pablic auction to tho Now York Central Miz. Co. the only bidder, whien


Continental Paper Bag Co.-Common Div. Resumed.A quarterly dividend of 13 , has been doclared on the common stock to holders or rocer T, Tep
Cumberland Pipe Line Co.-Report for Calendar Years.-





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Denver Gas \& Electric Light Co.-Bonds Called,-


East Bay Water Co., Oakland, Cal.-Now Securities.-




Eastern Steamship Corporation, Boston.-New Co.-

Eastern Steamship Lines.-Successor Co-This company was sicorporated fo Maine on Jan. 2 with an nuthorized
capital stock of $36,000,000$, as successor to the Eastern Steamship Con
 500 common, par 325.-y, 104, p, 75 .
Eastern Steel Co., N. Y.-Inilial Common Dividend.An inithal quarterly dividend of 25 S. has been declared on the $33,650,000$
common stock. payable April 16 to holders of record April 2 The regular


Edison Electric Illuminating Co., Boston.-Note Of-fering.-F. S. Mosely \& Co., Parkinson \& Burr and the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston are offering on a $41 / 2 \%$ basis the unsold portion of $\$ 10,000,0005$-year $5 \%$ coupon notes dated Feb. 1 1917, due Feb. 1 1922, but callable all or part at 104 and int. on 30 days' notice. No additional mortgage can be placed while these notes are alive.
The company has withdrawn its application to the Gas and Electric
Commtssion for approval of an increase If lis authorized copltal stocle and thas sold the above note lsuc, the proceeds or which are to bi used in pay-
ment of floathy debt already incured and for future rexulrements.103, p. 2077. 1983.
(Otto) Fisenlohr \& Bros., Inc., Phila.-Initial Div.on account of accumputations on the common stock of thls company, payable

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Electrical Securities Corp., N, Y.-Earnings,-

 and $\$ \%$ on $\$ 2,500,000$ common stock, $\$ 200.000$.-V. 102. p. 714 . $\$ 50,000$,

Elgin (IIl.) Tractor Corporation.-Stock Offering.Gillett \& Co., Chicago, ure offering the unsold portion of
this company's $\$ 300,000$ 7\% Cumulative Pref. stock at $\$ 112$ per share, with a bonus of $50 \%$ in common stock. No mortgago shall bo made without the consent of $662-3 \%$ of the prof
stoek outstanding. In case of ilquidation, the holders of the pref. stock recelve $110 \%$ and divs. Asinking fund for retring the pref, stock at 110 Data from Letter of Pres, B. A. Kennedy, Elgin, III, Jan, ${ }^{2} 1917$. $7 \%$ Cum, Pref. (a, © di) stock (red, at $110 \&$ divs.; divx.Q.-T, par, \$100).............................. $8300.0000^{8300.000}$ Organization, \&c.-Incorporated In N. Y. to take over the Walte Tractor Co., manufacturers of the Waitelight farm tractor. The factory at Elgin
 equipping the plant for tricreased production. 00 tractors (now sold at 3800 each) doring the year onding Feb. 1 1018. On this basis, after charging
off all overhead net profits should approximate $\$ 400.000$ suffecient to pay the pref. dividend and $63 \%$ on the conmmon stoclcoutstanding. In addition to the tractor wo manufacturo soveral attachments, such as as self-contained \&c. These ecceesories are bolng sold to users of the Elgin tractor. Dering

 L. Brana, fres. III. Pabishing Co, Chicago: Aibert Pack, Pres. Hubbar

Eureka Pipe Line Co.-Report for Calendar Yeara.-
 Bat, sur. or def _-sur. $\$ 122.065 \overline{\text { def } \$ 207,758} \overline{\text { der. } \$ 183,863} \overline{\text { det } \$ 45,685}$ Assets- 1916. Batance Sheet Dec, 31.

 Total $\quad \overline{11,939,182} \overline{11,155,933}$ Total $\ldots \ldots \overline{11,939,182} \frac{1,431,822}{11,155,033}$
General Petroleum Corp,-Earns. for 6 Mos. lo Dec. 31. 1916.- $\qquad$ $. . \$ 1,764,136$ Bond., \&e, Interest st....... .. 8169,385 Total meome...... $\qquad$ $1,662,3.3$ Deprecciation
$1,601,001$ Net prorits. 529,666
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Gillette Safety Razor Co., Boston.-Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.
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Gould Coupler Co., N. Y.-Favorable Decision.-Secre tary G. G. Milne in circular letter of Feb. 1 1917, says,
In the lifigation. Involving the question of alleged infringement by this
ampany of tho H . Thompson patent 1.070 .080 . owned by the Safety Oarpany or ting tilighting Co., the lower court held that the Gould simplex ystom of electric Car lighting infringed the patent. The Safety Car Heating ailroads not to use the Gould "simplex" system
Wo appoated and the Courtor Appcals has reversed this dectsion and held that thy Gould ore patent and that the Gould "8implex" system "is a wholly merneren scheme or system from the Thompson patent. Thus, the only decision ever mado by any couct to the efrect that any of our car lighting apparatus was an infringement
if no appcal from this holdmy.

Granby Cons. Min., Smelt. \& Pow. Co.-Earnings, \&c.


Hamilton Manufacturing Co., Lowell, Mass.-Div.Inc, A seml-annual dividend of $4 \%$ has been declared, on the stovk, Dayablo
Feb. 10 to holders of record Feb. 1 . Previous payments were at the rate of

Harmony Mills, Cohoes, N. Y, \& Boston,-Initial Div. An intial diyidend of $1 \%$ has been deelared on the common stock, payabth

Henderson Land \& Lumber Co., Tuscaloosa, Ala.Bond Offering.-James D. Lacy Timber Co., Chicago, is offering a block of the Black Warrior Mill Co. (former name) First (closed) M. $6 \%$ bonds of 1913, maturing 1919.'20 \& '21. of this issue or 8600,000 authorized , 8150.000 have matured and been
paid, leaving ousstanding $\$ 550.000$ property contains $210,000,000$ feet of long fear yetlow pine lumber valued ht 2 S times the outgtandinis amount
of the bonds. Capacity of mill 150,000 board ft .dally. J. D. Henderson

Holly Sugar Corporation.-Purchase, \&c.
equlpped for the manufacture of both canc and beet sugar.and some 250 acres of tand. Plans for the constructon of another fateory nt Grand
Junction, Colo., are sald to be under consideration.-V. 103, p. 2346.
Hydraulic Power Co. of Niagara Falls, N. Y.-Earns.



Indian Refining Co., Inc.-Dividends Resumed-Pres. Theodore L. Pomeroy in a circular of Jan. 26, says in subst. At a meeting held on Jan. 251917 the board of directors dectired a diviof record Fe6. 101917 . This acton marks a new period In our history. theless, he balance sheet for tho ycar will show that after setting up ample dividends created in th place. Sinking fund paymems during the year
amounted to 8638.609 . On Dec. 31 thin the first and ccond mortgage bonded debt, less deposits in siniding fund, stood at about $82.230,000$. The per annum. The company has no bank debt or current flabilities, other than bilts in process of beinif vouchered, and is in excellemt cash position. Slatus at Close of Fiscal Years 1912 to 1016.
Funded debt.
 Only buls
 1911 , agrrecrating \$1. 102,500 , as or Dec. 1511916 . 19 . at present why carnings in 1017 should not eeual those of 1916 . Tho figrires above show that if the earniniss are continued at the present rate throngh 1917 and other conditions warrant, the company should be able to
pay tha accumulated and curcent proforred dividenda during tho year and pay leave a substantal surplus.
Reference was made in August to a woll the company had brought in in the centre of a $3.000-$-acre tract in tndiana not far from tho rafinery. The wells are pumplag regularly about 30 bbls. a day each. Your company has acquired additional leases in the nelghborhood of the original lease, so they now havo a total or 4,000 acrow and have other test
weils started: Adjoining the outlyimg leases test wells aro beling sumke by and property or substantial value. Ir this devclopment is aread a prodicing po indication of tho value of the rematider leases, or of any considerable part or them, it wil bo now usset of considcrablo worh. V. 104.D. 366.
Indiahoma Refining Co. (Okla.).-Bond Offering. - The Gitizens Co, and Robert Garrett \& Sons, Baltimore, are of fering at 98 and int., to yield $6.25 \%$, or over, $\$ 1,000,000$ (closed) First Mtge, \& Collat. Trust 10-Year Sinking Fund gold 6 s of 1917, dated Feb. 11917 , due Feb. 1 1927. Int.F.\&A Redeomable all or part on any interest date at 105 and Int. Denom.
s1,000 co. Normal Fedeni Income tax rofunded. Trustee. Equitable Trust Co. Baltimore. Sinking fund $20 \%$ of net earnings, but not less than $\$ 100,000$ yearly. Property now conslsts of a $3,000-\mathrm{bbl}-\mathrm{a}$ day rofinery at Okmulgee, Okla, and a $1,000-\mathrm{bbl}$-a-day (now being increased to 3.000 bbls.) refinery at East St. Louis, H.; 130 miles of pipe lines, 2 trunk lines,
storage tanks, \&c., and it2 tank cars, some belng subject to lease liens; also practically the controlling interests in various oll-producing properties having about 3,100 bbls, a day capacity, or about $75 \%$ of present refining capactly. Net earnings for past two years have aycraged $\$ 871,408$ and for
1017 are estimated at $\$ 800,000$. Present anoual dividend rate on common 1017 stere

Inland Steel Co., Chicago.-Plan Approved-Reporl.The gharcholders on Jan. 30 authorizod the reincorporation of the com-
pany with an authorized capital stock of $\$ 30,000,000,325,000,000$ thereot to bo issued in exchango for the present $\$ 10,000.000$ stock, 2 , shares for 1 per plan in V. 104 , p . 168 . Compare "Ainual Reports" on a preceding

Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co,-Output, $\overline{\text { Con }}$ The copper production for the month of Jan. 1917 amounted to
lbs., agalnist $5.351,815 \mathrm{lbs}$. for Jan. 1916 . $\mathrm{V}, 103$, D. 402 .

Kent Motors Corporation.- New Project. -
This corporation is reported to bo making rapid prozross in tho construc-
tlon of its automobile plant, which will inclade machine shop, body-bulldtiog department. enameling ovens and executive orfices. 太Ce.
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 Lendon, and tha A malgamated Paint Co., N, Y. R.S. Coasroyo, formerly


Kentucky Solvay Coke Co.-Stock Offered.
Common stockholders of record Jan. 311917 aro offered the right to
 Subscrion warants will be malted early m Feb. 1917; x , and Its worlcs at
scription warr Tha company's general oftrice fo
Ashland, Ky. See V. 104, , 366 .

Laclede Gas Light Co., St. Louis.-Debentures Sold.G. H. Walker_\& Co. and Halsey, Stuart \& Co, mmounce by
advertisement on another page, for record only, the sale of their bloek of $\$ 600,0005 \%$ gold debentures of 1914, due Feb. 1 1919, but eallable as a whole at $1011 / 2$ and int. The authorized issue is $\$ 5,000,000$, of which there are now outstanding $\$ 3,850,000$. The advertisement shows:
The company dooy all the gas business in 8t. Louis and operates under
 paying preferred stock and about $\$ 11,770,0007 \%$, NVldend-paying common stock having a present market yalue of about $\$ 15,000,000$. Gross earn-
incs for the year ended June 30 I 1916 amounted to $\$ 1,610,433$, as compared with $\$ 4,552,521$ in 1915 ; not for tho same period was $32,421,957$, as com-
pared with $\$ 2,160,414$. Net artor operating expenses, including mainte nance and taxes, werc ovec twice tho annusi interest charges on aloutstand-
ing bonds and debentures. See offering in $\mathrm{V}, 98, \mathrm{p}, 765 .-\mathrm{V}, 103, \mathrm{p}, 2433$.

Metropolitan Steamship Co.-Receiver.for the company on application of Miss J. R. Morso.-V. V. Vo, p. 1605 .

Miami Copper Co.-Production.The copper production for the month of Jam. 1917 amounted to $5.020,370$


Michigan Copper Mining Co.- -ssessment-Production. making a During 1916 . In tho courso or dovelopment work, $60,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. of copper,
Dis said. wweco produced and sold.-V. 89 , p. 474 ,
Middle West Utilities Co., Chicago.-Inilial Dividend he drectors have declared an Intial cash divldend or $2 \%$ on the com-
 annuady in April nad Oct, 1917 . The resular quarterly 1 IS\% on the
pref. stock was niso declared. payabte Mar. 1 to holders of record Veb. 15. prev. 103, p. 1892.

Milliken Bros., Inc. - Sale of Property. The shareholders wll vote. Feb. 23 on selling the company's steel fabrihag Diant on staten riand. N. Y., ror she chaser, said to bo a shippuildimis company heared by Wallace Do
Willam Salomon \& Co. represeat the purchasars,--V, 102 , p. 1166.

Minnesota Utilities Co.-Bond Offering.-The Minneapolis Trust Co, is offering at a price to yield $51 / 2 \% \$ 475,000$ First Mtge. $5 \%$ serial gold bonds, dated Jan. 21917.
The bonds mature 815,000 yearly on Jan. I from 1921 to 1931 , inclusive, i02 dinnesota Loan \& Trust Co, trustee
Data from Letter of Sec. R. M. Heskett, Chisholm, Minn.. Jan. 21917, ompetition, the electric light and power and central steam operates. without les formeriy ownod by the Chisholm Electric Co., tho Home Electrice Heating Co, of Eveleth, Minn.
Population served, about 30,000 .
Captatisationapital stock (all of one class) ....................... $\$ 1,000.000$. $\$ 650.000$ Bond Issue,-A sint tlen on the propertles. Extension bonds can only be issued for $70 \%$ of cash expenditures for permanent extemslonss \&ce., when net earnings are twico anmal interet on at bonds, Incl, those proposed. to bo emponded for (a) extensions. \&c. For which no bonds may bo issued
 1.025,000 extension bonds, the company siait deposit on Jan. 1 each yeaf retiro the longest maturing boods.
ting station of $1,200 \mathrm{k}$ w campany owns a modern steam turbino generating station of $1,200 \mathrm{k}$. He capacity, wha distriouthe team generating station. slupplyins current and stoam for heating. Thi former Western Mesaba Electric Co. property conalats of about 16 milles of ransmission line from Coleratne to Bovey, Taconito, Marble and Catumeb, comrect is purchnked and rotalfed in pach of the above towns. An auxillary team plant at Bovey. Adequate masurance will be malatatned
Grows narnimizs.
Manchses-- These are vald and free from burdensome restrictions:


Municipal Gas Co. of Albany.-Stock.
pplicatlon made iast December wa the New York P, 8. Commission for authority wissue at par $\$ 1,325.000$ capital tock cis still pending Procceds


Munson Steamship Line.-Slock Increase.
The shareholders will yote Fob, 13 on Increasing the authorized caplat
Nashawena Mills, Now Bedford, Mass,-Div. Increase. A quarterly divfldend of $2 \%$ has been declared on thestock, payablo Ifob, 6
hollere of record Jn. 80 . Provious payments wero at the rate of $6 \%$ to holacrs or record, $102, \mathrm{D}$. 526
National Cloak \& Suit Co., New York.-Initial Dividend on Common Stock-Annual Report,-
An intina quarterly dividend of $114 \%$ than been declarod on the $\$ 12,000$,
 Mar. I to holderr of record Job. 19. CarlJ.Sclomidamp. V Prorg. Chaso Nat. Banc, has been elected a director to succoed Abect $H$. Wlytiu, resigned.

National Grocer Co., Chicago,-Extra Dividend,

New Jersey Zinc Co.-Earnings for Cal. Year 1916,-

 Now Xork Transit Co.-Reporl-New Director.-

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 ceascd. $\mathrm{V}, 102, \mathrm{p} . \quad .26$.

Niagara Falls Power Co.-Earnings.-For cal. years:


Niagara Lockport \& Ontario Power Co.-Pledged Stock. See Ontarlo Powcr Co. of Nlagara Falls below.-V. 103. p. 1036.
Northern Pipe Lines.-Report-Income Account.-
Catendar Yars-
Net Income
Net income
Divddends
Balance, surplus
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Plose Ine plant. .
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counta recelv... $2,872,152$
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$85,858,102 \overline{\$ 5,580,943}$

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| $\begin{array}{r}\$ 428.433 \\ \hline 100.000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | \$421 |
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Ohio Fuel Oil Co.-Earnings.-Moore, Leonard \& Lyuch, N. Y., in a circular letter, say:
Earnings are now running at the rate of $\$ 6$ per share per annum. The companys sresone ourpuntaingproximately 45,000 bbls. Der month and this olso gone into the manufacture of gasoline and is making 3.500 company day at the present time. Wlthin a rew months this production will be increased to 7.000 gallons. This old-established company in its first six Waas paid out in dividends, and $\$ 2,024,000$ pat back into wheperty, $\$ 2,400,000$
and
 $\$ 150$ per share per annum, which gives a yield of colose to $8 \%$ at present
marke mases which are belig actively developed. This land is in the best ol sectlon of West Virginga and kentucky and appears to assure the future
of the company.-V. 102 , p 23 .

Ohio Oil Co.-Extra Dividends.-
Thld company has dectared a stock dividend of 575 a share, an oxtra cash all payable March 20 to holders of record Feb. 15 . The stock dividend is payable throught the exchange
par $\$ 100$-V. 103 , D. 2435
Old Dominion Co. of Maine.-Earnings for Cal. Year.-
 The total surplus Dec. 311916 was $\$ 367,586$.-V. $\mathrm{V}, 104, \mathrm{p} .77$.
Ontario Power Co, of Niagara Falls.-Gold Notes Sold.William Salomon \& Co, have sold $\$ 700,0005 \%$ secured gold notes, but an advertisement for record purposes only appears on another page. A circular shows:
These Notes-- Payable to the Ontario Transmikesion Co.. Ltd., and enfor six months payable Aug. Int for three months payable Nov 1 I thorized and to bo presently issued, $\$ 700,000$. Coupon notes in denom. of 81,000 . Redemablo at 100 and int, on the first day of any month upon
four weoks notice. Trustee, Bankers Trust rourweis notice. Trustee. 3700000 rast co. Or 2 ano. notes matioring 1 Is to refund 10700,000 outstanding 2 -yea rsecured gold nocured by pledge of ( $a$ ) $\$ 1.000 .000$ Nlagara toclkport \& Ontario Power Co, securct proledgek, and $1,000,000$ Niagara Lockport $\$ 100,0002 \mathrm{~d}$ pref. stock.
$6 \% 1$ pret.
Earnings (year 1916
Inter-Co. items etimfnated.)
Net fncome-
intercst charges
Ontario P. Co. and Niag. Lock. \& O. P. Co.
Ontario Transm. Co, and Salmon Rit. P. Co.

Balance
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Balance .................. $\begin{aligned} & \$ 574,961 \\ & \$ 373,542 \\ & \$ 256.210 \\ & \$ 91.181\end{aligned}$ Tho sinking fund payments of the Niagara Lockport $\&$ Ontario and Sal-
mon RIver Power Co, for the ten months ended Oct. 311916 are estimated
 ance of 8156.210 . egulvalent to n rate of
pref. stock outstanding.- $\mathrm{V} .104, \mathrm{p}, 77$.

Ontario Transmission Co.-Noles.-
8ce Ontario Power Co. of Nlagara Falls above.-V. 97, p. 180.
Owens Bottle-Machine Co., Toledo.-Quarterly Earn-ings-Annual Report.- (See Reports on a preceding page.) Periods
 Total income. $\overline{\$ 085,746} \overline{\$ 1,082,060}$ Tot, net profit $\$ 1,297,573$ \$1,222.018
Trucludes a dividend, payable in stock, amounting to $\$ 177,900$.
 thos, to adjust thety yours to the Owenrs yearsing paso.-V, 103, D. 1502 , 1785.

Penn Seaboard Steel Corp.-Dividend-Status.d on the
 sourcos that the Penn Sicaboord steel Core has rocelved contracts from the

 busince Delivecter have already started under these cuntracts orders on the took or turfecompt to asere thl condtlica throus and the entire

 Thesp rigurse comparg mont tavorably with ord
to muro that $39,000,000!-\mathrm{V}, 103, \mathrm{D} .2160$.

Philadelphia Electric Co. (of Penna.).-New Securities. - Notice is given that under the plan for retirement of trust certificates of Philadelphia Electric Co. (of N. J.), dnted July 20 1916, the Land Title \& Trust Co. of Philadelphia will on Feb. 5 be prepared to turn over to all holders of its certificates of deposit in exchange for the same the cash or new seourities to which they are entitled. After Feb, 51917 interest on the trust ecrtificates will cense.
The Philadetphia 8tock Exchanite has admleted to the unlatod depart-
ment Droxel \& Co, and Brown Bros. \& Co, miterim cortificates for the now mont Droxel \& Co, and Brown Brod, ${ }^{2}$ Co, Interim cortifigates for the now

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$102 / 5(101025$.

The Phlladelphas "News Burean" on Jan. 26 sald: "Unorficial informa-
ton Is that the proposition for exchange or Philadelphat Electric Co. Stock


Prest-O-Tite Co., Inc., N. Y. and Indianapolis.-New Capital Stock-Rights-Dividend Increased from 8150 to \$2Quar. A certificato was fited in Albany on Jan. 26 increasing tho authorized
capital stock trom 80.000 shares of no par value to 100.000 shares and the


 ("Pre company is fld to bo tho world's largest mnikec or dissolved nceetilone




Public Service Co. of Northern Hllinois.-New Bonds.




Quissett Mill, Now Bedford, Mass.-Exira Dividend,An extra divddend of sio per share has been declarod on the stock in addi-
tion to thic revular guarterly 2 ger share, both payable Feb. 15 to holders
of record ves.

Riordan Pulp \& Paper Co.-Extra Dividend.An extra dividend of $1 \%$ bas been dectared on the common stock along
with the rogular guarterly $11 / \%$, both payable Fb. Fis. The same with the rogular quartery lyb hasi,-V. V . 103. $\mathrm{p}, 2135$.
Rochester (N. Y.) Railway \& Light Co.-Merger.-

 Heat. Lifht \& Power Co; (c) 3250,000 Porroutstanding atock of tho Eastern
Monroo Electric Light \& Cas Co. (2) To pay $\$ 178,500$ for tho property
 tor Rallway \& Iaght'Co. -V . 100 . properties, 2168 .

