



### 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 and is as follows:

"Unless the Imperial Government 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 behalf 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 nation, 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 it difficult 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 Tcheco-Slovaques 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 carries discrimination and espionage and difficulty of ascertainment 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 "every 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 ill-directed 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 deemed 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 seems 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 "unrestricted 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 12½ cents, representing a precipitate break of more than 5 cents per pound. In the grain markets the first shock produced reductions of 7½ 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 French 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 have sailed for Liverpool to-day, have been requested by Washington authorities to delay the steamer's departure until further notice. A 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 cruiser 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. . . . No 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 home. 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  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  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 subscriber, having invested \$10,000,000. The large subscribers include:

Prudential Assurance Company.....	\$100,000,000
Standard Life Assurance Company.....	15,000,000
Phoenix Insurance Company.....	15,000,000
Royal Insurance Company.....	15,000,000
Refuge Assurance Co.....	12,500,000
United Kingdom Temperance Assurance Company.....	10,000,000
Pearl Insurance Company.....	8,000,000
Guardian Insurance Company.....	6,600,000
British Dominions Assurance Company.....	6,250,000
Royal London Mutual Insurance Company.....	6,250,000
London Life Assurance Company.....	5,000,000
Star Assurance Company.....	5,500,000
Sun Insurance Company.....	5,000,000
Britannic Assurance Company.....	3,750,000
Royal London Assurance Company.....	1,250,000
Eagle Insurance Company.....	500,000

Other large blocks of stock are distributed as follows:

London County Council.....	\$35,000,000
Imperial Tobacco Company.....	12,500,000
City of London Corporation.....	10,000,000
Furness, Withy, Limited.....	5,000,000
Metropolitan Carriage, Wagon & Finance Co., Birmingham.....	5,000,000
Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society.....	5,000,000
Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows.....	4,000,000
W. Cory & Sons.....	3,750,000
Anglo-Argentine Tramways Company.....	3,250,000
Houlder Brothers & Co., Limited.....	2,500,000
Leada Corporation.....	1,250,000
Dunlop Rubber Company, Limited.....	1,250,000

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 cash 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 £11,556,000, 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, or 1.2%. Foreign Government stocks advanced £9,396,000, or 1.8%. Home rails increased £1,815,000, or 0.9%, and South Africans gained £1,362,000, 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 index number is based 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 chief article 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 however. 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 francs, of which 1,034,300 francs 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 francs, as against 14,034,413,320 francs 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:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.				
Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week	Status as of		
		Feb. 1 1917.	Feb. 3 1916.	Feb. 4 1915.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In Bank..... Inc.	9,194,650	3,336,096,050	5,019,580,549	4,234,050,593
Abroad..... Inc.	1,034,300	1,795,157,100	-----	-----
Total..... Inc.	10,138,950	5,131,163,150	5,019,580,549	4,234,050,593
Silver..... Dec.	2,687,000	279,283,000	353,149,517	366,957,709
Note circulation..... Inc.	186,128,000	17,514,326,000	14,034,413,320	10,646,212,765
General deposits..... Inc.	35,339,000	2,310,048,000	1,909,550,633	2,298,035,814
Bills discounted..... Inc.	14,814,000	710,193,000	468,980,266	245,357,329
Advances..... Dec.	9,518,000	1,268,255,000	1,274,582,002	884,779,637
Treasury deposits..... Inc.	3,304,000	52,006,000	114,938,743	63,362,378

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%, compared 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 substantial sum of £29,545,000, 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 £35,513,000, which compares with £36,938,580 a year ago and £51,271,657 in 1915. Loans aggregate £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:

	1917. Jan. 31.	1916. Feb. 2.	1915. Feb. 3.	1914. Feb. 4.	1913. Feb. 5.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	39,601,000	34,199,420	34,826,925	28,439,095	28,008,365
Public deposits.....	44,764,000	58,245,525	38,611,418	10,722,058	18,206,092
Other deposits.....	168,777,000	98,533,710	123,935,641	51,793,690	38,238,051
Govt. securities.....	160,373,000	32,838,661	21,324,358	11,255,998	13,035,483
Other securities.....	35,727,000	105,140,129	108,088,718	35,992,752	34,986,378
Reserve notes & coin.....	35,513,000	36,938,556	51,271,657	33,366,041	26,573,302
Coin and bullion.....	56,604,712	52,657,976	67,648,582	43,355,136	36,191,667
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	16.60%	23.55%	31.13%	53.38%	47%
Bank rate.....	5½%	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 mks.; Treasury notes were increased 49,613,000 mks.; notes of other banks declined 66,000 mks.; bills discounted showed the huge decrease of 441,878,000 mks.; advances increased 816,000 mks.; investments expanded 9,920,000 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 mks. The Imperial Bank's gold holdings aggregate 2,523,184,000 mks. At this date a year ago the total was 2,451,980,000 mks., and in 1915 2,145,060,000 mks. Loans and discounts now stand at 7,385,020,000 mks., against 5,463,900,000 mks. in 1916 and 3,760,840,000 mks. the year preceding. Circulation is 7,650,893 mks., compared with 6,274,100,000 mks. and 4,483,680,000 mks. one and two years ago, respectively.

Official rates at the leading European centres have remained at 5% in Paris, Vienna and Copenhagen; 5½% in London, Italy, Portugal and Norway; 6% in Petrograd, and 4½% in Switzerland, Holland and Spain. In London the private bank rate is still quoted at 5@5½% for sixty and ninety day bills. Berlin continues to report 4½% as the nominal private bank rate at that centre. No reports have been received by cable of open market rates at other European centres, so far as we have been able to ascertain. Call money in London has not been changed from 3½%.

Very little change has developed in the local money situation, rates showing no substantial indication of the demands upon the capital market. The over-subscription 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 subscriptions, while those subscribing 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 16 1918. 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 5½% 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 vaults 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 1¾@3%, against 1¾@2% a week ago. Monday 1¾% was the low and ruling quotation and 2% high. On Tuesday 2% continued the maximum and was also the renewal basis, with 1¾% low. Wednesday the range was again 1¾@2%, though renewals went back to 1¾%. 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 2½@3%, ninety days and four months at 2¾@3% and five months at 3%; six months, however, moved up to 3@3¼%, 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 2½@2¾%, ninety days at 2¾%, four months at 2¾@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,  $3\frac{1}{4}@3\frac{1}{2}\%$ , with a substantial amount of the business passing at the lower figure. Names not so well known still require  $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ . Banks' and bankers' acceptances have shown less activity. Closing quotations are:

	Ninety Days	Spot Delivery	Sixty Days	Thirty Days	Delivery within 30 Days
Eligible member banks	$2\frac{1}{2}@2\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}@2\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}@2\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}@2\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}@2\frac{1}{4}$
Eligible non-member bills	$2\frac{3}{4}@2\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{4}@2\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{4}@2\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{4}@2\frac{3}{4}$	$3@2\frac{3}{4}$
Ineligible bills	$2\frac{1}{2}@2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}@2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}@2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}@2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}@3\frac{1}{4}$

Prevailing rates for various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks are shown in the following:

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

CLASSES OF DISCOUNTS AND LOANS	RESERVE BANKS										
	Boston	New York	Philadelphia	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minneapolis	Kansas City	San Francisco
<b>Commercial Paper—</b>											
1 to 10 days maturity	$3\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$	3	4	4	3
11 to 30 " " "											$3\frac{1}{2}$
31 to 60 " " "	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
61 to 90 " " "	4	4	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	4	4	4	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
<b>Agricultural and Live-Stock Paper—</b>											
91 days to 6 months maturity	5	5	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	5	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	5	$5\frac{1}{2}$
<b>Promissory Notes of Member Banks—</b>											
1 to 15 days maturity	4	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$
<b>Trade Acceptances—</b>											
1 to 30 days maturity	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$
31 to 60 " " "	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$
61 to 90 " " "	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$
<b>Commodity Paper—</b>											
1 to 30 days maturity	4		$3\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$
31 to 60 " " "	4		$3\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$
61 to 90 " " "	4		$3\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$
91 days to 6 months maturity											5

OPEN MARKET DISCOUNT AND PURCHASE RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

Bankers' Acceptances.—Authorized discount rate for all Federal Reserve banks; minimum, 2%; maximum, 4%.

Trade Acceptances.—Bills with maturities of 90 days or less, purchased in open market without member bank endorsement, by New Orleans branch of Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank;  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4%.

Commercial Paper.—Bills purchased in open market by Dallas Federal Reserve Bank; 3 to 5%.

Bills of Exchange.—Bills purchased in open market by Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank;  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 5%.

Bills With or Without Member Bank Endorsement.—Bills with maturities of 90 days or less purchased in open market by St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank; 2 to 4%.

In sterling exchange circles rates still are arbitrarily maintained, just as they have been for nearly two years. Fluctuations in quotations are so slight as to be meaningless. The German submarine note, if the market had not been under such complete control, might have exercised some appreciable influence, owing to the prospects that exportations of American products might be more or less interfered with. There was, however, no important response to this factor. The British Government has by a new order arranged for the mobilization of additional foreign securities with a view of assisting in the maintenance of English exchanges. There have been large deposits of American funds in London banks since the first of the year, some estimates placing the amount at about \$400,000,000. Money conditions at home here are not sufficiently attractive to induce the return of any of these funds. But, of course, the situation may change when the bond and note issues provided by the new Revenue bill shall be offered for subscription. Furthermore, in the event of the new crisis between Washington and Berlin developing into an actual break our own Government borrowing would be correspondingly increased, and money would command higher rental rates.

Comparing with Friday of the previous week, sterling exchange on Saturday was quiet and practically unchanged; demand bills were quoted at  $4\ 75\frac{3}{4}@4\ 7577\frac{1}{2}$ , against  $4\ 75\frac{3}{4}@4\ 7580$ , while cable

transfers continued at  $4\ 76\ 7-16$  and sixty days at  $4\ 72\frac{1}{4}$ . 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  $4\ 75\frac{3}{4}@4\ 7580$ , although cable transfers and sixty days were unchanged, at  $4\ 76\ 7-16$  and  $4\ 72\frac{1}{4}$ , 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  $4\ 75\frac{3}{4}@4\ 7580$  for demand,  $4\ 76\ 7-16$  for cable transfers and  $4\ 72\frac{1}{4}$  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  $4\ 7577\frac{1}{2}$ , but cable transfers remained at  $4\ 76\ 7-16$  and sixty days at  $4\ 72\frac{1}{4}$ ; 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  $4\ 72\ 3-16$  for sixty days,  $4\ 7570$  for demand and  $4\ 76\ 7-16$  for cable transfers. Commercial sight finished at  $4\ 75\frac{3}{8}$ , sixty days at  $4\ 71\frac{1}{4}$ , ninety days at  $4\ 69\ 3-16$ , documents for payment (sixty days) at  $4\ 71\ 5-16$  and seven-day grain bills at  $4\ 74\frac{7}{8}$ . Cotton and grain for payment closed at  $4\ 75\frac{5}{8}$ .

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  $66\frac{1}{2}$ , a decline of  $3\frac{3}{8}$  points from the quotation ruling on Saturday. Demand bills on Berlin finished at  $67\frac{1}{8}$  and cables at  $67\frac{1}{4}$ , against  $69\frac{1}{2}$  and  $69\frac{5}{8}$  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  $27.81\frac{1}{2}$ , unchanged. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at  $5\ 84\frac{1}{2}$ , against  $5\ 84\frac{3}{8}$ ; cables at  $5\ 83\frac{1}{2}$ , against  $5\ 83\frac{3}{8}$ ; commercial sight at  $5\ 84\frac{3}{4}$ , against  $5\ 84\frac{3}{4}$ , and commercial sixty days at  $5\ 89\frac{1}{8}$ , against  $5\ 89$  the week preceding. Rubles finished at 28 60, against 28 60 a week ago. Lire continued their downward course and closed at 7 28 for bankers' sight and 7 27 for cables. This compares with 7 09 and 7 08, 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  $40\frac{3}{4}$  against 40 13-16, cables at  $40\frac{3}{4}$  against  $40\frac{7}{8}$ , commercial sight at 40 13-16 against  $40\frac{5}{8}$ , and commercial sixty days at 40 9-16 against  $40\frac{1}{2}$ . Swiss exchange closed at 5 01 $\frac{1}{2}$  for bankers' sight, and cables at 5 00 $\frac{3}{4}$ , comparing with 5 02 and 5 01 a week ago. Greek exchange (which is still regarded as neutral) continues to be quoted at 5 00 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 New 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:

Week ending February 2.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$9,142,000	\$6,285,000	Gain \$2,857,000
Sub-Treas. & F. R. operations.....	19,796,000	41,318,000	Loss 21,522,000
Total .....	\$28,938,000	\$47,603,000	Loss \$18,665,000

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

Banks of	February 1 1917.			February 3 1916.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England..	£ 56,664,712	£	£ 56,664,712	£ 52,687,976	£	£ 52,687,976
France..	133,440,242	11,171,320	144,611,562	200,783,240	14,126,000	214,909,240
Germany	126,159,200	855,250	127,014,450	122,676,550	2,039,500	124,716,050
Russia *..	147,486,000	11,917,690	159,403,690	161,640,000	3,937,000	165,577,000
Aus-Hunc.	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	35,784,000	30,291,000	66,075,000
Italy ..	49,132,000	567,100	49,699,100	43,607,000	4,234,000	47,841,000
Nethl. ds	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000
Nat. Bel. h	13,764,800	-----	13,764,800	10,130,500	-----	10,130,500
Switz'land	10,363,000	-----	10,363,000	6,966,000	-----	6,966,000
Sweden ..	8,822,000	93,000	8,915,000	5,931,000	228,000	6,159,000
Denmark..	6,904,000	-----	6,904,000	3,378,000	-----	3,378,000
Norway..	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Tot. week	706,651,954	70,041,670	776,693,624	747,818,266	68,105,800	815,924,066
Prev. week	705,498,898	69,917,300	775,416,198	745,794,487	67,962,590	813,757,077

\* Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of 271,806,294 held abroad.

\* The gold holdings of the Bank of Russia for both years in the above statement have been revised by eliminating the so-called gold balance held abroad.

c July 30 1914 in both years. h Aug. 6 1914 in both years.

### 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 Anglo-Saxon 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 forceful, 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 signal proof of the greater force of dignified simplicity is to be 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 vague 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 cannot escape the feeling that a simpler form of statement would have been a more powerful agency for good. And, as language loses clarity and directness by translation, if the United States Senate must spend days in discussing 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 simplicity 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 disarm—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 of 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 criticism. 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 not 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 New 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, and 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 credit associations cannot destroy the financial power and influence of New York City in the domestic and foreign trade of one 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 and with zealous regard upon 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 upon New York—but other trade centres are rapidly growing, 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 well-being, than is New 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 collects 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 rock 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 fortunes of trade it may be located. There is need for an increase of the community spirit which will bring all our cities closer 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 one 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 1916.

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 total 1,829 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 capital—i. 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:

LISTINGS ON NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.				
Bonds.	Issues for New Capital, &c.	Old Issues Now Listed.	Replacing Old Securities.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1916	1,505,530,000*	25,925,000	300,751,000	1,829,186,000
1915	451,354,514	40,329,000	45,798,786	541,192,300
1914	361,770,667	5,000,000	122,222,333	488,993,000
1913	447,815,200	25,000,000	175,250,900	648,066,100
1912	447,676,900		207,300,350	654,977,250
1911	397,563,800	35,122,000	148,148,000	580,834,400
1910	571,526,800	32,008,300	184,627,400	808,162,500
1909	712,734,963	8,479,000	377,742,637	1,098,956,500
1908	643,369,500	95,794,000	128,294,500	878,958,000
1907	246,733,914	72,302,000	101,717,086	420,813,000
<b>Stocks.</b>				
1916	479,263,618	69,751,875	418,186,265	967,161,758
1915	319,506,950	95,127,390	523,691,900	939,326,240
1914	180,383,000		441,413,300	621,796,300
1913	264,714,115		347,279,115	611,993,230
1912	463,935,140	193,956,217	507,139,433	1,165,030,790
1911	255,897,215	38,000,000	249,717,615	543,614,830
1910	304,681,590	467,175,700	467,644,255	1,239,501,545
1909	297,253,037	363,701,600	604,571,448	1,265,526,085
1908	123,977,900	248,780,200	141,169,350	513,927,450
1907	159,106,244	321,056,300	95,809,500	576,032,000

Note.—Applications for the listing of trust company receipts and of securities marked "assented" (if preparatory to reorganization), or of securities stamped "assumed" or "assessment paid"—the securities themselves having previously been listed—are not included in this table. \*Government loans are included in the above.

Year.	BONDS.			STOCKS.		
	Railroad.	Electric Ry.	Miscell.	Railroad.	Electric Ry.	Miscell.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1916	337,899,500	43,119,000	178,687,500	161,185,600	52,903,635	753,072,523
1915	325,655,100	23,810,000	191,727,200	307,827,670	149,403,200	431,095,370
1914	344,953,800	14,515,000	129,494,200	346,016,100	59,065,100	175,718,160
1913	281,291,100	83,631,000	183,144,000	242,809,650	12,139,000	357,044,580
1912	209,732,900	177,401,500	265,823,300	136,034,100	109,109,000	950,915,590,790
1911	298,003,900	177,401,500	265,823,300	136,034,100	109,109,000	950,915,590,790
1910	444,167,700	53,679,000	310,315,800	301,805,600	9,763,600	668,072,585
1909	770,590,700	37,339,000	291,116,800	742,508,115	14,002,500	569,015,470
1908	506,160,000	65,076,000	301,722,000	200,502,600	2,417,600	311,007,250
1907	267,992,000	16,072,000	136,749,000	146,750,800	20,443,400	408,837,850





in this last instance the course was reversed the latter part. The Steel Corporation made an advance of \$2 a ton in steel bars. Bessemer steel billets at Pittsburgh, after having declined in June from \$45 a ton to \$42, dropped still further to \$40 in July, but recovered to \$43 by the end of the month. Open hearth billets, after having got down to \$40 in June, but with a recovery to \$42, made further recovery in July, getting back to full \$45. Steel bars at Pittsburgh were marked down from 2.75c. per lb. to 2.50c. in July, but, as just indicated, the steel makers now announced an advance to 2.60c. with the beginning of August. Tank plates at Pittsburgh, after having been reduced at the end of June from 3.75 to 3.25c., recovered in July to 3.50c. Metal prices tended strongly downward, lead at New York being quoted at one time as low as 6.05c., but with the close at 6.10c., against as high as 8c. at the beginning of April. Tin at New York got as low as 37c., though recovering to 38½c., as against as high as 56c. in March. Spelter fluctuated widely, as usual, the range for the month at New York being from 9c. to 11¼c., with the close 9¾c., against 21½c. in February. Copper prices also tended downward, Lake copper at New York touching 25¼c. and electrolytic 25c., but with a recovery to 26¼c. and 26c.; in May Lake copper had been quoted at 29c., and electrolytic at 28¾c.

Crop developments, however, during July were not favorable, spring wheat being damaged by black rust and corn by high temperatures. Sharp advances in the grain markets were the natural sequence. Sept. wheat in Chicago advanced from \$1.04½ July 1 to \$1.24¾ July 28, with the close July 31 at \$1.21½. Sept. corn at Chicago rose from 73 cts. July 1 to 79½ cts. July 28, with the close July 31 78½ cts., while Sept. oats at Chicago rose from 38½ cts. July 1 to 42½ cts. July 17, with the close July 31 at 40¾ cts. Cotton also manifested a rising tendency at times, owing to adverse developments affecting the growing crop. The report issued on Aug. 1 by the Department of Agriculture at Washington made the average of condition for the whole cotton belt July 25 only 72.3 of a normal, against 81.1 on June 25. The report stated that the thirty days ended July 25 had been only fair for cotton in most of the belt west of the Miss. River, and in Tennessee, and unfavorable east of the river and in Louisiana. A severe tropical storm through portions of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi early in July and an extremely heavy downpour at mid-July in the Carolinas, together with heavy and almost constant rains during July throughout the entire eastern belt, it was stated, had "put the crop badly in the grass, leached out much of the already deficient amount of fertilizer, and greatly facilitated the activity of the boll weevil, where present, and it continued to spread." At New York middling upland cotton, after declining from 13.15c. June 30 to 12.90c. July 1, touched 13.30c. July 28; the price July 31 was 13.20c. Print cloths at Fall River throughout the month remained at 4¼c. per yard.

On the battlefields of Europe the combined drive of the Entente Powers continued in full swing and made all the British-French Allies confident of ultimate success. 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 full operation" and, after praising the soldiers of Verdun for their heroic resistance, he went on to say that it was that resistance which had created in the whole European war theatre "a situation from which will emerge the final triumph of our cause." Advice from Petrograd about this time estimated that nearly half a million Austrians and Germans had been put out of action, since General Brusiloff had begun his great advance the previous month. The total of prisoners was given at 235,000 (of which 4,500 were officers) 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 given out by the Russian War Office on July 28 declared that on the Russian front during the battles between July 16 and July 25, General Sakharoff's troops had captured 34,000 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 captured Erzincan, the great Turkish fortress in Armenia. The Italians, too, made further progress, capturing Monte Cimone and, 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 Western front, the French and English troops continued their steady dogged progress and made further headway despite the fierce counter attacks of the enemy, though naturally gains of territory here were slight. In the Somme region the British took the villages of Pozieres, Contalmaison, the two Bizantins and Longueval. A German divisional order, issued on July 11, showed that the retention of these villages was considered very important by the Germans. At Verdun the German attack waned into a mere ordinary assault, instead of the holocaust of flame from artillery, with which the French fortress had been deluged for months. Lloyd George, the British Secretary for War, in a speech in the House of Commons on July 24 was very optim-

istic, and ventured the statement that British resourcefulness and intelligence was "going to snatch victory again in a few months from what appeared at one moment to be something that was invincible." Lord Derby, Under Secretary for War, on his part, was equally hopeful, 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."

A Russo-Japanese political convention was concluded under which (1) Japan agreed not to take part in any arrangement or political combination directed against Russia, and Russia in turn agreed 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 East 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 rights and interests. M. Sazonoff, the distinguished Russian Foreign Minister, resigned his post.

A new crisis was threatened in the British Cabinet over the Irish Home Rule issue. The crisis arose over the statement of Premier Asquith in the House of Commons that the promised bill for the immediate institution of Irish Home Rule would not be introduced because the Nationalists refused to accept two modifications of the Lloyd George agreement, namely the permanent exclusion of the six counties of Ulster and a diminished Nationalist representation in the Imperial Parliament. John Redmond, the Nationalist Leader, denounced the new proposals as an absolute breach of faith toward his supporters. Mr. Asquith, in turn, startled the House of Commons by threatening a general election over the Irish question. "I will ask the House," he said, "and will ask the country, if necessary, whether the Government's proposals were not fair." Later the Premier delivered a conciliatory speech, in which he expressed himself as hopeful that a permanent settlement would be reached sooner than generally believed possible. This, however, did not serve to appease the Nationalists who, through Mr. Redmond, made it clear that as they were dissatisfied with the Government's proceedings, they would thereafter consider themselves as having no relations with the Coalition Government and would, therefore, reserve to themselves freedom to act 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 the Irish rebellion. Mr. Lloyd George, having been made Secretary for War, in succession to Lord Kitchener, Edwin Samuel Montagu, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, succeeded Mr. Lloyd George as Minister of Munitions. Thomas McKinnon Wood, the Secretary of State for Scotland, became Financial Secretary to the Treasury, while Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under Secretary for War, assumed the position of Secretary of State for Scotland.

In furtherance of the decision of the British Government to discontinue the partial enforcement of the Declaration of London governing maritime trade, an Order-in-Council was made public (through the London "Gazette") on July 8, under which all orders issued under the Declaration of London since the beginning of the war were withdrawn. Under the new order it was declared to be the intention of Great Britain and her allies to exercise their belligerent rights at sea in strict accordance with the law of nations. On account of the changed conditions of commerce and the diversity of practice, doubts might arise in certain matters as to the rules which the Allies might regard as in conformity with the law of nations, and it was ordered that the following provisions be observed:

First. The hostile destination required for the condemnation of contraband articles shall be presumed to exist until the contrary is shown if the goods are consigned to or for an enemy authority or agent of an enemy State, or to or for a person in the territory belonging to or occupied by the enemy, or to or for a person who during the present hostilities has forwarded contraband goods to an enemy authority or agent of an enemy State, or to or for a person in territory belonging to or occupied by the enemy, or if the goods are consigned "to order," or if the ship's papers do not show who is the real consignee of the goods.

Second. The principle of continuous voyage or ultimate destination shall be applicable both in cases of contraband and blockade.

Third. A neutral vessel carrying contraband with papers indicating a neutral destination which, notwithstanding the destination shown on the papers, proceeds to an enemy port, shall be liable to capture and condemnation if she is encountered before the end of her next voyage.

Fourth. A vessel carrying contraband shall be liable to capture and condemnation if the contraband, reckoned either by value, weight, volume or freight, forms more than half the cargo.

It was further ordered that nothing in the new regulations should be deemed to affect the Order-in-Council of March 11 1915, for further restricting the commerce of the enemy, or any proclamations declaring articles contraband of war during the present hostilities; nor should the new regulations affect the validity of anything done under the Orders-in-Council now withdrawn. It was also announced on July 8th 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 residents of the United Kingdom were forbidden to have any dealings. Other neutral countries had previously appeared in blacklists published in connection with the "Trading With the Enemy Act," but this was the first occasion in which any American firms were mentioned.

Considerable resentment against the action was manifested by the business community and Congress was flooded with protests and urgent requests for retaliatory legislation. The blacklisted firms and individuals formed an organization and passed resolutions protesting strongly against 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 forwarded a note to the British Government protesting against the latter's action. 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 involved in war," and the British Government was reminded "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 only to well defined international practices and understandings which the Government of the United States deems the Government of Great Britain to have too lightly and too frequently disregarded." In addition to declaring that "it is manifestly out of the question that the Government of the United States should acquiesce in such methods," the United States made known that it was constrained to regard the practice of the blacklist "as inconsistent with that true justice, sincere amity and impartial fairness which should characterize the dealings of friendly Governments with one another." The United States also expressed the hope and belief that his Majesty's Government "has acted without a full realization of the many undesired and undesirable results that might ensue."

A cablegram from London on July 6 announced that the British Government had commandeered all stocks of sole leather, whether of English or imported origin. Private dealings without Army Council approval, it was stated, were prohibited.

On July 9 a German merchant submarine, the *Deutschland*, under command of Capt. Paul Koenig, slipped into Chesapeake Bay, and anchored below Baltimore, after voyaging safely across the Atlantic, passing the Allied blockading squadron and eluding enemy cruisers watching for her off the American coast. She carried a cargo of dyes. She had left Heligoland on June 23, thus completing a 4,000 mile trip in sixteen days. Investigation by United States officials disclosed that the vessel was not armed; accordingly, she was treated as a merchantman and permitted to remain in port at will. She left on her return trip to Germany on Aug. 1.

The remaining minimum prices on the London Stock Exchange were removed on July 3, leading to important price adjustments. The total amount outstanding of securities which still carried minimum quotations, was given as over £755,000,000 and included India Government stock, Irish Land, local loans, Transvaal loan, and Turkish, Egyptian, Greek and Mauritius guaranteed loans; United Kingdom 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 5½%, on six months bills to 5¾% and on yearlings to 6%. Premier Asquith obtained a vote for a credit of £450,000,000, the largest figure asked by the Government 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 £4,950,000.