## Safety Car Heating \& Lighting Co.-Decision. -

Seo (iould Gonpher Co. abovo--V.102.p. 180.
Salmon River Power Co.-Scourity for Notes.-
See Ontarlo Power Co. or Niagaak Falls above-V. 103. p. 1036 Sapuipa Refining Co., Baltimore.-New Stock.-



 Digest of Statement by Pros, J. Gartand Tinlsoy for (Cat) Year 1916.



 Hivered and tho remainder are now dur for delfycry. An appraisal of our
enture property by the Kovstone Appratsal Coo of Phita. nidicates an excess
of somy Income Account for the Catendar Year 1916.
 The total surplos Do. 31 1916. after crediting $\$ 22.000$ surplus from Batance Sheet Dre, 311916 (Totat Lach Side $32,659,388$ ),
Property nud equipmint $\$ 1,401,218$ Oaplat stock.
 Working absets............. Curcint assots
V. $168, \mathrm{p} \cdot 248,321$

Profit and loss surplus....- 309,484 n. Sules (sce also Reports ${ }^{\text {r }}$ )

Cal. Total Net Depre- Dieltds. Batance.

Silversmiths Co., N. Y.-Special Dividend.A spectal dividend of $2 \%$ has bren declared on the common stook, pay-
abte Vob . 15 to holders of record Vob .5 , maktat $6 \%$ tor the year ended Feb, 28 nust, The ricular quarterty $1 \% \% \%$ on tho pref. stock was atso

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## sinar <br> Sinclair Central American Oil Corp.-Ineorporated.-

 This corporatlon, side to be controlled by the Sinclaf: Oif: Reflninir Co,althougli is an entirels soparate and distinct enterpiso, was incorporated at Albany on San. 26 wh th $, 000,000$ shares of capital of no pur valuc. The
company will carry on bus

## Sinclair Oil \& Refining Co.-Construction-Director.-









Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.-Stock Inerease.-


Southern Pipe Line Co.-Report for Calendar Years.-
 Bal., suw or def.,.der. 345,627 dep. $\$ 433,242$ det. $\$ 471,126$ sur. 3513,640

 Total.... $\overline{13,746,252} \overline{13,611,724}$ Tota1. ......13,746.252 $\overline{13,611,724}$
South West Pennsylvania Pipe Lines.-Report Dec.31.



 Total $\overline{5,491,290} \overline{5,190,603}$ TotaL ........ $\overline{5,491,290} \overline{5,196,603}$
Standard Heat \& Ventilation Co., N. X.-Decision.
Standard Heat \& Ventilation Co., N. X.-Decision.
See Chicago Car Heatlmg Co, above.-V. $95, \mathrm{p}, 147$.
Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky,-Stock Increase,-
 stockholders wili be offered hexigho to subseribo for tho now atockepro rata Jhames B. Brown lyes been olected a director to succeed Logan O. Murray
whosigned.-V, 103, D. 2348 .

Standard Roller Bearing Co,-Offer From Syndicate.Holders of certificates of deposit represenumis bonds and notes of this
 proposil for on commitice, Jos, Wayne tr Chatrman, havo recelved a prop) Holders of not less than po\% in amount of the claims agatnit the thereor, exclusve of interest, (2) The sale of the assets shall bo assentod to by the stockholders committce and by the stock represented by that
commitce. (3) The necessiry axkente from eroditors and atockholders as aforgmid are secured and the property or the conpany actuaity transtorred
to tho purchaser on or beforo Feb, $2 \% 1917$. (4) That the amount of the
 In enger the plan creditora will recetyo bow of the frace vatue of theirctaims a payable shall not excecd compensation of the
 mandlag the acceptarico of an offer from the N. Y. syndleato which whl
 St a da
Standard Screw Products Co., Detroit.- Stock Div,In addition to tho romular monthly dividend or $1 / \%$, tho company recently
declared a stock diveend of $50 \%$, payablo to holderi of rocord Jan. 1 .
Standard Underground Cable Co., Pitts,-Stock Div.from $33,700,000$ ( 33.500 .000 outstanding) io $810,000,000$, thedratroctors have dectared a stock dividond of $50 \%$ payablo tite this month. This will in -
creose the outstanding stock to $\$ 5,250,000$.- V . 104, p . 202,77 .

Stutz Motor Car Co. of America.-Stalus. The following data was furnished to the New York Stock Exshango as of Sept. 11916 in connection with listing of co's. cap. stock :
 1911 under the name "Ideal Motre Car Co." The new company has issaed 7,500 shares of capital stock, without nominal or par value. the total
declared value under N, Y, law, belog $\$ \$ 75,000$ for tho purctinse of the entire stoct of old company.

Earnings of Operatino Companu Since Yreorporation in 1911 .
Year end. 18 Mos. end. Years cond.Dec. 31 - Mos.
 The old company produced and sold 759 cars in 193: 649 cars in 1914 .
1.079 cars in 1915 and 874 cars fore 6 months ending June 301016 .


Superior Steel Corp., Carnegie, Pa,-Initial Dividend.



Supplee Milk Co., Phils-Initial Dividend-
An thittal quarterly divldend of $14 \%$ has been declarigh on pref, atock
payablo Mar. 1 to holders of record lit. 20.-V. 104, p. 262 .
Swift \& Co., Ohicago Packers.-Ycar Book -
The company has lssued its 1917 year book, which, in addition to the mnual statement, contains a discussion of tho ilve stock supply; the rela-
tions of packer, producer and consumer: tho development of oloomargarine trade; exports and Importa; cold storage; pension fund. ©c.-V. 101, D. 70.
Tennessee Copper \& Chemical Corp.-Litigalion,-
 Tor muntitons mamutacturgio Owing to a fire to the company's Fox Bill. payment, the contract was not rutritiod. Tho transactlon datey back to

Union American Cigar Co., Pittsburgh.-Payment of Overdue Drvidend of Aug. 15 1916.
The direetors have declared the romular quarterly dividond of $1 / 2 \%$ on

Union ElectricL. \& Powor Co., St. Louis--Merger Etc.

 103. D. 1987.

United Electric Securities Co., Boston.-Earnings.-


United States Steel Corp.-Extra Dividend-EarningsPensions, An extra dividend of $13 \%$ has been declared on the $\$ 508,302,500$ common stock, payable Mar, 30 to holders of record Mar. 1 . In sept. and Dec. last an extra or $1 \%$ was paid on the common shares. also dectared poyable the same danto. common and $13 \%$ on the pref. wero





## Wayagamack Pulp \& Paper Co, Montreal.-Directors.

 the number from now divetoninects Sir Williman Pricee or Quebec: Alex. Mclaren,of Buckingham; G. H. Duggan and Alex. Pringle, both of Montreal: Hugh Mackay was olected to succeed his rather, the inte Sonator Maclay. The other four directors are. J. N. Greenshields, Pres. O. R.
he d. Vlce-Pres.: J. W. Pyke and Henning Helin.-V. 90 , D. 05.
West Kootenay Power \& Light Co., Ltd., Montreal,-
Bors
Bond


## Westinghouse Elec. \& Mfg. Co.-Sub, Co. Dividend,-

 Westinghouse Machine Co.-Sale.-The stocktolders will vote Mar. 29 on tha proposed sale of the franchise
and property to the Westinghouse Electric \& Mfg. Co.-V. 103, D. 1095.

## Wheeling Mould \& Foundry Co.-Stock Increase.-

 The eliaretiolders on Jan. 26 authorized the incrense in capital stock from$\$ 1.000 .000$ to $\$ 1.500 .000$. The Wheeling "Reglster syys: The new stock
 (J. M. Sanderind and Henry G. Stifel have been elected directors to succeed

## Wheeling Steel \& Tron Co.-New Stock.-


Youngstown Sheet \& Tube Co.-Dividend Reconsidered. - The directors have reconsidered the recommendation of the increase in capital stock from $\$ 20,000,000$ to $\$ 40,000,000$ for the purpose of paying a $100 \%$ stock dividend. Pres. J. A. Crmpbell, in a letter to stookholders, says:


#### Abstract

  at least $1 t$ woula be butter to increase the rate of casch dividends rather than to increase tho nomber of shares.-V. 104, D. 263,170.


## CURRENT NOTICR

Tha princlpal object of the Haytian American Corporation (seo stock offerfals on another pase) is to develon the vast resources of the Island of Hayt, which haye lain dormant for more than 100 years. With that In view it has acquired the control of the profitable railroad, electric light plant, wharf and warchouses in Port au Prince, the capital and princlpal seaport, and the control of the electeic light property at Cap-Haitien: and of Cul de cutivate and grind sugar cane prineipd control and ownership of over 20,000 acros, and is preparinis to install a sugar factory with a capacity of 2,000 tons a day. What the American Intervention did for Cuba and Porto Rico, the organizer of tho company befloves tho American occupation will do for the extromely fortile 1sland of Hayti., Hayth has a superficial area of $0,000,000$ acres of which $2,400,000$ acres repressnt the
lands fit for thigh coltivation, of these only 150,000 acres are undertands fit for tight coltivation, of these only 150.000 acres are underculturo.
$\rightarrow$ Raymund F. Baby and Mitelell May have become associated with Louchheim, Minton \& Co., members of N. Y. Stock Exchange, 71 Brondway this city, as managers in chargo of the bond department. This house will engago in a general investment bond business, specializing largely in underiying socurties and Inactivo bonds. Mr. Minton of the firm was for many years a member of one of the oldest investment houses in the Street. Mr. Baby for twelve years represented one of the well-known Now York houses in the city of Phlladelphla. The firm has private wife to Mhladelphia and Boston. Mr, May is prominently known in bond tnvestmont ctrelor. The offices of the bond department are located on the ground floor of tho Kemplre Bulding, 71 Broadway, and have conventent ontranco from tho Rector St. slde.
-The publlo utility firm of John Nlekerxon Jr,. Now York, St. Louls and Boaton, atisu in bo-day's advertsement that the securltes most sobght duchent timos such as we are passing through are underlying fiswew with plonty of equily behind them, with thele Interest well safeguarded by esrnings, and possassing other characteristles which remove them from the spoculative clasg. The firm's Buying Department concentrates upon the selection of distine favestment issues for conservative investors. Amome the banker'w offoringes are a block of bonds, a first mortgake lasue, which meet ihere rogurements. Write John Nickerson Jr. for a description of this Ceso. That fiem will atso conslder offees of bonds which meet the sondition oubliued above.

The IT. S. Bartow Management Aswectacton has beon fncorporated for the purposi of nuporvising the managemeat of the subsidfary propertles of tho Eastern Porrot \& Listht Corpopation and the General Gas is Electile Co, The directors of the now company are V. 8. Bartow, J. B, Taylor. L. H. Tyng. I. Lorott Weit, O. Cloment Swenson, R. M, Gubert and Thomas Oherne. A meeting of tho susociation will be held fhortly to organizo and olece offlecers. The combinced annual grows carningen of tho aforesata proporvias in 1916 were approximatoly $\$ 7,000,000$.
-Lyon, Singer \&s Co, Pltaburgh, aro offerfag a bleck of the Whitaker-
are $\$ 3,000,000$ outstanding out of a total authorized of $\$ 7,500,000$. The
company company owns five successful steel manufacturing plants in Wheoling, W. Va., Martins Ferry, Onio, and Portsmouth, Ohio, including the plants and entire capital stock of the Whecling Corrugating Co. A descriptlon of tho company appears in the "Gerieral Investment Nows" columns
of Aprif 81216 . of April 81916.
offering in Counan \& Co. and Shapker, Waller \& Co., each or Chicago, are preferred an additional block of the $\$ 1,000.0007 \%$ cumulative sinking find n sucres stock of the Interstate Iron \& Steel Co., which company has been shapes, thon of the comine rods and general wire products. A complete descriperal Invertment Nows" columns of the "Chronicle." of Jan. 13 last.
New York (Gesorenth annual report of the Home Life Insurance Co. of New York (Georgo E. Ide, President), published in our advertising columns the yoar of almost $\$ 8,000,000$. The company paid the policyholders in 1016 nearly $\$ 3,500,000$. of which $\$ 629,000$ was in dividends or premlun refund. Its insurance reserve fund was increased by $\$ 1,300,000$ and Its assets are now about $\$ 33,000,000$.
-The inveetment bond business conducted by Allerton, Greene \& King at 208 South La Salle St., Chicago, III., will bo continued (beginning Feb. 1) at the same location and under the some management, by King, Hoagtand \& Co, as succesors, George F, Allum, formerly Aesistant Manaver of the bond department of the Northern Trust Co. of Chicaro, IIt, has become as soclated with King. Hoagland \& Co, ns a Vice-President.
New York, william P on another page Wm. P. Bonbright \& Co., Inc., Nev York, Willam P. Bonbright \& Co., London, and Bonbright \& Co., Paris, are offering the investing public an opportunity to particlpate in the
$\$ 50,000,000$ New Fron which heo Now french Industrial Credit. This is a form of investment See to-day's advere been open exclusively to large banking instltutions. See to-day's advertisement for the tharticular.
-Glover \& MacGregor, 345 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, specialists in
Pennsylvatia manicinals, have recoived Pennsylvania municlpals, have recoived an oward of $\$ 100.000$ School District of the Horough of Coraopolis, Pa.. $4 \%$ bonds, which they are publicly offering for investment. Price and descripivo circular on request The firm's February circulae with complete list of offerings is ready and
will be maffed to inquifers.
-Carl C. Shlppee and Perry B. Rawson announce the formation of a partnership under the firm name or Shlppeo \& Rawson at 111 Broadway. this city, to conduct a general brokerago busfincsa in stocks and bonds. Tha now firm aro members of the New York 8tock Exchange. Mr. Shippee
and Mr. Rawwo were formerly and Mr. Rawson wero formerly ldentified with Hornblower \& Weeks.

- Flotd. Richards \& Co., 100 Broadway, thls eity, are offering $\$ 500,000$ Oktahoma Cly, Okla., water works $45 / 5$ bonds, due July 1 1941, at 105.35 and biterest, yiotding $4.15 \%$. Powhatan Bolling. Nevy York manage in chargo or tho lissten territory, will mall dewcriptive circular of this offering and also the firm's full list of munteipals, if ceatred.
-Herbert Fitch, third yartner of Liviggston \& Co, bankers of 51 kx change Place, rotifed from active business Feb. 1 in order to travel to various countries stuaying financial condicions and writine kpeciat articies on economic subjects. The firm of Livingston \& O 0 , will bo continued with substantially the samo membership.
-Mcrtill, Lynch \& Co., Now York and Detrolt, are distributing copies of a pamplitet which deals with the development, present condition and firturn prospecta of the Jones Bros. Tea Co.. Inc. This pammhlet is a repriat of the artlelo by Mr. Charlen W. Hurd from the Dee, 28 fesue of "Printera Ink."
-Merrill, Lynch \& Co. Have established a commercial dopartment to deal in state, cley and township stort torm notes and commorctal paper. Tho now departm ton
- Banford \& Kelly, Now Bedford, Mass., have issued a pamphtet eutitted "Fivanclal Roview for Year 1016;" containiog statistics rolatins to cotton and other manufacturing corporatlons, natlonal banles, savinges banks, real estate, \&c., and other Now Medfoid enterprises
-T. Hall Keyea \& Co. of this clty announce that Frost Havlland, forshtp Windenks, Gwynne \& Co., has been admitted foto general pariner shifp. Beghnolng Fob. 1st the firm will bo known as Koyes, Haviland \& Co., with new offlees at 66 Broadway.
-1. T. Konxberg \& Co., Chicego, are offering a limited amount of Aurora Hopltaic Machinery Co. stock. This company is controlled by John P. cools and asociates. it ts one of the largest manufacturers of pnenmatic

Th. . Mrraughlin, T. C. Packard and F, F, Drysdale have incor8t. A water the firm name of Aclaughin, Gould \& Drysdale, at 1 Wall bonds and debenture securitles.
-Asa matter of record only, all tho notes having been sold, Wm. Salomon ${ }_{\$ 700}$ Co., Now York and Chicago, are advertising their recont offering o 100 and Intersest.
-Heebert B. Mulford, for the past nine years Publicity Mannger of the Harris Trust is Savings Bank of Chleago, M1., has become nsoceciated with the investment banldug house of Ames, Emerich \& Co. of Chicago of feetive Feb. 1.
ment or E. Keplinger, for the past ef chet years. Manager of tho bond dopart-

 and bonds.
7.-A. Igelin \& Co.. 36 Wall st., thife eity, are offorlig a fimited amoont



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 the corporation. 1




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## REPUBLIC IRON \& STEEL COMPANY youngstown, ohio

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT-FOR THE TISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 311916.

To the Stockholders of the Republic Iron \& Steel Company:
The Executive Committee submits herewith its Seventeenth Annual Report of operations for the fiscal year ending December 31st 1916, together with a Financial Statement and General Report on the condition of the property at the close of the year.

INCOME REPORT.
The extraordinary conditions of demand for iron and steel referred to in the last semi-annual report of this company was emphasized during the last half of the year, current demand being in excess of current production, but notwithstanding the substantial additions to the productive capacity of the country during the year, prices advanced, in fact, all previous high price records for finished steel products were exceeded. While the steel trade in general has been benefited by the large and increasing demands for munitions steel, and this company has received indirect benefits, yet not over 7 per cent of our sales was war steel, for the reason that our trade demanded the bulk of our production in commercial steel. Operating conditions have been exceedingly trying during the year, by reason of transportation troubles, and also on account of the character and supply of labor, but notwithstanding these difficulties and consequent abnormal high costs, the year 1916 will go down in history as a record one in respect to output, high prices and earnings.
The Total Net Earnings for the year ending Dec. 31st 1916 after deducting the usual depreciation, maintenance and all other charges, necessary provisional funds, and also deductions for deprecialion extraordinary, aggregated \$14,789,16277 . All improvements referred to in previous reports with the exception of No. 5 Haselton Blast Furnace, have been completed, but numerous minor improvements were authorized during the past six months, none of which were on munition account, the total unexpended balance of all authorized improvements now under construction being $\$ 2,500,000$. Further appropriations from earnings are recommended and in contemplation, in order to continue the policy, commended by experience. Bonds to the par amount of $\$ 990,000$ have been purchased and are held in the Treasury in anticipation of sinking fund requirements for the years 1917 and 1918, and all obligations due on account of deferred preferred stock dividends have been paid, except 4 per cent which amount will be disbursed on January 1st. The Total Net Quick Assets of the company, as of this date, are \$19.721,35118 , and the surplus account as of December 31st 1916 aggregates $\$ 18,236,25143$.
INCOME ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF SURPLUS FOR THE et Earnings from
maintenance and ropairs of plantes, amounting to $32,138,-$
373 38, and after deducting special compensation under
merit system plan
nterest and Income
Less: Proviston for Depreciation and Renewal or
Plants or Deprechation and Kenowal of $\$ 600,09061$ Provision for Exiraordinary Depreciatlon...
Provision for Exhaustion or Minerals. $\begin{array}{r}400,00000 \\ 245,22195 \\ \hline\end{array}$

1,215,312 56
Not Profits for the Year..................................... $815,647,890$ 56 Deduct:
nterast on Bouds and Notes .-............. 8858,73679 Dividend $18 \%$ patd on Preferred siock 858,73679
500,00000 Feb. 1st 1917 ........................... 407,865 00

5,766,601 79
Surplus for the Year
$\$ 9.881,29777$
Add:
urplus at Decumber 311015 .....
Net Surplus Carried to Balance Sheet
 BALANCE SHEET DEGEMBER 311916.
Capital Assets-
Cost of Propertien December 31 1015........... $870,733,68500$
Net additions for the yoar onding December 31 i916...... $3,023,80021$
373,757,485 27
nestments-
In Potter Ore Company $\$ 401,000000$
520.69067

Total Capital Assets
927,609 67

For redemption of $10-30$-Year Gold Bonds in addition to bonds of a par value of $82.033,00000$ retired in terms
of the Trust Deed per Contra or the Trust Deed per Contra.-

4,685,184 94
urrent issents of
cerial and Supplfes on hand at or below
tared
Oro Contract Payments represented by Oro
Accounts and Bins Receivablo after deducting Reserve for Bad and Doubtful lecounts .................................... 3.814 .35853

931,207 38
$6,465,68650$
$9,605,13927$
Total Curcent Assots
Deferrea Chacges to operations
xpenditure for Strippling at Mincs, advancel Royalties,
Total


Capital Slock
LIABILITIES.
Common-273,520 shares of $\$ 10000$ each. $\$ 27,352,00000$
Preferred 7\% Cumulativo- 250,000 shares o! $\$ 10000$ each $\$ 25,191,000000000$ 10-30-Year $5 \%$ Sinting Funt Morigago Gold Bonds-

Total issued................................ $19,869,00000$
Less: Bonds Purchased for
Sinking Funds. $\$ 2,533.00000$
Less: Bonds held in Troasury 090,00000
$3,523,00000$
$16,346,00000$
Potter Ore Company Bonds-
\$511,000 00 Outstanding First Mortgage $5 \%$ Bonds guar-
anteed Jointly with Temnessee Coal, Iron \& Railroad Bonds Outstanding on the Martin \& Palos Coke Works Properties 255,50000
194,00000 Current Liabilities-
Accounts Payabla

Accounts Payable....................... $\$ 3.392,63361$
Orc Contract Balances representing Cash
Ore Contract Balances representing Cash
received in excess of the value of Ore
received in excess of the value of Ore
shipped to customers
Taxes Accrued, including U. S. Income Tax
for year 1916 for year 1916.
Provislon for Dividend payable January
1917 and February 1 1017.................
Unclaimed Dividends

31,43510 618,84030
207,02083
$1,845,36500$

Reserretal Current Liabilities $\qquad$



Surplus-
Balance
$8,044,51284$ $18,236.25143$ 101.365.30486 SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY PROFITS APPLICABLE TO DIVI-

Second quarter
Third quartor
Fourth quarter
Fourth quarter......
Total Net Profits..
$36,098,04059$

## WORKING CAPITAL.

The following statement covers items affecting Working Capital from organization of the company to December 31 1916, and is followed by Comparative Statement of Net Working Assets, as shown by the books of the company, as at December 31 1914, 1915 and 1916:
Working Capital, May 31899 Colsteral Note issue, October 11904
$\$ 6.500,00000$
$7,000,00000$
Collateral Note Issue, October 11904
Bond Issue, October 11904
$\qquad$ Bond Issue, October 11904
Preferred Capltal Stock Sold...
10-30-Year Bonds.
$\qquad$

Morttiage Notes on Hasolon Property
Additional Preferred Stock Issued .-..............................
A mounts reserved out of Profits for Depreciation and Re
newals, Insurance and Contingencies.
Net Profits, May 311899 to December 31 1916... $\qquad$ $8,044,51284$
$46,188,05330$ \$103,769,666 14



Dividends on Preferred Stock
Dividends on Common Stock
EXPENDED.
. $827,543,93687$ Divldends on Common stock


Net Working Assets por Balanco Sheet

## Inventory

Accounts and Payments.
Cash ............... Recefvable $\qquad$ $\$ 8,814,35853$
931,20738

Less Current Liabilities. $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 25,819,39177 \\ 6,098,04059 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Not Working Assets.
819.721 .35118

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET WORKING ASSETS. Current Assets-
Ore Contract Paymants.
Accounts \& Bils fecelvable
Cash Dec. 31 OF $\qquad$ Dec. 311914.

$37.779,48991$ | 931,20738 |
| :--- |
| $6,465,68659$ |
| $9,608,13927$ |

Less Curront Liabilities. $\begin{array}{r}\$ 25,819,39177 \\ 6,098,04059 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $516,736,58504$
$3,225,70517$ 12.225 .64151
$1.473,280.18$ Net Working Assets_..... $\$ 19,721,351 \quad 18 \quad \$ 13,510,78087 \$ 10,752,36133$ COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME Year Kinding Year Kinding Year Ending
Dec. 311916 . Des. 311915. Dec. 31 1914.
Not Earnings from Operations.
$\qquad$
$16,544,63561 \quad 5,439,598 \quad 11 \quad 2,330,67283$

merest 1
348.57651
183.31055
76.87945

Tows; Total Yrorita for tho Year. $\overline{16,803,21212} \overline{5.622 .00896} \overline{2.407,55228}$
Lews:
Provision for Depreciation Proviston for Extraordinary
Deprecfation
Provision for Exhaistion of
$600,00061 \quad 600,38780$
334,413.76

Minerals . . . . . . . . . . . . .
$400,00000 \quad 100,00000$
$255.22195 \quad 236,79804$
204,06481


| Dedact |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Interest on Bonds and Noter. | 858,786 |

Net Profita Appileable to
14.780 .16277
$3.515,81019$
$1,028,748 \mathrm{t}$
$\stackrel{4}{8}$ Sur
surplus Doc. 31 1915........
Surpus Dec 31 1914.....
Surplus Dec. 31 1913. $8,354,053$ 巨6
…........... $\quad 0.615,28954$
$\overline{23,144,11643} \frac{0,131,10873}{10541,52579}$
Deduct:
Dividends on Preferred Stock
Dividends on Conmon stock,
Dividends on Proforced stock:
Wwo quarterly Dividends of

## 4,500,000 00

407,86500

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1.187,50000
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875,00000
Spectal Approriation from
surplus Account
Net Surplus Carried to Bal-
ance Sheet................

Year Ending Joar Ending Year Knding
Dec. 31 1916. Dec. 31 1915. Dec. 31 1914.
company's various finishing mills more efficient gas burners are being As part of this policy and stoves throughout the Company's blast furnaces in the Youngstown District. There is ulso under construction an additional bridge over the Mahoning River connecting Haselton Furnaees with the Open Hearth and By-Produet Coke Works.
Coke Works, At the company's Southern blast furnacos at Thomas, near Birmingham, Alabama, No. 2 furnace has been robuilt, making it of the same capacity as No. 1 and No. 3, these furnaces now being thoroughly modernized. Large additions are being made to the electric generating capacity at Thomas, thus utilizing what has heretofore been waste power, for the operation of the company's coal mines and quarries.

All of the blast furnaces have been kept in good physical condition by liberal expenditures for maintenance and repairs, and have again made a new high record for production during the year. The comparative figures for production are as follows:
The total value of inventories, as indicated below, show an increase, but not what might be expected from the increase in prices of materials and tonnage produced or from the volume of business. This is explained by the fact that the company is now more largely self-contained in its principal raw materials. The inventory was taken in accordance with the usual custom of cost for all products mined or manufactured by us, and the purchased material was also taken at cost, but below the present market price, in all cases.
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND DISPOSITION OV INGOME.
Year Ending. Year Ending. Year Ending
Dec. 31 1916. Dec. 31 1915. Dec. 31 1914.
gross Profits
Deprectation and Charges.
Net Profits. ....................
Not Profits.
Dividends .......................
Amount carried to Surplus...
tmount specially writton out of

|  | $9.881,297$ | 77 | $2,328,31919$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 163,748 | 15 |  |  |

 GROSS VOLUME OF BUSINESS.

 COMPARATLVE STATEMENT OF ANNUAL OHARGES TO COST OF PRODUCTION AND DEDUOTIONS FROM PROFITS FOR
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANOE, DERREOIATION, AND Year Ending Year Ending Year Ending
Dec. 311916, Dec. 311915. Dec. 311914.
Kepalrs and Maintenance
harges for Depreciation and $\$ 2,138,37338$ \$1,647,30853 $\$ 1,132,36456$.
 Total ror Exhaustion of
Provislon
Minerals Minerals.............. $\$ 245,22195 \quad \$ 236.79804 \quad \$ 204.06481$ PROVIBIONAL FUNDS.
For Depreciation and Renewal Dec. 31 1916. Dec. 31 1915. Dec. 31 1014.
 For Exhaustion of Min
1or Reliniog Fumaces.
Ior Freand Accident lor Freand Accldent Insurance
For Oontingencies. 21
39
63
67
NEW CONSTRDCTION $284.70364-124.45938 \quad 205.04209$
Additions to tho Proporty Account during the year aggregated $\$ 3,023,800$ 21. The total Now Construetion to date, December 311916 is:
 Ore MInes, Coal Mines, Coke Ovens and Quarres.
Miscellancous ..
$\begin{array}{r}7.688,873 \times 80 \\ 289.49620 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Total
$830,198,82240$ BUMMAIEIZIOD COMPARNTIVE BTATEMENF OF PROPERTY

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 BLAST FURNACES.
The construction of the new blast furnace at the Haselton group, Youngstown, Ohio, mentioned in the last roport, has been delayed by existing labor and other conditions, but is rapidly nearing completion. The addition of this furnace makes the company entirely self-contained as regards the supply of pig iron for its present steel-making capacity. Important additions also have been made to the electric gonerating capacity at the Haselton Furnaces, including among other equipment the addition of a $2,500 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w}$. turbo generator set. It is the intention to produce at Haselton Furnaces the maximum amount of electric power obtainable there from excess blast furnace gas, and use the same at the

PIG IRON PRODUOTION.
varemar pemar 1206
Year ending December 311916 -
Year ending December 311915 $\qquad$ $1,117,597$ gross tons
$1,056,104$ FURNAGE CAPACITY.
The theoretical blast furnace eapacity of the Company, including the new furnace under construction mentioned above, is as follows:
Northern District.
Southern District. $\qquad$ 1.400 .000 tons
SUMMARY OF PRODUOTION. $\overline{1,425,000 \text { tons. }}$

## Iron Ore- Coke Limestone

SUMMARY OF PRODUOTION. 1915.
 Pig Iron. ................
Bessemer Steel Ingots Open Hearth Stee
Total Steel Ingots

Ingots.
teel Ingo
 Finished and Semi-Finished ed net tons $1,216.716 \quad 1$, MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS.
The manufactured products of the company are as fol lows: Merchant Steel and Iron Bars, Light Structural and Agricultural Shapes, Sheared Plates, Standard and Hand Spikes, Bolts, Nuts, Turnbuckles, Cold Drawn Bars, Tubular Products, Bessemer and Open Hearth Billets and Sheet Bar, Foundry, Bessemer and Basio Pig Iron; also by-products from the manufacture of coke.

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
Full employment and scarcity of labor, throughout all industrial districts, necessarily brought about general advances in all classes of labor, three advances in labor rates having been made. The present minimum rate for unskilled labor at our plants is now $271 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per hour, the highest rate ever paid, the total increase aggregating over $40 \%$ during the year. As these advances were made at various times during the year, they are not fully reflected in the statisties given below:

> AVERAGE NUMBER OF MIEN EMPLOYED.


TOTAL EXPENDED YOR EADOR.
Year Ending December $311916 \ldots$. Smouml. Year Vnding Decomber 3
Yoar linding Decembor 3 UNFHLLED ORDERG
Notwithstanding our record-breaking production, the present balance of unfilled orders represent maximum totals. It may also be stated that we have not only full order books but the character of our business is now more largely diversified than ever before; furthermore, that export sales have become a larger factor in our operations, and also the country's combined exports of iron and steel his become is stronger sustaining factor to the iron and steel markets, and consequently, if a substantial volume of exports can be maintained, greater stability should be given the future markets for iron and steel. As orders booked will engage our capacity for months to come and at remunerative prices, the outlook for the future was never more promising, Comparative figures of total orders on hand as of December 31st 1916, and for similar periods of previous years, are ns follows:


By Order of the Executive Committee.
Yours respectiully,
JOHN A. TOPPING, Chairman.

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## COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Priday Night, Feb. 21917. Unusual activity for this time of the year characterized general business until the shadow of possible war with Germany fell over the country on Thursday. Stocks, cotton and grain broke violently and enormous liquidation and a sharp rise occurred in rates on war risks both to the Atlantio and the Mediterranean. All the markets had perhaps become more or less inflated. Speculation had been rampant and prices had been ballooned to a height that could not in any caso have been indefinitely maintained. May cotton declined in half an hour on Thursday over $\$ 25$ a bale, and wheat fell in a single day 10 to 20 cents. It was widely assumed that tho least the United States would do would be to sever diplomatic relations with Germany. The first overt aet in carrying our the new blockade edict by Germany it is also assumed, may lead to a declaration of war on the part of the United States. At the same time the administration at Washington is understood to be making every offort to avoid war. Trade in iron, stoel and copper is temporarily halted. Shortage of cars and of ocean tonnage adds to the drawbacks in a seriously disturbed situntion. The business in coke, conl and lumber as well as in othor commodities is badly bampered by the difficulties of transportation. Some lumber mills have had to close down. Railroad embargoes add to the confusion. If export business is to bo materially reduced, supplies of merchandise must greatly incrense in this country, with perhaps a depressing effect on prices. On the other hand very cold weather at the West has helped retail trado, and within 48 hours it has become much colder here in the East. Provious to the blockado announcoment in the German note, trade as we have seen had been very brisk in many
branches. Domestic buying of steel has been libornl. Winter goods are selling more froely. Meanwhile the world of business awaits with intense interest, the political events of the coming week or the near future.

LARD irregular; prime Western, 16.95c.; refined to the Continent, 17.60c.; South America, 17.85c.; Brazil, 18.85 c . Futures advanced early in the week, but broke badly on Thursday owing to the Germnn note. To-day prices were higher on good buying by packers. Eastern houses were also buying. Hogs were up to 81195 , with small arrivals at Western points, owing to cold weather. Lard is lower for the week, however.
daily closing priges of lard putures in chicago Sat.
 PORK higher; mess, $\$ 30 @ \$ 3350$; clear; $\$ 32 @ \$ 34$. Beef products higher, but latterly unsettled; mess, $\$ 23 @ \$ 23$ 50; extra India mess, S44@S45. Cut meats higher; pickled Butter, creamery, 33@431/2c. Cheese, State, $22 @ 25 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Eggs, fresh, $36 @ 47 \mathrm{c}$.
COFFEE quiet; Rio No. 7, 10c.; No. 4 Santos $101 / 2$ (3) 103 c .; fair to good Cucuta 121/8@121/2c. Futures advanced at one time on peace talk, European buying and some covering. Later came a sharp decline on the German U-boat note. Besides primary receipts are large, stocks are increasing and spot demand is unsatisfactory. To-day futures olosed 2 points lower to 1 point higher, with sales stated at 21,000 bags. Prices are a trifle higher for the week. A large decrease is expected in the visible supply of the world in the statement for Feb. 1. Closing prices were as follows:


May $\quad$ SUGAR quiet; centrifugal, 96 -degrees test, 4.75 (c) 4.89 e ; molasses, 89 -degrees, $3.98 @ 4.12 \mathrm{c}$.; granulated, 6.75 e . Futures advanced for a time on the absence of any great pressure to sell. Some well-known interests bought February, March, July and September. Some, too, are inclined to think that the Cuban erop is being somewhat overestimated. The yields there in some cases are running below those of last year. But Atlantic receipts have been rather liberal, meltings smaller and stocks are up to 103,169 tons, against 75,026 in the previous week, and 68,450 in 1916. Besides, strikes at some refineries here and in Philadolphia certainly have not helped matters. And now comes the German note to make the outlook problematical. To-day futures closed 6 points lower to 2 points higher with sales stated at 9,300 tons. There is a small decline for the week. The tone here is unsettled pending further developments. Prices follow:


OILS.-Linseed slightly easier; city, raw, American seed, 94@97c.; city, boiled, American seed, 95(1.98c.; Calcutta $\$ 1$ 15. Lard, prime higher at $\$ 140 @ \$ 145$. Cocoanut, Cochin stronger at 180 . Corn oil higher at 11.31 c . Palm, Lagos also higher at $14 @ 15 \mathrm{c}$. Soya bean of active at 12 (a)
$121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Cod, domestic firm at $75 @ 760$. Spirits of turpentine 540. Strained rosiz, common to good, \$6 55. Cottonseed oil lower on the spot at 12.30 c . To-day cottonseed oil futures closed us follows:

PETROLEUM steady; refined, in barrels, $\$ 915 @ \$ 10$ 15; bulk, \$5@\$6; cases, \$12 $25 @ \$ 13$ 25. Naphtha, 73 to 76 degrees, in 100 gallon drams and over, $421 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Gasoline active and higher; motor gasoline, in stcel barrels, to garages, 230 ; to consumers, 25 c .; gasoline, gas machine, stoel, 41c.; 73 to 76 -degrees, steel and wood, 32@350.; 68 to 70-degrees, 29@32c. Crude prices at the Central West havo boen raised 5 cents a barrol. Canadian erude also advaneod 5 cents. Local gasloine prices are one cent higher. Unfavorable weather has kept down drilling in not a fow quarters. The shortage of labor and scarcity of material have also tended to hamper drilling. New production is still being actively sought for, however. Wild-catting in the Mid-Continent fields is said to havo been very active, but latterly the work has been somowhat restricted, owing to cold weather and a shortage of water. Closing quotations were as follows:
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OOBACCO - 1 6) Plymouth_.......... 183 Humble............. 100 facturers have big orders on hand and have firm. Manuto rc-enter the big orders on hand and have been eompelled much ab the market for raw tobaceo without haggling too practically sold. The consumption of Sumatra is very larce owing to the brisk business of manufacturors. Havana has sold freely, mainly of 1916 Remedios. Sales of first grades have been especially active.
COPPER unsettled over the German U-boat noto. Lake hore on the spot 320 , electrolytio 32 e .; for future delivery 31c. Latterly the demand has boon quiet, and on Thursday business ceased, owing to tho latest move by the Central Empires. Offorings early in the week were very small. There were rumors of offerings of 3 to 4c. under recent prices. It is said that tho West and Canada aro in need of copper. Machinery troubles, railroad ombargoes, scarcity of labor, and the shortage of the supply of blister copper have all tended to hamper production. London has been higher. Holders aro pursuing a waiting policy. Tin higher, excited and scarce, on the spot at 50 @520. Londor and Singaporo advanced noticeably. Tin deliveries in January wore extraordinarily large, being 7,177 tons, of which 5,200 tons were from Atlanlic ports, and 1,977 from Pacifie ports. Arrivals last month amounted to 4,320 tons, On Thursday prices advanced $41 / 40$., putting tho price up to 50 c ., owing to the latest German note, calling ior a more aggressive submarino warfare. This would seriously interfere with shipment from London to this country. Spelter lower on the spot at $91 / 2 \mathrm{c}$., owing to the latest move by the Central Powers, and the throwing over of holdings by speculative interests. Early in the week, however, spelter was up to 11 c, , owing to railroad congestion and an idea that peace would not come this year. Brass makers, und galvanizer were good buyers. It was reported on Mondry that the British Government was to place a large order in the United States, but this report was not confirmed. But later on the demand fell off, first hands sold for delivery in the first quarter of this year, and on Thursday came the German U-boat note, and a sharp deeline. Lead scarce and at one time higher, on the spot at 8.50 c . This is a new high-record price. The railroad situation is still more or less of a factor There has been an active demand in the East for delivery early in Fobrunry. Canada has been a good buyer for delivery in Mareh. On Thursday, however, prices declined $1 / 20$. owing to the German U-boat note, putting the price back to 8c. To-day prices were strong at $81 / 4081 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Pig iron was unsettled by the German note. Before that was issued prices were firmer with a better domostic demand Scarcity of cars and of ocean freights had hampered export business. Now the demand for the second half of 1917, it is bolieved, will fall off awaiting further developmonts. A searcity of Bessemer ore is predicted. No, 2 Northern, 83050 @ $\$ 81$ 50; No. 2 Southern, $\$ 24$ (as24 50, BirminghamSteel seemed assured of a steady demand beforo the German note appeared, although for the moment trade had subsided, partly owing to difficultios as to railrond and ocean transportation. The crisis in the relations between the United States and Germany may check business for a timo. Therer is noticeably less demand for sheets and bars.

## COTTON

Friday Night, Feb. 2 1917.
THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the wook ending this evening tho total receipts have reached 96,530 bales, against 102,111 bales lnst week and 123,929 bales the previous week, making the tota roceipts since Aug. $119165,212,363$ balos, against $4,842,438$ bales for the same period of 1915-16, showing an increase since Aug. 11916 of 369,925 bales.

rate.
In order that comparison may be made with other years we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

| Receipts at- | 1917. | 1916. | 1915. | 1914. | 1913. | 1912. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Gatreston | 57,730 | 51,505 | 152.776 | 5 | 71.744 | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Taxasclity, ${ }^{\text {des }}$ | 1.748 | 20,427 | 47.467 | 30,987 | 21.269 | 18.635 |
| Now Orleans | 11,850 | 35.616 | 65,448 | 56,045 | 16,136 | 58,030 |
| Mobllo. | 1,828 | 2, 0808 | 6,694 | 3.725 | 2.156 | 10,265 |
| Savananh | 5.900 | 25.007 | 84,858 | 22,548 | 12,655 | 68.955 |
| Brunswick | 6,000 | 3,000 | 9.000 | 4,700 | 3.600 | 40.220 |
| Chatestoi, 20 | 1.436 | 2.160 | 9,728 | 3,101 | $\frac{1}{2}, 051$ | 15.923 11.090 |
| Norfolk $=-$ | 1.862 | 13.446 | 17,178 | 14,280 | 6,923 | 19,901 |
| Niport N., Ne. | 5.820 | 20.604 | 2,684 14.988 | 3.208 3.848 | 3.447 1.668 | $87 \%$ |
| Total thls wk. | 96.530 | 167,472 | 419,923 | 246,093 | 133.427 | 364.64 |

Sluce Aug. 1. $5,212,363$ 4,842,438 6,724,711 $8,446,093 \mid 8,076,0700,284,838$
The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 84,692 bales, of which 39,788 were to Great Britain, 6,784 to France and 38,120 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 11916 are as follows:


In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named. We add similar ligures for New York.

| Feb. 2 at - | On Shipboard, Not Cleared for- |  |  |  |  |  | Leating <br> Slock. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Great Britain. | France. | Ger. many. | other Con't. | Constwise. | Total. |  |
| Galveston <br> New Orleans. <br> Savannah <br> Charleston <br> Mobile. <br> Norfolk <br> New York <br> Other ports... | $\begin{aligned} & 15.387 \\ & 12,006 \end{aligned}$ | 14,350 | - | 18.89526.668 | 17.750 | 56,682 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,500 | 1,500 | ${ }^{251.042}$ |
|  |  |  |  | *-*- |  |  | 177.325 59.531 |
|  | 4,237 |  |  |  | 490188 | 1.727188 | 6.278 |
|  | 1,0003,000 | 2.000 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,000 \\ & 1,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 97.916 146.916 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.000 1,000 | 1467916 131.943 |
| Total 191 | $\begin{array}{r} 35,630 \\ 109.607 \\ 161,008 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20.979 \\ & 17.393 \\ & 16,661 \end{aligned}$ | 100 48,563 <br> 11.821 25.069 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 20,862126,034 \\ & 19072017484 \\ & 35,348507,007 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,264,824 \\ & 1,552,093 \\ & 1.435,179 \end{aligned}$ |
| Totat 191 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total 1916 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ¢peonatio |  | On |  | deli | ery | S V | quiet |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

tion and a break in prices ranging from 266 to 516 points, the latter on May. October showed the lenst depression. March dropped 373 points and July 374. The ending that day was at a net decline of 250 to 254 points on this crop, nnd 211 on October. It certainly was an eventful day. Nothing like it perhaps has ever been seen by the cotton trade of tho present generation, if, indeed, ever in the history of the Now York market. The decline was all the worse from the fact that there was so little short interest. It had been largely driven out by a recent advance of 115 points from the low level of the middle of January. The decline was, of course, due to a Pear that the exports of cotton from this country will be seriously curtailed by a moro aggressive U-bont campaign by Germany. Another disturbing factor was a fear that the sharp decline might lead the Southern banks to call in loans on spot cotton. This, it was assumed, would inevitably have the effect of depressing prices at the South. Finally, the German note led many to believe that it may cause a severance of diplomatio relations between this country and Germany, with the possibility ceventually of war. If exports are to be sharply reduced it follows that American supplies will bo correspondingly increased. At the snme time, apart from discussion of submarines and possible war, and diminished exports, many believe that there will be a large increase in the acreage of cotton planted this spring. Speculation, morcover, has greatly diminished. A break in a single day of roughly 300 to 500 points is not likely to help it, especeinlly when it is remembered that this great collapse of prices on Thursday occurred in less than half an hour. Even bofore the German noto appeared the idea had spread tlint Great Britain, after having recently takon measures to discourage speculation in cotton, was making inquiries ns to the quantity of cotton held by Lancashire mills, with a viow of restricting importations from America to the quantity actually necessary for Lancabhire's trade. The nim was takon to bo to protect sterling exchango and England's supply of gold. At the same time, ocean froights in this country have notoriously been scarce and high for some time past. And now war risks are up to a higher point than ever, viz., $10 \%$ to trans-Allantic ports, ns against 5 to $7 \%$ recently, and 12 to $15 \%$, as contrasted with t0\% earlier in the week. The fear of a pronounced restriction of exports had been concededly a distinct drawback in the market, offsetting in a measuro tho large spinners' takings and the strong appenrance of the general statistical
position. Stress is laid on tho fact that while axports fom position. Stress is laid on tho fact that while exports from this country show a notoworthy increase over thoso of last year, forelga stocks aro considerably smallor than they were then. Also, it is noticed as something significant, that although the receipts at the American ports are considerably larger than up to this time last season, the stocks at the ports are several hundred thousand bales smaller than then. This was all taken to mean a large consumption. At the same time many doubt whether there will be as large an increaso in the acreage this spring as some are counting upon. It is urged that the high cost of living will lead many to increase their grain, forage and food crops, rather than devote the soil to cotton exclusively. Diversification of crops, in other words, it is insisted in many quarters, will be practiced on a larger scale than usual, especially east of the Mississippi, as fertilizers are searee and high, and the boll weevil pest is feared. In Texas, moreover, the winter rains have been deficient. Nevertheless, prices have fallen under the stress of the war and its excitements. To-day prices fell some 80 to 110 points this crop, showing the most weakness. The decline was due not ouly to the German crisis, but to talk of tension in our relations with Japan, growing out of proposed land laws in Idaho, excluding Japanese from ownership in lands in that State, and also to $a$ resolution passed by the U. S. Senate calling for an investigation of the methods of the Now York Cotton Exclange. Tho Board of Managers of the New York Exchange resolved to keep the Exchange open. The Augusta and Charleston exchanges had urged in formal resolutions the closing of the exchange hero. Liverpool and trade interests bought, but Wall Street and the South sold. Exports fell off noticeably daring the week. Spot cotton closed at 14.30 c . for middling upland, a decline for the week of 285 points.
The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the Now York market each day for the past week has been: Man ${ }^{27}$ to Fob $2-$ $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Sat. Mon. Tues, } & \text { Wed. Thurs. Fri. } \\ 17.40 & 17.30 & 17.35 & 17.65 \\ 14.75 & & 14.30\end{array}$
NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.


MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

|  | Spot MarkatClosed. | Futures Market Closed. | SALES. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Spot. | Conitract | Totat. |
| 8aturday... | Qufet, 35 pts, ade - | Very stead |  |  |  |
| Monday ... | Guit, 10 pts. dec-: | Steady. | .... | 100 | 100 |
| Wedmeday. | Guet, 22 ptat, adv- |  |  | 2,100 | 2.100 |
| Thursday - | Quteo 280 pts . dec.- | Foverish |  |  |  |
| Vrday- | quiet. 15 pts. dec.. | Unsottled |  |  |  |
| Total. |  |  | -..- | 2,600 | 2,800 |

FUTURES.-The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:


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Closing.
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Closing.
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Range.....
Closing...
Avoust-
Avoust-
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September-...
Range.....
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Closing
October
Ranze...
Closing.
December-
Range.

## $f 17 \mathrm{c} . \quad 116 \mathrm{c}, 515 \mathrm{c}$.

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.
Feb. 2 Liverpool
stock at Lit London
Stock at
Stock at Manchester
Total Great Britain
Stock at Hamburg-
Stock at Bremen
Stock at Havre
Stock at Marselles
Stock at Barcelona
Stock at Genoa
Stock at Trloste.


Total visible supply ........... $\overline{5,420.591} \overline{6.059 .834} \overline{7,041,608} \overline{6.323,409}$ Of the above, totals of Amertcan and other descriptions aro as follows:
$17.50-17 . \overline{41}-17 . \overline{30}-17 . \overline{50}-15 . \overline{03}-15.98-\quad=二$

$\frac{1}{17.61}-\overline{17.49}-12.39-14-\overline{17.65}=14.90-.03 \frac{15}{14.10-.18}=14.90-.03$








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\begin{array}{rr}
1917,000 & 191 \\
884,000 & 811 \\
28,000 & 60
\end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{rr}
1915 . & 1914 . \\
929,000 & 1,130,000 \\
30.000 & 5.000 \\
93,000 & 70,000 \\
\hline
\end{array}
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247,00
3,00

48,000
27,000
27,000
18,000


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U.S. Port stocks.
U. S. Interior stock
$\qquad$

Total American.
East Indian, Brazil, ec.......


## - Estimated. a Revised.

Continental imports for past week have been 76,000 bales. The above figures for 1917 show a decrease from last week of 64,559 bales, a loss of 639,243 bales from 1916, a decrease of $1,621,017$ bales from 1915 and a loss of 902,818 bales from 1914.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS-Below are the closing quotations of middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Weik ending } \\ & \text { Yeb. } 2 . \end{aligned}$ | Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on- |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Saturday. | Monday, | Tuesday. | Wed day. | Thurse'v. | Friday. |
| Galveston .... | 17.65 |  |  |  | 17.80 | 14.50 17.19 |
| Now Orieans... | 17.00 | 17.00 | 17.07 17.25 | 17.19 17.50 | 17.19 17.25 | 17.19 |
| Savannal..... | 1815 | $181 / 8$ | 181/20 | 18\%) | 18\%\% | 18120 |
| Wharieston. | $17 \%$ |  |  | 17\% | \% |  |
| Norroik | 17.38 | 17.25 | 17.25 | 17.38 | 17.38 | 17.38 |
| Patiadelphia- | 17.65 | 17.55 | 17.60 | 17.80 | 15.00 | 14.55 |
| Augusta- | 17.56 | ${ }_{17}^{17.56}$ | 17.50 | 17.63 | 8 | S |
| Houston... | 17.70 | 17.55 | 1745 | 1775 | 16.25 | 14.50 |
| Little Rock. | 17.50 | 17.50 | 17.50 | 17.50 |  | 17.00 |

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement-that is, hie receipts for the week and since Ang, 1, the shipments for the wcek and the stocks to-night, and the some items for the corrosponding period of the previous year-is set out in dotail below.

| Touns, | Morement to Med, 21917. |  |  |  | Movement to Neb, 41916. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rectipts. |  | Shipments Wcet. | stocks. Feb. 2. | Receipts. |  | $S M / p=$ ments. Weck. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Stock } \\ \text { Neb. } \\ \text { 4. } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Week Season. |  |  |  | Week. | Scason. |  |  |
| Ara., Eufauta |  |  |  | 9,163 | 130 | 15,814 | 33 | 12,234 |
| Montromer | $323$ | 37.841 | 518 | 31,542 | 1,035 | 90,475 | 1,500 | 74,040 |
| Selma | 17 | 20,500 | 28 | 6,939 | 324 | 62,011 | 767 | 29,078 |
| Apk., Heleras | 2,177 | 54,724 | ${ }_{177} 38$ | 21,140 | 354 | 48,137 | 1,360 | 19.026 |
| Ptne Bluft | 600 | 117,356 | 1.200 | 38,168 | 1,991 1,287 | 126,031 100.122 | 4,071 | 37.152 38,406 |
| Ca., Albany |  | 18,969 |  | 2,086 | 14 | 20,427 | 174 | 8,195 |
| Athem | 250 | 92,101 | 700 | 32,210 | 1,467 | 99,105 | 6,250 | 37,252 |
| Al | 3,304 | 246,173 | 4.351 | 77,695 | 1.828 | 96,890 | 3,482 | 27,097 |
| August | 3.019 | 324,691 | 10,754 | 127,236 | 4,251 | 327,548 | 14.116 | 178,472 |
| Columb | 596 | 68,334 | 627 | 20,162 | 1,530 | 57,210 | 1,207 | 50,38 |
| Mace | 1,972 | 180,208 | 2,324 | 17,968 | 244 | 40,331 | 859 | 11,989 |
| Rome...... | 305 | 50.647 | 351 | 7.061 | 858 | 63,827 | 525 | 17,67 |
| La., Shrevedort | 783 | 135.303 | 2,037 | 19,185 | 1.523 | 107,345 | 4.979 | 4,440 |
| Miss, Columbus Greenvtule |  | 5,151 |  | 1,821 | 269 | 13,611 | 983 | 6,603 |
| Greenvilte | 200 | 54,211 | 1,200 | 21,000 | 400 | 62,120 | 1,194 | 23,500 |
| Greenwoo Meridian | 1,234 | .100,498 | 2,414 | 27.041 | 626 | 93,326 | 1,967 | 26.511 |
| Meridlan Natchez. | 381 | 17,360 | 243 | 7.316 | 1,576 | 30,381 | 974 | 14,650 |
| Natehez. | 59 | 13,024 | 500 | 12.208 | 81 | 22,975 | 300 | 12,552 |
| Vieksburg, | 12 | 14,355 |  | 5,207 | 133 | 24,575 | 3,443 | 5,899 |
| Yazoo City Mo., St L Louls. |  | 18.089 |  | 7,632 |  | 20.454 | 897 | 12,923 |
| Mo., St. Louts | 17,570 | 675,131 | 17,600 | 31,151 | 21,677 | 420,710 | 22,145 | 16,828 |
| N.C.,Gr'nsbo Ratelgh | 563 184 | 52,513 8,008 | 910 100 | $\begin{array}{r}7,296 \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \hline 899\end{array}$ | 1,801 | 62,697 | 2,244 | 6,046 |
| O. Cincinati. | 1,776 | 154,041 | 2,580 | 24,002 | 6.510 | 153,361 | 8,102 | 14.836 |
| Okla., Ardmore | 67 | 50,843 | 1,822 | 3,347 | 064 | 40,242 | ${ }^{568}$ | 5,756 |
| Chlekash | 044 | 66,303 | 2,238 | 5,494 | 1,175 | 56,413 | 1,909 | 10.857 |
| Hugo | 75 | 24,849 | 209 | 3,103 | 100 | 11,608 | 219 | 700 |
| Oldah | 1.099 | 33,156 | 1,676 | 2,316 | 136 | 18,716 | 446 | 3,794 |
| 8.C.,Greenvll | 1,370 | 103,329 | 2,054 | 40.194 | 3.729 | 92,228 | 4.650 | 30.235 |
| Greenwood. |  | 16,291 |  | 8,496 | 121 | 17,816 |  | 12,104 |
| Tenn, Memph Nashyllle... | 25,054 | 976,975 | 18,847 | 44,716 | 19,095 | 748,781 | 41,333 | 204,076 |
| Nashyllle Tex., Abile | 61 | 204 | 55 | 343 | 42 | 6,256 | 517 | 2,261 |
| Tex., Ablle | 60 | 56.921 | 25 | 2,440 | 783 | 54.874 | 1,651 | 3,229 |
| ${ }^{\text {Brenhar }}$ | 20 | 23,649 |  | 2.297 | 186 | 17,468 | 95 | 3,652 |
| Clarks | 311 | 41,168 | 658 | 2,961 | 250 | 25,545 | 602 | 6,900 |
| Dallas. | 4,900 | 94,684 | 5.115 | 7,824 | 382 | 73,603 | 2,634 | 8,248 |
| Honey G Houston |  | 39,104 | 44.65 | 1,797 | 150 | 26,106 | 218 | 3.000 |
| Paris. | 1.041 | 113,021 | 1.027 | - 3,958 | 42,019 700 | +64,638 | 47,580 030 | 4,558 |
| San Antonio. | 306 | 41,676 |  | 2,480 | 226 | 45,812 | 895 | 4 |
| Total, 41 town | 85 | ,434,940 | . 193 | 20778 | 20,427 | 4, | 189,805 | 3291 |

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 Thls has made necersary the revision of the Vlsible Supply Table and a number of other tables.The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 30,208 bales and are to-night 125,126 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 17,442 bales less 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 rosults for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:


* Including movement by rall to Canads.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 32,108 bales, against 27,863 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net over
land exhibits an increase over a year ago of 375,171 bale

| In Sifht and Spinners: rakings. <br> Recelpts at ports to Feb. 2 ..... Net overland to Feb. 2 <br> Gouthern consumption to Feb. 2. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 5.212.3 | 107. |  |
|  | 1,23149 |  |  |
|  | 2,111,000 |  |  |
| Totat marketed | $8,554.854$ | $\begin{array}{r} 273,335 \\ { }_{2}^{69,378} \end{array}$ |  |
| Came Into slight durlag week. 178,430 Total In stght Feb, 2. | 9.408.908 | 203,957 |  |
| Nor. sptuners' takings to Feb. 2,- 44,534 | 1.814.026 | 36.7 | 1,800.406 |
| - Decrease during week. <br> Movement into sight in previous years: |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.-Our tolegraphic advices from the South this ovoning indicate that while rain has been quite general during the week, the rainfall has been light or moderate as a rule. Temperature has been lower.

Galveston, Tex.-A cold wave of considerable intensity, spreading throughout the State, occurred yesterday and is still being felt over the entire State. Damage to shrubbery and tender plants was reported from a number of localities. Wo have had rain on two days of the week, the rainfall being eighty-five hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 50 , the highest being 74 and the lowest 26.

Abilene, T'ex.-It has been dry all the week. Thermometer has averaged 48, ranging from 14 to 82 . Fort Worth, Tex.- We have had no rain durimg the woek.
The thermometer has ranged from 12 to 74 , averaging 43 . The thermometer has ranged from 12 to Palestine, Tex. - Rain has fallen on two days of the week, the rainfall boing six hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 47 , highest 80 , lowest 14 .
San Antonio, Tex.-We have had rain on two days during the woek, the precipitation reaching twelve hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 52, the highest being S4 and the lowest 20.

Taylor, Tex.-Dry all the week. Minimum thermometer, 14.

New Orleans, La.-We have had rain on three days during the week, the rainfall being five inches and one hundredth. The thermometer has averaged 63.

Vicksburg, Miss.-We have had rain on three days of the past week, the rainfall being fifty-five hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 55 , the highest being 79 and the lowest 17.

Mobile, Ala.-It has rained on three days of the week, the precipitation being twenty-six hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 60 , ranging from 30 to 73 .

Selma, Ala.-There has been rain on five days during the week, therainfall being one inch and seventy-two hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 18 to 72.
Madison, Fla.-Rain has fallen on one day of the week, to the extent of one inch. Average thermometer 56, highest 77, lowest 28.

Savannah, Ga.-We have had rain on three days the past week, the rainfall reaching thirty-one hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 61, the highest being 70 and the lowest 40.

Charleston, S. C.- It has rained on one day of the week, the precipitation being eighteen hundredths of an inch. The prermometer has averaged 58, ranging from 39 to 76.
Charlotte, N. C.-Rain has fallen during the week, the rainfall being eighty-seven hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 21 to 72 , averaging 51 .

Memphis, Tenn.-We have had rain on two days of the past week, the rainfall reaching eighty-two hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 51 , the highest being 72 and the lowest 18.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON. The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug, 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from since Aug, 1 for the last which out of sight, for the like period.

| Cotton Takings. Week and Season. | 1916-17. |  | 1915-16. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week. | Season. | Week. | Season. |
| Visible supply Jan | 5,485,150 |  | 6,005,018 |  |
|  | 178,430 | 3,198,251 | 203,957 | $\begin{aligned} & 4,664,410 \\ & 8,40,495 \\ & \hline, 400.505 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | b40,000 b1, con | $\begin{array}{r}1,182.000 \\ 121.000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 114,000 | $1,496,000$ 209000 |
| Aloxandrla rocelpts to Jan. | 85,000 | 595,000 | 15.000 6.000 | 510,000 77,000 |
| Other kupply to Jan. 31 | b2,000 | 78.000 | 6.000 | 77,000 |
| Total su | 5,711,580 | 14.583,159 | 6,444.975 | 15,376,905 |
| visible supply Feb, 2 | 5.420,591 | 5.420,591 | 6,059,834 | 6,059,834 |
| Totat takings to Feb. 2-a Of whtch Amerlea |  | 9.162,568 |  |  |
| Of which American | $\begin{array}{r} 231.989 \\ 59,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7.200 .568 \\ 1.953 .000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 229.141 | $\begin{aligned} & 7109,071 \\ & 2.213 .000 \end{aligned}$ |
| *Embraces recolpts in Europe <br> a Thls total cmbraces the total <br> 2.111,000 bates tn 1916-17 amoum <br> 7.051 .568 balcs $101916-17$ and <br> 568 bales and $5,238,071$ bates | from Braz estimated 866,000 ba ,451.071 b | zil, Smyrna consumpt <br> Northern <br> b Estimated <br> b Estima |  | es, 8 cc . ern mills. not betng splnners, ch 5,008, |

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:

|  | Saturday. Jan. 27. | Mondav. Jan. 29. | Tuesday. Jan. 30. | Wed'day, Jan. 31. | Thursd'y, $\text { veb. } 1 \text {. }$ | Friday. Feb. 2. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rango | 17.04-.06 | 16,89-.91 | $\overline{16.85-87}$ | 17.13-. 16 | 14.44-.51 |  |
| March- | 16.68-.05 | 16.71-. 15 | 16.76-89 | 16.78-. 16 | 12,90-500 | 3.90-910 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 16.68 .05 \\ & 17.04-.06 \end{aligned}$ | 16.80-.91 | 16.85-86 | 17:13-16 | 14.44-51 | 13.39-70 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 17,18-,20 | 17.01-.06 | 16.96-.98 | 17.24-27 | 14.50-,62 | 13.40-.55 |
|  | 16.03-26 | 16.90-. 25 | 16.85-.11 | 16.95-.37 | 13,00-s20 | 13.59-560 |
| Closing | 17,25-26 | 17.13-14 | 17.05-.06 | 17.35-37 | 14,55-.60 | 13.59-.65 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing | 16.30-.49 | 16.28-. 29 | 16.17-.27 | 16.45-.47 | 14.457.50 | 13.40-, 60 |
|  | 18, | 15.98-. | 16.02-. 14 | 16.00-.35 | 12.60-255 | 13,10-310 |
| Closing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December |  |  | 16.16-. 19 | 16.13-42 |  |  |
| Cloalug......Tonc |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tone- | Steady | Steady | Stoady | Steady |  |  |
| Optio | Very st'y | Steady | Steady | Steady | Steady | Sceady |

$\int 16 \mathrm{c} . \quad 1 \mathrm{Ibc} . \quad / \mathrm{ILc}$.
EAST INDIAN COTTON CROP.-The cotton forecast Por Indin for 1916-17, issued under date of Caloutta, Dec. 20 1916, by the Department of Statistics of India, indicates that the area planted in the whole country reaches $20,702,000$ acres, against the revised total of $17,389,000$ acres the pre-
vious year, or an increase of $19.1 \%$. The yield for the season is estimated at $4,515,000$ bales of 400 lbs . each against $3,686,000$ bales in 1915-16, or an augmentation of $22.5 \%$. The area increased almost everywhere (Bengal being the only oxception) under the stimulus of the high prices obtained for the previous crop, with the additional especially great in Bombay. The crop was, however, adversely affected by the heavy and continuous rain of September and October, particularly in the Central Provinces, the United Provinces, Sind und Bengal.
BRITISH COTTON MILL OPERATIVES,-Advance to Cardroom Workers.-Cable advices of date Feb. 1 are to the effect that the arbitrators' award on the demand of the cotton cardroom workers grants them a $10 \%$ advance as from Feb. 11, to be taken as war wages dependent on the existence of the present abnormal conditions. Either side may apply for a revision after next August and any subsequent variations are to be for half-yearly periods only.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT.-The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week ending Jan, 11 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

| Jan. 11. Recefpty at- |  |  | 1916-17. |  | 1915-16. |  | 1914-16. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Week. | Since Aug. 1 | Wcek. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{aligned}$ | Week. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Aug. } . \end{aligned}$ |
| Bombay ...................... |  |  | 67,000 | 912,000 131,000 |  | 1,134,000. | 80,000 | 414,000 |
| Exports from: | For the Week. |  |  |  | Stince Ampust 1. |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Great } \\ \text { Bridatn. } \end{gathered}$ | Conlfnent. | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} \text { Japan } \\ \text { dChina } \end{array}\right\|$ | Total. | Great Brttain. | Conttnent. | Japan \& China. | Tosal. |
| Bombay $1916-17$. | $\begin{aligned} & 2,000 \\ & 2,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,000 \\ 10,000 \\ 15,000 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 22.000 \\ & 32,000 \end{aligned}$ | 11,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 99,000 \\ 111,000 \end{array}$ | 533,000595,000 | 643,000718,000 |
| 1915-16.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Calcutta- ${ }_{\text {1914-15.- }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1916-17.- |  |  | $\ldots$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,000 \\ & 5,000 \\ & \mathbf{2 , 0 0 0} \end{aligned}$ | 2,000$\mathbf{5 , 0 0 0}$2,000 | 4,0001,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 8,000 \\ 10,000 \\ 6000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13,000 \\ & 21.000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25,000 \\ & 32,000 \\ & 24,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1915-16.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1914-15.. |  |  |  |  |  | 19,000 |  |  |  |
| 1916-17.- | 1,000 | …- | … | 1,000 | 1,0002,000 | 11,000 |  | 5,00013,0003,000 |  |
| 1916-16-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1914-15.- |  |  |  |  |  | 3,000 |  |  |  |
| All others $1010-17$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,000 \\ & 3,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 86,000 \\ 135,000 \\ 77,000 \end{array}$ |  |
| 1915-16:- |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,000 \\ & 0,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,000 \\ 22,000 \\ 24,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22,000 \\ & 74,000 \\ & 47,000 \end{aligned}$ | 68,00039,000$6,000$ |  |  |  |
| 1914-15.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total all- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1916-17.- | 2,000 3,000 | 12,000 | 17,000 25,000 | 24,000 40,000 | 22,000 37,000 | 133,000 206,000 | 604,000 655,000 | 759,000 808,000 |  |
| 1914-15. | 3,000 | 18,000 | 23,000 | 44,000 | 48,000 | 164,000 | 310,000 | 522,009 |  |