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 Republic. The loan was made through the medium of a corporation especially created for the purpose, under the name of the American Foreign Securities Co., with a 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 Aug. 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 received 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 securities without any gain by exchange. The Government has the right to purchase the whole or part of the securities, at prices named, upon one month's notice being given. The first list of acceptable securities was issued on May 5 1916, and included securities, bonds, &c., 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 discourage any but home investments. The Government stated that it did not wish to exercise its power to prohibit the offering of foreign securities in Canada, but hoped that Canadian 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 brought out in the United States, the proceeds of which were to be used in payment for munitions and supplies purchased in the United States.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo on July 10 issued an order withdrawing the \$15,000,000 of Government deposits made the previous September in the three Federal Reserve banks in the South (\$5,000,000 in each)—Richmond, Atlanta and Dallas. On July 13 he also directed the withdrawal of \$40,000,000 of general Treasury deposits held by the Federal Reserve banks. These deposits, owing to the large income tax collections at the end of June, had temporarily risen to enormous totals, reaching on July 8 \$114,930,023, and it was 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 weeks from June 24 to July 8 the 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 deposits with the Reserve banks which on June 1 were only \$46,626,431, had by July 1 risen to \$111,475,569, and July 8 stood at \$114,930,023, as already stated. At the same time, the free gold in Sub-Treasuries, after increasing from \$66,325,512 June 1 to \$81,909,270 July 1, rose still further to \$105,203,672 on July 8. The income tax collections during June had reached no less than \$95,868,114, with the effect of so swelling Government revenue that total Government receipts for that month exceeded the disbursements by no less than \$103,322,269. Practically the whole of this great excess accrued during the last half of the month; up to June 15 the excess of 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 effect July 15. Coincidentally, 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 effect Aug. 1. Under the Reserve collection system the New York Federal Reserve Bank, while accepting checks at par, takes them 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 1½¢ per item. The New York Clearing House followed this plan in general, allowing member banks to impose charges on their customers 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 New York, a State institution, with a capital of \$3,500,000, surplus and profits 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. Y.

William H. Wallace Jr. of the firm of Kelly & Wallace of this city, was suspended from the Stock 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 a 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 cents per 100 lbs. in class tariffs, with numerous changes also in commodity rates.

The Rural Credits Bill became a law July 17. The President delayed affixing his signature in order to allow him to comment on its importance. This Federal Farm Loan or Rural Credits Act 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 the farmers in the same way, and it was a part of the legislative program which the Administration had mapped out for the Democratic Party. In addition to the system of 12 Federal land banks and the national farm loan associations of borrowers, the Act permits the establishment of joint-stock land banks and authorizes them to carry on the business of lending directly to borrowers 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 the past. It does provide, however, 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 acquired by the Government it is to receive no dividends. It is also provided that these district land banks as 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 the 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 \$6,000,000 at any one time. An important provision, ensuring a widening market for the farm loan bonds, is that by Section 26 it is provided that "first mortgages executed to Federal Land Banks, or to Joint Stock Land Banks, and farm loan bonds issued under the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed and held to be instrumentalities of the Government of the United States, and as such they and the income derived therefrom shall be exempt from Federal, State, municipal 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 be expended for the construction of rural post roads, and the remaining \$10,000,000 on roads within or partly within National forest reservations. Each State must contribute towards the expense of constructing the roads, within its boundaries, an amount similar to that allotted to it. In the fiscal year ending June 30 1917 \$5,000,000 of the sum appropriated was made available for expenditure, and each year this sum will be increased to the extent of another \$5,000,000 until the year 1921, when the appropriation 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.

The U. S. Senate unanimously confirmed President Wilson's nomination of John H. Clarke of Cleveland, as Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, to succeed former Justice Hughes.

**Railroad Events and Stock Exchange Matters.**—In the stock market a general and, in some instances, a pronounced decline in prices occurred with the industrial securities the heaviest sufferers, but with the market extremely dull at the close. The war stocks appeared to be under selling pressure throughout the month. Very flattering statements of earnings were made by some of the industrial concerns, but their influence was nil, and sharp declines were experienced in many of the leading speculative specialties. It seemed to be felt that though profits might be phenomenal for the time being, due to the execution of war contracts, sooner or later this business must come to an end. Early in the month the upward 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 munitions and explosives and on copper likewise exerted an unfavorable influence. Then, also, all the motor stocks appeared to be under a cloud, especially Studebaker, Willys-Overland and Maxwell Motor. After the middle of the month some recovery in these stocks occurred, but there was weakness again towards the close. The exceedingly favorable statement made by the U. S. Steel Corporation after the close of business on July 25, might have been expected to have a stimulating effect and the market did open somewhat higher the next day, but the improvement was quickly lost again. In the railroad list continued selling for foreign account appeared to be the weakening element. U. S. Steel common opening July 1 at 85½, touched 87½ July 6, dropped to 83½ July 14 and closed July 31 at 86½. Maxwell Motor common closed July 31 at 81½, against 81½ July 1, but in the meantime the stock was down to 69 July 13 and up to 82½ July 24.

Stock Fluctuations.	July 1.	July 31.	Range for Month.	
	Prices in doll	ars per share.	Lowest.	Highest.
Industrials (Con.)	74 1/4		65 1/4	74 1/4
Baldwin Locomotive	440	*420	419 1/4	455
Bethlehem Steel Corp.	50 1/4	47 1/4	45 1/4	51 1/4
Central Leather	20 1/4	*19 1/4	19 1/4	21 1/4
Chile Copper (par \$25)	50	47 1/2	46 1/2	51
Chino Copper (par \$5)	41 1/2	43 1/2	41 1/2	46
Colorado Fuel & Iron	100 1/4	*95	92 1/4	102
Continental Can	74 1/4	68 1/4	63 1/4	74 1/4
Craibie Steel of Amer	*220	*230	*225	*235
Cuban-Amer Sugar	167	169	163 1/4	170 1/4
General Electric	*470	*500	465	510
General Motors v t c	75	72 1/4	70 1/4	78 1/4
Goodrich (B T)	*79	*82	77 1/4	82
Gulf States Steel tr cts	50 1/4	47 1/4	46 1/4	52
Insp Con Cop (par \$20)	12 1/2	15	12	14
Inter Agric Corp v t c	25 1/4	26	24 1/4	26 1/4
Inter Merc Mar tr cts	91	88	79 1/2	98 1/2
Preferred tr cts	46 1/4	44 1/4	42 1/4	48 1/4
Int Nickel (par \$25) v t c	*11	12	11 1/2	15
Internat Paper	67 1/4	71	65	73 1/4
Lackawanna Steel	81 1/4	81 1/4	69	82 1/4
Maxwell Motors tr cts	*64	66	62 1/4	66 1/4
National Lead	*27	28 1/4	26 1/4	30
Pittsburgh Coal	*48	47 1/4	42 1/4	50 1/4
Pressed Steel Car	*41 1/4	44	40 1/4	45 1/4
Railway Steel Spring	45	47 1/4	42	48
Republic Iron & Steel	137	127 1/4	120 1/4	137 1/4
Studebaker Corp (The)	190	195	185	198
Telex Co (The)	133	108	97	133 1/4
U S Industrial Alcohol	54 1/4	*51 1/4	51	54 1/4
U S Rubber	69 1/4	*67	66	73 1/4
U S Smelt Ref & M (\$50)	85 1/4	86 1/4	83 1/4	87 1/4
United States Steel	*93	94	92 1/4	95
Western Union Tel				

† Quoted ex-dividend during the month and prior to this date. = Ex-dividend. \* Bid and asked price; no sale.

**Money Market.**—There was an upward spurt in rates at the beginning of the month, but it proved to be of short duration and was due entirely, 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 treasury vaults and in the Federal Reserve banks. As a result, money holdings of the N. Y. Clearing House banks and trust companies in the two weeks from June 24 to July 8 were reduced from \$449,914,000 to \$385,855,000, while surplus reserve fell from \$109,502,410 to \$53,546,060. But the dislocation was quickly 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 4 1/2% and July 10, 6%, but July 31 was down again to 2@2 1/2%. Rates for fixed maturities at one time were 4 1/2% per annum for periods running from 60 days to 4 months and 4 1/2@4 3/4% for 5 and 6 months. On the closing day of the month (July 31) quotations were down to 3@3 1/4 for 60 days, 3 1/4@3 1/2 for 90 days, 3 3/4 for 4 months, and 3 1/4@4 for 5 and 6 months. Commercial paper at the close was quoted at 3 3/4@4% for 60 and 90 days endorsed bills receivable and six months single names of choice character; for others the quotation was 4 1/2%.

**Foreign Exchange, Silver, &c.**—In foreign exchange the feature 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 rates were an influence on foreign exchange. But the advance in local money rates was the result of entirely ephemeral causes and the upward tendency had been partly arrested when the Bank of England governors put up their rate. The rumor the next week that the rate might be further advanced to 7% proved unfounded and probably never had any substantial basis. Some large arrivals of securities on account of the British Government were announced during the month. The fluctuations in sterling were again encompassed within a narrow range, (bankers sight bills ranging between 4 75 11-16 and 4 75 1/8), the sterling exchange market remaining a more or less arbitrary 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 indirectly also on sterling. There was a resumption at one time of gold importations from Ottawa, \$12,000,000 being received in the week ending the 15th at New York, and later there was an arrival of \$4,000,000 at Philadelphia from Ottawa. On July 17th 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 exchanges the feature was renewed weakness in reichmarks, bankers' sight bills on Berlin getting down to 71 1/2, with a trifling recovery (to 71 13-16) at the close. Early in the month the rate got as high as 74 1/2@74 3/4, due to the arrival of the German merchant submarine Deutschland. Austrian kronen followed much the same course 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 advanced and were quoted July 31 at 5% for sixty day bills and 5 1/4 for ninety day bills. At Berlin the private bank rate continued to be quoted at 4 1/2%. Silver in London again displayed weakness, touching 28 3/4d. July 10, with the close July 31 30 9-16d. Gold importations into the United States (all ports) were \$62,107,665 and gold exports \$9,395,035.

‡ The remaining months of this monthly narrative will be given in succeeding weeks.

Stock Fluctuations.	July 1.	July 31.	Range for Month.	
	Prices in doll	ars per share.	Lowest.	Highest.
Railroads—				
Ach Top & Santa Fe	105 1/4	*103	*102 1/4	106
Baltimore & Ohio	89	85 1/4	85	90 1/4
Canadian Pacific	179	177	174 1/4	183 1/4
Chesapeake & Ohio	61 1/4	60 1/4	59 1/4	63 1/4
Chlo Mltw & St Paul	98	94 1/4	94 1/4	99 1/4
Erie	36 1/4	34 1/4	34 1/4	37 1/4
Great Northern, pref.	120 1/4	*117 1/4	*117 1/4	121
Louisville & Nashville	*139 1/2	135	*127 1/2	133 1/2
New York Central	104 1/4	*102 1/4	*102 1/4	106 1/4
N Y N H & Hartford	62	58 1/2	57 1/4	63
Norfolk & Western	131 1/4	128	125 1/4	132 1/4
Northern Pacific	113 1/2	*110 1/4	*110	114 1/4
Pennsylvania (par \$50)	67 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	68 1/4
Reading Co	97 1/4	95 1/4	93 1/4	101 1/4
Southern Pacific	97 1/4	97 1/4	96 1/4	99 1/4
Southern Railway	24	22 1/2	22 1/2	25
Union Pacific	137 1/4	136 1/4	135 1/4	140 1/4
Industrials				
Allis-Chalmers Mfg v t c	24	21 1/4	19	24
Preferred v t c	75 1/4	74	70 1/4	77
American Agric Chem	*65	68	66	69 1/2
American Beet Sugar	57 1/4	59	56	59 1/2
American Can	52 1/4	55 1/4	51 1/4	56 1/4
Amer. Car & Foundry	54 1/4	58 1/4	52	59 1/4
Amer Coal Products	148	*140	130	148 1/4
Amer Hlde & L, pref.	51 1/4	53 1/4	49 1/4	54 1/4
American Locomotive	67 1/4	66 1/4	58	66 1/4
Amer Smelt & Ref	93 1/4	94	90 1/4	96 1/4
Amer Steel Foundries	*109 1/2	110	108 1/2	111
Amer Sugar	*123	123 1/4	123 1/4	125 1/4
Amer Tel & Tel	45 1/4	43	43	44 1/4
Amer Woolen of Mass	*23	24	23	24
Amer Writ'g Paper, pf	38 1/4	33 1/4	29 1/4	33 1/4
Amer Zinc & S (par \$25)	81 1/4	78 1/4	77 1/4	83 1/4
Anaconda Cop (par \$50)		63	56	66
AU Gult & W I cts				

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. 29 1910, 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.

Table with columns for Bonds (Railroad and Miscellaneous) and Miscellaneous Stocks, and rows for various companies like Armour & Co, Booth Fisheries, Calumet & So Chicago, etc., with monthly price data from Jan to Dec.



STOCKS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	
Pub Service of Nor Ill, com.	100	107	110	115	112	115	108	115	107	111	108	111	111	114	111	114	112	118	114	117	113	115	113	115	
Do preferred	100	101	103	101	104	103	104	100	103	100	102	101	103	101	102	101	102	101	102	101	102	101	102	101	
Rights							1	2	1	1	1														
Prest-O-Lite Co Inc (no par)																									
Quaker Oats Co	100	309	363	350	350	325	345	316	325	318	348	330	340	325	335	335	350	110	327	325	328	325	334	325	
Do preferred	100	107	108	107	110	108	110	110	110	109	110	110	111	110	111	109	111	109	111	110	115	111	112	111	
Reo Motor Truck Co	10															36	36								
Sears-Roebuck, common	100	170	158	170	182	169	178	173	182	178	187	182	186	183	202	198	212	205	217	211	225	222	234	220	
Do preferred	100	125	125	126	127	126	127	125	127	126	126	124	127	125	126	124	125			125	127	126	126	126	
Shaw W W, pref	100																								
Stewart Warner Speed com	100	85	90	84	88	83	89	82	87	83	92	88	108	97	104	101	119	110	116	110	117	105	111	91	
Do preferred	100							109	110	109	109														
Stover Mfg & Eng Co	100																					102	102	100	
Studebaker Corp com	100																								
Swift & Company	100	125	127	125	129	128	134	127	131	128	139	134	138	133	143	137	149	145	157			136	158	137	
Rights																									
Union Carbide Co	100	173	179	170	175	170	176	173	184	178	190	178	185	180	185	181	207	155	215	164	171	165	201	189	
United Paper Board com	100																								
Preferred	100																								
U S Steel common	100	84	87																						
Ward (Montgomery) & Co pref	100	112	114	113	116	113	115	113	114	113	116	112	115	113	114	114	117	114	116			115	116	115	
Western Stone	100	2	2																						
Willys-Overland	25																								

UNEXAMPLED TRADE ACTIVITY, BUT CAUTION ADVISABLE.

(By George M. Reynolds, President 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 labor 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 commercial 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 self-seeking 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 uninter- ruptedly 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 co-operation 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 the 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 America'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, &c., 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 well-based 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 direct 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 investment demand 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 economists 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, as 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 accrue 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. McNear of C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago.]

The 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 4 7/8%. Prior to 1916 a 5% basis seemed to be the dividing line—that 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 for municipal 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 bonds 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.

Deposits as per call—National Banks, Nov. 17 1916, and State Banks, Nov. 18 1916.

Bank—	Capital.	Dividend Rate.	Book Value.	Deposits.	—1916—	
					High.	Low
Adams State.....	\$50,000	6% Q-J.	133	\$141,144	130	130
Aetna State.....	200,000	—	116	716,143	122	105
American State Bank.....	400,000	6% Q-J.	153	2,269,086	192 1/2	188
Atlas Exchange National.....	200,000	—	116	329,965	118	116
Auburn State.....	200,000	6% s.-a.	121	536,799	125	125
Austin Ave. Tr. & Sav.....	100,000	4% Q-J.	119	250,870	105	90
Austin National.....	100,000	5% Q-J.	132	725,729	146	145
Austin State.....	200,000	8% Q-J.	131	2,680,287	210	210
Bank of Comm. & Savs.....	500,000	—	121	282,707	130	120
Bowmanville National.....	50,000	6% s.-a.	142	472,059	160	160
Calumet National.....	100,000	8% ann. J.	183	1,400,780	225	225
Calumet Trust & Savs.....	50,000	8% Q-J.	132	392,409	200	180
Capital State Savings.....	200,000	—	116	650,241	110	105 1/2
Central Mfg. District.....	250,000	6% Q-J.	132	1,821,162	162	145 1/2
Central Trust Co.....	6,000,000	10% Q-J.	142	54,140,367	206	183
Chicago City Bk. & Tr. Co.....	500,000	12 & 1% ex.	212	3,642,702	250	250
Chicago Savs. Bk. & Tr.....	1,000,000	6% Q-J.	129	9,659,668	144	138
Citizens' State Bank of Lakeview.....	250,000	—	120	1,262,211	131	116
Citizens' Trust & Savs.....	50,000	12% Q-J.	151	825,555	210	210
City Nat. Bk. of Evans'n.....	180,000	12% Q-J.	314	3,134,744	325	325
Cont'n'l & Comm. Nat.....	21,500,000	12% Q-J.	200	270,279,307	273 1/2	257 1/2
Cont'n'l & Comm. Tr. & S.....	3,000,000	12% Q-J.	200	41,464,961	—	—
Corn Exchange National.....	3,000,000	16% Q-J.	342	97,902,194	430	424
Depositors' State & Savs.....	300,000	6% Q-J.	134	1,474,847	150	120
Drexel State Bank.....	350,000	6% Q-J.	147	3,491,506	190	180
Drovers' National.....	750,000	10% Q-J.	151	12,662,058	225	219
Drovers' Trust & Savs.....	250,000	12% Q-J.	217	4,230,163	325	315
Edgewater State.....	200,000	—	104	318,256	—	—
Englewood State.....	200,000	8% Q-J.	127	1,752,960	163	163
First National.....	10,000,000	18 & 4% ex.	342	173,863,818	478	467



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 expenditure 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 shells are what Great Britain needs more than anything else.

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 large a volume of special business will necessarily keep many of the industrial plants of the Dominion running at full capacity for months to come. As indicative of the demand for munitions it may be stated that the Chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board quite recently issued a special appeal to workers in munition plants to forego part of their usual holidays for the purpose of increasing the output, adding that the Imperial Minister of Munitions had entrusted the production of a large percentage of the Empire's needs to the manufacturers of Canada.

Financing the large orders on hand and those to be placed during the year will necessitate borrowing on a larger scale than during 1916. Up to the present time the total credits on munitions account granted the Imperial authorities by the Dominion Government and the chartered banks amount to approximately \$250,000,000 of which \$175,000,000 has already been advanced. While this has been done without apparent strain, it will be necessary in order to carry out the larger undertakings of the current year, further to conserve the resources of the nation, and to this end the Minister of Finance has made special appeals to the manufacturers and the public. In a recent address he said:

"If every citizen would save to the utmost of his power in these days of high world prices for our produce and enormous munition expenditures at home, I believe that, notwithstanding the huge increase in our national debt which the war will bring, the people of Canada would be stronger financially when the war is over than when it started. Great Britain can place munition orders on this Continent only to the extent that she can borrow money on this side of the Atlantic. That means that Canada can get orders for all the munitions she can manufacture if we can provide the money, which can be done, providing the people will save and place their savings at the disposition of the Government."

#### GERMANY'S RENEWAL 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 dictate 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 people—is 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 traffic, it sets out, will be opposed in the blockade zones around Great Britain, France, Italy and in the Eastern Mediterranean. This is virtually a renewal and an extension of the submarine blockade of the British Isles, which was proclaimed on Feb. 4 1915 and became effective 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 carrying 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 1917.

Mr. Secretary of State:

Your Excellency was good enough to transmit to the Imperial Government a copy of the message which the President of the United States of America addressed to the Senate on the 22d inst. The Imperial Government has given it the earnest consideration which the President's statements deserve, inspired as they are by a deep sentiment of responsibility.

It is highly gratifying to the Imperial Government to ascertain that the main tendencies of this important statement correspond largely to the desires and principles professed by Germany. These principles especially include self-government and equality of rights for all nations.

Germany would be sincerely glad if in recognition of this principle countries like Ireland and India, which do not enjoy 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 freedom of the seas, being a preliminary condition of the free existence of nations and the peaceful intercourse between them, as 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 regrets that the attitude of her enemies, who are so entirely opposed to peace, makes it impossible for the world at present to bring about the realization of these lofty ideals. Germany 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 of their peoples.

Their aims, as has been expressly stated in the note of Dec. 12 1916, were not directed toward the destruction or annihilation of their enemies, and were, according to their conviction, perfectly compatible with the rights of the other nations.

As to Belgium, for which such warm and cordial sympathy is felt in the United States, the Chancellor had declared only a few weeks previously that its annexation had 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 relations, that Belgium should not be used again by Germany's enemies for the purpose of instigating continuous hostile intrigues.

Such precautionary measures are all the more necessary, as Germany's enemies have repeatedly stated, not only in speeches delivered by their leading men, but also in the statutes of the economical conference in Paris, that it is their intention not to treat Germany as an equal, even after peace has been restored, but to continue their hostile attitude and especially to wage a systematical economical war against her.

The attempt of the four allied Powers to bring about peace has failed, owing to the lust of conquest of their enemies, who desired to dictate the conditions of peace. Under the pretence of following the principle of nationality, our enemies have disclosed their real aims in this way, viz. To dismember and dishonor Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria. To the wish of reconciliation they oppose the will of destruction. They desire a fight to the bitter end.

A new situation has thus been created, which forces Germany to new decisions. For two years and a half England has been using her naval power for a criminal attempt to force Germany into submission by starvation.

In brutal contempt for international law, the group of Powers led by England does not only curtail the legitimate trade of their opponents, but they also, by ruthless pressure, compel neutral countries either altogether to forego every trade not agreeable to the Entente Powers, or to limit it according to their arbitrary decrees.

The American Government knows the steps which have been 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 starvation, which does not at all affect the military power of its opponents, but compels women and children, the sick and the aged, to suffer for their country pains and privations which endanger the vitality of the nation.

Thus British tyranny mercilessly increases the suffering of the world; indifferent to the laws of humanity, indifferent even to the protests of the neutrals whom they severely harm, indifferent even to the silent longings for peace among England's own allies. Each day of the terrible struggle causes new destruction, new sufferings. Each day shortening the war will, on both sides, preserve the life of thousands of brave soldiers and be a benefit to mankind.

The Imperial Government could not justify before its own conscience, before the German people and before history the neglect of any means destined to bring about the end of the war. Like the President of the United States, the Imperial 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 announcement of an intensified continuation of the war, the Imperial Government—to serve the welfare of mankind in a higher sense and not to wrong its own people—is now compelled to continue the fight for existence, again forced upon it, with the full employment of all the weapons which are at its disposal.

Sincerely trusting that the people and the Government of the United States will understand the motives for this decision and its necessity, the

Imperial Government hopes that the United States may view the new situation from the lofty heights of impartiality and assist on their part to prevent further misery and unavoidable sacrifice of human life.

Enclosing two memoranda regarding the details of the contemplated military measures at sea, I remain, &c.,

(Signed.) J. BERNSTORFF.

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. 1 1917 sea traffic will be stopped with every available weapon and without further notice in the following blockade zones around Great Britain, France, Italy and in the eastern Mediterranean:

*In the North.*

The zone is confined by a line at a distance of twenty sea miles along the Dutch coast to Terschelling Fireship, 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 twenty sea miles from Cape Finsterre and at a distance of 20 sea miles along the north coast of Spain to the French boundary.

*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 60 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 miles 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.

Neutral ships navigating these blockade zones do so at their 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 guaranteed.

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 after Feb. 1 1917, if—

(A) The port of destination is Falmouth.

(B) Sailing to or coming from that port, course is taken via the Selly Islands 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 vessels in American ports: On the ship's hull and superstructure three vertical stripes one meter wide, each to be painted alternately white and red. Each mast should show a large flag checkered white and red, and the stern the American national flag. Care should be taken that during dark national flag and painted marks are easily recognizable from a distance and that the boats are well lighted throughout.

(D) One steamer a week sails in each direction, with arrival at Falmouth on Sunday and departure from Falmouth on Wednesday.

(E) United States Government guarantees that no contraband (according to German contraband list) 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 wireless dispatch reads as follows:

From Feb. 1 1917, within barred zones around Great Britain, France, Italy and in the Eastern Mediterranean, as outlined in the following, all sea traffic forthwith will be opposed. Such barred zones are:

There are differences too in the body of the memorandum, but the principal one is an additional sentence (in the wireless 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 made public until yesterday (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 Germany'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 and east, to destroy Austria-Hungary and to annihilate Turkey. In waging war with such aims the Entente Allies are violating all rules of international law, as they prevent the legitimate trade of neutrals with the Central Powers, and of the neutrals among themselves.

Germany has so far not made unrestricted use of the weapon which she possesses in her submarines. Since the Entente Powers, however, have

made it impossible to come to an understanding based upon equality of rights of all nations, as proposed by the Central Powers, and have instead declared only such a peace to be possible which shall be dictated by the Entente Allies and shall result in the destruction and the humiliation of the Central Powers, Germany is unable further to forego the full use of her submarines.

The Imperial Government, therefore, 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 United States will further realize that the now openly disclosed intention of the Entente Allies gives back to Germany the freedom of action which she reserved in her note addressed to the Government of the United States on May 4 1916.

Under these circumstances Germany will meet the illegal measures of her enemies by forcibly preventing, after Feb. 1, 1917, in a zone around Great Britain, France, Italy and in the eastern Mediterranean, all navigation, that of neutrals included, from and to England and from and to France, &c., &c. 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 Government of the United States, Germany and her allies had hoped to reach this goal 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 international 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:

There 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 vessels as warships and that the German naval forces would after a short period of grace be instructed to treat them as such.

The Associated Press dispatch further says:

The un concealed intention of the Entente Governments, as revealed by the speeches of the Ministers and instructions to ship masters, to arm all traders for attack, not defense, he declared, had forced the urgency of the question upon the attention of the Government, adding:

"The American standpoint is that merchant ships may not be armed offensively nor use their armament offensively, but in addition to the British instructions captured on the Woodfield and communicated to neutrals in the German memorandum of February, showing unmistakably the offensive purpose of procedure, we now have similar secret instructions of the French Government to armed merchantmen, found on a French prize and published by the German press yesterday, ordering that fire be opened as soon as a submarine is within good range and recommending attempts to ram submarines, submerged or on the surface.

"Furthermore, there is the recent declaration of one of the British Ministers, along the same lines, and the British papers are full of discussion of the necessity of a heavier and more numerous armament in order to attack submarines successfully.

"In view of all this there can be no doubt, even in American minds, of the offensive nature of the present armaments and of the design to use them offensively against small craft conducting operations in legitimate and recognized ways of cruiser warfare."

The Under Secretary then turned to the subject of peace discussions and President Wilson's message and to the current report that Germany might, to satisfy the demands here and in neutral countries, make some announcement of its intentions regarding Belgium.

"No," said Dr. von Stumm. "Any announcement which Germany might publish now, after the Entente has announced its intention to crush Germany and wrest from it Alsace-Lorraine, would look as if we were asking for peace, cringing under the insolent attitude of our adversaries. As for Belgium, our Chancellor has already announced that we have no intentions regarding that country."

In dispatches 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 been paving the way for such a step for several weeks by submitting to the State Department a series of statements alleging specific instances in which merchant craft of the Entente Powers have used offensively against submarines guns carried ostensibly for defense.

The fact that hospital ships would be affected by Germany's new edict was made known by the Admiralty in the following wireless message received at Sayville on Jan. 31:

The German Government has convincing evidence in hand that hostile hospital ships frequently are misused for the transportation of ammunition and troops. The Government has communicated these proofs to the British and French Governments by diplomatic means.

At the same time it is declared that hospital ships passing on the military route of the hostile army engaged in France and Belgium, within the lines Flamborough Head-Derschelling, on the one hand, and Thames-Land's End, on the other, shall be no more treated as such. Hostile powers are free to use hospital ships for the transportation of wounded and sick army members on ways outside this district.

The barring of other sea routes is reserved, in case further misuse of hospital ships in violation 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 announce that "they have conclusive proof that in several instances enemy hospital ships often have been misused for the transport of munitions and troops." They also state that they have placed these proofs, through diplomatic channels, before the British and French Governments and have, at the same time, declared that the traffic of hospital ships on military routes for the forces fighting in France and Belgium within lines drawn between Flamborough Head and Terschelling, on one hand, and from Ushant to Land's End, on the other, will be no longer be tolerated.

The British Government has received no such communication through diplomatic channels, or otherwise, from the German Government as alleged and they most emphatically deny that British hospital ships have been used for the transport of munitions and troops or in any way contrary to the Hague Convention for the adaptation of the principles of the Geneva Convention to maritime war.

Under the Convention, the belligerents have the right to search hospital ships, and the German Government have, therefore, an obvious remedy in case of suspicion—a remedy which they never have utilized.

From the German Government's statement that hospital ships will be no longer tolerated within the limits mentioned only one conclusion can be drawn—viz., that it is the intention of the German Government to add yet other and more unspeakable crimes against the law of humanity to the long list which disgraces their record. In these circumstances the British Government has requested the United States Government to inform the German Government that his Majesty's Government has decided that if the threat is carried out reprisals will immediately be taken by the 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 challenge, we stake everything, and we shall be victorious," 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 steps planned by the Central Powers were considered. The press dispatches of the Chancellor's remarks were not received in the United States until 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 unrestricted submarine war, and why again 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 utterance that as soon as he, in agreement with the supreme army command, reached the conviction 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 decision concerning submarine warfare has been forced into the last acute stage. The question of U-boat war, as members of the Reichstag will remember, has occupied us three times in this committee, namely, in March, May and September of last year. On each occasion in an exhaustive statement I expounded the points for and against in this question. I emphasized on each occasion that I was speaking pro tempore and not as a supporter in principle or opponent in principle of the unrestricted employment of U-boats, but in consideration of the military, political and economic situation as a whole.

I have always proceeded from the standpoint whether U-boat war would bring us nearer victorious peace or not. 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.

Where has there been any change in the situation? In the first place, the most important fact of all is that the number of our submarines has been very considerably increased as compared with last spring, and thereby a firm basis for success has been established.

The second co-decisive reason is the bad cereal harvest of the world. This fact already confronts England, France and Italy with serious difficulties which by means of unrestricted U-boat war will be brought to a point of unbearable. The coal question, too, is a vital question in war. Already it is critical, as you know, in Italy and France. Our submarines will make it still more critical.

To this must be added, especially as regards England, the supply of ore for the production of munitions, in the widest sense, and of timber for coal mines. The enemy's difficulties are rendered still more acute by the increasing lack of cargo space. In this respect time and U-boat and cruiser warfare have prepared the ground for the decisive blow.

The Entente suffers owing to lack of cargo space. The lack makes itself felt in Italy and France, no less than in England. If we may now venture to estimate the positive advantages of unrestricted U-boat war at a very much higher value than last spring the dangers which arise for us from U-boat war have correspondingly decreased since that time.

The Chancellor discussed in detail the political situation, and then referred to military affairs as follows:

A few days ago Field Marshal von Hindenburg described the situation to me thus: Our front stands firm on all sides. We have everywhere the requisite reserves. The spirit of our troops is good and confident. The military situation as a whole permits us to accept all the consequences

which unrestricted U-boat warfare may bring, and as this U-boat war is the means of injuring our enemies the most grievously it must be begun.

The Admiralty staff and the high seas fleet entertain the firm conviction—conviction which has practical support in the experience gained in U-boat cruiser warfare—that Great Britain will be brought to peace by arms. Our Allies agree with our views. Austria-Hungary adheres to our procedure also in practice. Just as we lay a blockaded area around Great Britain and the west coast of France, in which we will try to prevent all shipping traffic to the enemy countries, Austria-Hungary declares a blockaded area around Italy.

To all neutral countries a free path for mutual intercourse is left outside the blockaded area. To America we offer as we did in 1915, safe passenger traffic 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 us will close his eyes to the seriousness of the step we are taking. That our existence is at stake every one knows since Aug. 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 resolute strength, which says: "We must, 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 consideration 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.

### EXTENSION OF BRITISH MINE FIELD.

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 except Netherlands and Danish territorial waters lying to the southward and eastward of a line commencing four miles from the coast of Jutland in latitude 56 degrees north, longitude 8 degrees east from Greenwich, and passing through the following positions: Latitude 56 degrees north, longitude 6 degrees east, latitude 54 degrees 45 minutes north, thence to a position in latitude 53 degrees 37 minutes north, longitude 5 degrees east, seven miles off the coast of Netherlands.

The warning is interpreted in official circles, it is said, as meaning that mines have been laid by the British Government in the waters 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 Canal, are blocked if this new British measure can be made effective. The German fleet, or German raiders, could emerge only by following the coast of Holland or Denmark, or by sailing through the Skagerrack.

Naval experts believe that undoubtedly the British purpose is to restrict as much as possible the movements of the German fleet. In case it should emerge again for a skirmish such as that off Jutland, the British would have a tremendous advantage if the Germans were hampered by mine fields in making their retreat.

The State Department announcement defining the territory mined was not exactly clear as to latitude and longitude, and Department officials declined to interpret the warning, but apparently the new mine field would stretch from the territorial waters of Denmark to near the Netherlands coast.

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

### ARRIVAL IN U.S. OF NEW AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR.

Count Adam Tarnowski von Tarnow, named 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 conduct. 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 representations made by the United States Government. With his arrival here the Ambassador expressed his surprise at the issuance of the new German note 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 mid-ocean. The order, which was modified the next 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 escape 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 neutrality violations.

The agents of the American line steamer *St. Louis*, which was to have sailed for Liverpool to-day, have been requested by Washington authorities 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 "Evening 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 scuttled 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 DECEMBER OF THE TOKIO STOCK EXCHANGE.

The following relative to the closing on Dec. 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 the news of the peace proposal. Osaka Shosen Kaisha shares were being dealt in. They dropped 50 points on the first quotation. Unprecedented disorder and turmoil followed in the Stock Exchange and its neighborhood. Panic-stricken brokers were hurrying to disengage themselves from a drastic slump 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 confusion the Exchange was closed. The closure, which was first announced as lasting until the following afternoon, was extended to the succeeding Monday.

Many narikin (quick-rich) have been wiped out. They had been pyramiding on profits. A surprising report is, however, that most of the Osaka Narikin had pocketed their profits, feeling that the share quotation were too high and were "short" of the market. They stand to make further profits. The public and, as they are known in New York, the "lambs," were in the market and were caught. In Osaka the market was also closed. Osaka Stock Exchange shares declined 100 points. When the Tokio Exchange opened a week later the situation was little better, and half-way through the first call it closed again.

#### COPENHAGEN STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED 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 foreign Minister explained the situation arising from Germany's submarine threat, and communicated to those present the Government's decision to endeavor to have foreign trade maintained on the same principles as have hitherto prevailed. The spokesmen of all parties announced their adhesion to the Government.

The Stock Exchange has been ordered closed for the remainder of this week and the whole of next week.

Delegates from trade and agricultural societies held a conference with the Government this afternoon to discuss the situation. The Government is issuing an ordinance prohibiting increases in the price of commodities above prices obtaining Jan. 30, unless it can be proved that the excess in expenditure demanded is involved in the production or acquisition of the commodities.

#### RUSSIA'S INDORSEMENT OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S SUGGESTIONS FOR PEACE FEDERATION.

Indorsement of President 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 communication. The statement follows:

Russia always has been in full sympathy with the broad humanitarian principles expressed by the President of the United States, and his message to the Senate, therefore, has made a most favorable impression upon the Russian Government. Russia will welcome all suitable measures which will help prevent a recurrence of the world war. Accordingly we can gladly indorse President Wilson's communication.

President Wilson's views on free access to the seas find an advocate in Russia, because she considers it necessary to have free access to the seas. The President's proposal regarding limited armament has the support of Russia, who made representations of this nature at The Hague Conference. In expressing these convictions the President of the United States is at the same time expressing the point of view of Russia.

The Russian Government notes with satisfaction that President Wilson makes a sharp contrast between the definite reply of the Entente countries to his first communication and the evasive note of the Central Powers. Russia already has definitely announced her unalterable determination regarding the future of Poland. The Russian Emperor has declared that one of the objects of the war is a free Poland, consisting 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 should remember that it never has been the aim of the Allies to crush their enemies, and that they have never insisted 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 EDWARD 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 the 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) represented 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 system. Continuing he said:

After the Allies had so handsomely contributed to the gold 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 difficult to understand why the Federal Reserve Board should have endeavored to place difficulties in the way of American bankers creating further loans, and particularly when they could have had collateral security for new loans.

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 superstructure. 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 review of the entire financial position of Great Britain and her allies 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, he stated, 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 her a percentage 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 Act, was adopted by the Committee, along with the further plan to increase the reserves required to be maintained by member banks with the Federal Reserve 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 Federal Reserve Act, as agreed upon by the committee, has reference to the reserve section of the Act. The new provision requires the final shift of reserves to be made immediately instead of Nov. 17 next, and requires all reserves to be kept with the Federal Reserve banks instead of requiring part of the reserves to be kept with these banks, part in the vaults of member banks, and part either in the reserve or member banks. Country banks are required to keep a balance of 7% of the aggregate amount of their demand deposits and 3% of time deposits with the Federal Reserve bank; reserve city banks are required to maintain an actual balance of not less than 10% of demand deposits and 3% of time deposits, and central reserve city banks are required to hold an actual net balance with the Federal Reserve bank of not less than 13% of demand deposits and 3% of time deposits.

It is computed that this alteration in the reserve requirements will result in increasing the gold holdings of the Federal Reserve System by approximately \$354,000,000. The proposed new provision leaves it to discretion of member banks, subject to the supervisory control of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Reserve Board, to keep such amounts of till money as their necessities may require.

The committee, by practically unanimous vote, rejected the provision of the bill authorizing Federal Reserve banks to exchange their notes for gold and allowing gold thus acquired to be counted as part of the gold reserve which Federal Reserve banks are required to maintain against Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation. Aside from other objections urged to this provision, the major contention seems to be that the altera-

tions of the reserve section of the Federal Reserve Act giving Federal Reserve banks approximately \$354,000,000 of additional gold, would strengthen the system sufficiently to meet any emergency that might reasonably be anticipated.

By a very close vote the committee rejected the proposed amendment giving the Federal Reserve Board power, whenever extraordinary conditions justified, to increase, from time to time, for specified brief periods, the reserve requirements of the Act with respect to member banks.

The committee, by a decisive vote, also rejected the proposed amendment to permit mutual savings banks to become associate members of the Federal Reserve System.

By a more than two to one vote the committee adopted the amendment proposed by the Federal Reserve Board to permit Federal Reserve banks, solely for purposes of exchange or collection, to receive from non-member banks or trust companies deposits of current funds in lawful money, national bank notes, Federal Reserve notes, checks and drafts, payable upon presentation, or maturing notes and bills. In order to avail of such privilege non-member banks must maintain such net balance with the Federal Reserve bank as may be prescribed by the rules and regulations of the Federal Reserve 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 national banks organized prior to the passage of the Federal Reserve Act. Those bonds are to be released, as was intended by the Federal Reserve Act; but in order to clear up some confusion of interpretation, it is proposed to make the statute clear.

By a vote of nine to five the Chairman of the committee was directed to report in a separate bill an amendment to Section 25 of the Federal Reserve Act, which would authorize national banks located in cities of more than 100,000 inhabitants, possessing a capital of \$1,000,000 or more, to establish not exceeding 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 establish a greater number of 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 contested if it gets consideration at this session 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 Federal 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 Reserve agents as security for notes, as part of the gold reserve required to be held by the bank against such Federal Reserve notes; meets with the approval of the Federal Advisory Council.

No. 2 in re-amendment of Section 19, abbreviating and simplifying the clauses in Section 19 which relate to reserve requirements. This provides that all member banks shall maintain reserves in the Federal Reserve bank as follows:

	Per Cent	
	Against Demand Deposits.	Against Time Deposits.
(A) Country banks.....	7	3
(B) Reserve city banks.....	10	3
(C) Central reserve city banks.....	13	3

and in addition every member bank is required to keep in its own vault for till money an amount of specie or currency (not necessarily gold or lawful money) equal to 5% of its demand deposits, less the amount of net balance with Federal Reserve banks in excess of the minimum above stipulated.

The amendment is in harmony with one of the basic principles of the Federal Reserve Act, to the effect that the bulk of the gold held as reserves for bank deposits should be mobilized in the Federal Reserve banks.

From the standpoint, however, of a practical working basis, the Council doubts if so much as is proposed of the member bank's available cash should be arbitrarily tied up in the form of compulsory balances with the Federal Reserve banks.

The Council at its meeting of Sept. 19 last drew the Board's attention to the fact that until the State banks join the system and daily clearing house balances can be settled by checks on the Federal Reserve banks, the member banks, especially in the large cities, must keep a sufficient supply of gold or lawful money on hand for the settlement of such balances as well as for their counter use. Besides, this, it would be a conservative policy for the member banks to keep in their own vaults a reasonable amount of gold or lawful money proportionate to their demand deposits. Banks located in Federal Reserve cities now receive from the Federal Reserve banks late in the afternoon checks on themselves in large volume and amount, which have accumulated during the day and have been charged against their legal reserve balances in such large volume and amount as to hamper them in maintaining their legal reserve balances.

In our opinion 5% cash on hand would not be sufficient for these purposes, and from a practical standpoint it would facilitate the operations of the member banks if the minimum compulsory balances to be kept by them with the Federal Reserve banks against their demand deposits were at least reduced 1% in each class, and the percentage of time money correspondingly increased in the case of the Reserve city and central reserve city banks, the increase in till money in the case of the country banks being unnecessary.

The Council's recommendation is therefore as follows:

	Per Cent	
	Deposits in Federal Reserve Banks against Demand Time Deposits.	Till Money.
Country banks.....	6	5
Reserve city banks.....	9	6
Central reserve city banks.....	12	6

No. 3.—Amendment of Section 11 so as to permit the Federal Reserve Board to raise reserve requirements in emergencies, just as it is now empowered in certain contingencies of a different kind to lower those requirements. The Council is of opinion that it would be undesirable and unnecessary to grant such power to the Federal Reserve Board. The Board would only take action under such power when member banks are over-burdened with surplus cash reserves and its action then could only apply to member banks. The effect would therefore be that member banks would be compelled to increase their non-interest bearing balances with the Federal Reserve banks while 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 eligible for membership in the Federal Reserve banks, to avail themselves of the clearing and collection facilities of the Federal Reserve banks provided that they cover at par checks on themselves sent for collection by the Federal Reserve bank, and provided further that they keep a compensating balance with the Federal Reserve bank in an amount to be determined under rules prescribed by 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 Reserve banks through the compensating balances. The experiment might be worth trying.

No. 5.—Amendment of Section 22—the penal statute—so as to define more clearly the right and limitations of directors in the matter of accepting fees or compensation other than the ordinary fees paid directors for legitimate business rendered in the regular course of business, the performance of which services is not incumbent upon them in their capacity as directors.

The Council would recommend that the proposed addition to Section 22 commencing with "provided, however, that nothing in this Act contained," should be amended as follows:

"Provided, however, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to prohibit a director, officer or employee from receiving the same rate of interest paid to other depositors for similar deposits made with such bank or to prohibit a director, who is not an officer or employee from receiving directly or indirectly the usual and customary commissions or fees for services rendered in buying and selling securities or other investments for or on account of such bank, but each such transaction must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of said board, such minutes to specify the name of the director and the firm or corporation with which he is connected, if any, through which such order is executed, together with the amount of the fee or commission paid on each transaction; and, provided further, that notes, drafts, bills of exchange or other evidences of debt, executed or indorsed by directors of a member bank may be discounted with such member bank on the same terms and conditions as other notes, drafts, bills of exchange or evidences of debt."

The Council makes this recommendation because 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 director as the buying and selling of securities and inasmuch as notes, drafts, bills of exchange or other evidences of debt executed or indorsed by bank directors are 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 error stricken from the Act in the amendments of Sept. 7 1916, thus restoring to national banks, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, the right to accept up to 100% of their capital and surplus in transactions involving imports and exports.

The Council approves this amendment.

No. 7.—Amendment of section 17, to cancel the provision of the national bank Act which requires national banks to maintain a minimum deposit of Government bonds with the Treasurer of the United States.

The Council 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 prohibit 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 more than \$1,000,000 to establish branches in the same city, but disapproves the granting of such a privilege to the banks in some 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 savings banks not having a capital stock to become associate members of the Federal Reserve system under certain prescribed conditions.

The Council approves this amendment.

No. 10.—Amendment of section 18 so as to give to United States one-year 3% gold notes in the hands of Federal Reserve banks the circulation privilege 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 Federal Reserve bank notes that the law providing for the exchange of 2% gold bonds bearing the circulation privilege, but against which no circulation is outstanding, for one-year gold notes to an amount not exceeding one-half of the 2% bonds so tendered for exchange, be so amended as to do away with the one year gold notes entirely and provide that the 2% gold bonds may be exchanged for an equal amount of 30-year 3% gold bonds without the circulation privilege.

No. 11.—Amendment of section 4 to abolish the title and office of Deputy Federal Reserve Agent, thus having two unattached class C directors instead of one as at present, and to create the position of Assistant Federal Reserve Agent, who shall not be a director of the bank, but who shall be a salaried bonded officer in the Federal Reserve Agent's department, serving at all times as an assistant to the Federal Reserve Agent and qualified to act for the agent in his absence.

As member banks and others doing business with the Federal Reserve agent and his assistant would not necessarily be charged with knowledge of the absence or disability of the Federal Reserve agent, the restricted power of his assistant to act in his name and stead only during his absence or disability should for their protection be removed by striking out the words "during his absence or disability" occurring in the last paragraph of the proposed amendment. If the assistant should act in any manner of importance during the absence or disability of the agent to act for himself his action would be null and void. 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 foreign 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 agencies, bills of exchange (or acceptances) arising out of actual commercial transactions which have not more than ninety days to run and which bear the signature of two or more responsible parties.

Whenever any such account has been opened or agency or correspondent has been appointed by a Federal reserve bank, with the consent of or under the order and direction of the Federal Reserve Board, any other Federal reserve bank may, with the consent and approval of the Federal Reserve Board, be permitted to carry on or conduct, through the Federal reserve bank opening such account or appointing 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.

#### H. R. 20538.

A bill to amend the Act approved December twenty-third, nineteen hundred and thirteen, known as the Federal Reserve Act, as amended by the Acts of August fourth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, August fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, March third, nineteen hundred and fifteen, and September seventh, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section four of the Act approved December twenty-third, nineteen hundred and thirteen, known as the Federal Reserve Act, be amended in the paragraph relating to the appointment of class C directors and prescribing their duties so as to read as follows:

"Class C 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 appointed, one of whom shall be designated by said board as chairman of the board of directors of the Federal reserve bank and as 'Federal reserve agent.' He shall be a person of tested banking experience, and in addition to his duties as chairman of the board of directors of the Federal reserve bank he shall be required to maintain under regulations to be established by the Federal Reserve Board a local office of said board on the premises of the Federal reserve bank. He shall make regular reports to the Federal Reserve Board and shall act as its official representative for the performance of the functions conferred upon it by this Act. He shall receive an annual compensation to be fixed by the Federal Reserve 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 appointed by the Federal Reserve Board as deputy chairman to exercise the powers of the chairman of the board in case of absence or disability of his principal.

"Subject to the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal reserve agent shall appoint one or more assistants. 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 his name and stead during his absence or disability. The Federal reserve agent may require such bonds of his assistants as he may deem necessary for his own protection. Assistants to the Federal reserve agent shall receive an annual compensation, to be fixed and paid in the same manner as that of the Federal reserve agent."

Sec. 2. That the first paragraph of section thirteen be further amended so as to read as follows:

"Any Federal reserve bank may receive from any of its member banks, and from the United States, deposits of current funds in lawful money, national-bank notes, Federal reserve notes, or checks and drafts, payable upon presentation, and also for collection, maturing notes and bills; or, solely for purposes of exchange or of collection, may receive from other Federal reserve banks deposits of current funds in lawful money, national-bank notes, or checks upon other Federal reserve banks, and checks and drafts, payable upon presentation within its district, and maturing notes and bills payable within its district; or, solely for the purposes of exchange or of collection, may receive from any non-member bank or trust company deposits of current funds in lawful money, national-bank notes, Federal reserve notes, checks and drafts payable upon presentation, or maturing notes and bills: *Provided*, That such non-member bank or trust company maintains with the Federal reserve bank of its district a balance in an amount to be determined by the Federal Reserve Board under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe."

Sec. 3. That the fifth paragraph of section thirteen be, and is hereby, amended further so as to read as follows:

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

vided, however, That the aggregate of acceptances growing out of domestic transactions shall in no event exceed fifty per centum of such capital stock and surplus."

Sec. 4. That section seventeen be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 17. So much of the provisions of section fifty-one hundred and fifty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States and section four of the Act of June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and section eight of the Act of July twelfth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, and of any other provisions of existing statutes as require 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 a stated amount of United States registered bonds, and so much of those provisions or of any other provisions of existing statutes as require any national banking associations now or hereafter organized to maintain a minimum deposit of such bonds with the Treasurer is hereby repealed."

Sec. 5. That section nineteen be further amended and reenacted so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 19. Demand deposits within the meaning of this Act shall comprise all deposits payable within thirty days, and time deposits shall comprise all deposits payable after thirty days, all savings accounts and certificates of deposit which are subject to not less than thirty days' notice before payment, and all postal savings deposits.

"Every bank, banking association, or trust company which is or which becomes a member of any Federal reserve bank shall establish and maintain reserve balances with its Federal reserve bank as follows:

"(a) If not in a reserve or 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 equal to not less than seven per centum of the aggregate amount of its demand deposits and three per centum of its time deposits.

"(b) If in a reserve city, as now or hereafter defined, it shall hold and maintain with the Federal reserve bank of its district an actual net balance equal to not less than ten per centum of the aggregate amount of its demand deposits and three 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 equal to not less than thirteen per centum of the aggregate amount of its demand deposits and three per centum of its time deposits.

"No member bank shall keep on deposit with any non-member bank a sum in excess of ten per centum of its own paid-up capital and surplus. No member bank shall act as the medium or agent of a non-member bank in applying for or receiving discounts from a Federal reserve bank under the provisions of this Act, except by permission of the Federal Reserve Board.

"The required balance carried by a member bank with a Federal reserve bank may, under the regulations and subject to such penalties as may be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Board, be checked against and withdrawn by such member bank for the purpose of meeting existing liabilities; *Provided, however,* That no bank shall at any time make new loans or shall pay any dividends unless and until the total balance required by law is fully restored.

"In estimating the balances required by this Act, the net difference of amounts due to and from other banks shall be taken as the basis for ascertaining the deposits against which required balances with Federal reserve banks shall be determined.

"National banks, or banks organized under local laws, located in Alaska or in a dependency or insular possession or 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 conditions now provided by law regulating them; or said banks may, with the consent of the Reserve Board, become member banks of any one of the reserve districts, and shall in that event take stock, maintain reserves, 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 director's fees paid to any officer, director, or employe of a member bank and other than a reasonable fee paid by said bank to such officer, director, or employe for services rendered to such bank, no officer, director, employe, or attorney of a member bank shall be a beneficiary of or receive, directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, gift, or business of the bank," be, and hereby is, amended and reenacted so as to read as follows:

"Other than the usual salary or director's fee paid to any officer, director, employe, or attorney of a member bank, and other than a reasonable fee paid by said bank to such officer, director, employe, or attorney for services rendered to such bank, no officer, director, employe, or attorney of a member bank shall be a beneficiary of or receive, directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, gift, or other consideration for or in connection with any transaction or business of the bank: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to prohibit a director, officer, or employe from receiving the same rate of interest paid to other depositors for similar deposits made with such bank."

H. R. 20540.

A bill to authorize national banking associations to establish branches:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved December twenty-third, nineteen hundred and thirteen, known as the Federal reserve Act, be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding a new section as follows:

"DOMESTIC BRANCHES.

"Sec. 25a. That any member bank located in a city of incorporated town of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants and possessing a capital and surplus of \$1,000,000 or more may, under such rules and regulations as the Federal Reserve Board may prescribe, establish branches, not to exceed ten in number, within the corporate limits of the city or town in which it is located; *Provided,* That no such branch shall be established in any State in which neither State banks nor trust companies may lawfully establish branches; *And provided further,* That the number of branches which a member bank may establish shall not exceed the number of branches which the laws of the State in which said bank is 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 RESERVE BANK.**

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 District 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. McDougal, "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 should not get into a political mess, such as that in which the national banking system has become involved. There is no disguising the fact that the national banking system is in politics, and, until the ex-officio members are dropped from the Federal Reserve Board and it is made an absolutely independent board, without any official connection with the United States Government, the national banking system never will be out of politics. Better still would it be to make the Federal Reserve Board not an administrative board, but a supervisory, corrective and disciplinary body, as is our State Banking Department. The Federal Reserve Board, which is composed mainly of men who are not bankers, should not endeavor to administer the banking business of this country. Providing it complies absolutely with the law, the proper body to run each separate member bank is the board of directors of that bank. Providing it works in harmony with the system, the proper body to run each separate Federal Reserve bank is the board of directors of that bank. Even were the Federal Reserve Board not a political body, it could not help meddling in the administration of individual banks, even when it would better keep its hands off; unless its powers 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 man that at least a majority of its members should be trained bankers? No one would think of appointing a man without medical training as head of the medical department of the Government of the United States. No one would think of appointing a man without legal training as head of the legal department of the Government of the United States. No one would give a locomotive engineer charge of a bakery, or a baker charge of a locomotive. For some inscrutable reason, a majority of the men who were appointed on the Federal Reserve Board not only had no practical experience as bankers; they had not even any theoretical training. Why choose men who know nothing about banking to exercise supreme authority and dictatorial powers over our national banking system?

Take any bank in this country. If every member of the board of directors of that bank thinks that he, who gives an hour a week or an hour a 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 his time to it, if each one of these directors insists upon controlling the work of the executive officers of the bank, will it be well run? On the other hand, if the directors take no interest in the affairs of the bank and allow the officers to do as they please, will it be well run? The most successful banks are those in which the directors actually direct, but, at the same time, do not claim that they know more about banking than the officers of the bank. A wise board of directors knows where to draw the line between daily executive work, which is the function of the officers, and the general 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 realize that a life of training and experience is none too much to fit a man to be a real banker.

It is the same old story of difference between theory and practical experience. The world is full of men who can tell other men how to run their businesses, but who cannot make a success of their own. There is nothing that can take the place of experience. We would not trust theorists with our own private businesses. Why do we trust them to run our national banking system? Here are two of the reasons: There is a popular impression in this country that thorough training is not necessary to an American citizen; that he possesses the omniscient wisdom which fits him to take up any subject, give it a few hours study, and know as much about it as the man who has spent his life on it. The other reason is what, in this country, we call politics; one of the greatest curses in our public life, and which is constantly encroaching upon private businesses to the destruction of efficiency, and to the discouragement of patient effort.

For years, the examinations in our State 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 present efficient supervision of our State banking system by our State Banking Department be continued without radical change, but with constant effort towards conservative improvement as experience from time to time proves necessary.

Extraordinary difficulties will face the new Superintendent. Should he serve his full term of three years, there is every reasonable prospect that the European war will be ended before his term expires. All intelligent bankers and business men know that the end of the war will bring collapse to many of our present inflated values and danger, and perhaps disaster, to many enterprises, including, perhaps, State banks and trust companies. The wisest banker cannot, at the present time, foresee the extent of, or even provide for, this trouble, which surely will come. He cannot tell just which enterprises and industries will be affected and just which will not be affected, nor how widespread the influence 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 energetic 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 Government 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 do—if the First Deputy Superintendent were competent—and it is universally admitted that he is not only competent, but fearless and impartial—the Governor would, as a matter of course, promote him. With the exception 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 qualified to fill the position as the present First Deputy. If the Governor will not appoint him, then we should have a trained business man, preferably a banker of broad experience, but, whoever the appointee may be, one requirement should be insisted upon—that he be absolutely free from political affiliations, past, present and future.

This is a situation which demands the active co-operation not only of every banker, but of 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 a name for consideration 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 obtainable.

#### 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 energetically 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 accepting 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 Trust Co. 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 credit for a definite instead of an indefinite 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 parties to the transaction are placed on an equitable basis. Because the trade acceptance is an acknowledgment of the receipt of the goods and a proof of the validity of the debt, it gives stability to commercial credit and transforms deferred obligations into definite assets and liabilities. Another form of acceptance is the bank acceptance, which consists of the extension of a bank's credit to a customer upon an agreed basis. When Brown, in New York, buys of Doe, in Galveston, and arranges with a bank in New York to accept on presentation the drafts of Doe, with documents attached, Doe's draft on the bank becomes a bank acceptance. Again, the customer can draw his own draft directly on the bank, the latter accepting it for payment at a future date. In this form the acceptance is a commercial credit bill. The accommodation given the customer under an acceptance is merely a loan of the bank's credit responsibility until 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 the freight 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 freight and slow deliveries are still a hindrance to business.