According to the foregotng, Bombay appears to ahow a decrease comparod with A decline of 16,000 batea during the week, and itace Aug. 1 bhow a decresso of A decing or 139,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHPMENTS OF COTTON-The following are the receipts and shipments for the week ending Jan. 10 and for the corresponding week of the two previous years:

| Alexandria, Eoupt. Jan. 10. | 191617. |  | 191516. |  | 1914.15. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Recepts (cantars) - Thls woek Stnce Aug. | $\begin{array}{r} 62,162 \\ 3,935,300 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 102,754 \\ 3.507 .556 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 282.526 \\ 3,700.609 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |
| Exports (bales)- | Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Alg. } 1 . \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{gathered}$ | Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sinct } \\ \text { Aug: } 1 . \end{gathered}$ |
| To Liverpool. To Contlnent and India. | 10.287 <br> 7.169 <br> 7.658 |  | 6.303 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 3.300 \\ & 6.750 \\ & 7.500 \\ & 3.250 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 69.089 \\ & 83.051 \\ & 105.874 \\ & 61.111 \end{aligned}$ |
| To Amertca. <br> Total exports. | $\frac{7,658}{25,114}$ | $\begin{array}{l\|l\|} 8 & 68,796 \\ \hline 4 & 351,713 \end{array}$ | 6,303 | $\frac{103.856}{380.775}$ | $\frac{3,250}{20.800}$ | $\frac{61.111}{310,435}$ |

Note.-A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales welgh about 750 lbs.
Thls statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Jan. 10 were
MANCHESTER MARKET,-Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the phenomonal fluctuations in cotton cheok business. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weelcs of this and last year for comparison

|  | 1916-17. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1915-16. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $32+\mathrm{Cop}$ Twht. |  |  | $814 \mathrm{DK3}$, Shitr ( hgs , common 10 /inest. |  |  | $C o t ' n$ $M i d d^{\prime}$ U $p^{\prime}$. | $\begin{gathered} 32 s \text { cop } \\ \text { Trotst. } \end{gathered}$ |  |  | $8 / 4 \mathrm{BD}, 8 \mathrm{Art}$ (foas, comment to finest. |  |  |  |  |
| Deg | 1715 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | 1715 | 09 | 181 | 96 | 812 | $1{ }^{1}$ | 11.00 | $11 \%$ | 3 | 123 | 6 | ${ }^{9}$ | ف8 |  | 7,47 |
| 23 | $10 \%$ |  | 171 | 9 | ${ }^{2} 911$ |  | 10.09 | $11 / 8$ | 9 | 124 |  |  | 68 |  | 7.63 |
| 29 | 10K | 6 | 174 |  | 5911 |  | 10,03 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7.02 |
| 10. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10.06 | 134 | M |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | 174 | 0 | 189 | 9 is | 911 | 103 | 11.11 | 123 | b | 1386 | 7 | 0 | 099 |  | 8.06 |
| 19 | 16\% | 6 | 174 | 90 | 0,12 |  | 10.94 | 125 | 9 | 1318 |  | ${ }_{0}^{9}$ | 669 689 |  | 8.00 7.03 |
| $2 \pi$ | 165 | 0 | 174 | 94 | (9)12 |  | 10.01 | $12 \%$ | 69 |  |  |  | 9 |  | 7.9 |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Feb } \\ 2 \end{array}$ | 169 | C | 17) | 94 | Q12 | 0 | 10.33 | 129 | 65 | 13 K | 7 |  | \%e9 | $71 /$ | 7.89 |

SHIPPING NLGWS.-As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 84,692 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:


 To Havre-Jan. 27 Jan. $31-2.0$ Jan. $26,5,5 \overline{5} 79$,


 SAN FRANCISCO-To Japan-, Jan. 26 -Thenyo Maru, 3,880 -
 To Vladivostok-Jan, 19-Shintan Mar, 6.

## Total.

Thal ...............................................................-84,69
arranged in our usual form, are as follows: arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

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New York...
Gatverton
Now Pensacola Sayannah Boston San Erancisé 6.397
5.56
2.452
2.505
5,948
$\ldots$ 2.000 … $1,45014.336$ 1,10̄0 $2,3 \mathrm{~B} \overline{8}$ , …:

Total .... $.39,788 \overline{6,784} \overline{4,367} \overline{1,450} \overline{21,989}$ | $\ldots .$. | 50 |
| :---: | ---: |
| -66 |  |
| $-\cdots$ | 4.807 |


$6 6 \overline { 1 0 , 2 4 8 } \longdiv { 8 4 , 6 9 2 }$ The exports to Japan sinco Aug. 1 have been 357,056 bales from Pacific COITON TREIGHS.
COTTON FREIGHTS.- Current rates for cotton from New York are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound: Lfyerpoot, 3.00 c, ; Manchester, 3.00 c .; Havre, 2.25 c , asked; Rotterdam,
3.000, nom. Genoa, 2.00 c, aked; Naples, 2.00c, asked; Leghorn, 2.000



LIVERPOOL.-By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, \&o., at that port: Sales of tha week.
Of which speculatio Of whith expoculters took to Actual axport.
Forwarded
of which American Totat inpports of the we
Amount afloat.
Of which American $\qquad$
> $\begin{array}{rr}\text { Jan, } 19 . & \text { Jan, } 26 . \\ 32,000 & 31,000 \\ 1,000 & 3,000 \\ 16,000 & 3,000 \\ 26,000 & 25,000 \\ 80,000 & 36,000 \\ 108,000 & 80,000 \\ 837,000 & 852,000 \\ 68,000 & 726,000 \\ 94,000 & 131,000 \\ 34,000 & 111,000 \\ 326,000 & 296,000 \\ 238,000 & 185,000\end{array}$ Feb. 2.

12.000 | 12,000 |
| :--- |
| -700 |

33,000
7,000
7,000
69.000
884.000
88,000
738,000
72,000
$\begin{array}{r}738,000 \\ 62,000 \\ 43.000 \\ \hline .\end{array}$
LYVEIRDOOI. STOCK TAKING.-Amerlcan therease, 29,830 blace; Braziltan.
232. Esyptan, 14,675; Peruvian, 7,181: West Indfan, 703: Afrtean, i,174; to
tocrease, 33,551 bates; East Indlan decrease, 7,402; net Increase, 40, 490 bales,

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures ench day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have beon as follows:

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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, 1074 means $1074-100 \mathrm{~d}$.

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| May-Jume | DAY. | 1070 |  | 60 | 83 | 57 | 59 | 61 | 10 | 87 | 60 |
| July-Aug- |  | 1060 |  | 50 | 14 | 47 | 50 | 53 | 00 | 77 | 81 |
| Oct.-Nor- |  | 908 |  | 90 | 85 | 87 | 92 | 94 | 45 |  | 00 |

## BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Feb. 11917.
Flour has latterly been quiet both for export and home use. There has been some business in lower grades for export, but on the whole the foreign demand has been small. mixing purposes. The home trade has purchased sparingly of late, though early in the week there was some improvement in the demand, and reports from the Northwest said that business was better there. Two cargoes of Canadian flour were sold early in the week besides 10,000 bags of domestic. Some recent decline in prices led the domestio trade to buy a little more freely at one time. Latterly, had a depressing and even demoralizing effect wheat have had a depressing and even demoralizing effect. Business has fallen off, and it is now believed that buyers will pursue a waiting policy. At the same time stooks here are not
believed to be very large. The total output last week at

Minneapolis, Duluth and Milwaukee was 218,000 barrels against 286,000 in the previous week and 422,000 in 1916.

Wheat declined sharply. Of late the depressing factor has been the German note in regard to submarines and the blockade of Atlantic and Mediterranean ports. Earlier in the week prices weakened, curiously enough, on peace rumors, Everybody seemed to have the idea that the German Chancellor would make a pacifio speech. Therefore the German note in regard to U-boats came on Thursday like a flash from a clear sky. Prices on that day broke 15 cents on May and 7 to 10 cents on later months, owing to very heavy liquidation. It is true that there was a recovery before the close of that day of $31 / 2$ to 7 cents. But Chicago operators have latterly become very generally bearish. On Thursday sales of wheat at Winnipeg were estimated at $10,000,000$ bushels, at declines of 10 to 20 cents. Some think that the latest phase of the war is the prelude of the end of the struggle earlier than might otherwise have been the case, Liverpool reports that Canadian offerings are increasing, that the receipts are larger and that the visible supply is augmenting. Crop prospects in India are reported fine. India, it is stated, is also offering more freely. What is more, Australian shipments thus far this week show a marked increase. In other words, America is meeting with greater competition from other exporting countries of tho world. Besides, export business in this country is hampered by car shortage and the scarcity and dearness of ocean freights. Trans-Atlantio tonnage is quoted at $10 \%$ as against 5 to $7 \%$ recently, and to Mediterranean ports the rate is said to be 12 and $15 \%$ as against $10 \%$ earlier in the week. This followed a notice that German submarines will sink without warning any merchant vessel, neutral or enomy, entering a prescribed zone Which extends north of the British Isles and down into the Mediterranean, including the waters of Grecee. In the middle of the week a blizzard was reported in the West, the worst since 1888, and this rendered railroad traffic all the more difficult. Fiven last Monday the transportation situation was reported in Chicago advices as becoming worse rather than better. The New York Central RR. has placed a general embargo on shipments to the East, only excepting livestock, perishables, \&o. On the other hand, the available supply in North America decreased for the week 3,354,000 bushels, as against a decrease last year of $2,952,000$ bushels. Tho visible supply in tho United States is only $49,658,000$ bushels. against $68,459,000$ bushels a year ago. In Russia very cold weather provails, with a scarcity of snow over a wido area. The outlook for winter crops there is not rood. At the same time Russian stocks are moderate and the consumption for food has been heavy. In Italy the weather has boon bad, or in other words, cold and wet. The crops thore have little snow covering. Native supplies in Italy are moderate and
foreign buying therefore contimues, In France the crop outforeign buying therefore continues, In France the crop out-
look is not favorable. The trouble is that the weabler is ex ception the trouble is that the weather is excptionally cold and the crops have practically no snow protection, as the low temperatures followed recent rains. At the same time stocks in France are moderate. The winter is said to be the severest in France since 1803. In North Africa the weather is too dry. In the Balkan States the season has been dclayed by wet, cold weather. Besides, labor there is scarce. In Australin harvesting is said to be slow and the weather has been wet over a wide area. In some cases, too, Australian crop estimates are being reduced. Argentina prices have at times been noticeably firm. Nevertheless, as we have seen, prices in this country have deolined owing to the idea that exports may become more difficult than ever in view of the German note and the possibility of $n$ break between this country and Germany. To-day pricos advanced on very cold woather at the West, where snow covering is insufficient and damage is feared. Cold weather also checks the crop movement. Export business was small. May wheat is 20 cents lower than a week ago.
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Indian corn declined, partly in sympathy with the fall in wheat. On Thursday there was heavy liquidation. Yet after all the decline was nothing like what ocourred in wheat, for Argentine crop news has continued to be bullish. Argentina has been shipping lightly to England, and much of the time American offerings to English markets have been on a pretty firm basis, The consumption in the United Kingdom is large, while arrivals are moderate, especially as Russia and Rumania are eliminated as sourcos of English supply, In Argentina damage to the crop is said to be increasing, owing to hot, dry weather. The crop is estimated at 100,000,000 bushels, or $60 \%$ of last year's. Country offorings at our Western markets have been light. At times there has been a pretty good cash demand, not only from the seaboard but from the Gulf. The Lehigh Valloy RR. is said to have raised its embargo. Omaha has reported quite a good demand from the seaboard. Still prices are lower for the week. On Thursday, the day that the German note was published in the morning papers, they fell 4 to $51 / 2$ cents, though there was a rally before the olose of 2 to $21 / 2$ cents. To-day prices advanced, with a light crop movement, owing to cold weather. and buying at Chicago by seaboard houses, A good demand was reported for white corn. Exporters took 200,000 bushels. May corn , however, is 5 cents lower for the week.
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Oats, like other grain have deelined. Tho German note of Thursday causod a good deal of selling and a drop of 3 to 6 cents, the latter on May, though before the closo there was a recovery of 2 to 3 cents. Argentine advices say that shipments of oats have practically ceased, with prices very strong. Port arrivals there aro noticeably small. Railway congestion East of Chicago, has interfered with business. Liverpool has reported prices there steady, owing to the firmness of other feeding grain. Export offerings to England havebeen light and arrivals at its ports moderate. Italy and France havve been persistent buyers of oats. Liverpool advices have also reported barley and rye strong, with light offerings and a good demand. Still there is no disguising the faet that the German note had a bad effect and it is quite as clear that supplies in this country are large. In fact the available stock of the United States, though it decreased 2,640,000 bushels last week, against only 426,000 during the same time last year, is nevertheloss $73,039,000$ bushels, against 41,336 ,000 last 'year and 45,284,000 in 1915. To-day prices advanced in company with other grain. Barley was firmer, but yyo rather depressed. May oats are 5 cents lower for the week.

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The following are closing quotations:
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For other tables usually given here, see page 427.
The visible supply of gruin, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of aceumulation at lake and beaboard ports Jan. 271917 was as follows:


## THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Feb, 2nd 1917. All departments of the dry koods trade slowed gradual improvoment during the greater part of the week, and until the_publication of the latest German note sentiment regard-
ing the futuro had been quite optimistic. The Germun
threat to renew indiscriminate warfare against all commerce within prescribed zones, with its far reaching consequences, had an amazing influence upon sentiment. The unprecedented drop in cotton values had the immediate effect of stopping any further purchasing of goods for distant delivery, as no one knew where cotton values would eventually adjust themselves or what the cost of raw materials would be under the new conditions. It was also impossible to determine what the effect would be upon other industries eventually affecting the dry goods trade Which is 80 closely allied with all other lines of business. No trade is more sensitive or more quickly affected by a change in business conditions of the country than the dry goods. The fear that a severe blow might be dealt the export trade was very disquieting as it would result in turning back a lot of goods upon the domestic market. While exports to a great extent are being made to points not Within the war zone, and any loss of business in that direction would probably cause an increase in sales to countries which have been buying from the Allies, still there will be such a rise in insurance and freights as to make unprofitable the shipment of goods contracted for at prices considerably lower than those now prevailing. Regarding the importation of linens, silks and raw wool, it is impossible to foretell what effect the blockade will have. Supplies of wool feronce wo a despairingly low level and any further interferonce would bo a sorious factor to many of our leading woolen and worsted mills. As the situation now stands little improvement in trado can be looked for until the new state of affairs is thoroughly digested by the trade. In the meantime the best that can be expected will be continued buying for immediate requirements and an uninterrupted distribution of merchandiso under old contracts. The fact that the retail trade is in need of a constant renewal of stooks, and that the mills and jobbers aro behind in deliveries, makes it probable that depression will not be felt in these quarters for some time. However, the effect is likely to be very immediate in primary quarters where the drop in raw material values will affeet contract prices for finished goods.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS,-While trade in staple cotton goods cannot be called active a fair amount of business is being done. The continued improvement in the cotton yarn market has given buyers more confidence in cotton goods values and better spot sales have been reported. In view of the uncertainties of the future most buyers of primary cotton goods prefer to operate upon a spot basis, not having muoh faith in the constancy of values. The wisdom of their policy was substantiated, late in the week, by devolopments in the international situation, which caused an immediate suspension of buying at least for the time being. Gray goods and print cloths continue quiet, as converters and printers are not receiving any heavy call from distributors, nor are they entering into new commitments beyond their immediate requirements of gray goods. There is little offering of print cloths by second hands and the general tone of the market is firm. Gray goods manufacturers are also firm in their quotations and are not inclined to make concessions to force business. A healthy demand continues for the new offerings of wash fabries, the distribution of which are not likely to be affected by the international situation. Gray goods, $381 / 2$-ineh standard, are quoted unchanged at 80 .
WOOLEN GOODS.-Jobbers handling woolen and worsted fabrics report a brisk demand for Spring goods and believe that a large volume of business will be done before the soason closes. In primary circles the tone is quieter, the high prices keeping demand within conservative limits. Additional lines of Fall dress goods have been opened during the week and a lively interest is shown in them. A feature of the offerings is the number of new fabrics put out in which there is a large percentage of cotton. The high price and scarcity of wool has caused many mills to produce mixtures which are $80 \%$ cotton and $20 \%$ wool. Such a combination has not been attempted in the past but the yoods seem to be marketing well. There is a steady demand for all wool fabrics but offerings are limited. The good demand for Fall serges and broadcloths leads to the expectation that next Fall will witness a return to popularity of the tailor made suit. Openings of Fall men's wear are nearly completed and values are regarded as attractive considering the cost of raw materials. Buyers are placing liberal contracts believing that prices will go higher as the season advances.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.-There have been no developments in the linen trade during the week except the threatened blockade of the Allied countries and its probable effect upon linen importations. Buyers are in the market to replace stocks which were depleted by the "January Sales" but are finding only limited stocks from which to draw. The arrival of representatives of foreign mills is awaited with interest but it is believed that they will have little to offer. As a matter of fact leading houses in this country have sent representatives abroad and purchased as heavily into the future as foreign manufacturers care to sell. Burlaps are very unsettlod owing to the uncertainties surrounding the shipping situation. There is a good demand but holders are reluctant sellers except at very firm prices. Light weights are nominally quoted at 8.50 o . and heavy weights at 10.00 c .

## STATE AND CITY DEPARTMENT。

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN IANUARY.
Sales of municipal bonds during the month of January reached a total of $\$ 36,128,365$. The temporary loans negotiated last month amounted to $\$ 46,300,000$, including $\$ 41,750,000$ revemue bonds and bills and corporate stock notes of New York City. Loans put out by places in the Dominion of Canada in January totaled \$2,529,371.

The most important and largest sale made last month was by the city of Philadelphia on the 8th, when three issues of $4 \%$ bonds, aggregating $\$ 12,774,200$, were disposed of. This amount was made up of $\$ 4,974,2005$-year, $\$ 5,300,000$ 30 -year and $\$ 2,500,00050$-year bonds. Of the first issue, $\$ 4,973,200$ was awarded at 101.177 and $\$ 1,000$ at 102. The second issue was placed at prices ranging from 102.686 to 103.25, and the third issue at from 103.067 to 103.75 . The aggregate of bids received was $\$ 52,309,500$ and the total premium received was $\$ 281,09862$. Other large issues disposed of during January, and the price realized in each case, were as follows: State of California, $\$ 1,000,000$ is at 104.775; Cleveland, Ohio, $\$ 600,00041 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ at 109.057; Cook County, Ill., $\$ 1,000,000$ 4s at 100.738 ; Everglades Drainage District, Fla., $\$ 3,500,0006$ at 95.73 ; Fairmont, W. Va., $\$ 760,00041 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ at 101.812; Houston, Tex., $8410,0005 \mathrm{~s}$ and $\$ 825,00041 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ at 104.101; Kansas City, Mo. (3 issues), $\$ 540,00041 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ at 107.929 ; King Co., Wash., $\$ 250,0004 \mathrm{~s}$ and $\$ 250,0004 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~s}$ at 100.25 ; State of Maryland, $\$ 600,000$ 4s at 102.127; Okmulgee Co., Okla., $\$ 800,000$ 5s at 105.515 ; Rochester, N. Y., $\$ 1,875,000$ 4s at 103.759; Shreveport, La., $\$ 486,00041 / 2 s$ at 102.283 , and Warmsprings Irrigation District, Ore., $\$ 750,000$ 6s at 95,25.

Below we furnish a comparison of all the various forms of obligations sold in January during the last five years:
$\begin{array}{lccccc}\text { January- } & 1017 . & 1916 . & 1015 . & 1914 . & 1913 .\end{array}$


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 des $\$ 25,000,000$ banids of Cew York state.
The number of municipalities emitting permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during January 1917 were 218 and 282, respectively. This contrasts with 342 and 479 for January 1916.
For comparative purposes we add the following table showing the aggregates of long-term bonds for January for a series of years:
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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.

Alabama.-Official Vote Cast at General Election.-The Sccretary of State advises us that the official vote east "for" and "against" each of the six proposed amendments to the constitution submitted to the voters on Nov, 7 and described in these columns on Dec. 9 , page 2171, was as follows:
Amendment to Article XIX of the constitution relating to the taxing
竍 power or the soverai 69,311 "for" to $17, .313$ "against. County. Vote: 53.207 "for to 42,411 "coramin , ofrices of Montgomery Amendment to coosstitution rolating to holders of bank notes and depositors. who have not stipulated for tinterest. Votet 51,996 "for" to 4.034 against.
or ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ to 43,492 constitution relatiog to the city of Selma. Vote: 50,373 Amondment to constitution retaling, to length of tegistative bessions. Amendment to constitution rolating to smount of tax to bo lovied by cites, towns and rittages and other muntelpauties ta the state. Vote.

Alaska (Territory of),-Congress A pproves Bill, Providin for Prohibilion.-Both the House of Representatives and U. S. Senate have passed a bill prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in the territory and also the transportation thereto.

Argentina.-Tenders of Bonds Requested -J . P. Morgan \& Co. of New York will receive tenders until 12 m . Feb. 14 for the amortization on March 1 of $\$ 353,200$ gold, say
£70,640, nominal, of the Argentine Government $5 \%$ internal gold loan of 1909. Tenders for sale of the bonds, with coupons due Sept. 1 1917, at a price to be stated in the tender will be received also in Paris by the Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; in London by Messrs. Baring Brothers \& Co. Ltd.; and in Buenos Aires by the Credito Publico Nucional Each bond has a par value of $\$ 973$ U. S. gold dollars, and tenders must be made at a flat price under par expressed in dollars per bond. Tenders must be made on a form obtainable on application.