Concerning general business conditions Mr. Jay says:

Manufacturers and distributors of goods report a satisfactory volume of business for this season of the year and, as a rule, they foresee from orders booked ahead a continuance of active trade for several months. There is evident, however, a growing disposition to exercise greater caution in making commitments for later in the year.

Present indications are that buying, except for actual contracts and known requirements, will be on a conservative scale until the outlook for fall trade, both domestic and foreign, is clearer and the trend of prices less uncertain.

#### 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 committee said:

We are concerned with only one thing. Did any public officials improperly use information to obtain profits for themselves? This committee has been commanded to find out if there was a leak, and, if so, where it was. The committee is not concerned with trying to effect the reformation of the Stock Exchange. There are no resolutions before us regarding 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 the banking firm of White & Co., who was on the stand later in the day, he denied the allegations 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) relative 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 statement of Mr. Lawson's, on the basis of his supposed interview with Mr. White, has gone broadcast throughout the country, reflecting on the reputation of an old-established house. I think and believe that Mr. Lawson should be almost taken at his word and put behind the bars on the basis of perjury, for wantonly handling the name of a reputable citizen as he has handled 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 Fisk is engineering or superintending this leak stock gambling affair, that Harvey Fisk & Sons are handling this connection with C. D. Barney & Co., and that Pliny Fisk is doing the steering. The story is that he (Pliny Fisk) is working with McAdoo and that it's a terrific affair. Do you know anything?"

White said: "You asked me just in time. I talked with Fisk the other night (down at the club, I think he said). He got on this subject and he wanted to show me how he controlled McAdoo and he almost insisted that I go to the telephone with him while he called McAdoo out of bed, and maybe ask him to come to New York."

I asked him: "Didn't you go?" and he said "No."

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 & Lounsberry 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 Harvey 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. Fisk described them from their beginning in 1902 or 1903, when, "at Mr. McAdoo's solicitation," Harvey Fisk & Sons had financed the Hudson & Manhattan Railroad Co. "I was thrown into close association with him for a number of years," he said, "until he became Secretary of the Treasury. Since then our paths have seldom crossed except in strictly business affairs involving his special functions as Secretary."

"In connection with the closing up of Mr. McAdoo's business affairs prior to his taking his portfolio," said Mr. Whipple, "did you have anything to do?"

"Mr. McAdoo felt," said the witness, "that in accepting the appointment he wished to take up the duties with all his personal affairs in—to use the homely expression—apple-pie order. He came to see me to discuss the matter, and we decided that all his small loans—perhaps half a dozen—had better be liquidated before he took up his duties. We advanced to Mr. McAdoo sufficient money to assemble all his debts and took the collateral which he had pledged, with instructions to liquidate as rapidly as possible. This was done, particularly with his small holdings of trust company and bank stock, which he was especially anxious should be sold at once. The last transaction was on the 15th of January, 1914; the loan was made on the 1st of March, 1913. The total loan was about \$112,000. I have a memorandum—"

At this point Representative Garrett of Tennessee interjected:

"I think it is correct to go into the matters on the Stock Exchange, but as far as baring Mr. McAdoo's private affairs here, I think it is not necessary." The Republican committeemen agreed to this, and Mr. Whipple went on to ask if Mr. Fisk had had any relations with Mr. McAdoo since March 4 1913, except these.

"There have been none," said Mr. Fisk, "as my memory serves me. If anything, it was some trivial amount, a thousand or two, which he gave to me for investment for one of his children or something. Our social relations have continued."

Q.—Have you or your concern had a speculative 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.

Q.—Have you ever conversed with Mr. McAdoo, "Senator O," or any other person about this? A.—I never have.

Q.—Have you ever during the last four years made any request of Secretary McAdoo to do this or that for you, to come to New York or anything? A.—I never have. I have leaned backward not to have such relations. We never had any privileges which any firm in the United States might not have received.

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 telephone call and maybe bring him to New York? A.—I never made any such claim, or inferred or imagined or started it. I had only such control 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. Fisk said 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.

"He was supposed to keep us advised of the proceedings of Congress," said the witness, "and anything that might vitally affect values. He reports to us exactly as to the newspaper which he represents."

Mr. Fisk could not remember the name of Sarvis's successor, who took up the double duty on Sarvis's death three years ago. Correspondence produced later showed that this man's name was John Boyle, and his letter-head indicated that he acted as correspondent for the "Wall Street Journal" and the Exchange Telegraph Co. of London and for Harvey Fisk & Sons. Mr. Fisk denied that he had received at any time in November or December "any knowledge, hint or suggestion" as to the Administration's purpose to issue a peace note. Then Mr. Whipple turned over the witness to members of the committee, and Mr. Fisk said 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 Mr. 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 1 1913 to \$112,000, and had liquidated the last of the indebtedness on Jan. 15 1914.

Mr. Fisk was also questioned concerning a conversation with Mr. White in December relative to the financing of the Federal Dyestuff & Chemical Co. The leasing by the Federal Reserve Bank of quarters in the Harvey Fisk Building at the time of the bank's organization was also brought up at Monday's hearing, Mr. Fisk stating that the only part he played in the transaction was to name the rental price and to put the matter in the hands of Kenyon B. Conger, the agent of the Hudson Terminal Building. Mr. Fisk stated that he had never urged Secretary McAdoo as a favor to lease the offices. He stated that the quarters were leased by the Reserve Bank at \$39,000 a year for the first year and a half and at \$41,000 for succeeding years, with the privilege of a ten-year lease. The bank moved last May (at the end of the first year and a half) to the Equitable Building.

Mr. White's testimony related to his business dealings with Mr. Lawson and his talk with the latter about making a market for the stock of the Federal Dyestuff & Chemical Co., but denied, as noted above, the particular conversation with regard to Mr. Fisk which had been ascribed to him by Mr. Lawson. Mr. White stated during the course of his testimony that he was acquainted with Count von Bernstorff, but asserted in answer to questionings, that he had never arranged for a meeting at the Ritz-Carlton between Mr. Lawson and the Ambassador. He stated, however, that he had been asked by Mr. McSweeney, an associate of Mr. Lawson's, if such a meeting could not be arranged but that he had told Mr. McSweeney to make his own arrangements. Mr. White also stated that he knew Charles H. Sabin, but that he had had no communication with him in several months.

E. F. Hutton, of the firm of E. F. Hutton & Co., and Bernard M. Baruch were called before the Committee on Tuesday. Both the firm and Mr. Baruch were mentioned on Jan. 5 by Representative Wood, the author of the resolutions which brought about the inquiry, as having received 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 published, were 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 President 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 week'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.; received in New York at 12:48 p. m.:*

I hear that the State Department will issue statement to-day regarding economic conditions European war affecting neutrals, intending to promote peace prospects. What do you think of this, and how are you on stocks?  
CLEMENT.

*Reply from E. F. Hutton & Co. at 1:14 p. m.:*

Clement: Our Washington wire gives us similar message to yours. Others have same information and we put it out, as it is more or less generally known. Your message was marked confidential, and we treated it so.  
E. F. HUTTON.

*From E. F. Hutton & Co. to all of their forty-five correspondents in various cities, sent at 1:54 p. m.:*

Rod and all: We are confidentially informed that a highly important message to all belligerents and neutrals has been issued from Washington. Interpreted not as a 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 warning that neutral 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.  
G. A. E. Jr.

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. McKinnon, of Thomson & McKinnon of Chicago. It is pointed out that while newspaper men were 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 Dec. 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 intended to buy a seat on the Stock Exchange." There was, 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 fact, Mr. Hutton said.

Speaking of the commitments 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 greatest amount they had ever borrowed before the 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 credited 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 stock operations from Dec. 11 to 22. In part his testimony on this point was as follows (we quote from the "Times"):

"On Dec. 11, I was long on various stocks which appear on brokers' accounts only, and also on stocks which I sold outright. In the period from Dec. 11 to Dec. 15 I sold these securities, amounting, in long stocks, to about 30,000 shares, besides about 25,000 or 26,000 shares short. The zenith of this selling was apparently reached on Dec. 14, when I was short 25,000 shares of Steel. On the 15th I had bought in 14,000 shares."

"Take Steel all through," said Mr. Whipple. "What were your transactions?"

"On Dec. 11," said the witness, "I was long about 5,000 shares at the close. Most of them were bought that afternoon. On the 12th I sold this stock, probably late in the afternoon, I think, through H. Content & Co. I had none at the close. I bought it at 23 and a fraction and sold at 19 and a fraction. I remember that well enough." (That was Mr. Baruch's way of saying 123 and 119.)

"I'm sorry, Mr. Baruch," said Mr. Whipple. "The world believes you never had a loss. Now, what other stocks—"

"It was the same with Rubber," said Mr. Baruch; "with Ray Copper, Chile Copper, Cuba Cane Sugar preferred; some of that I already had. I got rid of them as soon as I could, though apparently it took two or three days to get rid of all of them."

Q.—Did you go short on any stocks on this day? A.—Canadian Pacific—I was short on that all the time.

Q.—What did you do in Steel on Dec. 13? A.—I sold 23,400 shares, starting early in the day.

Q.—Why? A.—I think the reason should be apparent to every one, but I'll tell you.

"I'd have started earlier," the witness said, "but I was out all day. When I read Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg's speech in the Reichstag, which, after the greatest war in civilization, was a declaration of peace, I realized what this meant to the world, and particularly to the world of business and

finance. I thought that the people's minds, which heretofore had been bent on war, were now turned to peace. My mind worked to the conclusion that a man of intelligence would act quickly and sell securities."

"Was there any other reason for your selling short?" asked Mr. Whipple. "I knew that the technical condition of the market was bad, but the real thing was the body-blow of this speech, which still hangs like a pall on the whole situation."

"Why should peace affect the market unfavorably?"

"My personal opinion, which is perhaps the reflection of many others, is that our country has had, I might say, a false prosperity. We had got an enormous business whose profit was out of all ordinary proportions. Peace would bring with it reaction and the opening of an era of other activities. From the humane standpoint I take a different view; but peace would raise trouble with the stock market."

"Was the rise of money rates regarded as a danger signal?"

"I should think it would be. There 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 13th went at about 118½. On Monday I had bought them at 123.

"On Dec. 14 I went short more than 1,600 shares of Steel. On the 15th 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 Saturday, are included with Monday's on the account sheet), I sold again about 4,000 shares. So I was short about 15,000 shares of Steel at the 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 what he did say. I thought he would leave 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 19th?" asked Mr. Whipple.

"I sold 28,400 shares."

"Why?"

"I remember very distinctly," said Mr. Baruch. "The first part of the day I read some private dispatches from abroad on the Dow-Jones ticker—I think two banking houses were named. The first part might be considered as meaning that Lloyd George wouldn't listen to peace. As the market rose I sold at first. I was standing at the ticker, and as soon 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 speech, 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," said 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 receive any such news."

Q.—How about the 20th of December? A.—I bought 17,900 shares, making my short account 26,500. I bought on the scale down, acting on my own judgment. It was a very unfortunate judgment, for the next day the market broke five or ten points.

Q.—If you had known that something would happen the next day which would break the market, what would you have done? A.—I would have sold, all day long.

Q.—Was this a large transaction for you? A.—I have done bigger ones, where I was operating in only one stock.

Q.—Do you regard it as a major operation? A.—A fair-sized one. Do I have 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 Steel. It seems that I never get in at the bottom, or at the top."

"Had you closed all your transactions by the time Mr. Lansing made his announcement?"

"I think I was long in the market—not in Steel—by that time."

"When I 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 dealings on the 22d?"

"I disposed of my holdings again."

"Why?"

"Because Mr. Whipple," said 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. They may not get it to-morrow or the next day, but 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 Exchange 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 McAdoo, whom he did get. In stating the reason therefor 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 this matter."

"Did you call up any official in Washington about this time?"

"Yes, sir; but not about this matter. I called up Mr. Warburg (of the Federal Reserve Bank Board), whom I didn't get, and Secretary McAdoo, whom I did get. I had been asked to recommend an officer for the Federal Reserve Bank. I called Mr. McAdoo up several times."

"Did you call Mr. Tumulty up on any of these dates?"

"I never called him up in my life. If there are any records pretending to show that I did, they are fakes."

"Who asked you for a suggestion for an appointee for the Federal Reserve Bank?" Inquired Representative 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 said he'd like me to call up Secretary McAdoo. I said I'd tell him (House) but he'd like he wished I'd tell the Secretary."

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 Department will issue a statement to-night putting forth America's position as a neutral, and taking the opportunity to put before the world her rights as a neutral. Not looked on as a peace proposal, but as an opportunity to state America's rights as a neutral to the 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 Washington if you have your ear to the ground and get around in the right circles. I won't say you can get all the information 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 client of his firm, and that in all his experience he never knew a Representative or Senator who ever traded in stocks. 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 \$40,000 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 behalf of the brokers of the New York Stock Exchange. My impression has always 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 only, to fleece the public. I should like to correct that impression. The public is essential 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 commission houses.

There has been much criticism of short selling, but it has a steadying effect on the country when a panic comes to find that this has created a market. For instance, the closing of the Stock Exchange at Tokio when the German peace note was sent out. Short selling is prohibited there, and as in a situation like this everybody would be selling and nobody buying, the 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 builder who contracts to erect a building is selling material which he has not bought. In the cotton business you sell futures on a crop that is not yet 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 evidence 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. Testimony 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 he 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 interested 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 violated the confidence of Secretary Lansing and that the paragraph sent out by Dow-Jones tickers on the afternoon of Dec. 20 was based on information given him by Harold T. Johnson, a reporter. Johnson, Mr. Reilly testified, told him about 11.30 A. M. on the 20th that it was generally understood on the Street that the President was going to send a peace proposal to the belligerents around Christmas time. Reilly also said that he did not promptly receive word from his Washington correspondent of the Lansing talk to newspapermen, which took place at 11 A. M. It was two and a half hours later, he stated, before he was informed that a note was to be made public that night.

Besides Becker and Toomey several other telegraph operators were examined yesterday (Friday) by the Committee, which before adjourning at 2 p. m. to meet in Washington to-day (Saturday) issued, through its counsel, Sherman L. Whipple, the following statement:

The significant fact is established that we find in a brokers' office in New York on the day before the President's note was published, at an hour considerably earlier than the time it was given by Secretary Lansing to reporters, a statement of the substance of the note itself and of its most important purpose, couched in language characteristic of a skilled and well-trained mind, showing conclusive evidence that the writer must have not only seen, but thoroughly comprehended the President's note and the purpose of its sending.

It is reasonably clear on the evidence thus far given that this statement did not come over the Washington wire from Connolly & Co. or the Southern wire into Hutton's wire, but got into the brokers' hands in some other way. How it got there, from whom it came, and when, are the objects on which 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 New York, one of the 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 reasserting this Mr. Bennet said:

I said at the Orange County dinner that there was a leak, and that people in Wall Street know of the President's note forty-eight hours before it was released for publication. I said, too, that I had in my pocket as I was speaking a paper showing that some one had had the foresight to sell 20,000 shares of Steel while it was rising. He might have been the seventh son of a seventh 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 sent from the firm of Connolly & Co. that day—Dec. 20—I knew nothing whatever of it. F. A. Connolly was subpoenaed and went to New York on the Congressional Limited this afternoon to appear before the Committee. He 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, anyway, and was in the office on Dec. 20 not over half the day. But as I said, I know nothing whatever of the communication mentioned by Mr. Hutton. What was told me to-night was the first I heard of it.

#### 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 30 1918, as approved by the Democratic 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, &c. 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 co-partnerships 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, Alabama; 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 featured 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 were 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 New 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 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 statement from a New York paper—the New York "Times"—in which it is said that I said in the caucus last night that most of this tax—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 mentioned the Mason and Dixon line, nor did I mention New York City; but I will say now that this tax will go to pay appropriations, practically all, or most all, of which will go north of the Mason and Dixon line. The appropriation for preparedness will go for the most part to shipyards, munition makers and so forth, these happen to be north of the Mason and Dixon line.

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:

I think most or the greater part will be levied north of Mason and Dixon's line. All these fellows who live in States that will pay a large part of this tax can get rid of the location argument by moving down to my town of Scotland Neck and pay the tax from there.

The text of the Revenue Bill is as follows:

#### A BILL

To provide increased revenue to defray the expenses of the increased appropriations for the army and navy and the extensions of fortifications, and for other purposes.

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

#### TITLE I.—SPECIAL PREPAREDNESS FUND.

Section 1. That the receipts from the tax imposed by Title II and one-third of the receipts from the tax imposed by Title III of this Act shall constitute a separate fund in the Treasury to be used only for the expenditures incurred under the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30 1917, and for other purposes," approved Aug. 29 1916; the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30 1917, and for other purposes," approved Aug. 29 1916, and the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, for the armament thereof, for the procurement of heavy ordnance for trial and service, and for other purposes," approved July 6 1916, or any other Act or Acts subsequent thereto making appropriations for army, navy or fortification purposes. In addition to such receipts from the taxes imposed under Titles II and III of this Act, there shall be credited annually, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30 1918, to such separate fund the sum of \$175,000,000, such sum being the estimated additional revenue to be derived under the Act entitled "An Act to increase the revenue and for other purposes," approved Sept. 8 1916, in excess of the revenue to be derived under then existing laws; provided that the 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.—EXCESS PROFITS TAX.

Section 200. That when used in this title:

The term "Corporation" includes joint-stock companies or associations, and insurance companies;

The term "United States" means only the States, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii and the District of Columbia; and

The term "Taxable Year" means the twelve months ended Dec. 31, except in the case 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 be the year ending Dec. 31 1917.

Section 201. That in addition to the taxes under existing laws, there shall be levied, assessed, collected, and paid for each taxable year upon the net income of every corporation and partnership organized, authorized or existing under the laws of the United States or any state, territory or district thereof, no matter how created or organized, excepting income derived from the business of life, health and accident insurance, combined in one policy, issued on the weekly premium payment plan, a tax of eight per centum of the amount by which such net income exceeds the sum of (A) \$5,000 and (B) eight per centum of the actual capital invested.

Every foreign corporation and partnership, including corporations and partnerships of the Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, shall pay for each taxable year a like tax upon the amount by which its net income received from all sources within the United States exceeds the sum of (A) eight per centum of the actual capital invested and used or employed in the business in the United States, and (B) that proportion of \$5,000 which the entire actual capital invested and used or employed in the business in the United States bears to the entire actual capital invested; and in case no such capital 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 income from sources within the United States bears to the entire net income and (B) that proportion of \$5,000 which the net income from sources within the United States bears to the entire net income.

Section 202. That for the purpose of this title, actual capital invested means (1) actual cash paid in, (2) the actual cash value at the time of payment of assets other than cash paid in, and (3) paid in or earned surplus and 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-

nerships shall be computed upon the basis of the net income shown by their income tax returns under Title I of the Act entitled "An Act to increase the revenue and for other purposes," approved Sept. 8 1916, or under this title, and shall be assessed and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the income tax due under Title I of such Act of Sept. 8 1916.

Provided, That for the purpose of this title a partnership shall have the same privilege with reference to fixing its fiscal year as is accorded corporations under Section 13 (A) of Title I of such Act of Sept. 8 1916.

And provided further, That where a corporation or partnership makes return prior to March 1 1918, covering its own fiscal year, and includes therein any income received during the calendar year ending Dec. 31 1916, the tax herein imposed shall be that proportion of the tax based upon such full fiscal year which the time from Jan. 1 1917 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 I of the Act approved Sept. 8 1916, and partnerships carrying on or doing the same business shall be exempt from the provisions of this title and the tax imposed by this title shall not attach to incomes of partnerships 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 Title I of such Act of Sept. 8 1916 shall, for the purposes of this title, include in such return a detailed 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 partnership for the taxable year, setting forth specifically the actual capital invested and the gross income for such year and the deductions hereinafter 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 Title I of such Act of Sept. 8 1916. In computing net income of a partnership for the purposes of this title, there shall be allowed like deductions as are allowed to individuals in Sections 5 (A) and 6 (A) of such Act of Sept. 8 1916.

Section 206. That all administrative special and general provisions of law, including the laws in relation to the assessment, remission, collection, and refund of internal revenue taxes not heretofore specifically repealed and not inconsistent with the provisions of this title, are hereby extended and made applicable to all the provisions of this title and to the tax herein imposed, and all provisions of Title I, of such Act of Sept. 8 1916, relating to returns and payment of the tax therein imposed, including penalties, are hereby made applicable to the tax required by this title.

Sec. 207. That the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall make all necessary regulations for carrying out the provisions of this title, and may require any corporation or partnership subject to the provisions of this title to furnish him with such facts, data, and information as in his judgment are necessary to collect the tax provided for in this title.

#### TITLE III.—ESTATE TAX.

Section 300. That Section 201, Title II, of the Act entitled "An Act to increase the revenue and for other purposes," approved Sept. 8 1916, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 201. That a tax (hereinafter in this title referred to as the tax) equal to the following percentages of the value of the net estate, to be determined as provided in Section 203, is hereby imposed upon the transfer of the net estate of every decedent dying after the passage of this Act, whether a resident or non-resident of the United States:

"One and one-half per centum of the amount of such net estate not in excess of \$50,000;

"Three per centum of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$50,000 and does not exceed \$150,000;

"Four and one-half per centum of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$150,000 and does not exceed \$250,000;

"Six per centum of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$250,000 and does not exceed \$450,000;

"Seven and one-half per centum of the amount by which such net estate 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 does not exceed \$2,000,000;

"Ten and one-half per centum of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$2,000,000 and does not exceed \$3,000,000;

"Twelve per centum of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$3,000,000 and does not exceed \$4,000,000.

"Thirteen and one-half per centum of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$4,000,000 and does not exceed \$5,000,000, and

"Fifteen per centum of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$5,000,000."

Section 301. That the tax on the transfer of the net estate of decedents dying between Sept. 8 1916, and the passage of this Act shall be computed at the rates originally prescribed in the Act approved Sept. 8 1916.

#### TITLE FOUR.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Section 400. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of the United States from time to time such sums as in his judgment may be required to meet public expenditures on account of the Mexican situation, the construction of the armor plate plant, the construction of the Alaskan Railway, and the purchase of the Danish West Indies, or to reimburse the Treasury for such expenditures and to prepare and issue therefor bonds of the United States not exceeding in the aggregate \$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 such bonds shall be payable, principal and interest, in United States gold coin of the present standard of value, and both principal and interest shall be exempt from all taxes or duties of the United States, as well as from taxation in any form by or under State, municipal, or local authority, and shall not be receivable by the Treasurer of the United States as security for the issue of circulating notes to national banks;

Provided that such bonds may be disposed of by the Secretary of the Treasury at not less than par under such regulations as he may prescribe, giving all citizens of the United States an equal opportunity therefor, but no commissions shall be allowed or paid thereon; and a sum not exceeding one-tenth of 1 per cent of the amount of the bonds herein 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 issue of bonds, the Secretary of the Treasury may prepare and issue for the purposes specified in any portion of the bonds of the United States now available for issue under this section authority of Section 39 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide revenue, equalize duties, and encourage the industries of the United States, and for other purposes," approved Aug. 5 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 revenue equalize duties, and encourage the industries of the United States, and for other purposes," approved Aug. 5 1909, shall be made redeemable and payable at such times within fifty years after the date of their issue as the Secretary of the Treasury in his discretion may deem advisable.

#### CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.

Section 401. That Section 32 of an Act entitled "An Act providing ways and means to meet war expenditures and for other purposes," approved June 13 1898, as amended by Section 40 of an Act entitled "An Act to provide



revenue, equalize duties, and encourage the industries of the United States, and for other purposes," approved Aug. 5 1909, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 32. That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to borrow from time to time, at a rate of interest not exceeding 3 per centum per annum, such sum or sums as, in his judgment, may be necessary to meet public expenditures, and to issue therefor certificates of indebtedness in such forms and in such denominations as he may prescribe, and each certificate so issued shall be payable with the interest accrued thereon at such time, not exceeding one year from the date of its issue, as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe:

"Provided, That the sum of such certificates outstanding shall at no time exceed \$300,000,000, and the provisions of existing law respecting counterfeiting and other fraudulent practices are hereby extended to the bonds and certificates of indebtedness authorized by this Act."

RETURNS OF DIVIDENDS.

Sec. 402. That Title I of the Act entitled "An Act to increase the revenue, and for other purposes," approved Sept. 8 1916, be amended by adding to Part 3 a new section, as follows:

"Sec. 26. Every corporation, joint stock company or association, or 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 or its equivalent or in stock, including the names and addresses of stockholders and the number of shares owned by each, in such form and manner 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 year 1918, which are to meet the estimated appropriations of \$1,654,819,654 03, amount to \$1,341,550,000, a sum which is \$313,269,654 03 less than the amount of the estimated appropriations. Since the submission of the Book of Estimates in December 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 total which such additional estimates will reach, and by the time the session closes the amount will no doubt be very much greater. Estimate have not been submitted for many items which will probably be appropriated for at this session. The proposal to increase by 5 and 10% the salaries of certain grades of employees in the Government service will require about \$25,000,000. Various bills are pending in either the House or Senate which, if they become laws, will add very large sums to the total of appropriations. Included in this list is the Public Buildings Bill, the Vocational Education Bill, the Fish Hatcheries Bill, the Food Control Bill, the bill to increase the pay of employees of the meat-inspection service, and a number of others. It will be seen, therefore, that the estimated appropriations, taking into account the items just mentioned, will exceed the estimated revenues for the next fiscal year by considerably more than \$400,000,000.

The daily Treasury statement of Jan. 22 1917 shows a working balance in the General Fund of \$93,610,344 37. This would be a safe balance if it represented that amount of unpledged money. There has been deposited to that date in this fund the sum of \$51,758,311 for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes that have been assumed by the United States. If that sum be deducted, the amount remaining is \$41,852,033 37. The sum of \$69,998,843 61 has been placed to the credit of disbursing officers and was subject to their checks to the full amount; so that instead of a general fund in the Treasury of \$93,610,344 37 on Jan. 22 1917, there was in reality a deficit of \$28,146,810 24. The sum of about \$100,000,000 will be necessary, therefore, to restore to a working balance in the general fund.

The disbursements for the first six months of the fiscal year 1917, which ended on Dec. 31 1916, exceeded the receipts by approximately \$126,000,000. The disbursements will undoubtedly be larger during the last six months of the fiscal year than during the first six months for the reason that many appropriations made in bills for the fiscal year 1918 which will be laws before the session ends will be available for expenditure in the fiscal year 1917, and larger sums will be expended on account of the army and navy in the latter period than in the former. The appropriations to supply deficiencies for the fiscal year 1917 and prior years will be paid from the receipts received during the fiscal year 1917. The deficiency estimates received thus far aggregate about \$60,000,000 and no not include the larger proportion of estimates for the General Deficiency Bill. It should be stated that the deficiency estimates thus far include about \$36,500,000 on account of army expenditures on the border. If the troops continue there, the figures stated above will become much larger. It is conservative to say that these estimates will aggregate at least \$100,000,000, and the appropriations under them will undoubtedly reach the figure of \$90,000,000, which the revenues of 1917 will have to meet. The prospective needs of the Treasury during the remainder of the fiscal year, over and above the receipts that will normally be received during that period, except income taxes, will be about \$340,000,000. The receipts from the income taxes on individuals and corporations are received near the end of the fiscal year and are estimated at \$245,000,000, which leaves a requirement of additional revenue for this fiscal year of \$95,000,000.

The estimated appropriations for the fiscal year 1918 exceed the estimated revenues of that period by more than \$400,000,000, as heretofore stated. It will be seen, therefore, that additional revenue amounting to \$500,000,000 will have to be raised at this session of Congress.

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 30 1916 carried in the army, navy and fortifications appropriation bills, together with the appropriations for arsenals and military posts carried in the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill as representing the normal appropriations for national defense, the like appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30 1917 and the similar estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30 1918 will show an increase in the appropriations for national defense during these two years amounting to more than \$873,000,000.

The regular annual estimates and the supplemental estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30 1918 amount to \$1,711,000,000. In this total is included \$60,748,000 for the Sinking Fund, which is merely a bookkeeping account, and \$325,355,820 for the postal service, which takes care of itself. In estimating the necessary revenue to meet appropriations, it is therefore proper to deduct both of these estimates. The amount for which it is necessary to provide revenue after deducting the aforementioned estimates is therefore \$1,324,896,180.

During the fiscal year ended June 30 1918 the Secretary of the Treasury estimates that, because of the expenditures to meet authorization under existing law, the total disbursements will be \$1,368,445,910, or \$43,549,730 greater than the estimated appropriations after deducting the estimates for the sinking fund and the postal service.

After carefully considering the various available sources of additional revenue, your committee recommends that the necessary funds to meet the extraordinary appropriations for the army and navy and fortifications be assured by additional internal taxation upon 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 Alaskan Railway and the purchase of the Danish West Indies be met by the receipts from bonds. The amount of Panama bonds unissued being insufficient, 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 I provides that the receipts from the excess profits tax and one-third of the receipts from the estate tax provided in this bill, together with \$175,000,000, the additional revenue collected from the taxes levied in the revenue Act of Sept. 8 1916, shall be set aside as a special preparedness fund, to be used toward defraying the expenses for the army and navy and fortifications.

It is provided, however, that should there be no other money available in the Treasury to meet current obligations, the Secretary of the Treasury may use this fund for other purposes, but any sums so distributed must be returned to this fund.

Title II places a tax of 8 per cent on the net profits of corporations, joint-stock companies or associations, insurance companies and partnerships which are in excess of \$5,000 and in excess of an amount equivalent to 8% of the actual capital invested. That is, before the tax attaches, there is a flat 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 defines "actual capital invested" to mean (1) actual cash paid in, (2) the actual cash value at the time of payment of assets other than cash paid in, and (3) paid in or earned surplus and undivided profits used or employed in the business. Money borrowed through bonds or otherwise is not included in the actual capital invested.

This title also provides that the excess tax upon corporations shall be computed upon the corporation returns made in accordance with the corporations' income tax returns. It requires partnerships to make returns and gives them the privilege of selecting their fiscal year, giving them the same privilege as is now allowed to corporations. Corporations, joint-stock companies or associations and insurance companies exempt under Section 11 of the income tax, and partnerships carrying on or doing the same business, and the income of partnerships derived from agriculture or from professional services, are exempt from the excess profits tax. The income derived from the business of life, health and accident insurance combined in one policy under the weekly premium plan is also exempt from this tax.

The tax imposed upon corporations and partnerships is to be computed upon the basis of the net income shown by their income tax returns made under the income tax law, and is to be assessed and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the income tax. Every corporation having a net income of \$5,000 or more is required to return a detailed statement of its actual capital invested. Partnerships are required to make a return of the income of the partnership for each taxable year, setting forth the actual cash invested and the gross income for such year. In determining the net income, partnerships will be allowed the same deductions as are allowed individuals under sections 5 (a) and 6 (a) of the income Tax Act.

It is estimated that the proposed tax upon excess profits will yield during a twelve-month period \$226,000,000, distributed as follows: Upon corporations, \$170,000,000, and upon partnerships, \$56,000,000.

Title III increases the present estate tax rates 50%.

Title IV gives the Secretary of the Treasury authority to issue an additional \$100,000,000 of bonds to meet public expenditures, on account of the Mexican situation, the construction of the armor-plate plant, the construction of the Alaskan railway, and the purchase of the Danish West Indies, or to reimburse the Treasury for such expenditures.

The Secretary of the Treasury at the present time has authority to issue \$222,000,000 worth of Panama Canal bonds to reimburse the Treasury. The Act commonly known as the "Shipping Bill" authorizes the issuance of \$50,000,000 worth of Panama Canal bonds, the proceeds from which are to be used for the construction or purchase of ships. The Act authorizing the construction of the nitrate plant also authorizes 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 recommends that the disbursements incident to the Mexican situation and to the construction of the armor-plate plant, the Alaskan Railway, and the purchase of the Danish West Indies, be met by the issuance of bonds. Your committee therefore recommends the following bond issues:

To meet the expenditures incident to the Mexican situation to	
June 30 1917, estimated at.....	\$162,418,000
Ditto Danish West Indies.....	25,000,000
Ditto construction of Alaskan Ry.....	35,000,000
Ditto armor plate plant.....	11,000,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$233,418,000</b>
Bonds already authorized—	
Shipping Act.....	\$50,000,000
Nitrate plant.....	20,000,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$70,000,000</b>
<b>Total proposed bond issue.....</b>	<b>\$303,418,000</b>
Panama Canal bonds which can be issued at this time.....	222,000,000
<b>Additional authorization of bonds necessary.....</b>	<b>\$81,418,000</b>

Under the present system of taxation a considerable portion of the receipts are not due and payable until the last month of each fiscal year. It is, therefore, deemed advisable to increase the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue certificates of indebtedness for a period not exceeding one year from the date of issue. At the present time the Secretary of the Treasury has the power to issue \$200,000,000 worth of such certificates. This Act proposes to give the Secretary of the Treasury authority to issue an additional \$100,000,000 worth of such certificates.

Section 402 of this Act merely provides that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue may at his discretion require a corporation to include in its return a statement of its dividend payments stating whether the same are made in cash or its equivalent, or in stock, and may require the names and addresses of the stockholders and the number of shares owned by each. The purpose of this provision is merely to enable the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to check doubtful individual returns.

## RECAPITULATION.

Estimated amount necessary to be raised by bond issues and new revenue legislation.....	\$402,389,939
Bond issues to reimburse the Treasury—	
For expenditures incident to the Mexican situation to June 30 1917.....	\$162,418,000
For construction of Alaskan Railway to June 30 1918.....	21,839,292
For construction of armor-plate plant.....	11,000,000
Total.....	\$195,256,292
Estimated amount to be raised by taxation.....	\$207,133,447
Estimated additional receipts under proposed bill—	
Excess profits tax.....	\$226,000,000
Estate tax.....	22,000,000
Total.....	\$248,000,000

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 be on the safe side. Allowance must be made for the fact that the amount of revenue which it is estimated the excess profits tax will yield 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 veto. 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. 28 1915, and at that time an effort was made to override the veto; the effort failed, however, the House having, on Feb. 4 1915, 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 Cleveland 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 bill 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 literacy test constitutes a radical change in the policy of the nation which is not justified in principle. It is not a test of character, of quality or of personal fitness, but would operate in most cases merely as a penalty for lack of opportunity in the country from which the alien seeking admission came. The opportunity to gain an education is in many cases one of the chief opportunities sought by the immigrant in coming to the United States, and our experience in the past has not been that the illiterate immigrant is, as such, an undesirable immigrant. Tests of quality and of purpose cannot be objected to on principle, but tests of opportunity surely may be.

Moreover, even if this test might be equitably insisted upon, one of the exceptions proposed to its application involves a provision which might lead to very delicate and hazardous diplomatic situations.

The bill exempts from the operation of the literacy test "all aliens who shall prove to the satisfaction of the proper immigration officer or to the Secretary of Labor that they are seeking admission to the United States to avoid religious persecution in the country of their last permanent residence, whether such persecution be evidenced by overt acts or by laws or governmental regulations that discriminate against the alien or the race to which he belongs because of his religious faith."

Such a provision, so applied 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 constitute religious persecution. This would, to say the least, be a most invidious function for any administrative officer of this Government to perform, and it 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 officially condemned should its exercise be adopted.

I dare say that these consequences were not in the minds of the proponents of this provision, but the provision separately and in itself renders it unwise for me to give my assent to this legislation 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 dialect, 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 reflect 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 referred 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 Shipping Board and that the President has accepted his resignation. Mr. Baker resigned because I suggested to him that I thought it would be wise, in the circumstances, if the Board would consider giving the chairmanship to the Pacific Coast. The President was in accord with this suggestion. Mr. Baker said he desired to think the matter over for the night. The next morning he sent his resignation.

The selection of suitable men for the Shipping Board and the proper organization of the Board has been a matter of great concern to the Administration ever since the passage of the Shipping Bill. The suggestion about the chairmanship was made in a spirit of co-operation and with a desire to be helpful. The Board has the right under the law to select its own Chairman, but there is no reason why a suggestion from the Administration should not receive consideration. I have had a warm regard always for Mr. Baker and I regret 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 New 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 salaries to the Board members at \$7,500 each, and \$5,000 for its Secretary. It is provided, however, "that in the discretion 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 United States Shipping Board were confirmed by the Senate only a few days prior to the submission of these estimates, and it is, for that reason, impracticable to furnish details as required by the Act of Aug. 1 1914. However, the appropriation requested is believed to be well founded as it is based on a careful technical study of the probable scope and cost of the operation of the Board for the fiscal year 1918, made by the appointees of the President prior to their confirmation by the Senate.

The unprecedented conditions and uncertainties pertaining to shipping and shipbuilding now prevailing throughout the world make it highly important and advisable, particularly during the present and prospective critical period in the development of the American merchant marine, that all reasonable consideration be given the estimates of the Shipping Board in respect to the amount of the appropriation.

These estimates were not submitted with the regular annual estimates of the 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 trainmen's demands in a symposium on the Adamson Eight-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 Railroads, 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 "Ledger":

The representatives of the people have thought it best, in the public interest, to impose these limitations and, in imposing them on investors they have simultaneously placed limitations on voluntary wage increases for employees in railway service.

It is not unnatural for these employees to desire higher wages at a time when wages are being increased all around them and the cost of living is going up, and some method must sooner or later be devised which will safeguard their interest as well as the interest of investors and the public. All three classes ought to be represented in every important adjustment, like the so-called eight-hour demand, on a nation-wide basis.

There seems to be a popular impression that there is an inexhaustible reservoir of private funds available to the railroads upon demand for whatever purposes they may have in mind, and that the function of the public is simply to regulate their use. Unfortunately for all interests, this is not the fact. A railroad is not like a camel. It cannot live upon its own humps nor sustain itself from within. It needs a constant supply of fresh sustenance from without in order to reach its normal growth and perform its normal functions.

Investments in railway securities are made by bankers and private individuals on exactly the same basis they are made in other securities, and if railway offerings fail to measure up in competition with other offerings they lose just that degree of popularity. The investor must be tempted either by profit or by stability of income. He finds neither of these assured to his satisfaction in the railroad business under existing conditions.

It is true that there is some financing from time to time, but it is virtually all by way of increased debt. There should be more and more financing by sale of stock or credit will inevitably be more and more impaired.

In other industries, melon-cutting is again in fashion and any number of industrial concerns are earning 40 or 50% or even more, on their common stock. It is true that the railroads have just had the most prosperous year

in their history, but the net earnings, after deducting taxes, hire of equipment and rentals is only about 6% upon the value of the property devoted to public use. Already increases in cost of fuel, supplies and labor are being reflected in a smaller net return.

Whether we are prosperous or not, it is our duty to cut out every item of waste. The public is entitled to efficient railway management. It is also entitled to efficient regulation.

The Committee of which I am Chairman, representing about 90% of the railway mileage of the United States, advocates the following program in the belief that such a platform, enacted into law, will greatly improve and more adequately meet the needs of commerce:

Federal supervision of railroad securities.  
Federal incorporation of inter-State carriers.  
Exclusive Federal regulation of all rates. Wages and service are not divided by State lines.

A regional and functional division of the work of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Regional commissions under unified authority would keep regulation as well as management close to the people, and it ought to be.

Restriction of rate suspensions to not more than sixty days.  
Giving the Inter-State Commerce Commission power to prescribe minimum as well as maximum rates.

W. G. Lee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen in setting out the trainmen's 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 we be forced to work for wages we believe are not fair, or, under conditions we do not like, we are quite within our rights in deciding in favor of our own welfare first. If the public asks us to waive our rights as employees and furnish service under conditions that are unsatisfactory, we feel we are quite consistent in 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 service of his employer 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 arbitration, that insists that railroads and railroad employees give service whether they want to or not. This demand for involuntary servitude comes from a source that would be quick to resent any such interference with its right to carry on business on its own terms. The shipper who gets for his goods all the traffic will bear is quick to fly to the arms of the Inter-State Commerce Commission if he believes he can get a reduction in freight rates, but at the same time he demands the right to manage his business as he sees fit. If his employees demand increased wages he holds to his right to hire and fire as one of the privileges constitutionally granted to him, but when it becomes the same question between the railroad companies and their employees, it is then another question altogether, and he demands that service be not interrupted on the ground that railroad business is a public service and must not be discontinued.

Regardless of what public opinion may decide as best for its interests, regardless of the welfare of railway employees, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen accepts no doctrine of compulsory service. It holds that wages and conditions of service are first the concern of the individual or his representatives, who stand for his collective thought and demands; that the rights of society are not the paramount concern of the man who attempts honestly and fairly to improve his working and living conditions; that his right to better himself is a natural one and not within the legislative right of the general public so long as the exercise of his powers of action is within the rights of the law.

The Brotherhood is not unfavorable to a fair plan of arbitration. It is not ready to accept a plan that in advance assures that it will get the worst of the decision. It is in favor of industrial peace, but that does not mean peace at any price; it means peace with honor and not at the sacrifice of justice. The Brotherhood does not desire to offend the public. It has no disposition to take undue advantage of it in any sense. It accepts every public responsibility as an organization. It challenges even the inference that always it has not been fair to the public. It demands in return from the public only that which the public holds fast as its absolute right—the liberty to make its own terms of service so far as it has the power.

The declaration that railroad organizations exist only to strike is answered by the patience exercised by these railroad organizations for more than one year in their attempts to settle their differences with their employers, with out severing their relations with them. If there ever were reasons, justified by the unfair acts of the employers, to urge men to strike, they were given without number since the shorter work-day movement was started in earnest. Any other labor organization would have exhausted their patience months ago and either secured their demands or been defeated in trying to get them. The question that the American people should ask themselves is, does it pay the railroad brotherhoods to exercise patience out of their regard for the interests of the public, when it clearly is shown that it is to their disadvantage to do so?

Mr. Stone in dealing with the attitude of the trainmen on the wage question said:

I recognize the fact that capital has its rights as well as labor, and at times both are wrong and want more than their fair share; also that back of both capital and labor stands a third party, the public, whose rights too often are not taken into consideration, and who, no matter which way the question at issue is settled, has to "pay the freight." But if capital could be brought to realize that a certain proportion of the wages paid to labor stands for exhaustion of the material—the wear and tear on the men—then I think capital would have a better understanding of the ground upon which rests the claim of labor for more compensation than merely enough to exist upon.

You hear much from a subsidized press of the high wages paid to railway employees. One particular case that was largely quoted was that of an engineer who earned \$212.95 in one month. That looks like a large sum of money. They forgot to tell you that the engineer, in order to earn this amount, worked 395 hours, or equal to 49.2 days of eight hours each, and his average rate of pay per hour figures 53.9 cents.

A plumber working the same number of hours would have received \$256.75, a bricklayer \$268.25, and they would have had regular means, regular sleep and been at home.

There is a fundamental principle underlying this question, which is usually overlooked or misunderstood by the employers of labor, and that is the principle that a portion of a man's wage should go to cover depreciation, to pay for the wear and tear on the man.

The public is rightly concerned as to the personnel of the railroad 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, men the people 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 eight times greater than normal. And yet the Inter-State Commerce Commission report for 1916 shows 73,000 cases of continuous services ranging from 16 to as high as 60 hours. The worst horror of the railroads hasn't been written yet. It is still to come, and its cause will be a crew of 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 irritating social effect. Let them ponder the words of Justice Holmes, who said, "The word liberty in the Fourteenth Amendment is perverted when it is held to prevent the natural outcome of a dominant opinion."

This country lags far behind other countries in dealing with the recurring collision between employer and employee. The President's proposals would at least have closed up this gap, which is not to our credit, and might have proved in operation a beneficent solution of a grave problem.

The public will not tolerate a disastrous suspension of its industrial or commercial life while two minority classes vent their narrow class passion and group bigotry upon each other.

I regret to see that the railroads and their attorneys have so quickly taken the field, and are so promptly seeking to complicate the solution of this problem by the discredited and outworn expedient of thwart, delay, irrelevance, quibble and obscurity which follows in the wake of the process of injunction. There is a new spirit in the world, and the writ of injunction is not its expression. Nor is the lawyer class its guardian or exponent.

This new spirit is the spirit of science, of collectivism and of khaki. The youth of the world is paying for ancient errors 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 perished with Harriet 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 nature of the State has changed. It is no longer content to restrict its 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 questions just 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 railroads and their employees will go ahead and conduct their affairs properly, there will be little disposition either on the part of the people or their Representatives in Congress to interfere.

He also predicted that Congress will make eight-hour legislation effective despite a possible adverse decision by the Supreme Court, which is testing the constitutionality of the law. He declared that Congress need only make a few minor changes to existing laws in order to include within their provisions every 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 activities of the carriers. It may be that the Court will declare this railroad wage law a valid exercise of the commerce power. With such a precedent established, a new era would be opened in the public control of the transportation industry; and it is plain that the way would then be clear for a broad public oversight of railroad wages and working conditions.

Such a development, in the light of recent events, might not be entirely unwelcome. If the Government, through the Inter-State Commerce Commission or a co-ordinate national wage commission, had the power to regulate, in the public interest, the greatest single 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 only one-sixth of the employees would not be forced upon the railroads without a full and impartial review of all the facts. No great increase in the labor cost of transportation would then be sanctioned without a due regard for the interests of the public, as well as for the rights of the owners and the workers.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has made it very plain in its decisions in rate advance cases that the principle of the conservation of the public interest should be dominant. In declining 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 unreasonable rates, but also against unfair and unreasonable wages.

On our Eastern roads the great bulk of the traffic moving to the industrial centres is made up of low-grade raw materials, carried in heavy-ton-

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 financial troubles was a further increase in the trainload. When the petition for an increase in rates was made in 1910, the Commission, in refusing it, urged the carriers to increase the trainload; and again in 1914, when the 5% rate increase was granted, the Commission pointed to the possible economies 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 trainload, as suggested, it would mean the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars to provide the facilities necessary to handle the same amount of traffic with the greater number of trains.

The Brotherhood propaganda against the big unit in the movement of freight has not been confined to penalizing it by higher labor cost, but 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 suicide. 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, the greater is the amount of useful products to be distributed. If there is anything wrong with our modern industrial system, the fault surely is not in the acceleration of output, but in the inequities resulting in distribution.

If the decision in the Adamson Act test case makes it clear that Congress, through a Government commission, can assume the regulation, in the public interest, of all these problems of railroad labor, there will be a guarantee that they will be determined in the light of reason and not in the darkness of industrial conflict.

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

The railroad Brotherhoods have determined upon their course of action if the law is found invalid. Their leaders stated in Chicago a few days ago that "it may be necessary on some roads or groups of roads to use the protective feature of the organization." The "protective feature" means the strike. It is no longer a secret that the heads of the organizations have now in their hands full power to tie up the commerce of the country, road by road, or territory by territory, or on all the roads simultaneously, 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 the public last summer, after the refusal of the organizations to submit their demands to any board of inquiry, we defined what we believed to be the position we ought to take, and in every newspaper in the country we made this statement:

"The railroads feel that they have no right to grant a wage preferment of \$100,000,000 a year to these employees, now highly paid and constituting only about one-fifth of all the employees, without a clear mandate from a public tribunal that shall determine the merits of the case after a review of all the facts. The single issue before the country is whether this controversy is to be settled by an impartial Government inquiry or by industrial warfare."

We are still firm in the belief that these controversies, so vitally affecting the national interests, must be settled by reason and not by brute force, by investigation rather than by inquest, and that no fair settlement can be made which does not take into account the rights and interests of the great body of the people served by these public carriers.

#### POSTPONEMENT OF MEXICAN MINING DECREE SOUGHT.

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 one 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 made recently with regard to the proposed mining taxation in Mexico, and a new schedule of taxes has been agreed upon by Luis Cabrera, Secretary of the Treasury for Mexico, and the Committee representing 45 principal American and foreign mining companies. This new schedule is the result of the protest of the mining companies against the taxes announced in the decree of May 1 1916. These taxes many foreign operators refused to pay on the ground that they were illegal and confiscatory; they provided a 10% ad valorem tax on gold and silver and a 5% ad valorem tax on the metal content of copper, lead and zinc ores.

The mining companies first took up the tax problem with the American Conference Commission but Mr. Cabrera, declining to discuss the matter in the conference, took the question up directly and eventually agreed to forward and recommend a new schedule to the de facto Government. It was expected that the new schedule would go into effect on Jan. 1 1917, but a dispatch from Queretaro to Washington announces that a decree of Dec. 10 suspended the old metal export taxes until Dec. 31 1917, during which period taxes will be assessed under a new schedule. The principal features of the new tax schedule, as proposed, were as follows:

Gold and Silver—If in the form of ore, 7% ad valorem, and 5% ad valorem if in the form of bullion or if contained in bullion.  
Copper in Matte or Bullion—When the New 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 Ore**—The tax on copper in ore will be 20% greater than the tax on copper in matte or bullion; in other words, 6% ad valorem when the price of copper 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 valorem is to be levied the value to be determined by taking full metal content at New York price, minus 25% United States import tax, treatment charges and freight to New York.

**Zinc**—The tax will be 3% ad valorem, the value to be determined by taking 75% of the metal content at the St. Louis quotation for Prime Western spelter minus 10% United States import tax, and freight and treatment charges in the United States.

Some changes are noted in the telegraphic report of the new schedule which does not mention the exemption of the U. S. import duties in the valuation of lead and zinc ores, and with respect to zinc ores states that the value will be calculated on 75% of the assay result based on the New York price, deducting freight and treatment costs, taking as the average freight charge the rate between Salsillo, Mexico, and Tulsa, Okla.; value of other metals may be calculated on price at port of export.

Exemptions from taxes, it is further stated in the dispatch, will apply in the following cases: Copper ore containing less than 5%; lead ore with less 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 Circuit Court in favor of the Government in the test suits involving claims 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 Yazoo & 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 change 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 totals 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 brief, 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 at 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. Peters as follows, relative to the case:

The claims ran back to the time when the Postmaster General ordered that the total amount of mail carried per week should be divided by seven days instead of six, as had been done previously, in reckoning the payments to be made the railroads. Practically no mail is carried on Sunday, and the roads had been paid according to the weight of the mail carried. Payment was continued on the basis of the six days because no mail was carried on Sunday—or at least, what little was carried was not paid for. But the new method of dividing the amount left a considerable portion of it unpaid for. This amounted to \$35,000,000 in the four years in question, and up to the present time amounts to something more than \$70,000,000. It is also calculated that the railroads have been losing from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 a year on the mails since the parcel post system was established.

The matter of the parcel post will be straightened out soon, it is hoped, and a plan to carry it on a space basis for six months was started on Nov. 1 1916, at the end of which time the Inter-State Commerce Commission is to compare this with the weight system and decide on a fair basis of compensation.

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

More than 1,100,000 wage-earners in the United States received substantial increases in pay in the months of November and December 1916, according to figures just compiled. A statement announcing this, issued by Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson on Jan. 27, says:

With a few minor exceptions all of the 1,118,970 increases came after Election Day, Nov. 7, and 931,763 during December. This is extremely interesting in view of the prediction of "closed shops," "soup kitchens," "bread lines" &c., should President Wilson be re-elected, with which the Republican managers flooded the columns of the newspapers and plastered the billboards 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 little more than 3%, are employed in the manufacture of munitions. It is also significant that whereas 66 of the 212 increases noted for November were the result of strikes, only 33 of the 304 for December were secured through this 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 various parts of the country. Great care has been taken to eliminate all duplicates.

The reports for November 1916 show 212 statements of wage increases in 38 States. Three of the reports relate to railroads and other inter-State establishments. Of these 212 reports, 131 show the number of establishments affected to be 163 and 77 reports show 187,207 employees affected. Of the 212 reports of wage increases 57 are stated to be the result of mutual agreement between employer and employee, 66 as the result of strikes, 72 by voluntary action on the part of the employer and for the remaining 17 no reason was stated. The second table shows the same information arranged by industry or occupation. This tabulation shows 77 reports which gave the number of employees affected, the largest number affected being: In foundry and machine shop, 32,436; mining, 27,500; iron and steel, 24,500; boots and shoes, 18,300; textile workers, 17,950, and tanning, 15,000.

The publications examined for the month of December show 304 reports of wage increases. These were for establishments in 38 States, 21 of which were for railroads and other inter-State establishments. Of these 304 reports, 209 showed a total of 359 establishments involved. One hundred and forty reports showed the total number of employees benefited by the increase of wages to be 931,763. Of these 304 reports of wage increases 45 were reported to be obtained by a mutual agreement between employer and employee, 33 as the result of strikes, 172 by voluntary action of the employer, and for the remaining 54 no reason was given. The second table shows the same information tabulated by industry or occupation. This table shows that the largest number of employees benefited were in iron and steel, 341,600; textile workers, 208,350; garment workers, 112,300; workers in electrical supplies, 60,000; munitions, 35,000; boots and shoes, 33,730; telephone and telegraph service, 23,000; paper manufacturing, 23,315.

In the figures from which our figures were compiled there was no uniformity in stating the amount of increase, and in a large proportion of the cases it was not possible to determine a percentage. In the cases where the increase was stated in the form of percentage or where a percentage could be computed, the prevailing 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 reference 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 "the advisability 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:

*Resolved*, That American lives, American vessels and other American property should be fully protected throughout the world, and that the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York is heartily in favor of any fair and equitable taxation which has such protection for its object.

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

#### DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL TAX BURDENS.

*To the Chamber of Commerce:*

*Whereas*, Advance information in the form of a tentative draft of the Revenue Bill originating in the House of Representatives, Washington, in the Ways and Means Committee, proposes to raise \$248,000,000 from a tax on excess profits of business and by an increase in the rates on inheritances; and \$300,000,000 or more from bond issues; and,

*Whereas*, These measures of taxing excess profits and inheritances expressly exempt all persons engaged in agriculture, regardless of the size of the enterprise concerned; 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 capital for domestic and foreign enterprise; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York respectfully submits to the Federal Government the advisability 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 American enterprise at home and abroad.

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN, *Chairman*, JAMES H. POST,  
CORNELIUS N. BLISS JR., ALFRED E. MARLING,  
SAMUEL SLOAN, LEONOR F. LOREE,  
EDWIN W. COGGESHALL,

*Committee on State and Municipal Taxation.*

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 the Federal Government for raising revenue by means of collection from 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 further 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 agree that it is "entirely possible for the Federal Government to secure adequate funds for its legitimate needs through a judicious system of indirect taxes to cover current expenses," including stamp duties and others.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York deprecates the extension of the Federal Government's plan to raise revenue by taxes upon sources on which the several States have relied, and must either continue to rely, and thus inflict cumulative taxation upon its citizens, or as a last resort discover entirely new sources of revenue to meet its fiscal burdens.

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#### NEW YORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON NEED FOR CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT 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 national expenditures. In the report of its delegates attending the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, Jan. 5 1911, the Chamber approved resolutions providing that no project should be adopted without having received the approval of the Government engineers; and that the period of construction be as short as possible under the continuing-contract system. Meanwhile, we are gratified to note that much progress has been made in this respect. The Chamber at the same time expressed itself in endorsement of the "growing sentiment of antagonism to the 'pork barrel' method of making up rivers and harbors appropriation bills, and in favor of intelligent, business-like legislation along lines of national development, without sectionalism."

In February 1916 this Chamber unanimously adopted the report of the Committee on Finance and Currency in favor of a budget policy in public financing, whereby proposed expenditures should be subordinated to the limitations of previously 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 Washington three particular measures which, if enacted into law, will alone obligate the Federal Treasury to an expenditure of \$121,000,000 in excess of any previous provision made for a corresponding increase in the national income. These measures include \$38,000,000 for improvement of rivers and harbors (H. R. 20079); \$38,000,000 for public building expenditures (H. R. 18994); and \$45,000,000 for river reclamation purposes, mainly for the redemption of lands on the lower Mississippi (H. R. 14777).

Regardless of the inherent merits or demerits of these measures, we find that as a result of this policy of legislative disregard of the resources of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Treasury has already forewarned the country that we face a certain deficit for the next fiscal year of not less than \$185,000,000, if not a good deal more. For this vast sum new sources of public income must be provided, or some of the older sources worked more intensively, or both expedients resorted to. This policy seems to ignore the fact of extraordinary requirements of revenue for national defense. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York reiterates its conviction that there is need of a sound economic control of public expenditures with due regard to established sources of revenue, including a uniform system of public expenditure based on an authoritative examination in advance of the actual needs of each department of the Government.