Arizona.-State Supreme Court's Decision Settles the Governorship Question.-The State Supreme Court on Jan. 27 rendered a decision holding that Thomas E. Campbell, Republican, is the de facto Governor of the State of Arizona. Although the State Canvassing Board had deolared Mr. Campbell elected on Nov. 7 by a plurality of thirty votes former Governor G. W. P. Hunt, Democrat, contested the election on grounds of alleged fraudulent voting in several precincts.

Arkansas.-Governor Approves "Bone-Dry" Prohibition Bill.- The so-called "bone-dry" prohibition bill recently passed by the Legislature was approved by the Governor on Jan. 24. The measure, among other things, prohibits the shipment of intoxicating liquors into the State and prevents shipments of intoxicants from one point or locality in the State to any other point or locality in Arkansas.

British Government.-Subscription Books to $\$ 250,000,000$ Loan Closed.-See reference in our editorial columns this week.

Canada (Dominion of),-New Loan Proposed.-See reference in our editorial columns this week.

Florida.-Official Vote on Constitutional Amendments.We are advised that the vote "for" and "against" the three proposed amendments to the constitution, submitted to voters at the general election in November (V. 103, p. 862) was as follows:
Amendment to Section 9 , Article 9, relating to taxation and rinance.
Vote: 20.859 for to 12.641 agalnst. Amendment to Sectons 2,3 and 4 , Artlclo VII, relating to census and apportlonments. Vote: 10,258 "ror" to 17,774 "against. 10


France (Republic of).-Credit of $\$ 50,000,000$ Offered for Public Subscription.- Reference to this credit will be found on a preceding page of this week's issue.

New York State.-Legal Investments for Savings Banks.A list of bonds considered legal investments for savings banks in this State on Jan. 11917 has been issued by the State Banking Department. In submitting the list of seourities which we print below, the Superintendent of Banks has the following to say:

## STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT.

In submitting to the sayings banks of the State the list of socurities considered legal investmentes for savings banks on tho frirst day of JJanuary 1917.
in compllanco with tho provisions of section 52 of tho Banking Law Idcem in compliance with tho provisions of section 52 or thi Banking haw Ho diom poso for whicct the list is published which I made last year in connection With previous issues.
The conditions under which varlous municlpal and raltroad bonds are the Banking Law. These conditions aro in some cases extremely compllcated and yary from timo to time to such an extent that a bond may
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thus supplementing the work of tho Dopartment. it wit be noticed morcover, that, under the proyistons of section 52 of tho Banking Law, no lavgst/gation is authorlzed with reference to the exocutlon of bonds and compliance with ordinary egsal technicalitics, A formar Adfernoy-Gencris mattors savings banks must rely upon the advico of their
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EUGENE LAMB RIOHARDS. Superinendenf of Banka.
The complete list, as compiled by the Superintendent, is given below. The bonds added to tho list since last year aro italicized while the issues which have been dropped are placed in brackets:

Securities Considered Legal Investments for Savings Banks J
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| Cill |  | The list of bonds considecred legal investments on Jan. 1 1916 will be found on page 540 of the "Chroniele" of Feb. 51916.

Georgia.-Official Vote Polled at General Election.-Complete returns show that the following vote was polled at the general election in November on the five proposed amendments to the constitution described in $V$. 103, p. 2171:




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Illinois.-Official Vote at General Election. - The amendment to Articlo 9 of the constitution (to be known as Section 14), giving the General Assembly power over the subjec matter of taxation of personal property, and the amendment to tho General Banking Laws, both of which were adopted on Noy. 7, received a vote of 656,298 "for" to 295,782 "against," and 421,259 "for" to 174,494 "against," respectively. V. 103, p. 2256.

Legality of Municipal Securities.-See article in last week's "Chronicle," page 308.
Michigan.-Official Vote on Proposilion Providing for State-Wide Prohibition.-We are advised that the officinl vote cast at the general election Nov, 7 on the proposition providing for State-wide prohibition was 353,378 "for" to 284,754 "against."-V. 103, p. 1807.
Nevada.-Official Vote.-The official vote cast at the election on Noy. 7 1916, which resulted in favor of the two proposed amendments to the constitution ( $\mathrm{V}, 103, \mathrm{p}, 2256$ ), was as follows:
Amendment to Section 3. Article XI, relating to revenues to be used for


New Jersey.- New State Comptroller,-On Jan. 30 Nowton A. K. Bugbee, of Trenton, was chosen by the Legislature to succeed State Comptroller Edward I. Edwards, whose term expires Feb. 20.

Tennessee.-State Senate Defeuta Proposition Extending
fimited Suffrage to Women. The State Senate ou Feb. Limiled Suffrage to Women. The State Senate ou Feb. I
by a vote of 51 to 21 defeated the bill passed by the House on Jan. 19, extending limited suffrage to women.
Legistature A pprowes "Bone Dry" Liquor Bill.-The "bone dry" liquor bill, prohibiting the receipt of intoxicating liquor rom a common or other carrier or the possession of such liquor after having been received by a common carrier, has been passed by both brunches of the Legislature.

United States,-Bill to Increase Government RevenuesPublic Building Bill Passed by House.-Reforence to both of these measures was made in last week's issue, pages 313 and 315 , respectively.
Income, Capital Stock and Inheritance Tax Rulings.-Reference was also made in last week's "Chronicle" (pages 325 to 328 , inclusive) to rulings issued by the Treasury Department.

Virginia-West Virginia.-State of Virginia Asks U.S. Supreme Court to Compel the West Virginia Legislature to Prowore begun in the U.S. Supreme Court on Jan. 29 by the State of Virginia to compel the Legislature of West Virginia, now in session, to provide, either by the levying of a tax or by a bond issue, for the payment of the judgment obtained against West Virginia in the matter of the old debt of Virginia to be assumed by the latter, and which was fixed by the U.S. Supreme Court in its decree of June 1915 as $\$ 12,393$,-
92950 , including interest amounting to $\$ 8,178,30722$. ruling is expected by the U.S. Supreme Court on Feb. 5 .

As previously stated by us in these columns, the U. S. Supreme Court in June 1916 denied a petition filed by the State of Virginia directing the Marshall of that Court tolevy upoz propertyof West Virginia for the satisfaction of the judgment but the Court denied Virginia's petition solely on the ground that the Legislature of West Virginia had not met in regular session since the judgment was entered. The 1917 Legislature convened on Jan. 10 and on the 19th Governor Hntfield of West Virginia sent a special message to that body (see last weoks "Chronicle," pages 376 and 377), fayoring the payment of the debt on the basis of certain adjustments, and also recommending that the State of West Virginia present a
petition to the U. S. Supreme Court asking for a rehearing on the question of the amount of interest to be paid. Governor Hatfield also asked in his special message that the Legislature adopt a momorial at this session calling upon the Congressmen from West Virginia to give their support to the
bill introduced by Senator Chilton in the present session of Congress with relerence to a claim of old Virginia against the Federal Government, growing out of the cession of the territory northwost of the Ohio River to the U.S. Government in 1784. The elaim set up in the bill is, it is said, that Virginia's share from this proceeding would be $\$ 11,526,000$, in which West Virginia would share in the same ratio that she is compelled to contribute to the liquidation of the public debt of the mother State.
Resolutions were introduced in both branches of the West Virginia Legislature on Jan: 29, it is stated, declaring that the State of Virginia should in equity, and voluntarily, make a substantial reduction on account of the claim referred to above, and proposing that in the event that Virginia and her croditors decline to make any reduction in the judgment on account of the equity in the case of the northwest territory, or on account of any other equity that may be presented for consideration, that the Attorney-General and counsel for the debt commission be instructed to continue to resist before the U.S. Supreme Court, in all legal and proper ways, any action that may be made by Virginia for the issuance of a writ of execution. It is further proposed that the debt commission created by the West Virginia Legislature in 1915 of the Virginia Debt Commission and to the bondholding of the Virginia Debt Commission and to the bondholding
creditors of that State, and that no further action be taken creditors of that State, and that no further action be taken
looking towards the payment of the debt until negotiations looking towards the payment of the debt until negotiations along these lines shall have been exhausted.
Wilmette, Cook County, Ills.-Commission Government Election.-An election has been called for Feb. 10, it is reported, to decide whether or not this village shall establish the commission form of government.

## Bond Proposais and Negotiations this week have been as follows:

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, Pa.-LOAN of $\$ 35.000$ to meet carrent expenses.
ADAMS COUNTY (P, O. Decatur), Ind- BOND SALE.-On Jan, 29 tho thrce issues of $43 \%$ 6-y ear averago road bonds, aggregating $\$ 11,020$
(V. 104, p. 377 , wero nwarded to 5 . F. Wlld \& Co. of Endlanapolis for
$\$ 12.39575$, equal to 103.991 . AKRON, Summit County.

 annual interest-J. E J, payable at the National Park Bank, No, Y, cashier's check on a bank other than the one bidding for $\$ 500$, payablo to
the Clty Treasurer, required. Bonds to be dellvered at Alcron. Purchaser the City Treasurer, requife
ALABAMA (Town), Genesee County, N. Y.-BOND $8 A L E R$, -On
Jan. 27 an issue of $86,647965 \%$ improvement bonds was awarded to the Jan, 27 an ksue of $\$ 6,647965 \%$ improvement bonds was awarded to the
Bank of Corfu, of Corfu, at 100.22 . Due $\$ 2,24706 \mathrm{Mar} 1$ 19i7 and 52.200 Bank of Gorfu, of Corfu, at 100.22. Due $\$ 2,247$. 96 Mar. 1917 and $\$ 2.200$
Mar, 1918 and 1919. Geo. B. Gibbons \& Co. of N . Y. Was the only
other bldder.
ALBUQUERQUE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Albuquerquo).
Bernalillo County, N. M.-BOND ELECTION PROPOSED,-ACcordinf Bernalimo County, N. M.-BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.-According
to local papers, an election will be called to vote on the question of lissuing
school bonds.
 APLINGTON CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DIS.
TRICT (P. O. Aplington, Butier County, Iowa- BOND SALE:-
Bchanke

 ARGENTA STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O.
Argenta), Pulanki County, Arlt.-BOND OFNEIING.-Proposals wif




 must be made on forms furnished by the City Comptroller. Tho above


 BARBERTON, Summit County, Ohio- BOND OFFERTNG.-Pro-
posals will be recived by Geo. M. Korns. City Aud. for $\$ 5143$.




## BENTON, Franklin County, IIIs.-BONDS DEFEATED,-At a ro- cont etection the proposition to $\operatorname{sssuo} \$ 19.000$ funding bonds was defeated. it is sald. it ls sald.

BERRIEN COUNTY (P.O. St, Joasph), Mich.-BONDS PROPOSED,

 BOONE COUNTX (P. O. Lobanon) Ind - BOND OFFERING,-
Nolson J. Par, Co, Trcas, will recelve blds until $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Fob. 6 for the roltowing rout bonds: 8 mitt of at, road bonds til Sugar Creek Twp. De-
$\$ 37,200$ 4\% Drury $5.3004 \%$ Marlon and Unlon Twps, road bonds. Denom, $\$ 265$. Dote $28,00045 \%$ Harry Midariel et al. road bonds In Eagle Twis. Denom. Int. My N. Duc one-twentoth of each fasuo each sis months from





 BROOKINGS, Brookings County, So. Dak.-BOND SALE.-On
Jan. 21 He First Natonai Bank of Broaking was awarded for $\$ 77.75125$




 BROWARD COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4
(Diana), Fla. BOND SALF,-On Jan, 2 the $\$ 20,000$ 6\% school bouds
 BROWNWOOD Brown County, T
that the election held Jan. 20 resulted in ravor of the questions is stafed $\$ 80,000$ school and $\$ 30,000$ cley-hall and firs-station $5 \%$ questions of lasurng $20-10-y$ ear (opt.)
bonds (V. 104, p. 179.)
BUFFALO. N. Y.-BOND SALE. On Jan, 20 the three lssues of $4 \%$
 to 100,121 The premiums bla by some of tho other bidders were: oqua

 CALDWELL, Sumner County, Kana- BONDS VOTED. The que
tion of tsving 880,000 muncipar water and 118 ght plant robuilding bondr tion of issuing 880,000 munleipat water and ligh
carried, it ss stated, at an electon hola Jan. 23 .
County, Idaho.-BOND ELECTION:-Reports Atato that an elcetionyon
 bonds.
CALIFORNIA.-BOND SALE:-On Jan. 25 tho $\$ 1,000,000$ if San
Francisco Harbor improvement bonds were awarded at pubilc aucton, it is Francisco Harbor improvement bonds wore awardod at gublle auctlon, it is
stated, to Torgance, Marshall \& Co. and R. M. Grant \& Co., For $\$ 1.047 .750$. equal to 104.775.
CAMDEN, Oneida County, N, Y, -HOND ONFISRING.-Proposals wor the $\$ 19,400$ reg. highway mob, bonds voted Jan, $19-V .104$, Dlerk, 378 ,
 inctuding this issuo, $\$ 71,900$ : assess, val., $\$ 782,265$.
is CAMDEN COUNTY (P, O. Camden), N. J.-BOND oFFERING.-It
 $105-6$-year aver. poorhouso and $\$ 9,0002$-19-yyear serial sanatorium, iNo
scmi-ann, bonds. Cert. check for $2 \%$ required. Each ssue will not exceed the above specified amounts.
CANAL WINCHESTER, Franklin County, Ohio--HOND SALE.-
On Jan. 29 tho $\$ 18,00041 / 8$ water-works bonds- 101 .
 gud int. The other bidders werg:
Kud, Kloybolte Co
Hayden Kule Roth \& Co
Ho Hayden Mmer \& Co.... 18,217 45 Tillotson \& Wolcott Co....
Peoples Bank Co. Canal Winchester Bk-
Fietd, RJohards


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| CANON CITY, Fremont Couney, Colo--BOND SALEE,-Local papers |
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| state that sweot. Causey, Doster \& Co. of Denver have purchasex 810.000 | state that Sweot;

refinding bonds.
CARNEROS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Napa County, Calif - HoND
 CARROLLTON GRADED SCHOOL. DISTRICT NO, I (P. O. Car-
rolton) Carroll County, Ky, BONDS VOTED.-The alection hela
 of lisuing 825,000 muiding bo
tary or 1 oard of Edacation.
CASS COUNTX (P. O. Logansport), Ind.-BOND SALE,-On Jan. 30

CENTRAL FALLS, Providence County, R. I.-BONDS PROPOSED-Reports state that Acts have becn introduced in tho sate Hoise
semtatyves at Hartford to authorize the ivsuance of $\$ 125,000$ school and
sposer $\$ 305,000$ bonds to pay certain indebtedness.
CHARCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Charco)


 rund Jan, 26 1917, $\$ 500$ A Assesed valuation 1016, $\$ 371,986$. R, E.
Roberts is secretary Board of Trustocs. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn- HOND papers state that an enction int be callo RLEECTION PROPOSED. - Loea thon of issuing \$100,000 school bonas.
 ditional bids wil ba recolved until $\mathrm{D}, \mathrm{m}$. Feb, 6 by

 Bkg. Ra., $\$ 10,190$. Axsma. Nil, 3 , CINCINNATI, Ohio--BONDS AUTHORIZED--Ordinancea wero
passed on Jan. 10 by tho Oity Councl providing for the sssuanco of tho following $44 \%$ bonds: Due in 10 years after date buc in 5 annuat installments.
3,700 street assesment bonds.
Date Feb. 1 1917. Int. payable seml-annually.
CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Las Vogas), Nev ${ }^{-1030 N D ~ S A L E,-O n ~ J a n, ~}$
 yearly Jan, 1 from 1025 to 1937, Imclusivo.



CLAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO, 3, (P, O. Altoona,



 BoND OFFEMINQ. Scated bidd will bo recelved until 1 D. m. Feb. 20 by
L. Wayman Ogden. Sec. Bd. of Ed,




COLORADO COUNTY ( $\mathbf{P}, 0$, Columbua), Tex.-BONDS DE-
 COLUMBUS, Muskogeo County, Ga.-BONDS PROPOSED.-Wo are advised that this city is contomplating the lssuance of 360,000 sower
bonds. M. M. Moore is Oity dierk.
COOK COUNTY (P.O. Chicago), HIS.-WARRANT SALE.-Accordng to a local newspap
$\$ 500,000$ warrants.
CORAOPOLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P, O. Coraopolis), Allegheny







COWLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Arkannan




*AII except this bid asroed to farnish blank bonds.
All bids provlded for payment of accrued interest.
 CUYAHOGA COUNTY ( $\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{O}$, Cleveland), Ohio- BOND OFRER-
 bonds.
$\$ 9.429$ assess, bonds. Driom, 1 for $\$ 429: 18$ for $\$ 500$. Due $\$ 429$ Oct, 1



 check on a bank Cor Treas. required Checks must be unconditonal: purchaser to pay accrued interost. Separate bids must be mado for cach
Issue. issue.


DAVIESS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.-BOND OFFERING.
 Yeale Twp D Denom. 8100 . Date Neb, ${ }^{5} 190$ each six montha from May 151918 io Nov. 151927 inci.
DEFIANCE, Defiance County, Ohio-GOND. OFEERING.-Fro-




 payable to the clity Treas., regured. Bonds to be detivered and pald for within 10 days after time of award i Purchaser to pay accrucal taterent and
furnish blank bonds and coupons in a form to the sat fsfaction of the City rumnsh bl
DUNCAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kenton)
Houghton County, Mich. DESCRIPTIONOF BOND, We Houstion school bonds purchased by the Hanchett Bond CO. of Chicaso
 Ycarly on Mar. 1 from 1918 to 1023 incl, and 51,000 yrarty on Mar, 1 room
1024 to 1930 inel. Total bonded dobe, 816,000 ; assess. val., $\$ 192,713$; real value (est.), $\$ 1.500,000$.
DUNDEE, Monroe County, Mich-PRICE PAID FOR DONDS:-Wn wero parchased by sldany spitzer \& Co. or Poledo, for $\$ 30$, 776 , equal to 105.071. D

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, La.
BOND OFFERING,-Scaled proposals will borecolved moth iom. m. Feb 14




 EAST GRAND RAPIDS (P. O. Grand Rapide) Kent County

 EASTLAND COUNTY (P.O. Eastland), Tex.-BONDS DEFEATED.
 p. 235s. The vote whas 125 "for" and 325 "natinst."
O. EASTLAND COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P.
 deposit requirect.


 for, payablo to the "City of East Liverpol, required. Bonds to bo dow
IIvered and pald for within 10 days from dato of aivard. Purchaser to pay IVvered and pald for within 10 days from daw or
accruid titerest. Mdy must be uncondtlonal.
EAST VIEW (P. O. Clevoland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.-BOND, ofFERTN. Cierk (1lth floor, Marathall Bldg., Clevdland), for thirty-lis is.
 Due on Oct. of artion making the $q$ quid. Bonds to be dellvered and paid for within 10 days from time of quired: Bonds to be deliverecrand patid ror
EL DORADO, Butlor County, Kann.-BOND KLEOTION.-AD works bystem ext. and impt. bonds.
ELizABETH, Unton County, N. J.-BOND SALE,-On Jan. 30 the
 In wire the other bidders, all of which were for $\$ 25.000$ or bonds:

 ELKHART, Elkhart County, Ind-BOND SAY,E.-The Mayer-Kiser Bank, of ndianapolis, has becen awardec at, 101. 1 , mondx mentonctuan. 13, 1036.
ELKO COUNTY (P. O. Elko), Nev--BONDS PROPOSED.-Reporta tom bonds has boen introduced In the 8tate Legistature.
ELLAVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P, O. Ellaville), Schley County,

 Central National Bank of Lymn at 2.935 \% discount. - 102 .j. 379. EUCLID TOWNSHIP (P. O. Euclid), Cuyshoqa County, Ohio.-
BONDS DEFEATED.-The questlon or lssuing 8100.000 school bonds was defeated at the
EUCLID VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P, O. Euclid), Cuyahora County, Ohio-BONDS DEFEATED.-At an clection held Jan, 27 the question
FAIREIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. North Fairrecelved untul $\mathrm{D} . \mathrm{m}$. Fob, 14 by M. A. Bowser, Oterk of Bd, of Ed, for 818,6543 , 36 for 8500 . Int. M. \& S , at North Faiffeld Savines Bank Co.. North Fairfield. Due 86548 8pt. 11918 and 8500 each six mouthr from
 makims the bid, for $5 \%$ or, bonds bid cror , required. Purch interest,
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crued interoct.
These bonde we offered on Jan. 19, but no sale was made--V, 104 , D. 180 .

FAIRPORT VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P.O. Fairport Harbor


 FAYETTE COUNTY (P. O. Conneraville, Ind. BOND OFFERTNG,






FITZGERALD, Bon Hill County, Ga,-DESCRIPTTON OF DONDS.