Resolved, That copies of this preamble and resolution be forwarded to the Federal officials and to members of Congressional committees immediately concerned.

FRANK A. VANDERLIP, *Chairman*,  
WILLIAM SLOANE,  
JAMES S. ALEXANDER,

*For the Committee on Finance and Currency.*

#### 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 leadership. There is something almost naive in the widespread feeling that this remarkable expansion of our foreign 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 permanent 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 have made two prolonged trips through the countries of South America and I could not help but be 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 some of their European sources, to exact from them not merely unusually high prices but to require of them other onerous conditions with reference to financial arrangements. Rightly or wrongly there was a distinct feeling that the United States was utilizing a momentary opportunity without attempting to lay the foundations for permanent commercial relations with the merchants of Latin America.

Let us not delude ourselves with reference to what is going to happen immediately at the close of the European war. I found the Latin American merchant longing to resume his relations with the European manufacturers and particularly with the German manufacturers. In fact, he was looking forward to the close of the European war as a promise of emancipation from the exactions of the American producer.

I make this statement not so much with the view of casting any reflections on our American merchants, but to point out that if we are 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 deeper than they are at present and of a character upon which the good-will of the South American merchants can be developed. We must also have sufficient perspective, sufficient vision, sufficient insight and foresight to see that an important part of the structure that we are attempting to rear will be greater uniformity in commercial methods, greater uniformity in commercial legislation, greater certainty and security in financial arrangements and the gradual removal of those irritating administrative regulations which are so often a real obstacle to the development of international trade.

It is to these purposes that the International High Commission has addressed itself. The direct outgrowth of the Pan-American Financial Conference of 1915, it represents as it were a permanent standing committee of the Conference; 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 States 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 foreign 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 resolutions were adopted by the convention. The final declaration was drawn by a general committee, 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 United States both opportunities and responsibilities. These responsibilities must be recognized if the United States is to realize the opportunities. The share of the world's commerce to which the United States aspires is that to which its resources, productive capacity, enterprise and skill entitle it. No thoughtful, patriotic American citizen desires more, or will be content with less.

Our trade must depend for its future development primarily upon the efficiency of our agricultural and industrial production, upon the enterprise of American manufacturers, merchants and bankers and upon the training of youth in our schools, colleges and universities. The wider distribution of the benefits of foreign trade is dependent upon the participation of a steadily increasing number of industries and enterprises of moderate size. Governmental agencies, the Department of State, with the diplomatic and consular services, the Department of Commerce, the

Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Trade Commission can assist American enterprise by the negotiation of advantageous commercial treaties by collecting and disseminating information regarding foreign markets and suggesting improved financing, selling and purchasing methods. These Governmental agencies have already rendered and can render still greater assistance 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 efficiency of the merchants the manufacturers and the bankers themselves, the co-ordination of their efforts and their ability to co-operate with each other and with the Government departments created to serve them.

To meet world competition, however, American business, using the term in its broadest implication, must be relieved of disadvantages imposed by legislation and protected by Governmental action from possible discrimination in foreign markets.

The discussion in this convention has emphasized the vital importance, as bearing upon the future of our foreign 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, while 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 chief duty of the United States Shipping Board should be to develop a sound national shipping policy, calculated to attain the following objects:

a. The increase of national income and of domestic prosperity by affording greater facilities for the sale abroad of products of the soil and industry of the United States, and for the importation of foreign materials and products necessary to American life and industry.

b. The development under the American flag, of transportation service with foreign countries and with the possessions of the United States.

c. Aid to national defense, and maintenance of foreign commerce, whether the United States be belligerent or neutral.

To render our foreign commerce reasonably independent of foreign carriers there will be required a merchant tonnage so great that it can only be sustained on the basis of ability to compete for the world's carrying trade with the vessels of other nations. Such disadvantages in cost of operation as are imposed by economic conditions should be offset by greater efficiency, but it is the duty of the Government to offset those imposed by legislation.

3. While it is impossible to anticipate the future relations of the nations now at war, with one another and with neutrals, it is certain that ante-bellum conditions will be radically altered. Commercial treaties under which the world's trade was conducted prior to August 1914, have been ruptured by the war. The negotiation of new agreements between the members of both belligerent groups, between these groupings and neutrals, and the relations between the groups themselves, will necessitate a complete readjustment of the arrangements formerly in force. The United States will inevitably be obliged to negotiate new commercial treaties to conform to the bases fixed by other nations to govern their relations with each other. The possible effects of European economic alliances and preferential or discriminatory tariffs that may be imposed thereunder upon American treaty relations and American trade should be given careful consideration by the Congress and by the proper departments of the Government, including the Tariff Commission.

The State Department has already created a Bureau which is studying these problems. This Bureau should be enlarged and enabled to secure the services of experts. This work of the Department of State should be co-ordinated with the activities of the Department of Commerce, and both these Departments should co-operate closely with the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Trade Commission, the Shipping Board and the Tariff Commission, when organized. The Department of State, through this Treaty Bureau, should consult with commercial organizations and business men individually in order that their needs may be taken into consideration.

#### *Administrative Method of Tariff.*

Whatever be its underlying principle the United States tariff system should possess adequate resources for the encouragement and protection of the foreign trade of the United States. To assure to the United States the continuance of the favorable treatment which our commerce enjoyed before the war and to protect American exports against discrimination in foreign markets, Congress should adopt the principle of a flexible or bargaining tariff.

In submitting the foregoing considerations to this convention your Committee desires to express its appreciation of the spirit of co-operation which has already been evidenced by the Departments of State and Commerce, and by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Trade Commission, and of their readiness to assist business men throughout the country. We believe it to be the sense of this convention that the National Foreign Trade Council and the delegates here assembled individually will consider it a privilege and a duty to co-operate with these Governmental agencies in their efforts to encourage the development of American foreign trade.

#### *E. N. HURLEY ON NEED OF CO-OPERATION IN SELLING 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 retired 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 National 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 belief 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 real work of organization. Successful foreign trade will not come from passing bills through Congress. After the Webb bill is on the statute books a vast amount of work must be done in educating American business men in the methods of co-operation and in the complicated details of selling goods abroad. Many American business men are 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 foreign countries we must not take the position of the English manufacturer of fifty years ago. We must not wait for orders to come through our banking connections. It is a well-known fact that for a number of years English manufacturers received orders amounting to millions of pounds sterling from abroad through their banks. They put forth little effort in merchandising, and did not attempt or think it necessary to establish selling organizations. Later, when Germany organized an efficient selling force, and made a drive for foreign business, she was, in a comparatively short time, the mistress of a large part of the foreign trade of the world and a serious competitor of England.

We can no longer regard the foreign market as a place for merely dumping our surplus goods, nor can we remain at home waiting for orders to come to us. The 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 their needs, and master foreign trade as a particular and highly important field for American business activity.

Our Government is coming to recognize its obligation to American business. The Webb bill is important in itself, but it is also typical of the new attitude which Government is taking toward business.

My ideal for the Federal Trade Commission is that it shall become the common meeting ground of Government and business, and that by means of its machinery the foundations of industry shall be laid more secure, competition shall be made more intelligent and fair, business men will have more 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 the public, bring to business its constructive aid.

In conclusion, let me say that with the Webb bill on the statute books—with American ships on the high seas, with our banks establishing branches abroad and with American capital freely investing in foreign enterprises—our manufacturers will have better facilities for the development of overseas 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.

#### *JAMES A. FARRELL ON IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN TRADE.*

Discussing "The Future of American Foreign Trade" at the 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 the 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 longer a matter of choice. The distinction between domestic and foreign commerce is rapidly disappearing. No enterprise large enough to be called national can be clipped short at the boundaries of the Republic. When, in the first week of the war, the almost complete suspension of our export and import trade dislocated all the activities of the home market, the American people had an object lesson which they are not likely to forget, showing that foreign 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 coincide in helping to make that fact clear. Accepting the sound principle that commerce which will stand the test of time must rest on a fair exchange of values, our rightful share of the world's trade will be that to which our natural resources, developed by our enterprise and skill, entitle us. In short, the fitness of our products to meet the requirements of the rest of the world must continue to be the measure of the expansion of our foreign trade.

The opportunities of the near future are sufficiently alluring. There will be a period of industrial reconstruction for Europe, and the retarded development of neutral countries is likely to resume at least its former rate of progress.

It is significant that many of the orders for munitions now placed in this country provide that should their fulfillment be interrupted by the close of the war, delivery will be taken of an equivalent amount of material for peaceful purposes. Thus, as the war demand abates, our mines, forests and workshops will be drawn upon to aid in the reconstruction of great devastated areas and the re-equipment of ruined industrial plants. All this will mean new drafts on our surplus capital, but it will also mean prosperity to our productive industry and will thus provide a profitable return on the capital it employs, a distinction used to be drawn between Government loans yielding annual interest and industrial loans usually carrying a preference for the purchase of the goods of the lending nation.

It is difficult to realize the colossal scale on which Europe will have to borrow to make good the destruction of war. At least \$5,000,000,000 worth of property will have to be replaced, and the demands of the work of reconstruction will be too vast to be met by private enterprise. The first demand will naturally be for houses to shelter the homeless thousands whose native villages have been reduced to a shapeless mass of ruins. The next will be for the supplies of such material, machinery and equipment as can be used to fabricate other machinery and equipment needed for industrial reconstruction and the introduction, where possible, of mechanical appliances to perform work which used to be done by hand. The process will not essentially differ from that pursued in the case of a factory

destroyed by fire, whose owners, after rebuilding, first install the equipment needed to resume its most profitable production.

Co-operation on the broadest and most generous scale, and in the most sympathetic spirit must be the rule if economic recovery is to be quick and thorough. We shall greatly facilitate international co-operation for the general welfare of the world by establishing a co-operative system of selling in foreign trade among ourselves. We shall greatly lessen the possibility of perpetuating in the domain of commerce the bitterness and hatred engendered by the war if we refuse to be drawn into any convention, agreement or understanding that would make us parties to a boycott of the commerce of any of the nations now arrayed against each other. To meet any attempted discrimination against the exports of the United States we shall be free to choose our own means and to invoke the aid of our own Government. But the American people will be prompt to recognize the fact that the poverty of Europe cannot contribute to their welfare, any more than the misfortunes of their commercial and industrial rivals can promote the prosperity of their foreign trade. I see no reason to doubt that they will prepare to do their part in laying the foundation of a permanent peace on the firm basis of mutual respect and evenhanded impartiality and fairness in the dealing of commerce.

### BANKING AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

Only one sale of bank stock, amounting to twenty-five shares, was made at the Stock Exchange this week. Thirty-five shares of trust company stock were sold at auction. Extensive tables reporting bid and asked quotations, deposits, surplus, &c., of banks and trust companies in all important cities in the United States are published monthly in the "Bank and Quotation Section," the February issue of which accompanies to-day's "Chronicle." Bid and asked quotations for all New York City bank and trust company stocks are also published weekly in another department of this paper, and will be found to-day on page 427.

Shares. BANK—New York. Low. High. Close. Last previous sale.

\*25 National City Bank..... 520 520 520 Dec. 1916— 532

TRUST COMPANY—New York.

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\* Sold at the Stock Exchange.

The 1917 convention of the New York State Bankers' Association is to be held at Lake Placid, N. Y., June 21 and 22.

The book detailing the proceedings of the 1916 convention, which was held at the Hotel Traymore, Atlantic City, N. J., June 8 and 9, has recently been issued 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 Association, 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 Committee of the New York Stock Exchange to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James H. Wainwright. The resignation of Ernest Groesbeck of Groesbeck & Co. of 80 Broadway as a member of the Governing Committee, it is announced, has been accepted with regret.

William K. Cleverley, Cashier of the Seaboard National Bank of this city, has been elected a director of the institution.

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 National City Company. Mr. Baker was formerly the representative of the National City Bank in Philadelphia. The company also announces the appointment of Mr. W. H. Reber as district sales manager of its Buffalo office, to succeed Walter Morrow, who has been transferred to the New York office. W. J. Hunsinger has been appointed district sales manager of the Wilkes-Barre office of the National City Company, to succeed W. H. Reber, who has been transferred to Buffalo.

With the approval of the Supreme Court, Superintendent of Banks Eugene Lamb Richards is paying an additional 11% dividend to the depositors of the State Savings Bank of New York City, which was closed by the Banking Department on Dec. 1 1911. The book assets of the institution at the time it was closed totaled \$153,937, and the amount due depositors was \$185,057. Five dividends had previously been paid, and the 11% now being 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. 5 1912 the depositors received 10%; 4% was paid in the latter part of 1914 and 10% in June 1915. With the sixth dividend of 11%, a total of over \$120,000 is paid out in dividends.

Gustave M. Minzesheimer of the Stock Exchange firm of G. M. Minzesheimer & Co. of 111 Broadway, this city, on Jan. 20 received permission from Supreme Court Justice Cohan to change his name to Minton. Mr. Minzesheimer in his petition stated that his name was difficult to spell and pronounce and that inasmuch as the majority of his business is carried on over the telephone he found it the cause of much delay. Another reason, it is stated, why he desired his name be changed was that, although he was American-born, he has found since the war began that persons abroad were averse to transacting business with him because they believed him to be a German or else refrained from dealing with him because of fear of espionage. Mr. Minzesheimer has been a member of the Stock Exchange since April 26 1900.

The depositors of the defunct Mutual Trust Co. of Orange, N. J., whose claims were approved on Jan. 15, were paid their first dividend since the bank's closing, amounting to 40%. The order for the distribution of the dividend, which was signed by Chancellor Walker on Jan. 9, set forth, according to the Newark "News," that creditors' claims in the amount of \$900,692 29 had been filed and allowed; that claims of \$635 97 had been filed since Dec. 16 last; that claims of \$138,959 26, filed and approved, had been held in abeyance pending adjudication as to whom they are payable; that claims of \$307,665 had been filed but not allowed, pending establishment of their validity; that there remained outstanding claims of \$7,486 71 upon which no proofs of claim had been filed, and that there was then in the hands of the Banking Commissioner \$579,544 56 available for distribution after reserving \$50,000 for further expenses of liquidation, legal expenses and other contingent costs. The claims of \$307,665 mentioned above as not allowed, it is said, represent the certificates falsely issued by Thomas S. Byrne, Secretary and Treasurer, to Edwin H. Hatch, Vice-President, who, as noted in our issue of Jan. 13 last, has been sentenced and is now serving a term of from seven to fourteen years as a result of the transaction.

The building formerly occupied by the Mutual Trust Co. at Highland Avenue and Scotland Street, Orange, has been ordered sold by Chancellor Walker to Abram S. Overmiller and associates for \$20,000. The new Orange Valley Bank of Orange offered a bid of \$16,000 for the building some time ago, as noted in our issue of Jan. 6. Mr. Overmiller has deposited \$1,500 as a guaranty of good faith and, it is said, the Chancellor has directed that notice be given the Orange Valley Bank to vacate, within 30 days after title passes, upon the payment of the remaining \$18,500. Mr. Overmiller was Chairman of a committee of the depositors of the old Mutual Trust which was organized to protest formally against the sale of the bank building to the Orange Valley Bank.

In our issue of Jan. 20 we inadvertently misspelled the names of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Union Trust Co. of Jersey City, N. J. George K. Bailey is Secretary of the company and Theodore Ackerson is Assistant Secretary.

The directors of the National Commercial Bank of Albany, N. Y., at a meeting 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 of \$1,000,000, and is one of the largest institutions in the State, outside of New York City. Robert C. Pruyn is Chairman of the board.

Charles H. Newell and Moses J. Barber have been elected Vice-Presidents of the Merchants National Bank of Providence, R. I. Mr. Barber is also Cashier of the institution.

Arrangements have been completed for the opening by the First National Bank of Boston of a branch in Buenos Aires under the management of Noel F. Tribe, a banker of experience who has resided in the Argentine for the past twenty years. Mr. Tribe will return to Buenos Aires at the end of February and during the present month will be glad to meet at the bank or correspond 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 foreign trade between the United States and Argentina. As so much of this trade passes through the port of Boston, and as New England exporters and importers are so vitally interested in accurate foreign credit information and dependable financial arrangements, it seemed appropriate that the bank should extend its activities in this way for the general benefit of the country's foreign trade.

Arthur T. Spring, heretofore Assistant Cashier of the Merchants' National Bank of Boston, Mass., has been elected a Vice-President and director of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Portland, Me.

Joseph T. Stuart has been elected a director of the Northwestern National Bank of Philadelphia, 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 \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The 10,000 shares of new stock (par \$100), if authorized, it is said, are 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 Street property on which the company will erect a large office building. The company was organized in 1866 with a capital of \$250,000. After a number of smaller increases from time to time, the capital in 1878 was raised to \$2,000,000 and in 1913 it was increased to \$4,000,000, its present amount.

Albert A. Outerbridge, Vice-President of the Land Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., and for many years a prominent member of the Philadelphia bar, died on Jan. 23 in his seventy-fifth year. Mr. Outerbridge had been a Vice-President of the Land Title & Trust since 1912, and for twenty-five years prior thereto served as its Trust Officer. From 1881 to 1885 he was reporter of decisions in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and at one time was editor-in-chief of the "Weekly Notes and Cases," a legal journal.

George H. Cherrington, President of the Brown & Zortman Machinery Co., has been chosen a Vice-President of the William Penn Trust Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa. The trust company is one of Pittsburgh's youngest banking institutions, having begun business on Nov. 4 last, as noted in our issue of Nov. 11. The company has a capital of \$125,000. It is headed by James M. Fanning, as President.

Fred L. Main has resigned as Cashier of the Commercial Bank of Titusville, Pa., effective March 1, to become associated in an executive capacity with Main, Squires & Co., certified public accountants, of 25 Broad St., New York City, and Pittsburgh. Mr. Main will be located in the New York office of the firm, of which his brother, Frank W. Main, is a member. F. L. Main has been connected with the Commercial Bank of Titusville for eighteen years. In the fall of 1915 he resigned as Assistant Cashier of the bank to go with Main, Squires & Co., but again became associated with the bank as Cashier, in January 1916, when John L. McKinney resigned as President of the bank after thirty-three years' service, and was succeeded by Cashier George W. Horne.

The surplus fund of the Lancaster Trust Co. of Lancaster, Pa., has been increased from \$900,000 to \$1,000,000. Treating facetiously the changing of the figures on the company's windows the "Daily New Era" of Lancaster on the 16th said:

Charles H. Tucker, the artistic sign painter, for the first time in his life, is on the way of actually making a million. True, he had \$900,000 to start on, but who else could make a million out of it in less than a week? This is the way he did it. By changing the figures of surplus on the plate glass window of the Lancaster Trust Co., where it has been customary for this institution to regularly indicate its progress.

The Lancaster Trust began business in 1890 and now has a capital of \$250,000, surplus and profits (as of Nov. 17 last) of \$1,065,571, and deposits of \$6,401,654. The institution is headed by John Hertzler, as President.

The administrative committee of the Maryland Bankers' Association has selected Atlantic City as the city in which the 1917 meeting will be held. May 23 and 24 are the days selected for the meeting and the headquarters will be at the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel, where last year's convention was held. Special efforts, it is said, are being made to make the 1917 meeting the most notable in the history of the association, both in the topics to be discussed and the prominence of the speakers.



A charter has been granted to the new Bank of Sparrows Point of Sparrows Point, Md. The new institution in which, it is said, the Bethlehem Steel people are interested, will open for business with a capital of \$100,000, and surplus of \$25,000, both of which have already been paid in by the subscribers to the stock. It is expected that the bank will handle much of the banking business of the Bethlehem Steel Co. at its Penn.-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 S. Gibbs of the Citizens National Bank of Baltimore, George Weems Williams of the law firm of Marbury, Gosnell & Williams and James C. Fenhagen of the firm of Robert Garrett & Sons of Baltimore.

On Feb. 1 the bond department of the Security Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Toledo, Ohio, was taken over by F. C. Hoehler, W. C. Thornburgh and Oscar Moreland, comprising the firm of F. C. Hoehler & Co. The same policy of conservatism, it is stated, will be adhered to in the purchase and sale of municipal bonds.

George M. Reynolds, President of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, Ill., has been elected a director of the Continental Insurance Co. of New York.

A new banking institution, the Saginaw Valley Trust Co., of Saginaw Mich., capital \$200,000, and surplus of \$50,000, recently opened for business. The new institution will conduct a general banking business, and in addition, it is stated, has acquired the abstract books of Saginaw County and the business formerly operated by the Frank Lawrence Agency of Saginaw. The Saginaw County Trust Co. has as its President George A. Alderton. Other officers of the company are: W. J. Orr and Samuel E. Symons, Vice-Presidents; Wm. B. Baum, Treasurer; W. J. Rachow, Secretary; Wm. Meissner, Assistant Secretary, and Charles F. Peckover, Manager of the Abstract Department.

The Comptroller of the Currency has approved an increase of \$100,000 in the capital 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., raising it from \$500,000 to \$750,000.

Stanley P. Ryland, heretofore assistant bank examiner of the Cleveland (O.) Clearing House Association, has been elected Cashier of the Union Bank of Richmond, Va., to succeed George W. Call, who, as noted in these columns last week, has been elected President of the institution to succeed the late Joseph B. Beasley. Mr. Ryland is a native of Richmond and has been connected with the Cleveland Clearing House for the past three years, and prior to that time was Manager of the transit department of the First National Bank of Richmond.

Otto Wells, General Manager of the Wells Amusement interests has been elected a director of the Citizens 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 National Bank of Macon. Mr. Hillyer has a wide acquaintance throughout banking circles and has also had extensive banking experience. He organized the American National Bank of Macon in 1891, and also assisted in the formation of and for twenty years served as Secretary of the Georgia Bankers' Association. Mr. Hillyer was a director of the Mutual Alliance Trust Co. of this city, which was taken over by the Chatham & Phenix National Bank. He is a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Ga., serving at regular intervals on its Finance Committee. Previous reference to the Bibb National was made in these columns Oct. 28.

Arch B. Davis has resigned as Secretary of the Kentucky Bankers' Association to become Cashier of the Union National Bank of Louisville, Ky., effective Feb. 1. Mr. Davis succeeds as Cashier Frank M. Gettys, who remains as Vice-President. W. R. Cobb, heretofore Assistant Cashier, has been promoted to the second Vice-Presidency to take charge of the bank's relations with its correspondents. J. H. Merahan, Assistant Cashier, has been given the additional title of Office Manager, and J. H. Waterfill has been made Manager of the banks new business department. In addition to continuing as Assistant Cashier. E. B. Daumont has been made Auditor of the bank and J. H. Scales has been elected a director.

The Bank of Italy, 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 Farmers & Merchants National Bank and the Livermore Savings Bank, of Livermore, Cal., James A. Baicigalupi, formerly attorney for the Italian Consul-General at San Francisco and the Italian Chamber of Commerce, has been elected a Vice-President and director of the Bank of Italy. He will take charge of the new trust department which the bank is to establish. At the annual meeting of the institution on Jan. 17 all the old directors were re-elected and three new members besides Mr. Baicigalupi were added to the board. They are T. S. Hawkins, Joseph F. Cavagnaro and F. Kronenberg.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Union Bank of Canada at Winnipeg on Jan. 10, two important announcements were made. The first was the resignation of G. H. Balfour as General Manager of the institution, and the election 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 the Union Bank for the past forty-seven years, during which time he filled in succession every post in the bank from junior clerk to general manager. He served in the latter position for the past thirteen years. The bank has had a prosperous life under his administration and in order not to lose the benefit of his wisdom and experience the board was increased from 15 to 16 members so that he might become a director. Mr. Shaw, the new General Manager, has been connected with the Union Bank for twenty-six years, for the past eight years as Assistant General Manager, and prior to that he 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 G. Thorne, Vice-President of the National Park Bank, Stuyvesant Fish and Cornelius Vanderbilt to act as an Advisory Committee for the new agency. This agency, it is announced, will be established by the bank "in order to avail itself of its (the bank's) proper share of the Empire's financing at the

present time, and to assume its share of solving the financial problems which are bound to ensue at the close of the war." The statement of the bank's operations for the year ending Nov. 30 1916 shows net profits (after deducting expenses of management, interest, doubtful debts, &c., of \$651,184; 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 officer's pension fund; \$5,000 was donated to the British sailor's relief fund and \$50,000 paid as Government tax on circulation, leaving a balance to be carried forward of \$93,160. Gross deposits show a gratifying increase, being reported at \$59,267,789, against \$72,685,136 in 1915. 658 members of the bank's staff enlisted for overseas active service. Of these 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 annual statement of the Bank of Toronto (head office Toronto, Ont., Canada), for the twelve months ending Nov. 30 1916, shows 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 previous year, which were \$663,074. Gross deposits increased from \$48,769,766 in 1915 to \$54,893,507 in the year just closed. The total amount available for distribution, made up of the earnings for the year and a balance of \$439,383 carried forward from 1915, was \$1,170,337. Out of this sum dividends amounting to \$550,000 (11%) were paid, \$25,000 was transferred to the officers' pension fund, \$36,250 was contributed to the Patriotic Fund and other war subscriptions, \$2,000 was donated to the Toronto General Hospital, and \$507,990 has been carried forward. The Bank of Toronto has a paid-up capital of \$5,000,000 and a rest fund of \$6,000,000. W. G. Gooderham is President of the institution, having succeeded the late Duncan Coulson, whose death occurred last February. Joseph Henderson is Vice-President and Thos. F. How is General Manager of the bank.

The eleventh annual general meeting of the Northern Crown Bank of Canada (head office Winnipeg, Manitoba) was held on Jan. 10. The annual report for the year ending Nov. 30 1916, submitted at the meeting, shows that the bank has enjoyed a satisfactory year. The profits for the year were \$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 \$21,630 carried forward from 1915), \$17,437 was appropriated as a war tax on circulation and \$132,955 was carried forward as a balance of profit and loss. No dividends were paid by the bank. On this point Sir D. H. McMillan, President of the bank, in his address to the stockholders said:

"Earnings were a little over 9% of the capital of the bank, but in view of the uncertainty as to what effect either the continuation or termination of the war may have upon the financial situation, your directors deemed it the wisest course to pass the dividend for the half-year ended the 30th of November, and have carried the profits to profit and loss account after deducting the Government war tax of \$17,437. It is their earnest hope that this may be the last dividend they will have to pass, and they are encouraged to believe that they will, if nothing unforeseen occurs, be in a position to resume payments of dividends from now on."

R. Campbell is General Manager of the Northern Crown Bank.

The eighty-fifth annual report of the Bank of Nova Scotia (head office Halifax), recently published, shows that net profits for the year ending Dec. 31 1916 were \$1,252,039, or 19.26% on the average paid-up capital for the year, and an increase of \$31,982 over the net profits of the previous twelve months, when they amounted to \$1,220,057. There was a balance from the previous year of \$396,115, which when added to the net profits for the year just closed made \$1,648,154 available for distribution. Out of this sum dividends of \$910,000 (14%) were paid; \$65,000 was appropriated for war tax on circulation, \$38,500 was donated to the Canadian Patriotic, British Red Cross and Sailors' Relief funds, and \$50,000 was contributed to the officers' pension fund, leaving \$584,654 to be carried forward as a balance 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 \$66,546,078, while the non-interest-bearing deposits total \$21,278,802. Aggregate assets amounted to \$116,621,727, comparing with \$104,244,467 for the year 1915. The bank has a paid-in capital of \$6,500,000 and the surplus fund is \$12,000,000, said to be the highest proportion of reserve to capital of any Canadian bank. The cash, bank balances and deposit in the central gold reserves amount to \$33,013,838, or a cash reserve of 33.93%, while the addition of marketable bonds and secured call loans make total quick assets of \$71,565,213, equal to 73.55% of liabilities to the public. The executive offices of the bank are in Toronto, Ont., and it has 189 branches throughout Canada, Newfoundland, Jamaica, Cuba and Porto Rico, and in Boston, Chicago and New York. John Y. Payzant is President and H. A. Richardson General Manager. H. F. Patterson, 52 Wall St., is the New York agent of the bank.

Thomas Ahern, President 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 Barnett of Renfrew. Mr. Ahern is also President of the Ottawa Electric Co., the Ottawa Gas Co. and the Ottawa Car Manufacturing Co., Ltd. He is a director of the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, and the Canadian Westinghouse Co., as well as of several other companies.

The annual report of the Provincial Bank of Canada (La Banque Provinciale) (head office Montreal) for the year ending Dec. 30 1916 shows the largest earnings in the bank's history. The profits (after deducting management expenses, interest, &c.) amounted to \$203,984, or more than 20% on the paid-up capital of \$1,000,000. Out of this amount \$70,000, or 7%, was paid in dividends, \$10,000 was appropriated for war tax on circulation, \$16,502 for taxes, \$16,000 was written off bank premises, &c., \$10,000 was set aside for contingencies, \$5,000 was contributed to the Patriotic 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 employees, leaving \$17,520 as a balance of profit and loss. Gross deposits stand at \$13,583,974, while the assets total \$18,414,464. The bank now has 81 branches, fourteen of which are in the City of Montreal and the remaining 67 are located in various parts of the provinces of Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick. During the year nine new branches were opened and three were closed. H. Laporte is President of the institution and Tancred Blenven is Vice-President and General Manager.

Leon Rueff, formerly Managing Director of the Swiss Bankverein, has been admitted to partnership in the firm of Seligman Bros. of London.

The annual statement of the National Discount Company, Ltd., of London, for the period ending Dec. 31 1916 will be found in another column. The gross assets Dec. 31 last were \$129,148,688, and deposits and sundry balances \$83,924,579. The company paid dividends at the rate 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 capital 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 Philip 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 £509,955, as compared with last week's return. The West African gold output for Nov. 1916 amounted to £130,101, as compared with £122,138 in Nov. 1915 and £132,577 in Oct. 1916. The net import of gold into India for the month of Dec. 1916 amounted to about £1,174,500. Gold to the value of \$25,000,000 has been received in New York from Canada.

**SILVER.**

The long stay of the price at 36½d. from Dec. 27 last to Jan. 6, inclusive, comprising nine working days, ended in a fall of ¼d. on the 8th inst., followed by a similar movement on the 9th inst. and again to-day. This retrogression became probable owing to largesales to India on China account amounting to over £1,000,000, which afforded some temporary ease to the demand for coinage. At the same time the duller market tendency induced some holders to realize their profits and thus further substantial supplies were acquired for mintage purposes. It is possible that the Indian Currency figures given below, recording a reduction of 21 lacs in the silver holding, do not show so favorably as they would do if the total purchases for the Indian Mint, lately made, were included. The price in Bombay has touched 103 (cum duty); if it rose to 109½ a full weight rupee could 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 follows:

	Dec. 22.	Dec. 31.	Jan. 7.
Notes in circulation	79.63	82.15	82.58
Reserve in silver coin and bullion	16.23	17.36	17.15
Gold coin and bullion	11.84	11.91	12.06
Gold in England	11.92	11.92	11.92

The stock in Bombay consists of 2,000 bars, as compared with 2,100 bars last week. The stock in Shanghai on Jan. 6 1917 consisted of about 24,200,000 ounces in sycee and 16,100,000 dollars, as 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 during the week: 240,000 ounces to China and 200,000 ounces to Bombay.

Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:

Jan. 5	36½ cash	Jan. 9	36½ cash
" 6	36½ "	" 10	36½ "
" 8	36½ "	" 11	36½ "
Average	36.333	Bank rate	6%
		Bar gold per oz. standard	77-9

No quotation fixed for forward delivery.

The quotation to-day for cash delivery is ½d. below that fixed a week ago.

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 issue shows an increase of £684,320 as compared with last week's return. The net import of gold into India for 1916 amounted to about £8,082,400. In 1915 it was about £4,017,600, and in 1914 about £8,386,000. Gold to the value of \$24,440,000 has been received in New York from Canada. The Transvaal gold output for December 1916 amounted to £3,289,705, as compared with £3,317,949 in December 1915 and £3,326,253 in November 1916. The total output for 1916 amounted to £39,484,934, as compared with £38,627,461 in 1915.

**SILVER.**

The free selling, which has been rather a feature of late, disappeared when the price fell back to 36d. on the 12th inst., and offerings became more normal. On the 17th some buying orders from the Indian bazaars and elsewhere came into the market and revealed the paucity of supplies. The price rose at once to 36½d., and a further rise to 36¾d. took place to-day, but at both advances the amounts disposable were unusually small. Under date of Dec. 23 last the "Times of India" states as follows:

"The absorption of nearly 400 millions of rupees in a space of about twelve months (of which about 100 millions are estimated to have gone to Mesopotamia and East Africa) 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 like piece goods, iron and copper goods, bar silver and gold."

The last Indian currency returns received by cable give details in lacs of rupees as follows:

	Dec. 31.	Jan. 7.	Jan. 15.
Notes in circulation	82.15	82.59	82.39
Reserves in silver coin and bullion	17.36	17.15	17.01
Gold coin and bullion in India	11.91	12.06	11.81
Gold in England	11.92	11.92	11.92

The stock in Bombay consists of 3,300 bars, as compared with 2,000 bars last week. The stock in Shanghai on Jan. 13 1917 consisted of about 25,600,000 ounces in sycee and 16,600,000 dollars, as compared with about 24,200,000 ounces in sycee and 16,100,000 dollars on Jan. 6 1917.

Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:

Jan. 12-36 cash	No quotation	Bank rate	5½%
" 13-36 "	fixed	Bar gold per oz. standard	77½-9d.
" 15-36 "	"		
" 16-36 "	"		
" 17-36½ "	forward		
" 18-36¾ "	delivery.		
Average, 36.166 cash			

The quotation to-day for cash delivery is ¼d. above that fixed a week ago.

**ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.**

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

London, Week ending Feb. 2.	Jan. 27.	Jan. 29.	Jan. 30.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2.
Silver, per oz.	d. 37¼	37¼	37 5-16	37 5-16	37 5-16	37 5-16
Consols, 2½ per cents	52	51½	51½	51½	51½	52
British 4½ per cents	99¼	99¼	99¼	99¼	99¼	99¼
French rentes (in Paris), fr. 62 25	62 25	62 25	62 25	62 25	62 25	62 25
French War Loan, 5% (in Paris)	fr. 88 70	88 70	88 75	88 75	88 70	87 50

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

Silver in N. Y., per oz.	ets. 76¼	76¼	76¼	76¼	76¼	76¼
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c Ex-coupon.

**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.		LIABILITIES—	
Assets—	\$	Gold certificates outstanding	\$
Gold coin	900,629,128 60	Gold reserve	1,922,076,629 00
Gold bullion	1,264,973,780 53	Available gold in general fund	152,979,025 63
			99,547,254 50
Total	2,174,602,909 13	Total	2,174,602,909 13

Note.—Reserved against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$2,035,188 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes are also secured by silver dollars in Treasury.

**SILVER DOLLARS.**

ASSETS—		LIABILITIES—	
Silver dollars	\$ 495,939,455 00	Silver certificates outstanding	\$ 476,795,613 00
		Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding	2,035,188 00
		Available silver dollars in general fund	17,108,654 00
Total	495,939,455 00	Total	495,939,455 00

**GENERAL FUND.**

ASSETS—		LIABILITIES—	
Avail. gold (see above)	\$ 99,547,254 50	Treasurer's checks outstanding	\$ 4,332,491 63
Available silver dollars (see above)	17,108,654 00	Deposits of Government officers:	
United States notes	5,499,462 00	Post Office Department	16,201,612 92
Federal Reserve notes	2,092,945 00	Board of trustees, Postal Savings System (5% reserve)	4,046,800 96
National bank notes	11,535 00	Comptroller of the Currency, agent for creditors of insolvent banks	1,158,509 02
Cert. checks on banks	18,007,794 49	Postmasters, clerks of courts, &c.	22,024,140 14
Subsidiary silver coin	3,323,762 02	Deposits for:	
Minor coin	631,026 03	Redemption of Federal Reserve notes (5% fund)	16,973,269 29
Silver bullion (available for subsidiary coinage)	7,051,804 16	Redemption of Federal Reserve bank notes (5% fund)	400,000 00
Unclassified (unsorted currency, &c.)	1,074,486 78	Redemption of national bank notes (5% fund)	27,231,218 72
Deposits in Federal Reserve banks	28,233,105 82	Retirement of additional circulating notes, Act May 30 1908	3,697,675 00
Deposits in national banks:		Exchanges of currency, coin, &c.	15,556,985 39
To credit of Treasurer United States	32,416,512 65		111,622,703 07
To credit of other Government officers	6,769,118 93		
Deposits in Philippine treasury:			
To credit of Treasurer United States	1,208,934 39		
To credit of other Government officers	3,152,765 50		
Total	226,110,540 63	Total	226,110,540 63

\*\* Net balance, including \$81,156,150 33 to credit of disbursing officers. 114,487,837 50

\* All reports from Treasury offices received before 11 a. m. are proved on the same day. All reports from depositary banks are proved on the day of receipt or the day following.

\*\* The balance stated is the amount available to pay Treasury warrants, disbursing officers' checks and matured public debt obligations. Included in such obligations is \$51,893,932 00 of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes that have been assumed by the United States on deposit of lawful money for their retirement (see Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913), which by law is part of the public debt of the United States and is included in the public debt statement. Prior to July 1 1913 the amount of this fund was included as a part of the public debt and not as a liability in the general fund. On July 1 1913 the form of the general fund balance and set up as a general fund liability. The Act of July 14 1890 provides, however, that this fund shall be included as a part of the public debt. The above statement restores it to the balance and makes it a part of the public debt as required by law.

**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 31 1916.

**CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS.**

Balance held by the Treasurer of the United States as per daily Treasury statement for Dec 30 1916	\$114,487,837 50	Settlement warrants, coupons, and checks outstanding	
Deduct—Net excess of payments over receipts in Dec. reports subsequently received	100,755 05	Treasury warrants	\$2,570,288 44
Revised balance	\$114,387,082 51	Matured coupons	592,684 09
		Interest checks	337,188 98
		Disbursing officers' checks	16,571,801 74
		Balance	94,315,119 26
			\$114,387,082 51

**PUBLIC DEBT BEARING NO INTEREST.**

Obligations required to be reissued when redeemed:	
United States notes	\$346,681,016 00
Less gold reserve	152,979,025 63
Excess of notes over reserve	\$193,701,990 37
Obligations that will be retired on presentation:	
Old demand notes	\$53,152 50
National bank notes assumed by the United States on deposit of lawful money for their retirement	52,418,932 00
Fractional currency	6,847,759 90
Total	\$253,021,834 77

DEBT ON WHICH INTEREST HAS CEASED SINCE MATURITY. (Payable on presentation.)

Table with columns: Description of debt (e.g., Funded Loan of 1891, interest ceased Aug. 18 1900), Amount (\$), and Total (\$1,463,190.26).

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT. (Payable on or after specified future dates.)

Table with columns: Title of Loan, Interest Payable, Amount Issued, Outstanding Registered, Dec. 31 1916, and Total. Includes items like Consols of 1930, Loan of 1908-18, etc.

Aggregate of int.-bearing debt 1,181,141,990 902,275,120 70,194,170 972,469,290

a Of this amount \$13,871,100 have been converted into conversion bonds and \$12,252,000 into one-year Treasury notes.

Table with columns: Description of Debt (e.g., Debt bearing no interest, Interest-bearing debt), Gross Debt, Net Debt, and Aggregate.

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 the business on the first of October, November, and December 1916 and January 1917.

Table with columns: Description of holdings (e.g., Net gold coin and bullion, Net silver coin and bullion, Net Federal Reserve notes), and amounts for Oct. 1 1916, Nov. 1 1916, Dec. 1 1916, Jan. 1 1917.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies

Table listing various realty and surety companies (e.g., Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M G) with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies

Large table listing various banks and trust companies (e.g., Banks-N.Y., Amer Exch., Atlantic, etc.) with columns for Bid and Ask prices.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

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%.

Table showing Canadian bank clearings by city for 1917, 1916, and percentage change. Includes cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, etc.

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 Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Table showing breadstuff receipts (Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye) at various ports (Chicago, Duluth, Minneapolis, etc.) for 1917, 1916, and 1915.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Jan. 27 1917 follow:

Table showing total receipts of flour and grain at seaboard ports for 1917, 1916, and 1915, broken down by commodity.

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

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Jan. 27 are show in the annexed statement:

Table showing exports from seaboard ports (Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, Peas) for New York, Portland, Me., Boston, etc.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1916 is as below:

Table showing destination of exports (United Kingdom, Continent, West Indies, etc.) for 1917, 1916, and 1915.

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

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Jan. 27 1917 and since July 1 1916 and 1915 are shown in the following:

Table with columns: Exports, Wheat (1916-17, 1915-16), Corn (1916-17, 1915-16). Rows include North America, Russia, Danube, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countries, and Total.

\* North America.—The Canadian Government has officially prohibited the issuance of both manifests and exports until after ten days. This is effective during the continuance of the war. a Revised.

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

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns: United Kingdom, Continent, Total. Rows for Jan. 27 1917, Jan. 20 1917, Jan. 29 1916, Jan. 30 1915.

DIVIDENDS.

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

Dividends announced this week are printed in italics.

Large table listing dividends for various companies. Columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes Railroads, Street and Electric Railways, Trust Companies, and Miscellaneous.

Table listing dividends for various companies. Columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes Miscellaneous (Concluded), Canada, and various industrial and utility companies.

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. b Less British income tax. c Correction. d Payable in stock. e Payable in common stock. f Payable in scrip. g On account of accumulated dividends. h Declared 8% payable 2% quarterly as above and 2% July 31 to holders of record July 14; 2% Oct. 31 to holders of record

Oct. 13 and 2% Jan. 31 1918 to holders of record Jan. 12. Declared 6% payable in quarterly installments. Declared 5% payable in quarterly installments. Declared 7% payable in quarterly installments. Declared \$1.50, payable 50c each June 20, Sept. 20 and Dec. 20. Payable in new Class B common stock. Declared 2% in cash and 2% in stock, the cash dividend payable in quarterly installments and the stock dividend in semi-annual installments. Subject to authorization by stockholders. Transfer books close for annual meeting Feb. 6 and reopen Feb. 27. Declared 7%, payable 1 1/2% as above; 1 1/2% July 2 to holders of record June 15; 1 1/2% Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15; 1 1/2% Jan. 2 1918 to holders of record Dec. 15. Capital increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, stockholders being given the privilege of subscribing to the new capital at par.

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

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, and Per cent. Includes items like 100 U. S. Finishing Co. com., 100 Inter-Ocean Oil Co. 2d pref., 20 35 Comm'l Trust Co. of N.Y., 120 608 Del. Carbo. Coal & Coke Co., etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, and Per cent. Includes items like 15 Egypt Bakery Co., 100 Preferred, 2 1/2% each, 100 Common, 2 1/2% each, 35 Phila. Warehouse & C. S., etc.

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

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, and Per cent. Includes items like 90 First Nat. Bank rights, 5 Dwight Mfr., \$500 each, 5 Harmony Mills pref., ex-div., etc.

By Messrs. Francis Henshaw & Co., Boston:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, and Per cent. Includes items like 3 Commercial Nat. Bank, 3 Georgetown Nat. Bank, 5 Draper Corporation, etc.

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:

Table titled 'FOREIGN IMPORTS AT NEW YORK' with columns for 1917, 1916, 1915, and 1914. Rows include 'For the week', 'Previously reported', and 'Total 4 weeks'.

Table titled 'EXPORTS FROM NEW YORK FOR THE WEEK' with columns for 1917, 1916, 1915, and 1914. Rows include 'For the week', 'Previously reported', and 'Total 4 weeks'.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF SPECIE AT NEW YORK.

Table with columns for Week ending Jan. 27, Exports, and Imports. Sub-columns include Gold, Silver, and Specie. Rows include Great Britain, Germany, West Indies, Mexico, South America, and All other countries.

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Jan. 27:

Continued liquidation of commercial and bank paper owned by the Federal Reserve banks, accompanied by increases of reserve deposits and of both gold and cash reserves, are indicated by the statement as at close of business on Jan. 26 1917. Aggregate gold reserves show an increase of 15.8 millions, while combined cash reserves show a gain for the week of 24.8 millions. The New York Bank reports an increase of about 18.2 millions in its gold holdings, and of 7.5 millions additional in other cash reserve. These increases are due chiefly to the change of a favorable balance of 12.5 millions in account with other Federal Reserve banks to an adverse balance of 5.2 millions, also to increased deposits and the liquidation of earning assets to the extent of over 4.2 millions. The Cleveland Bank reports a gain of 3.7 millions in cash reserve, together with increased deposits and reduced holdings of paper on the one hand, and a larger balance due from other Federal Reserve banks on the other. Commercial paper on hand shows a decrease for the week of about 1.5 millions. Atlanta and Chicago reporting the largest decreases under this head. Of the total shown, \$2,672,000, compared with \$2,041,000 the week before, is represented by member banks' collateral notes. A decrease of over ten millions is indicated in the total of acceptances on hand, all the banks reporting smaller holdings than the week before. Transactions in U. S. securities, including the conversion of 2% bonds into 3% bonds and notes, are shown for 6 banks, resulting in a decrease of \$1,777,000 in the aggregate amount of U. S. bonds, and an increase of \$1,333,000 in the aggregate of Treasury notes on hand. An increase of 1.7 millions is indicated in the total of municipal warrants held, largely the result of purchases during the week by 4 banks of New York City and New Jersey town short-term notes. Of the total commercial and bank paper on hand, 25.9% mature within 15 days, and 16.6% after 15, but within 30 days. Of the warrants on hand, 9% mature within 15 days, and less than 3% after 15, but within 30 days. Less than 1% of the commercial and bank paper, as against 61.3% of the warrants held, mature after 90 days.

Total earning assets, \$181,426,000, were \$11,049,000 less than the week before, and constitute at present 326% of the banks' paid in capital, as against 346% shown the week before. Of the total, 53.8% is represented by acceptances; 19.9% by U. S. bonds; 10.8% by Treasury notes; 8.7% by discounts and 6.8% by cash.

Government deposits show a decline for the week of 2.8 millions, the Boston, New York and Chicago banks reporting considerable net withdrawals of Government funds. Reserve deposits increased about 18 millions, the principal gains under this head being shown for the 4 Eastern banks. The "float" carried by the Reserve banks, as measured by the difference between asset item "uncollected items" and liability item "collection items" amounts to \$29,063,000, as against \$22,382,000 the week before.

Federal Reserve agents report the issue of \$291,693,000, net, of Federal Reserve notes, against which they hold \$273,320,000 of gold and \$19,115,000 of paper. The banks' outstanding circulation of Federal Reserve notes is stated as \$259,768,000, with aggregate liabilities thereon 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 Agents' Accounts (the third table following) gives details regarding the transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and the Reserve Agents and between the latter and the Federal Reserve banks.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 26 1917.

Large table with columns for Jan. 26 1917, Jan. 18-19 '17, Jan. 12 1917, Jan. 5 1917, Dec. 29 1916, Dec. 22 1916, Dec. 15 1916, Dec. 8 1916, Dec. 1 1916. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold coin and certificates in vault, Gold settlement fund, Gold redemption fund, Total gold reserve, Legal tender notes, Total reserve, Bills discounted, Acceptances bought, United States bonds, One-year U. S. Treasury notes, Municipal warrants, Total earning assets) and LIABILITIES (Federal Reserve notes-Net, Due from other Federal Reserve banks-Net, Uncollected items, All other resources, Total resources).

Table of LIABILITIES with columns for dates from Jan. 26 1917 to Dec. 1 1916. Rows include Capital paid in, Government deposits, Due to members—Reserve account, Member bank deposits—Net, Collection items, Federal Reserve notes—Net, Federal Reserve bank note liability, and various sub-categories like Gold reserve and Distribution by Maturities.

a Net amount due to other Federal Reserve banks. † Amended figures. x One to ten days. y Eleven to thirty days.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 26 '17

Table of RESOURCES and LIABILITIES for 12 Federal Reserve Banks. Columns: Boston, New York, Philad'a, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows: Gold & coin in vault, Gold settlement fund, Gold redemption fund, Total gold reserve, Legal-ten notes, etc., Total reserve, 5% redemp. fund—F.R. bank notes, Bills, Investments, Fed. Res'v notes—Net, Uncollected items, All other resources, Capital paid in, Government deposits, Due to members—Reserve account, Collection items, Fed. Res'v notes—Net, Due to F.R. banks—Net, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Federal Reserve Notes, F.R. notes in circulation, Gold and lawful money with agent.

a Difference between net amounts due from and net amounts due to other Federal Reserve banks

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS JAN. 26 1917.

Table of FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS with columns for 12 banks and Total. Rows: Federal Reserve Notes—Rec'd from Comptrolr/Returned to Comptrolr, Chargeable to Agent, Issued by F.R. bank, Held by banks, Gold coin & certifs., Credits balances, In gold redemption f'd With F.R. Board, Notes secured by commercial paper, Total, Amount of comm'l paper delivered to F.R. Ag'ts.







Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Feb. 2 1917.

The Money Market and Financial Situation.—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 last quarter of 1916 and the scheme for additional Federal taxation. The latter seems likely to become a law with 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 be an awakening from the present indifference to this matter.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange continued under full control and showed no appreciable evidence of the acute crisis that has arisen over the German submarine situation. Continental exchanges were under pressure most of the week.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 72 3-16 for sixty days, 4 75 7-16 for cheques and 4 76 7-16 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight 4 75 3-16, sixty days 4 71 3-16, and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 71 3-16. Cotton for payment 4 75 3-16, and grain for payment 4 75 3-16.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5 80 1/2 for long and 5 84 1/2 for short. Germany bankers' marks were 67 3/4 for sight, nominal for long and nominal for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40 9-16 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 27.81 1/2 frs.; week's range, 27.81 1/2 frs. high and also 27.81 1/2 frs. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling Actual—Sixty Days—Cables. High for the week 4 72 3-16 4 75 7-16 4 76 7-16 Low for the week 4 73 3-16 4 74 3-16 4 76 7-16

Paris Bankers' Francs—High for the week 5 80 1/2 5 84 1/2 5 83 1/2 Low for the week 5 80 1/2 5 84 1/2 5 83 1/2

Germany Bankers' Marks—High for the week 60 1/2 60 15-16 65 1/2 Low for the week 60 1/2 60 15-16 65 1/2

Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—High for the week 40 13-16 40 13-16 40 13-16 Low for the week 40 7-16 40 7-16 40 7-16

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. St. Louis, 10c. per \$1,000 discount bid and par asked. San Francisco, 10c. per \$1,000 premium. Montreal, 3.12c. to 3.75c. per \$1,000 premium. Minneapolis, 5c. per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par. New Orleans, sight 50c. per \$1,000 discount, and brokers 50c. premium.

State and Railroad Bonds.—Sales of State bonds at the Board this week are limited to \$1,000 N.Y. Canal 4s, 1961, at 106 1/2, and \$6,000 New York State 4 1/2s at 117 to 117 1/2.

For reasons mentioned above and in sympathy with the movement in other branches of the security market, values of railway and industrial bonds declined. From a list of 25 most active issues, only 2—American Tel. & Tel. coll. trust 5s and Central Leather 5s—advanced, the movement being in both cases fractional. Central Pacific guar. 4s fell away from 93 to 91 1/2 and Interboro Metropolitan 4 1/2s lost 2 points for the week. International Mercantile Marine s. f. 6s, in sympathy with the shares, declined from 95 3/4 to 91 3/4 and New York Central deb. 6s lost from 112 to 108. The various St. Louis & San Francisco bonds declined sharply, the adj. 6s leading the movement with a loss of 3 3/4 points, while Southern Pacific cons. 5s and U. S. Rubber 6s lost 2 and 1 1/2 points each. New York Railways adj. 5s fell from 40 to 38 1/4 and other losses ranging from 1 to 3 points were noted throughout the list.

The bonds of various foreign governments, such as Anglo-French 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 \$10,000 2s coup. at 99 3/4, and \$3,000 3s coup. at 101 to 102 1/4. 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 one showing, however, a general tendency to weakness. On Thursday upon announcement of Germany's determination to resort to unrestricted naval warfare and the declaration 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.

Atchafon fell from 107 to 100 1/2, Baltimore & Ohio from 82 to 74 3/4, Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul from 90 1/2 to 84 1/2, while declines of from 1 to 7 points occurred throughout the list of railroad shares. Long Island, noted in past weeks for its upward movement, lost from 44 1/4 to 39 3/4, and New York Central, Norfolk & Western and Reading show a net loss of 9 1/4, 8 3/4 and 10 3/4 points, respectively.

Among the industrial stocks, American Beet Sugar lost 10 1/4 points for the week, and American Can fell away from 50 3/4 to 37 3/4. United States Steel moved between 114 1/2 and 99, the final figure being 100 3/4. The copper 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 86 3/4 to 66 3/4.

For daily volume of business see page 442. The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending Jan. 5., Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range for 1916 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Aetna Tea, Amer Bank Note, American Coal, etc., with their respective prices and ranges.

Outside Securities.—As noted in our review of the other branches of the securities market and for causes mentioned elsewhere in these columns, values on the Broad Street "curb" declined. Aetna Explosives moved up from 4 1/4 to 5 1/2, the close being at 4 3/4. Bethlehem Steel, w. i., fell from 135 1/2 to 130 and Carvon Steel from 12 3/4 to 10. Chevrolet 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 44-38 1/4-38 1/4, 59 1/2-56-58, 59 1/2-50 1/4-50 1/4, 21 1/2-18 1/2-20 1/4 and 44 3/4-38-38 1/4. Poole E. & M. was most erratic. 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 96 1/4 to 97, \$1,310,000 United States Rubber Co. new 5s at 96 1/2 to 96 3/4 and \$5,095,000 of the new Great Britain 1 and 2-year 5 1/2% notes at prices ranging from 99 7-16 to 99 3/4 for the former and 99 to 99 3/4 for the latter.

A complete list of "curb" market transactions for the week will be found on page 442.



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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALES PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Jan. 27, Monday Jan. 29, Tuesday Jan. 30, Wednesday Jan. 31, Thursday Feb. 1, Friday Feb. 2); Sales for the Week (Shares); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for Year 1916 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1915 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Bethlehem Steel, General Electric, etc.

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



Main table containing bond listings with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Price (Friday Feb. 2), Week's Range of Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Year 1916, and various bond titles like Delaware & Hudson, Del & Hud 1st Pa Div 7 1/2, etc.

\* No price Friday; latent bid and asked this week. # Due Jan. # Due Feb. # Due Mar. # Due Apr. # Due May. # Due June. # Due July. # Due Aug. # Due Oct. # Due Nov. # Option sale.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Feb. 2.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Feb. 2.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bid, Ask, Low, High, No., Range, and various bond descriptions.

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



SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Jan. 27 to Friday Feb. 2) and stock prices. Includes sub-sections for 'Last Sale' and 'Last Sale'.

Sales of the Week Shares

Table listing sales of the week for various stocks, including company names and share counts.

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks under categories like Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Mining, with columns for price and date.

Range for Year 1916

Table showing the range for year 1916 for various stocks, with columns for lowest and highest prices.

Range for Previous Year 1915

Table showing the range for previous year 1915 for various stocks, with columns for lowest and highest prices.

Main table of stock prices and ranges for 1916 and 1915, including company names, prices, and dates.

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



Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Jan. 27 to Feb. 2, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1916 (Low, High).

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange from Jan. 27 to Feb. 2, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is given below.

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1916 (Low, High).

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

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1916 (Low, High).

Ex-dividend, & Ex-dividend, ex-rights, & Ex-dividend 2%, stock div. 40%.

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

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High).

a \$22½ paid in, z Ex-dividend.

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 sales lists, is given below. Prices for stocks are all dollars per share, not per cent. For bonds the quotations are per cent of par value.

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1916, Low, High. Lists various stocks like Alabama Co, Amaloid Sand & Gravel, Baltimore Tube, etc.

Volume of Business at Stock Exchanges

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly and yearly. Includes columns for Week ending, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad, etc., State & Foreign Bonds, U.S. Bonds. Also includes a breakdown of sales at the New York Stock Exchange for 1917 and 1916.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns: Week ending, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore. Each city has sub-columns for Shares and Bond Sales. Shows daily transaction data for Feb. 2, 1917.

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 Friday afternoon:

Table with columns: Week ending, Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1, Low, High. Lists stocks like Aetna Explos., Amer Int Corp, etc.