FONDDULAC COUNTY (P, O. Fond du Lac), Wisc- - BOND ELEC-
 FOREST CITY, Winnebago County, Iowa-BOND SLLE, On
 FOREST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Foront City), Ruther eb. 10 to vote on the question of issuing $\$ 25.0$ ió bullding bonds.
FORT MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Madiion), Lee

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. H1, Wash.-BOND

FREDERICKSBURG, Wayno County, Ohio--BOND SALE:-O
 GALION CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT $\left(\mathbb{P}\right.$ Wolcot Co... $52.5133^{\text {bo }}$ GALION CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Galion), Crawford


 GALVESTON COUNTY (P. O. Gnlveston), Texas.-BOND ELEEC

GASTONIA, Ganton County, No. Caro.- Bond ofrentig,-Sealed
 ThLADTONE, Dita County, Mich-BONDS NOT YET ISSUKD.bonds voted Dec. 11 , Lative not yet been issied.- $V$. $103, \mathrm{p}, 2358$.
GRANVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P, O. Granvilte), Licking County, Ohio. BOND OFRERTNO - Proposas will boreceived chaool honds, auth. Sce. 7625 to 7630 . Gen. Code. Denom. 8500. Datie


GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Greenvillo), Tenn--BONDS AUTHORZEDD. - Reports, stato that the County Court on Jam. 15 muthorized the GUEYDAN DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Guaydan), vermilion

 1917 to 1068 .
HANCOCK, Stevens County, Minn.-BONDS VOTED.-By a voto
of 54 to the question of issuing water-works-system bonds carricd, it is
HAPPY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Happy) Swisher County, Toxas.-BOND SALE.-Tho Bankers securitics Co,
of Denver, has purchased $88.5005 \%$ bonds. Date Sept. 151916 . Due
$\$ 500$ ycarly


HILLSBORO, Highland County, Ohio.-BONDS AUTIIORIZED.The Village Council passed a resolution on Jan, 15 , it is said, providing for

## pay orr a juagment against the village.

HOBART, Lake County, Ind.-BONDS AUTIIORIZED,-Reports o issue $\$ 15,00041 / \%$ bonds, the money to be used for improvements ho town's electric-light plant.
HOLYOKE, Mans-TEMPORARY LOAN.-On Jan. 30 the loan of awarded to Itarris, Fopbes \& Co. of Boston at $2.83 \%$ (V, 104, p. 379 ), was the other bidders were

HUTCHINSON, Reno County, Kans.-BOND SALE,-Local paper state that the Guarantee Tht1
$\$ 130,000,4 / 4 \%$ paving bonds.
IMPERIAL, IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. EI Centro), Callf.
BONDS PROPOSFD. Reports state that this distriee is contemplatigg the
IROQUOIS COUNTY (P. O. Watseka), IIs.-BONDS DEFEATED.defeated. It is stated that the vote was $2794^{\circ}$ for" to 6215 "acgands was

ITALY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P, O. Italy), Ellia County, Tex. BONDS VOTED.-By a yote of 128 to 24 the question
of issuing $\$ 23.000$ buidding aud equipment honds carried, it is reperteg an election held Jan. 18.

ITASCA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P, O. Deer River),
Minn.-BONDS PROPOSED.- Reports stato that this district is contemplatng the issuance of $316,000 \mathrm{heph}$-school bldg. bonds.
OFFERINGN TOWNSHIP, Northampton County, No. Caro.-BOND of the $88,0005 \%$ coupon road-building bonds v. 104 , D. 281 . Proposala
for thess bonds will bu recofred until 10 a . m . on that day by G . A. Moore, Date Feb, 15,1917 . Int, semi-annual at the Bank of Northampton, Jack-
son. Due St.000. Assessed valuation, $\$ 566,400$. Total tax rato, per $\$ 1,000$. $\$ 10064.000$. JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.-BOND OFFERING.-Proman Board of Bond Trustecs, Por 3125,000 noweragoand drainagennd $\$ 125$. principal bonds voted sept, 111015. Denom. S1,000. Dato Fob. 1 1916 erice or at the United States M tge. ETrust Co. of New York. Bonds to bo y agreed upon. Certified cheok on $A$ Jacksonvllie bank for $2 \%$ be mutual
 United states Mortgage \& Trust Co. The legality of to genuinoness by the
 of interest on any of is bonds. Purchaserto pay accrued intorest. Baymont $\$ 59,560,440$.
JASPER COUNTY (P, O. Newton), Iowa,-BOND SALE,-On to Geo. M. Bechtet \& Co., of Davenport. Due $\$ 5,000$ 1927 and $\$ 1,000$
yearly from 1028 to 1933 , inclusive. JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O
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wero awardod on - Bec. 4 last $\$ 54,000$ Due gerintly from 1019 to 1926. Using newspaper reporta ve erroneousty
stated in V. 104. D. 281 , that tho amount of the lssue sold was $\$ 85,000$. BEFFFERSON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Hantington County, Ind,gantord 1, Sbideter. Twp. Trustee, at the offico of the Cointy Suporinten-
dent in Huntington, for s.i.000 $3 \% \%$ sctioot bonds. Denom. $\$ 1.300$. mate Fob, Cert. chicek for 8500 plur plus the period of not over 10 years and 5
months to be pald, payablo to
the above Twp. Trustee, required. JOHNSTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Mill bonds wero awarded to koblnson \& Taylor of Oklahoma City. Denom,
$\$ 500$. Int. J. \& J.
JOHNSTOWN, Fulton County, N. Y,-BOND SALEE-On Jan. 27
the $\$ 7,8005 \%$ pavement bonds-V. 104, 18. 181 were awarded to the Albany Exchango Savings Bank for $\$ 7,952$ 05, equal to 101.949. The other Adams Co
H. A. Kahler \& Co. $\qquad$
 7.8761326 IZEDNOSHA COUNTY (P. O. Kenosha), Wisc,-BONDS AUTHONresolutions providing for the issuance of $\$ 71.000$ Paris and Bristol Twps.
road-construction bonds.
KLICKITAT COUNTY (P, O. Goldendale), Wash,-BONDS PRO$\$ 500.000$ road-improvement bonds.
PURCNSUSER COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 114, towa.-
 LA FAYETTE COUNTY (P. O. Mayo), Fla.-BONDS VOTED,-
Reports state that thequestion of issuing 3250,000 Special Road and Bridro
Dist. bonds carried at a recent election Dist. bonds carried at a recent election.
LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lagunitas), Marin
County, Calif.-BONDS DEFEATED.-The question of issaing $\$ 10,000$ the efection held Jan. 12.
 Commrs.. for the s65,000 6\% coupon Howey Spocial koad and Bridge an. 11917 Prin. and semi-ann. Int. J. NJ, payablo at the Amertcan 000 Jan .11047 . A bond for $5 \%$ of amount ofbid reguired 1937 and $\$ 25$,-

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Scurity Sav.Bk. \&
Hayden, Miler \& C
B. Fulter \& Co...
 HehKE WORTH, Palm Beach County, Fla,-BOND BALE.-Held. 1917. Intorest anuualy on Jan, I, Duo 81.000 yearly Jan, I Nem 1027 LANCASTER, F 8t, and $\$ 2.22974$ Weit Fair Lvo. LAURENS COU
POSODRERE COUNTY (P: O. Laurens) So. Caro.-BONDS PKOprovidins for the issuanco of $\$ 300,000$ road improvement bondes LAWRENCEBURG SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P) O.
Dearborn County. Ind.-BOND OFWERING,-It is O. Greendale), will bo recelved unth $10 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{m}$. Feb. 26 by Auguit Pastner, Twp. Trustec.
for $\$ 18,0004 \% \%$ sehool bonds, for SEE COUNTY
 Commrs, and of the Crecuit Court, for $\$ 100.0005 \%$ coupon 5 Bd, of Co. ley Highway Spucha lioad and Bridgo Dist. road und brigge construction
bonde authorized by voto of 134 to is at an electon hed bonds authorized by vote of 134 to 18 at an electlon held Nov, 211916.
Denom, $\$ 500$. Date Jan. 1017. Prin. and semt-ann int (J. 3 . Denom, at the Nathonat Hank of Commerce, Now York. Duo 36, soo or a bond for 2 of amount of bid, payable to the Board of County Com-
missloners, roquired. Tha district hay no missioners, roquired. The district has no indebtedness, Assossed val,
of district $1016, \$ 1,213,370 ; 1917$ (cast.), $\$ 1,500,000 ;$ actual value (est.),
$\$ 3,500,000$.
LEXINGTON, Fayetto County, Ky, TEMPORARY LOAN - On
Jan. 30 atoan of $\$ 180.000$. in anticipation of taxes, Was negothated, roports state, with the Virth-Third Nat. Bank of Cincinnati at $39 \%$ interest. LIBERTYVILLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. LibortyLiberlyville was awarded on Dec. 29 last the $\$ 15.00045 \% 81 / 2-y r$, average school bonds voted Nov, $25-V, 103$, D. 2250 . Denom, $\$ 600$, Date Fob.
11917 . int. F, \& N. Du0 $\$ 1,500$ yearly from 1921 to 1030 , Inelusive.
L.IMA, Alten County, Ohio.-BOND OFFENING, Droposals will be
 payable to the Clity Treas., requfred. Bonds to bo delivered and patd for
whilin 35 days from time of award. puorchaser to pay accrect

Ofricial circular atates that there is no controversy or bitigation pendugy or
threntened, that threatened, that no provious issoc hak ever beencontested and that princpal
and Interest of all bonds previlusty isued have been pald prompty at ma-
 val. ( $80 \%$ actual) $1916, \$ 39,878,350$ inctual value, est, 85
of city property, $83,000,000$, tax rate per $\$ 1,000$, $\$ 1320$.
LIMON, Lincoln County, Colo-BOND SALEE,-An Issué of SI5.000

LORAIN, Lorain County, Ohio--BONDS AUTHORIZED,-An

 LOS ANGELES, Calif.- HOND ELECTION POSTPONED--Loca,
 of Los Angeles.-V. 104, D. 88 -will be held March 8 (postponed from Feb. 2).
LOS ANGELES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angelen County,
Calif.-BOND OFFERTNG.-Yroposals will be recelved until Teh. 19 by H. J. Letandid, ex-oropoco Clerk Bd. of Co. Sumers, (T. O. Los


 LOS ANGELES CITY HIGH SCHOOL. DISTRICT, Lon Angolen


 LOWELL, Middlesox County, Mass-BOND SALE,-On Fob, 1 an
Ssun or $S 60,000$ d 10 , Bros, Moso. of Boiton at 103,40. Tho otbon bhtders wgre: 103.079


LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP (P, O. Gwynedd), Montgomery

LUCAS COUNTY (P, O. Toledo), Ohio- - BoND SALL,-On Jan 30


LUMBERTON, Robeson County, No. Caro-BOND OFFEERING--
 aro requested at $5 \%$ and $53 \%$ int. Denoms. to suit purchaser. Int.
nemb-annual at place purchnser may destre. Cert, check for 3500 , payablo to the Olerk \& Tro
LYONS (Villago), Wayne County, N. Y.-BOND SALEE-On Jan. 30
 1917. Interest ranuall

MeKEESPORT, Altegheny County, Pa. BOND SALE.-On Jan.
 Due serlatly for 30 years.
MAHNOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mahnomen), Mahnomen County, Minn.-BONDS VOTED.-The question of Lsuing 312,000
bullimg bonds carried, it is stated, at the olecton hedd Jan, 10 . MAINE, State of-BONDS PROPOSRD,-Reports state that the
stato Legisature is considering a bull which provides for the issuance of 34.000 .000 bouds for road improvements

MALMO, Saunders County, Nob-BONDS VOTED.-Tho question or usumed it an election held Jan 10.) A.J. Brodahl is Ciey Clork
MANILLA, Crawford County, Iowa--BONDS VOTED.-The questhop of lsumg 85.000 dectric 1 ght
MARATHON COUNTY (P. O. Wausau), Wis.-BOND OFFERING.gcaled bidas will bo recelved on or betoro 10 n. W. Feb. 9 by Louls H. Cook,

MARION COUNTY (P.O. Indianapolia), Ind.-BOND OFFERING.Anditor, for $\$ 150,0003 \%$ \% 11 -Yr. ayer. Hood 31,000 . Date Mar. 101917 Int. M, \& 8 . Due $\$ 7.000$ in 2 and 3 years. and 88,000 yrly. from tho 20 years after date Oommrs., requifod. All sales must be consummated on or before Mar. 15 or purchaser will be charged with accrued intereat from day of acceptance. Blda must bo made on . The County Auditor will atio rece 2me 5800.000 3\% curren rovenue notes, dated blds at the
 upon a warding or loan.
MARYLAND, State of-BIDS. -The following were the othce bids
recelved for the s600 000 4 40 road bonds awarded to the Egitable Trust
 blower \& Wecks., R. W. Eressprich, H. A. Kahter \& Co., Horn- 101.21
 Riddendorf, WIlliams $\varepsilon \varepsilon$ Co..............................................
Robert Garreti \& Sons.
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Owen Daly \& Co., Balt............................................................................790



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PMARION COUNTY (P. O. Fairmont), W, Va.-BOND ELEEGTION PROPOSBD--Reporta stato that a potition is betag circulated asking for
an election in Lincoln Dist. to submit to a vote the proposition to lissue
road bonds. These bonds aro to take the place of the 8650,000 lssue yoted
May 81816 , the Circuit Court having decded that this was 1 llegal (V. 103
D. 599. . D. 599.$)$

MASSACHUSETTS, State of.-NOTE SALEE.-It. Is reported that
 MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Mercer), Pa--DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.

 MELLETTE COUNTY (P, O. White River), So. Dak.-BOND SALE:
 MIAMI TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P, O, Yeltow
 814.5005 Folnt high sechool constr, honds auth. sec. 7669, Gen. Code.

 the County Prowscating Attorney.
YKILAM COUNTY (P. O. Cameron County), Texas-NO ACTION offering of the 815.000 515\% Road Dlstriet No. 9 romaldeonstruction bonds voted Oct. 311916 Denom. S1.000. Dato March 1 1917 . Intereat
annually on March 1. Due March 111057 , subsect to call $\$ 1,000$ yearly. MONROE COUNTY (P, O. Bloomington), Ind- NOND SALLE-On


 MONROE COUNTY (P. OO. Aberdoen). Mine, BONDS VOTED.-
 structionand equtpment boonds (V. 104, D. 181) wore awarded, it to stated, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P, O, Dayton), Ohio.-BOND OFFERR-

 for 3500 , payabie to thi Co Trese required kidi

MONTROSE, Montraso County, Colo-BOND SALE-ELECTION. Were awarded on Dec. 29 last $\$ 80,000$ refoulding water bondr at par for ds. This sale fs made sublect to the result of an elfetion to be held Feb. 20.
at which the questlon of esulms these bonds will be submitted to the voters. MOUNTAIN PARK. Kiowa County, Okla. - BOND SALE.-A, J.
MeMahon of Oklaboma City has purchased $\$ 1.5006 \%$ 25-year electric light bonds.. Date Dec. 15 1916. Int. J. \& D. MURRAY, Calloway County, Ky.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed pro-
posals wil bn recelved muth 12 m . Yob. 12 by O . M. \&moot, City Clerk, for

 MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, Mukkgon County, Mich-- BOND SALE, Loan \& Co. of Detroit at 101.90 for 4V8. Denom. $\$ 500$, Dato Jian. 1
1017. Tntann. on Jan. 1. Due Jan. 11035 ,
MUSKOGEE, Muakogee County, Okta-BOND SALE.-An fesue 0
 NASHYILLE Tenn--BONDS PROPOSED-LOcal papara atate that

 statlon equipment: $\$ 130.000$ Mcredtan St. viadnct buliding: $\$ 30,000$
 systom instalintion: 825.000 Canetio \&rary Brackner property; purchiso ening: $810,000 \mathrm{Middleton}$ Ave. Daving and ext, $\$ 66,000$
ng and $\$ 45,000$ clty hospital park purchase aid nurso'd home erection bonds.
NEILL'S CREEK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lillington), Harnett County, offering on Feb. 12 of the $\$ 15,0006 \%$ coupon road construction bonds day 104, D. 380. There bonds will be sold at public auction at 12 m . on that 1917. Prin. and semlanny. int. (, \& \& A.), payable at some bank in N. Y. or arrangements for kome other bank to sutt purchaser Due Jan. 1.1937 . Cert. chick or cash red val. 1916, $\$ 311,695$; actual value, $\$ 990.000$,
NEWARK, N. J-TEMPORARY LOANS,-The Following loans, both
 31/2\% int., plus $\$ 23.75$ premium.
NEW MEXICO, State of - BONDS PROPOSED.-Repors state that bills provilitis for the Istuance of \$125,000 Capitol Buldiling addition und
B100.000 Hall of Justice erection bonds were sintroduced in the State sonto on Jan 22 O
NEWTON COUNTY (P, O. Decatur), Miss--BOND SALE.-The purchased, reports state, $\$ 50,000$ Beat 1 road construction bonds at 101 . BONDS VOTED. Reports state that the propostton to lssue 812.000 on Jan. 21. NEW WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Now WIIAon), Carter
County, Okla.-DBSCRIPTION OF BONDS.-The $\$ 10.000$ b $\%$ bulding
 (V. 104, p. 380 ) aro in the denom. of 3500 . Int. paynble seml-annually. NEZPERCE LOCAL SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Nezperce), Lewie County, Idaho.-BOND oFFERING.-
Sealed bids will be recelvod until $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Feb. 9 by the Sewer Commitea ror 83,000 10-year sewer-constr. bonds at not exceeding $6 \%$ int Denom,
8500 . Cert. check for $\$ 2,500$, payable to the VIl. Treas., required. The
 S150,000. These bonds to be a Hen upon the property in proposod sower
ilstrict, and are not a direct obllgation against the vilaze. Alt blds to distriet, and aro not a direct obligatlon against the viltage, All blds to
bo mado subsecto tho legality of the lisuev: purchaser to bo ailowed 30 day
NLAGARA FALLS, Niagara County, N. Y.-BOND OFDERTNG,-

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NOBLE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Union Mills), La Porto

 to Jan. 15 1922, incl. Cert, check ror $5 \%$ of amount bid, required. 5 NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham, Mass. - NoTE SALE.-On
Jan. 30 the lssue of $\$ 10,000 \mathrm{i} \%$ notes was awarded to Cortus \& Sanger or

Blodzet \& $\&$ C bidders were:
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NORWICH, Chenango County, N. Y.- BoND OFRERTG, -Ed. E.
Int. J. \& D, Due Dec, 11919 Feb. if the rollowins $5 \%$ bonds: br sale at public auction at $2 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{m}$. on 37,00000 special appropritition bonds. Denom. 15 for 8100,2 for $\$ 500$.
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 to the City Chamberiam, Cequired
 Y NUECES COUNTY (P. O. Corruan Christi, Toxas- - No ACTION


OXFORD, Butlor County, Ohio.-BONDS AUTHORIZED - Ro$5 \%$ street-paving assesment bonds. Dua from 1918 to 1027 . OZAN DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO, 2, Hompatead County, Ark-
 PARADIS Cert. cack for $\$ 1,000$ requircd.
County Cisk ir irigation district (P. o. Paradine), Butte
 PARKE COUNTY (P. O. Rockvilio), Ind- BOND SALE,-On


-This bid was for the 88.385 issue.
PARKERS PRAIRIE, OUtertail County, Minn--BONDS VOTED.--
 PAWTUCKET, Providence County, R. I - LOAN AUTHORIZED:this elty to borrow 8300,000 for school purposce. PERCH LAKE TOWNSHIP (P O. Cloquat), Carlion County,

PICKAWAY COUNTY (P, O. Circloville), Ohio- BOND SALE-





Y (P.O. T
 Reports state ohat the proposition to ssue $\$ 2,000,000$ bonds for the pur-
chase of land to be used as an army division headquarters (V, 103, D. 2360 )
was defeated at the election held was dereated at the election held Jan. 6 .
PLATTE COUNTY (P. O. Wheatland), Wyo-BOND OFFERING.-
 Prin. and seml-ann. int, J, \& J.-payable at thebo. Dato Jan. 1917. Bros., N, X, An unconditionai cert, check on a national bank in W Yom-
ing for $\$ 10,000$ requifed. Bldders must satisfy themselves as to the legaling for $\$ 10,000$ requifed. Bidders must satisfy themselves as to the legal-
Ity of the bonds. All bids must bo unconditional. POINTE COUPEE PARISH (P. O. Now Roads), La,-BOND sALE.
The Hibernta Bank \& Trust Co. of New Orleans has been awarded, reThe Mrbernta Bank \& Trust Co. Of Now Orleans has been
Dorts state, $\$ 10,000$ Road Dist. No. 3 road bonds at 100.125 . PORT HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P, O. Port Huron), St. Clair

 PORTLAND, Ore- - BOND $S A L E$.-On Jan. 23 . $\$ 6,6006 \%$ 10 -year
atreet-improvement bonds were purchased, it is stated, by the efy at par, POWESHIEK COUNTY (P. O. Montezuma), Iowa--DESCRIPTION
OF BONDS.-The $\$ 50000$ (P) OF BONDS,-The $\$ 50,00045 \%$ brldge-bullding bondsawarded at 101,214 , port $\mathrm{V} .104, \mathrm{D} .381-\mathrm{aro}$ in the denom, of si 1.000 and dated Jan. Daven- 1917.
$\mathrm{Int} . \mathrm{M} . \& \mathrm{~N}^{2}$. Due $\$ 10.000$ yearly from 1927 to 1931 , Inclusivo. RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O, Winehester), Ind. HOND OFEFRTNG.
 30.800 Chas, F. Spitler et al, road bonds. Denom, 20 for $\$ 1,000$ and 20 Date.Jan. 11017 . Int. M. \& N . Due one-twentieth of each fesue each
six months from May 151918 to Nov. 151927 Incl. ROCHESTER, N. Y. NOTE SALE -On Jan,
notes, atgregring s325.000, maturing oight months thom three fssues of (V. ${ }^{104, ~} \mathrm{D}_{2} 381$ ) wero awarded to Hemphill. White \& Chamberlain, of


ROANOKE COUNTY (P. O. Salom), Va, BONDS DEFEATED,tho election hel.5an. 16 resulted in the defeat, it is stated, of the proposi-
bonds.-V. $\$ 104,000$ Cave Spring Magisterlai District road-construction
b. 182 .

## ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY (P. O. Lexington), Va.-BOND OFFER

 ING.-Sealed blds will bo recived unth 12 mig March 5 by $\Lambda$. T. Shiolds,County Clerk, for $\$ 10,00041 / 2 \%$ bonds, dated April 21917 . SRER ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. BOND OFFERING.--
Proposals will be recolyed untf 12 m . Feb, 12 by Frank Mitchell, Vilage Olerk, for $\$ 50,00041 / \%$ sewor and sowage disposal prank Mitchell, Viltage
bonds, auth. Soes. $3939-3953$, Gen. Code. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Date Dortion)
1916 , Dec 1916. Int, A. \& O, at Rocky River Savs, \& Banking Co. Rocky River,
Dugeach six monthis as follows: si,000 April 11921 to Oct. 1 1925, incl.;
 check for $\$ 500$, payable to the Village Treas, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 15 days from
timo of award.
ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP, Butler County, Ohio,-BONDS VOTED.-
The question of issulng 810,000 school-buiding bonds carried at the The question of issuing 810,000 school-buliding bonds carried at the ST. FRANICS DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O, Piggot), Clay and
Greene Counties, Ark.-BONDS PROPOSED.-Local papera state that a bill providing for tho Issuance of $\$ 75,000$ drainage bonds has been intro-
duced in the state Legislature,
SAN AUGUSTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. (opt.) bonds at par, int. and cost of peinting bonds. Date Oct. 311916 .
Int. semi-annuat. SAN DIEGO SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Diego County, Calif.-

SANDPOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Sandpoint) Bonner County, $\begin{aligned} & \text { which was to haty been bold Jan. } 17 \text { to vote on the question of issuing the }\end{aligned}$ sostponed.
pos.
SCOTLAND NECK, Halifax County, No. Caro-BONDS REFUSED refused to accept the $880,0005 \%$ coupon water-works and sowerage bonds SHaded
SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lorain County,
Ohio. BONDS DEFEATED,-The question of tssuing 50,600 butding Ohio. - BONDS DEFEATED,-The question of tssuing $\$ 9,600$ buttdine
bonds was defeated at the election beld Jan. 23 by a voto of 4 "for" to 54 "against." it is stated.
SHREVEPORT, Caddo County, La.-BOND SALE.-On Jan. 29 public auction to ecrst Nat. Bank of shroveport and the Hero awarded at
Frust Co. of New Orleals Bank \& wrust Co. of New Orleans for $\$ 497,100(102.283)$ and lnt. Other bids
 Field, Richards \& Co. Cincinnati............ Commerctal National Bank, Shrev
Mercantile Trust Co., 8t. Louls...
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SOUTHAMPTON, Suffolk County, N. Y, HONDS VOTED.-At an
election held Jan. 27 this town voted election held Jan. 27 this town voted 233 to
to issue $\$ 50,000$ streat-improvement bonds.
SPARKS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sparka), Washoe County, Nev, BOND ELEECTION,-Reports state that an election will be held to-
day (Feb. 3) ta vote on the question of issuing $\$ 30.000$ bollding bonds, STAMFORD, Jones County, Tex.-BONDS DEREATED.-According
to reports, the election held Dec, 30 resulted in defoat of tho propostion to to reports, the election held Dcc, 30 r
issue $\$ 15.000$ city-hall erection bonds.
 for the foltowing $5 \%$ ditch bondat.
$\$ 6.17286$ Wobith diftel bonds. Denom. 1 for $\$ 68286,9$ ror $\$ 610$. 4528 30 Orlger ditch bonds. Donom. Ifor $\$ 478,30,9$ for $\$ 450$.
bate Jan. 21917 . Int, fiomt-anmat, Due on Dec. I rom 1917 to 1926, STEUBEN COUNTY (P, O, Angola), Ind,-BOND OFFERING,-
Proposals will be recelved until $1 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{m}$. Mar, 8 by Frank T , Dote, Co. Treas, for $\$ 15,0004 \% \%$ soldfer's monument bonds. Denom. 12 for $\$ 1,000$,
2 for $\$ 1,500$. Int. J. \& 1 Due $\$ 1,000$ each six months from Jan. I 1918

 31-yr, averago school bonds V. V. 104, D, 183 - were awarded to Rudolph five other bidders.
PULLIVAN TOWNSHIP CENTRALIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT posals will berccelved until 12 m . Feb, 10 by F, M. Smith, Clerk Board of
 1918 to 8ept. 1 1937, inclasive. Certifled check for 81,000 , payabte at sight
to the above Clerk, required. Ponds to be delivered and pald for witain to the above Olerk, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within
ten days rom dato of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.
SWITZERLAND COUNTY (P, O. Vovay) Ind.-BOND OFPERING. Feb 15 , it is reportex, for $\$ 6.640415 \%$ bighway-mprovement bondi.




 TAHLEQUAH CHE BONDS. Tho $\$ 30.0005 \%$ water-works oxt, bonds awarded recently at 97.05 and int. to G. 1. Gubert of Oldahoma Gity (V, 104, p. 283 ) aro in the
denom, of $\$ 1.000$ and dated Jan. 11017 , Int.J. \&J. Due Jan. 41042 . TANGIPAHOA PARISH (P. O. Amite), La,-DOND SAL.E.-On
Jan. 22 the $3100,0005 \%$ 30-yr, serial road const, bonds (V. 104, p. 183) Jan. 22 tho $3100,0005 \% 30-y r$, seria rod const, bonds (V. 104, P. 183)
were awarded to the Hiberna Bank \& Trust Co. of New Orleans at 101.273 and int. County
Int. semi-annual
TECUMSEH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO, 7 (P, O. Tecumeh), lenawoe
County. Mich.- HOND OFFERING,- Proposnts will bo rocelycd until $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Feb. 7 by O, ह, Hatcerson, 8 ce . Bd. of Rd. for $320,00013 \%$ coup. at Tecumseh Stato Savinge Bank. Due Jan. 1 10s2. Cert. Cheele for

 $\$ 25.000$ ose water and gowerago bonds were awarded to Jolm W. Diclocy of
Augusta at 101,06 . Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Date Jan. 11017 . Int. J. \& J. TENSAS PARISH ( $\mathbf{P}$
Turther detalls aro at hand rolatlyo to the offeritio on Peb, 13 of tho $\$ 16,000$


NEW LOANS

## NOTICE OF SALE

## of

## $\$ 915,0005 \%$ Refunding and Improvement Bonds of the

## Municipalify of San Juan, Porto Rico







Suih of sald bonds as maturo after January 1at, 1933, will be subject to redomption at the optlon Or the Muntclpaltiy at 105 per ceant or their par value on sald date or on any interest payment date


 sehaist Co. 4 Willam 8t., New York City,
The bonds will be delivered at such banking house in
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 interath the muncipailty 18 obidgatod to liyy an additional tax, fortho purpose, upon all taxable "eal and personal propariy of the munfelpality; the Treasurer of Porto Rico is directed by law to elpal and taterest on thcso bonds; and by ordinance, duly enacted, of the Munjcipal Councll of 8 an Rico, out of which the payment of intercat and principal shall be made as thoy become due.
 or Porto Rico.
Thousano Doltare the purchase of sald boods must be accompantid by a cortified check for Twenty Banks dotng business in Porto Rico payabo to tho Mayor of tho Oity of San Juan or by cant to sald
 had completlon of thio contract. The doposits of unsucceosful biddera will be Immedrately roturned after the awarding of tho bonds.
Btda ny bidder may bo present at the opening of tho proposats elther in person or by agent or attorney.

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hatr hour atter the moro proposids aro equaly benericta, vorbal biading will be carryod on for one
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of the Board or Alyand is held. bidee railng te matke payment within twenty-four hours, or the purchase price of bonds
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awarded to him at tho tmo and at the placo at which such bonds are ofrered to ham, shail forfeit all Eight to such bonds and to tho deposit accompanying his bld
These bonds aro Lisuced in accordanco with authortity of the Act of Congross of Auril 12, 1000.
 other purposes," and of the statutes or Porto Rico now in forco and of ordinanees of the Munictpal Datod at San Juan, Porto Rilco, Decomber 20, i910.
R. I. TODD,
Mayor of tho Mrumtelpality
of San Juan

Were awarded to Morgan \& Bartlett of N. Y. for 8100,80575 (100.805) and
int. Other bids were: int. Other bids were: $\$ 100,74038 \mid$ Remick, Hodges $\&$ Co..... $\$ 100620$ Bond \& Goodwin
Balomon Bros. \&
Buter 100,725
00
 UKIAH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ukiah), Mendocino County
Calif.-BOND ELECTION.-Reports state that an election will be held Feb, io to vote on the question of lssuing 860,000 high-school-bldg, bonds. URBANA, Champaign County, Ohio-BOND OFFERING,-H. M. S10,000 4/f\% $17-$-yr. Dogan St, bridgg bonds, auth. Sess. 3939 and 3992 ,
 to pay accrued interest,
VAN BUREN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Summitville), Madison

 bonds in amount required and in an approved form, free of cost
 schoot-rection bonds carriod. it is stated, at the election held Jan. 17 by a vote of 152 to 68 .
VICTORIA, Victoria County, Tex.-BOND ELEOTION.-The quesit is stated, on Fob.20.
VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.-BOND SALE.- On Jan 22 an ssue of s4.150 $4 \%$ road bonds was awarded to Brecd. Ellilott $\$^{\circ}$ 1916. Int. M. $\& \mathcal{N}$.
Using nowspaper reports we stated in V, 104, D. 381, that an lssue of
\$4, 500 bonds fand been sold, we now learn that the salo was erroneous.

## NEW LOANS.

## \$130,000.00

Road District No. 2, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana

$5 \%$ ROAD BONDS.

8ealed blds will be recolved by the Presideme of the Board of Supervisori or Road District Romber stato of Loulstana, uar to the 15th day or PEBRUARY, 1917 , for $\$ 130.000$ oo rive per cont thirty (30 ycare Good Roads Sertal Bonds, Serfes parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Loulsdana. ombraclng the entire Third Ward as now const1-
tuted Jsued by sala Road District No. 2 upon unanimous voto of tho legally qualifled property
tax payers, under provtions of Article 281 of the Connaters, under Drovisions or Article 281 or tha ments thereto, and Act No. 190 of the Lousdana
Legistature of 1916 . Issued golely for construe Leglatature or 1950. Isued sololy for construcRon improvement and mmintenance or Gravel
Roads in sadd Road District under supervision of the Loulstana State Highway Departiment. Denomination of bonds, 31,000 00 mituring
serlatly from December $3 i$, 1917 to Devomber 31, 1946. Interest payable seml-amually, DePrincipal and laterest payable at the ofrice of the Treasurer of sald Road Diatrict in the orty of Bank of New York. New Yorlc Cty. N. Y.. A0 tho option of the holder. Yoad District Number Tax will bo lovied by Pollce Jury to meet payment due in 1917 .
Purchaser or purchasers of bonds may denlgnate depository of funds, provided it moots with ap-
proval of Board and ample securlty be siven for Cherif sar keeping.
Oed check for $\$ 5,000$, 00 requtrod with each And, as evidence or good pant the favorable optinton of any Attorney to be rendered arter the bla his been made will be rejected, all lnvestlgationa as to and neconsary data will bo furnished foe that purpore further information address R. T. Gibbens, president Board of Supervisonil Bakee, La.. or
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 WAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wake County, No. CaroD. 2449 were awarded to R. M. Grant: Co. or Chicaza at 104.30. WALDEN, Jacknon County, Colo--BOND SALE.-The Bankers
 WARREN COUNTY (P, O. Williammport), Ind. BOND OFFGRTNG, Treasurer, for 82,500 d\% 6 -year aver. coup. tax-frce John W. County
 nctustro.
WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon, Ohio-BOND SALE.-On
 Thee Oitizens' Natlonal Bank or Lebanon, bldding 81,92950 and Itt., was
the only otber bidder. Warre
Ohio.-BONDS YOTED.-Thict (P. O. Warren), Trumbull County 1 mprovement bonds carried at thu Nov. 1016 electlon. Duo from 1938 to


WATERTOWN, Codington County, So. Dak- BOND ELEGTION. Gucailon papers stato that an election will bo held Fob. 13 to vote on tho
 nt honds.
WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68 (P. O. Ln Salle).
 WHEATLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wheat-



Local papers stat, Milwaukeo County, Wisc.- BONDS AUTHORIZEDD-providing for the issuance of high-school bldg. bonds.
WEST ASHEVILLE (P. O. Atheville), Buncombe County, No. Caro.



 WILDWOOD, Cape May County, N. J. - BOND SMLE.-On Jan. 29 Was anarded to R. M. Grate \& Co se of Now York, for 8141,100 (10i.042) I. L. Oraivford \& \& Co.

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 WILLAMINA, Yamhill County Ore- - BOND SALE: Th Willamma






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## NEW LOANS.

Notice of Intention to Issue and Sell \$16,800 Water Works 6 Per Cent Bonds of, by and for the Town of Big Sandy, of Chouteau County, Montana, at Public Auction, to the Bidder Offering the Highent Price Therefor.

## STATE OF MONTANA, OOUN WY OF OHOUREA, TOWN OB BIG BANDY,

Pursuant to the anthority of Ordinance No. 45 Montana, pasexi and approved the 15th day of January, $A$. D. 1917, authorising and dirccting safd town:
Waterworks honds of the town of Big Sandy, of Choutead County, Montana, to an aggregate gum or $\$ 16,800$ comprised of 16 bonds numbered $\$ 1.000$ oach, and one bond numbered 17 for 8800 , at dated December 1st, A. D, 1916. absolutely due and payable December 1st, A, D, 1936, but after Decomber 1st. A. D: 1927, bearing Interest from thelr date until pald at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum, payable semt-annually on the 1st day of January, and July, respectively. in each year, both principal and interest thereot payable
at the Natlonal Bank of Commerce in the City and State of New York, U. S. A. HEREBY GIVEN
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE hat the bonds aroresald will, at coe councir chamof Ohouteau County, Montana, on Thursday to-wit: the 1st day of March, A. D. 1917 , at the
hour of 2 o'clock $\mathrm{M} . \mathrm{M}$, at public auctlon be sold to the bldder offering the highest price therefor At sald public auction tho succossfal bidder will be required to deposto with the town clerk a cortiffed check payable to his order in the sum of
34,000 , which check will bo hotd by the town and forfeited to it should the purchaser fall to take up and pay for sald bonds when presented to him. Sandy, of Chouteau County, Montana, made this 15 th day or January. A, D. 1917. (SIgned) E. J. OARSSOW,
President of the Council.
AEtest:
(8igned) HANS H. LEHBELDT,

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## NEW LOANS.

Notice of Intention to Issue and Sel $\$ 12,500$ Sewer 6 Per Cent Bonds of, by and for the Town of Big Sandy, of Chouteau County, Montana, at Public Auction, to the Bidder Of fering the Highest Price Therefor GTATE OF MONTANA,
COUNTY OF OHOUNEAU,
TOWN OF BIG SANDY,
Pursuant to the authority of Ordinainco No, 45
of the town of Hif Sandy, Choutan County of the town of Bis Sandy, Choutoat County
Montana, ppassed ond approyed January 15th; isem. 1917 , authorizng and directing the adver namely:
Sewer Bonds of the town of Big Saddy, of Chou teau County Montana; to an amount agraregutin
he principal sum of $\$ 12.500$ comprised of honds numbered consecutively trom one to woveve both numbers inclustyo. of tho donomination of
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cent per annum, payable semi-annually on tho first days of January and July. respectively. In each year, both principat and interest thereor
payablent the National Bank or Commerce, in the cley and state or New York, U. S. A. PUBLIO NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of he town Council of tho town of BI Bandy, o-wit the 1st day of March A. D our of 2 o-clock P. M., at public anction, be sold to the bldder ofrering the halghest price there
At sald auction the successful bldder will be re uired to deposit with the town clerk a certiried vhich check will be held by the town and forfeited it should the purchaser fail to take up and pas BY ORDER of tho council of the town of BI 15 th day of Jancaad Counter, Mintana, mado this (SEAL)
(Signed) HANS H. LEHPELDT,

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## NEW LOANS

## \$150,000

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SERIAL GOLD BONDS
 and opened at a meoting of thio Roard of Commis tioners of the Lafourcho Batin Leyee District to vile, La on sald day ard dnte, for the purchas tollars of serial pold bonds of the Lafo (\$150.000) Levee District in denominations of $\$ 1.000$ Basin er cent bering interest at the rate of five (5) n five to ton years from date, to mature serialy ssued in accordanco with the provistons of Act An bids mus be addressed to the undergigned nd superscribed: "Bld for Berlal Bonds of the
Tafourche Basin Levee Dlytlet. Kach bld muat enccompanied by a certiffed check for one thous of Commissloners of the Lafourche Basin Leve District.
Purther Further information will be furnished upon The right is reserved to reject any and oul blds Secretary, Board of Commlasioners, Lafourche Becretary, Board or Commlosioners, Lafourch

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upon. Bonded debt, Including this issue, \$818,000; floating debt, \$17, 000; cash in sinking funds, $\$ 10,000$; a
WOODBURY COUNTY (P.O. Sioux City), Iowa,-BONDS AUTHOR-IZED,-Local papers state that the Board of
authorized the Issuance of $\$ 100,000$ road bonds,
WORCESTER, Mass.-BIDS. -The other bids received for the loan of $\$ 200,000$ awarded to $\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{O}$. Grafton at $1 \%$ discount, plus $\$ 125$ premium on Jan. 18 were as follows- $\dot{V}$. 104 , D. 1 , 284 :
Gurtls esanger- $\qquad$ Park Trust Co
National Discount. G. S. Mosetey \& Jackson \& Curtis


a Plus \$1 premlum. ל Plus \$10 premium.

WYOMING COUNTY (P. O. Waraaw, N.Y.-BOND SALE,-On Jan. 29 the $\$ 58,0004 \% 8$-year averago road bonds (V. 104, p. 284 were awarded to Adams \& Co., of N. Y Y 100.93 i 1 Wm . R. Compton Co......... 100.517

 YADKINVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Yadkinville), Yadkin County, No. Caro.-BOND OFFERING.-Bids will be recelved untit $2 \mathrm{D}, \mathrm{m}$, Fob, 5 by the County Bo
building bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$.
YATES CENTER, Woodson County, Kan-BOND ELEOTION PROPOSED.-Reports state that an election will be held shortly to vote
on the questions of issuing $\$ 30,000$ water-worlos system and $\$ 20,000$ electric light system bonds.
YELLOW SPRINGS VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Yellow Springs), Greene County, Ohio. BOND OFFERING.-Proposals will
 Denom, $\$ 500$. Dato Mar, 11917 , Int, M, \& S. Due $\$ 500$ yrly, on Mar,
1 from 1918 to 1936, Incl, and $\$ 1.000$ yry, on Mar, i from 1937 to 1942 ; inel. Cert. check for $3 \%$ of bonds bid for, payable to the Dist. Treas.,
required. required. Purchaser to pay accued interents without claarge to the district and pay tor bonds Mar.

Canada, Its Provinces and Municipalities.
BRIGDEN, Ont.-DEBENTURE ELECTION.-It is stated that the proposition to issue $\$ 4.000$, is is stated. mitted to
CAMERON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Man-DEBENTURE ELECTION, Nowspaper roports, state that an electlon has been called for Feb, 3 to
decide whether or tot this district shall Issue $\$ 1,500$ school debentures. CAMPBELLTON, N. B.-DEBENTURE SALE.-On Jan 22 the $\$ 35,0005 \%, 30-y$ ear. water and ight debentures (V. 104, D. 281) were awarded to J, M. Robinson \& Sons, or St. John, At 98.05 .1 Deb. 1947.
and $\$ 1,000$. Date Feb. 11017 . Int. F. \& A. Due Feb.

CHILLIWACK, B, C.-DEBENTURE $B A L E,-$ Reports state that Brent, Noxon \& Co. have purchased the $\$ 4,663$
ment debentures mentioned in V. 104. p. 91.

FORT WILLIAM, Ont.-DEBENTURES VOTED.-The proposition to issue $\$ 80,000$ debentures for collegiate purposes carried at an election held Jan. 1, it is stated.
GALT, Ont.-DEBENTURE SALE.-On Jan. 23 an issue of $\$ 7,000$ $51 / 2 \%$ 30-instaliment water-works debentures was aw
Bank for $\$ 7,149$, equal to 102,128 , it is reported.
HALDIMAND COUNTY (P, O. Cayuga), Ont,-DEBENTURE SALE OnJan. 20 this county disposed解 LAWSON, Sask.-DEBENTURE $S A L E$.- Newspaper reports state
that W. L. McKinnon \& Co., of Regina, recently purchased $\$ 2.700$ debs. LETHBRIDGE, Alta--DEBENTURE SALE.-Local newspaper roports state that the Canada Bond Corporation, of Toronto, has purchased an issue of $\$ 17,0005 \%$ 20-year debentures.
QUEBEC, Que.-DEBENTURE SALE,-On Jan. 26 an issue of $\$ 780.000$ $5 \%$ gold coupon debentures was awarded to Wood, Gundy \& Co. or for debentures maturing Feb. 1 1927. The other bidders were:
R.M. Grant \& Co., Boston.
C. H. Burgess \& Co.. Toron
C. H. Burgess \& Co. Toranto
A. E. Ames \& Co. Toronto
O. Meredith \& Co., Montreal
G. A. Stiruson \& Co... Torento

Rene T. Leclerc, Montreal.
A. E. Jaryis \& Co., Toronto
Equitable Trust Co., New York.
Hornblower \& Weelis. New York.
W. A. Mackenzle \& Co., Toronto-

Harris, Forbes \& Co.. Montreal ....................................................................
Dominion Securities Corp, and Wm. A. Read \& Co. Montr
Nesbitt,Thompson \& Co, and National City Bank, Montreai 97.47
${ }^{*}$ Prus $\$ 60$ premium.
Denom. $\$ 1.000$. Date Feb. 11917 . Principal and semi-annual Interest
-F, \& A.-in Montreal or New York. Due Feb. 11927 . ST. HYACINTHE, OUe,
made on Jan. 24 of the Que.-DEBENTURES NOT SOLD.- No sale was SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS,-DEBENTURE OFFERINASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL The Local Government Board at Regina is offoring ror sale on FNG. 6 , reports state, the following $7 \% 10-$ installment school district
Feb.
debentires: $\$ 1.800$ Holbeck, $\$ 1,200$ Malden, $\$ 1,500$ Wolf Willow and dobentures: $\$ 1,80$
$\$ 1,000$ shamrock.
DEBENTURE SALE. The following school district debentures are reported as haying beon recontly sold by the Local Government Board: \$1,400 Muldred School District.
1.800 Tangleflage School District.

WELLWOOD, SCHOOL DISTRICT, Man,-DEBENTURE ELECWELLWOOD, SCHOOL DISTRACT, Man,-DEBENTURE ELEC-
TTON, The queston of issulng $\$ 16,000$ school-bulding debentures will be
submited to a vote on Feb. 6 , it stated.

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