Large table with columns: Stocks—(Cont'd) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1, Low, High. Lists a wide variety of stocks including Anglo-Amer Tob, Butler Chemical, etc.

CURRENT NOTICE.

—James L. Martin and Hathaway Watson, for many years associated with Estabrook & Co. of Boston, announce that they have formed a co-partnership under the firm name of James L. Martin & Co. to conduct a general investment business with offices in The Rookery, Chicago. The firm will act as the correspondents of Estabrook & Co. of Boston and Aldred & Co. of New York. Mr. Watson's father, Charles Herbert Watson, is a partner in Estabrook & Co. of Boston.

Quotations for Sundry Securities

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

Table with columns: Mining (Concl.)—, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Lists various mining stocks like Big Ledge Copper, Bissbee Cop M & Dev, etc.

Table with columns: Standard Oil Stocks Per Share (Par, Bid, Ask), RR. Equipments—Per Ct. (Bid, Ask). Lists stocks like Anglo-Amer Oil new, Atlantic Refining, etc., and RR equipment like Baltimore & Ohio 4 1/2s.

Table with columns: Ordnance Stocks—Per \$ Share (Bid, Ask). Lists stocks like Anson Explosives pref., Amer & British Mfg., etc.

Table with columns: Public Utilities— (Bid, Ask). Lists stocks like Am Gas & Elec com., Am Lt & Trae common, etc.

Table with columns: Industrial and Miscellaneous (Bid, Ask). Lists stocks like American Brass, American Chile com., etc.

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\* Odd lots. † No par value. ‡ Listed as a prospect. § Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. ¶ New stock, par value \$12.50. \*\* Old stock, par value \$25. \*\*\* New stock. \*\*\*\* One-third paid. \*\*\*\*\* Unlisted. †† 100% stock dividend. ††† 50% paid. †††† Ex-cash and stock dividends. ††††† \$10 paid. †††††† When issued. ††††††† Ex-dividend. †††††††† Ex-rights. ††††††††† Ex-stock dividend.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies And Realty and Surety Companies usually given here, see page 427.

\* Per share. † Basis. ‡ Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ New stock. / Flat price. \* Nominal. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-stock dividend.

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS.

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

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

AGGREGATES OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

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

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

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

Table with 5 columns: Third Week of January, 1917, 1916, Increase, Decrease. Lists 33 railroad companies and their earnings for the specified period.

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

Table with 5 columns: Roads, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Lists various railroads and their monthly earnings data.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes. b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes. c After allowing for additional income for the month of December 1916, total net earnings were \$283,194, against \$356,275 last year, and for the period from July 1 to Dec 31 were \$1,631,700 this year, against \$1,691,352.

Summary table with 5 columns: Total Oper. Revenue, Total Oper. Expenses, Net Rev. from Oper., Net Inc. after Chgs., and a row for Chicago Great West with data for Dec '16, '15, and 6 mos.

New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad and Subsidiary Companies. Table with multiple columns: Operating Revenue, Op. Exp. & Taxes, Operating Income, Other Income, Total Income, and Balance Surplus. Lists various subsidiaries and their financial data.

Table with 5 columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance Surplus. Lists Missouri Kansas & Texas, N Y Ont & West, Penna RR, Balt Ches & Atlantic, Cumberland Valley, and Long Island with their respective financial data.

Table with 5 columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance Surplus. Lists Missouri Kansas & Texas with data for Dec '16, '15, and 6 mos.





Operating Expenses.—This item can be satisfactorily compared with 1915, notwithstanding the increased cost of labor and of all material entering into the operation of the property, including the cost of coal, which alone during the last three months increased \$59,081 as compared with 1915.

Gas Failure.—Just previous to Dec. 31 a serious shortage of natural gas resulted in your company securing some new customers of importance who had previously depended upon gas engines.

New Business.—At the close of 1916 the company had contracts covering the installation of 4,775 k.w. connected load which had not as yet been placed on the line. In addition to these consumers contracts totalling 5,450 k.w. were in process of negotiation. Both of these facts indicate a substantial increase in our power and light business during 1917.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns for years 1916, 1915, 1914, and 1913. Rows include Railway oper. revenues, Power, light and heat, Non-operating revenues, Total gross revenues, Operating exp. & taxes, Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Int. on unfd. debt, Other deductions, Total deductions, Net income, Divs. paid as rentals, Prior pref. stock (4%), Prof. divs. Series "A", Prof. divs. Series "B", Common dividends (5%), Bal. for renew., depr., &c., Statistics (Railway), Revenue passengers, Transfer passengers, Total passengers, Per cent of transfers, Rev. per car, passenger, do incl. transfers, Car mileage, Power & Light Dept., Kilowatt hours sold, Number of customers, Connected load.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns for years 1916, 1915, 1914, and 1913. Rows include Assets: Road & equipm't, Sinking fund, Cash, Special deposits, Notes receivable, Misc. accts. receiv., Pow. & light customers, Material & supp., Various stores, Coal on hand, Other curr. assets, Prepaid insurance, Unadmitted debts, Securities owned, Disc't. on fund. dt., Securities pledged as collateral. Total: 23,862,975 23,926,773. Liabilities: Pref. stk. Ser. "A", Pref. stk. Ser. "B", Common stock, 4% prior preference, Bonds, 1-yr. coupon notes, Bills payable, Matured interest, dividends, &c., Vouch., wages, &c., Accrued interest, Deposits, Accrued taxes, Operating reserves, Accrued deprec'n, Tickets sold, &c., Profit and loss. Total: 23,862,975 23,926,773.

x Includes Columbus Ry. Co. 1st Cons. 1930, \$3,132,000; Columbus St. Ry. 1st Cons. 1932, \$3,000,000; Crosstown St. Ry. 1933, \$572,000; Central Market St. Ry. 1922, \$372,000; Col. Ry. P. & L. Co. 1940, \$3,500,000. In 1916 the following bonds were called for redemption: Columbus Elec. Co. 6s, \$446,000; Columbus Edison Elec. Co. 5s, \$300,000; Columbus L.E. Heat & Power Co. 6s, \$511,000; Columbus P. S. Co. 6s, \$182,000; and Columbus Ry., Power & Light Co. 5% coupon notes, \$1,200,000; total, \$2,639,000. In 1915 an issue of \$2,500,000 Columbus Ry., Power & Light Co. 1st Ref. & Extension sinking fund M. 5s was made for the purpose of redeeming the aforementioned bonds and also for extensions and betterments to property.—V. 104, p. 361.

United States Steel Corporation.

(Earnings for Quarter and Year ending Dec. 31 1916.)

The following statement of the corporation and its subsidiaries for the quarter ending Dec. 31 was given out on Tuesday after the regular monthly meeting of the directors. The "net earnings" as here shown were arrived at after deducting 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 1 1/4% on common stock, an extra dividend of 1 3/4% was declared, this extra distribution contrasting with 1% for each of the two preceding quarters in 1916. Both the dividends now ordered are 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 quarter ended Dec. 31 1916, against 2 3/4% each for the two preceding quarters and 1 1/4% for the corresponding quarter in 1915. For the entire year 1916 dividends on common stock aggregated 8 3/4%, against 1 1/4% in 1915; 3% in 1914 and 5% in 1913.

The unfilled orders on hand Dec. 31 1916 amounted to 11,547,286 tons, against 9,522,584 as of Sept. 30 1916. See full statement in "Trade and Traffic Movements," Jan. 13 1916. (p. 138.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THREE MONTHS ENDING DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns for years 1916, 1915, 1914, and 1913. Rows include Unfilled orders Dec. 31, tons, Net earnings, Deduct: Sinking funds on bonds of substd. cos., by depreciation & reserve funds, Interest on U. S. Steel Corp. bonds, Premium on bonds redeemable, Sinking funds on U. S. Steel Corp., Total deductions, Balance, Dividend on preferred stock (1 3/4%), Dividend on common stock, Surplus or deficit for quarter.

EXTRAORD. EXPENDITURES ORDERED FOR FOURTH QUARTER.

Table with 4 columns for years 1916, 1915, 1914, and 1913. Rows include Surplus or deficit for Dec. quar., Adj. to be in sundry accts. charged off, Sur. or def. from previous 9 mos.

Balance, surplus or deficit... \$201,935,749sr \$44,260,374dr \$18,971,984. \* This amount may be slightly changed on completion of audit of accounts for the year. The complete annual report will be submitted at the annual meeting in April 1917 or earlier.

NET EARNINGS FROM OPERATIONS FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns for years 1916, 1915, 1914, and 1913. Rows include January, February, March, First quarter, April, May, June, Second quarter, July, August, September, Third quarter, October, November, December, Fourth quarter, Total for the year. \* After deducting interest on sub. companies' bonds outstanding, viz.: Year—Jan., Feb., Mar., April, May, June.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns for years 1916, 1915, 1914, and 1913. Rows include Total net earn. for year, Deduct: Sinking funds, deprec'n & reserve funds, Interest, Prem. on bonds redeem., Add'l prop., constr., &c., Charged off for adjust' ts, Total deductions, Dividends on Stocks, Preferred (7%), Common, Total dividends, Undiv. earn. for year.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 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.

SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION (Tons).

Table with 3 columns for years 1916, 1915, and 1914. Rows include Iron ore-a, Coke-b, Limestone-a, Pig iron-a, Bessemer steel ingots-a, Open-hearth steel ingots-a, Total steel ingots-a, Finished and semi-finished products-b.

a Gross tons. b Net tons.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns for years 1916, 1915, 1914, and 1913. Rows include Gross profits, Total net profits, Int. on bonds and notes, Preferred divs., Common divs., Balance, surplus, Preferred dividends as above in 1916 includes the regular 7% dividend and also 1% on account of accumulations. The company, having discharged all its accumulated dividends, paid on Feb. 1 1917 an initial dividend of 1 1/2% on the common stock (V. 103, p. 2346).

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns for years 1916, 1915, 1914, and 1913. Rows include Assets: Plant, &c., New construction, Invest' ts in other companies, Cash to redeem lat. mortgage bonds, Prepaid royalties & expenditures, Raw and finished materials, Ore contract pay- ments, Accounts and bills receivable, Cash. Total: 101,365,305 89,163,767. Liabilities: Common stock, Preferred stock, Potter Ore bonds, Jointly guar'd., Martin & Palos C., W. bds. & notes, Accrued interest, Ore contracts, Accounts payable, Reserve funds, Accrued taxes, Div. pay. Jan. 1 1916, Dividends accrued, Profit and loss. Total: 101,365,305 89,163,767.

\* As to reserve funds in 1916 see a subsequent page.—V. 103, p. 2348, 1936.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1916.)

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Table with 4 columns for years 1916, 1915, 1914, and 1913. Rows include Gross sales, Returns, allowances, dis- counts, &c., Net sales, Other income, Total income, Purchases, all expenses, Balance, Repairs and renewals, Depreciation reserve, Other reserves, Profit-sharing, &c., fund, Common dividend (7%), Preferred dividend (7%), Surplus for year.



BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 5 columns: Assets (1916, 1915, 1914, 1913), Liabilities, and Total. Includes items like Real estate, machinery, and various stocks.

\*On April 1 1915 there was paid out of the total accumulated surplus to Dec. 31 1914, a 50% common stock dividend, calling for \$20,000.00—V. 104, p. 368, 77.

National Cloak & Suit Co., New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1916.)

Pres. S. G. Rosenbaum, N. Y., Jan. 31 1917, wrote in subst:

Sales.—The net sales for the year 1916 were \$21,554,231 (against \$17,371,650 in 1915), and the net profits were \$2,041,053 (against \$1,005,437)...

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 5 columns: Assets (1916, 1915), Liabilities (1916, 1915), and Total. Includes items like Land, plant, goods, and marketable securities.

\* After deducting \$11,129 adjustments.—V. 103, p. 498.

Inland Steel Co., Chicago.

(Report for Year ending Dec. 31 1916.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: Net earnings, Other income, Total income, Deprec'n, renewal, Interest, Reserves, Surplus, Total surplus. Includes net profits and various financial metrics.

\*After deducting in 1910 \$1,344,407 for maintenance and repairs, against \$1,143,366 in 1915.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 5 columns: Assets (1916, 1915), Liabilities (1916, 1915), and Total. Includes land, plants, investments, and various financial assets.

As to reincorporation see a subsequent page of this issue.—V. 104, p. 168.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.

(7th Annual Report—Year ending Dec. 31 1916.)

President Charles E. F. Clarke says in substance: Results.—Gross income for 1916 shows a gain of \$234,180, or 20.8%, and net revenue of \$185,797, or 42.8%...

normal. The only construction work of any magnitude now under way is the deepening and widening of the tail race below the power house, which, by increasing the head on the plant will make possible additional horsepower from the present development.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: Gross inc., Oper. exp., Net earnings, Interest on bonds, Dividends, Balance surplus, Previous surplus, Total, Contingent fund, Construction account, Depreciation fund, Sinking fund, Surplus Dec. 31.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 5 columns: Assets (1916, 1915), Liabilities (1916, 1915), and Total. Includes property account, securities, and capital stock.

y Denotes amounts invested in marketable securities of other cos. z of the \$200,000 in 1916, \$50,000 was invested in marketable securities of other cos.

(The) Owens Bottle-Machine Co. of Ohio, Toledo. (9th Annual Report—Year ended Sept. 30 1916.)

Pres. E. D. Libbey, Toledo, Nov. 14, says in substance: Capitalization.—The authorized capitalization of your company has been increased, and on Sept. 30 1916 was: (a) Authorized common (par \$25) \$30,000,000...

There has been an unprecedented demand for Owens machines during recent months; 18 machines have been delivered to the factories of the Owens company and its licensees within the year and 45 machines have been ordered for future delivery.

In 1915-16 also paid a common stock dividend of 20% in stock out of the accumulated surplus, calling for \$1,250,000. (See V. 101, p. 1718.)



**Capitalization as of Sept. 1 1916—**

Bonds	Authorized	Outstanding
Stock (5% dividends being paid)	\$1,000,000	\$621,000
\$100,000 additional bonds about to be issued to pay for part of cost of additional extensions and improvements.	300,000	200,000

The company is a Wisconsin corporation, controlled by the Ironwood & Bessemer Railway & Light Co., and it owns and operates without competition, the electric lighting, gas and street railway plants in the city of Ashland, and suburban communities, serving over 20,000 people. Its steam plant, including certain units now practically completed, has a capacity of about 9,000 h. p., and the hydro-electric plant a capacity of 1,350 h. p. The distributing system covers the entire city. The company also owns high-tension transmission lines to near-by towns. Also owns and operates the gas works and distributing system, serving Ashland and vicinity. The street railway system in Ashland, about five miles of track, also owned and operated. A majority of the capital stock is owned by the Ironwood & Bessemer Ry. & Light Co., which has outstanding an issue of approximately \$1,500,000 5% bonds. This stock is deposited as part security for these bonds.

**Earnings Years ending June 30 and 8 Months to Aug. 31 1916.**

June 30 Years—	Gross.	Net.	Interest.	Surplus.
1911-12	\$110,442	\$46,723	\$23,823	\$22,899
1912-14	118,562	58,151	25,955	32,195
1015-16	138,119	64,418	30,169	34,249
8 months to Aug. 31 1916	107,168	42,865	21,062	21,802

—V. 103, p. 2237.

**Bellefonte Central RR.—Extra Dividend.**—An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the stock along with the regular annual 1%, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 31.—V. 98, p. 234.

**Central Jersey Traction Co.—Incorporated.**—This company was incorporated on Feb. 1 in New Jersey with an auth. capital stock of \$300,000, as successor to the Jersey Central Traction Co. See proposed consolidation under National Utilities Co. below.

**Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Interest Payments.**—The interest due Feb. 1 1917 from the following bonds will be at company's office, 71 Broadway, N. Y. C. & O. 20-year convertible 4 1/2s, G. & O. Paint Creek Branch 4s, Norfolk Terminal & Transp. Co. 5s, Western Pochontas Corp. 4 1/2s.—V. 103, p. 2428.

**Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—General and Refunding Bonds Offered.**—Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the National City Co. are offering at 96 1/2 and interest to yield about 4.68%, \$25,000,000 General & Refunding 4 1/2% bonds, Series A. Int. A. & O. Due Jan. 1 2014. There are outstanding under this mortgage \$18,089,000 Series A 4 1/2s and \$29,141,300 Series B 5s. The bankers report:

This issue is followed by about \$234,000,000 capital stocks, of which, it is stated, about \$165,000,000 represents bonds converted into stock or sales of stock at par since 1906. These bonds are a first lien on 663 miles, a second on 6,546 miles, a third on 2,531 miles, and are further secured by deposit of \$154,389,500 Chicago Milwaukee & Puget Sound First 4s (total issue, \$181,664,500). The issue is a legal investment for savings banks in N. Y., Mass., Conn., Maine, N. H., R. I., Vt., N. J., Mich., Minn., Wisc. and Cal. 1912-1916, inclusive, have averaged over twice the interest charges, and for the year ending June 30 1916 they were 1.93 times the interest charges, while the balance available for the common stock was 7.33%.

**Success of Electrification—Plan to Extend Electric Service over Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Coast.**—C. A. Goodnow, Assistant to President and in charge of electrification says:

**Further Electrification.**—Success of the electrification already completed has been so phenomenal that the electrified line will be extended through the Cascade Mountains as soon as possible. Power can be developed in the Cascades just as it has been in the Rockies. Engineers are now at work on other problems of the improvement. It is a big undertaking but we hope to push it to completion soon.

**416 Miles Now Electrified.**—Of our Puget Sound line in Montana, 416 miles, from Harlowton to East Portal, is now under electrified operation and work on the 24 miles from East Portal to Avery, Idaho, is to be completed in February. This will finish the original electrification program of 440 miles, and complete electrification across the Bitter Root Mts.

**Ease of Operation.**—The outstanding feature is the ease with which heavy freight trains are handled on the mountain grades. Five trains of about 62 cars each are moved daily on each grade. The mountain divisions has helped insure delivery of freight and passengers on time. Electrification, with its increased comforts, has brought a marked growth in our business.

**Regenerative Braking.**—The heavy trains coast down the grades at an even speed without jarring or jolting or grinding of brakes. There is no delay while brake shoes are cooled or replaced or drawbars repaired. Then, too, electricity is generated and turned back into the wires for use, for under the regenerative braking system the motive power of the engines are reversed and turned into generators which make use of the great force of the trains going down grade. The comfort of such braking is especially noticeable on the passenger trains.

**No Trouble This Winter.**—We have had no trouble in maintaining schedules over our electrified lines this winter, for cold weather helps rather than hinders electric engines, which also buck through snow drifts, which stall steam engines. The time we save on the mountain divisions has helped insure delivery of freight and passengers on time. Electrification, with its increased comforts, has brought a marked growth in our business.

**Chicago & North Western Ry.—New Stock.**—Notice is given, by adv. on another page, that, pursuant to vote of the directors on Dec. 12 1916, the common and preferred shareholders of record March 1 1917 will be permitted to subscribe at par, \$100 a share, on or before April 7 for 10% (say, \$15,251,000) additional common stock. Subscriptions must be paid in full on or before April 7. The new stock certificates will be issued and dated April 9, but will not participate in any dividends payable prior to July 1 1917.

Script certificates for fractional amounts will pass by delivery, but will not be entitled to dividends. Script or amounts aggregating a full share or a multiple thereof will be exchangeable for stock certificates in like amount, provided such exchange will be made, but fractions shall be redeemable after that date no exchange will be made at the rate of \$100 per share. Subscription warrants will be issued shortly after March 1. The proceeds of the new issue, which will increase the outstanding common stock to about \$145,373,380, are applicable under resolution of the board to "reimbursing the company for moneys actually expended in constructing, extending, improving and equipping its railway, not directly or indirectly secured by or obtained from the issue of any stock, stock certificate, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of said company, within five years prior to filing of application for authority therefor."

**Redemption of Sinking Fund Bonds.**—Five and six per 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., New York, at 105 and int. to Feb. 1 1917. See numbers in advertising columns.—V. 103, p. 2237, 2078.

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

**Data from Letter from Pres. Henry A. Blair, Chicago, Jan. 23 1917.**

**Statement of Operation for Year Ended Nov. 30 1916.**

Gross earnings—Chicago surface lines	\$34,322,338
Residue receipts, Chicago surface lines (after operating expenses, taxes and maintenance)	\$12,429,105
Chicago Railways Co.'s share	7,440,608
Annual interest charge on \$55,681,000 1st 5s now outstanding	2,784,050

Balance \$4,656,568. Since 1907 over 91% of the company's present mileage has been either rehabilitated or newly constructed. The valuation of the property, as fixed under the terms of the franchise ordinance, was \$37,307,042 as of Nov. 30 1916, against which are now outstanding \$55,681,000 first mortgage bonds. On the basis of the provisions of the franchise ordinance, there is a continuing equity, over and above these first mortgage bonds, of at least \$30,779,875. The company owns a comprehensive and well-maintained street railway system, which includes 574 miles of single-track equivalent, located in the downtown as well as the north and west sides of the city, having a population estimated to exceed 1,600,000. Included in the mileage above specified the company has 54 miles of special work on the street intersections, enabling the operation of through routes. (Compare V. 102, p. 344; V. 104, p. 72, 163.)

**Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Plan Declared Operative.**—Assessment.—About 95% of the debentures and over 96% of the stock having assented to the plan, the Joint Reorganization Committee has declared operative the plan of reorganization dated Nov. 14 1916 (V. 103, p. 1887).

Further deposits of stock and debentures will be received only at the discretion of the Joint Reorganization Committee upon such penalty as it may impose. See advertisement on another page.

The committee has called for payment, on Mar. 3 1917 the first installment of \$10 in respect of each share of stock deposited at the depository by which the certificate of deposit was issued (Bankers Trust Co., N. Y., or First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago), in current New York or Chicago funds. The second installment of \$10 per share is due on Apr. 3 1917, and the third, \$20 per share, on June 14 1917. See adv.

**Settlement of Suits—Purchase of \$5,000,000 6% Pref. Stock—No Bond Sale at Present—Withdrawal of Foreclosure Suit.**—Seward Prosser, Chairman of Joint Reorganization Committee, on Thursday said:

The U. S. District Court at Chicago has authorized settlement of the suits brought by the receiver and the stockholders against certain directors of the railway company. Under the settlement order, an additional sum of \$5,500,000 is to be thus made available for reorganization purposes, which sum will be paid by the defendants. This \$5,500,000 will be applied to the purchase for account of the defendants of \$5,000,000 6% preferred stock (cumulative up to 5%) of the new company. This \$5,000,000 stock is additional to the \$20,000,000 6% preferred stock issuable under the plan in exchange for debentures (V. 104, p. 163; V. 103, p. 1887).

It is stated in the reorganization plan that the committee proposes to sell, before declaring the plan operative, an amount of such First Refunding bonds at least sufficient to provide for the payment at maturity of \$12,500,000 face amount of first mortgage 6% bonds and the \$1,494,000 Choctaw serial collateral bonds falling due in 1917. The committee deems it advisable to defer such sale. It is unnecessary to sell these bonds so far in advance of the maturities to be refunded. When all receiver's certificates shall have been paid, it is deemed that more favorable arrangements for the sale of these securities may be obtained.

An understanding has been reached with the Peabody committee as to the terms upon which it will withdraw the suit brought for the foreclosure of the First and Refunding Mtge.—V. 104, p. 361, 163.

**Chicago Utilities Co.—New President.**—S. W. Tracy has been elected President to succeed C. W. Hotchkiss.—V. 103, p. 2155.

**Citizens Street Ry., Muncie, Ind.—Bonds Called.**—Five first mtge. 6% gold bonds of 1897 of \$1,000 each and one of \$500, an aggregate of \$5,500, for payment on March 1 at 105 and interest.

**Commonwealth Power, Ry. & Light Co.—Report.**

Consolidated Income Account for Cal. Years (Incl. Sub. Cox.)			
Calendar	1916.	1915.	
Years—	\$	\$	\$
Gross receipts	16,962,607	14,590,124	Pf. divs. (6%) 1,019,170
Gross income	8,587,985	7,823,445	Com. div. (4%) 722,811
Fixed charges	5,936,243	5,329,857	904,361
			640,587

—V. 104, p. 163.

**Eric RR.—New First and Refunding Mortgage.**—Application has been made to the P. S. Commission at Albany for authority to create the First & Ref. Mt. for \$500,000,000, authorized by stockholders on Dec. 1. (See V. 103, p. 1412, 2078.) No request was made to issue bonds.—V. 104, p. 361, 163.

**Green Bay & Western RR.—Distribution on Class B Debentures Increased.**—The directors have declared a distribution of 1% on the \$7,000,000 Class "B" debentures (comparing with 3/4 of 1% in Feb. 1916 and 3/4 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.

Die, Rec.	'00	'01	'02	'04	'05	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17
"A" deb.	2 1/2	3	4	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Stock	2 1/2	3	4	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
"B" deb.																

The usual 5% on the \$2,500,000 stock and \$600,000 "A" debentures was also declared.—V. 102, p. 1806.

**Haytian American Corp. (N. Y.)—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, \$5,500,000 7% Cumulative Convertible Preferred stock of this corporation (incorporated in New York), owning and operating railroad, public utilities and sugar properties in the republic of Hayti. Divs. Q-J. A circular shows:

Bankers making the offering: P. W. Chapman & Co., Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Lawrence Turure & Co., Hartshorne & Battelle, Ervin & Co. Capitalization (No Bonded Indebtedness). Pref. stock (par \$100) issued, \$5,500,000; reserved, \$500,000—\$6,000,000. Ordinary com. stock (without par val.), 2,500 shs. held in trust, 60,000 shs.—60,000 shs. Founders stock (without par value) — 500 shs. and votes if dividends are delayed beyond four payment periods. It is convertible into ordinary com. stock, share for share (div. to be adjusted) under regulations; callable all or part upon sixty days' written notice at 110 and div. No bonded debt without the assent of 75% of the preferred shares.

A permanent reserve fund of \$120,000 for pref. stock dividends shall be set aside before any dividends are paid on either the ordinary common or founders stock. A cumulative sinking fund commencing Jan. 1 1920, of 2% annually of pref. stock outstanding at the beginning of each year. After a sufficient reserve for general corporate purposes has been established the ordinary common stock is entitled to receive an annual but non-cumulative dividend of \$7 per share. The balance of the net earnings shall be divided: 1-3 to refund pref. stock, 1-3 to ordinary common stock, 1-3 to founders stock. Upon the retirement or conversion of all the pref. stock the dividend shall be 3/5 to ordinary com. stock, 3/5 to founders stock.

**Properties.**—Will own and control, through bond and stock ownership, the following properties, the railroad, light and power and wharf companies operating under exclusive Government concessions in force until 1950 for railroad, 1946 for electric light and power, and 1957 for wharf:

(a) A railroad company now operating 55 miles of main line with an annual interest guaranty from the Haytian Govt. of \$41,280 secured by pledge of Govt. revenues.



Louis & San Francisco RR. trust certificates for Kansas City Fort Scott & Memphis pref. stock.

The Adjustment bonds are secured by a mortgage upon the entire property of the company, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, subject as of Jan. 1 1917 to \$13,138,800 underlying mortgage bonds, \$6,094,000 equipment trust obligations and a total authorized issue of \$250,000,000 Prior Lien bonds, whereof \$108,801,200 are outstanding.

Mileage.—The company operates directly or through subsidiaries, a total of 5,339 miles of road, of which 3,462 miles are owned in fee, 1,672 miles are controlled through ownership of substantially all the capital stock, and 205 miles are operated under trackage rights. The mileage of the company extends from St. Louis into the States of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Through the Kansas City Fort Scott & Memphis Ry., which it controls by stock ownership, the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. also has a direct through route from Kansas City to Memphis, Tenn., and Birmingham, Ala.

Capitalization of Company, \$322,177,288, as of Jan. 1 1917.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Prior Lien Mgt., 'B' 5%, \$25,000,000, 'A' 4% \$83,801,200, Underlying bonds, Equipment trust obligations, K. C. Ft. S. & M. 4% pref. stock trust certificates, Funded debt of Kansas City Ft. Scott & Memphis Ry. Co., Total fixed charge obligations, Cumulative adjustment mortgage 6% bonds, Non-cumulative 6% income mortgage bonds, Capital stock (\$7,500,000 pref. 6% non-cum. \$50,447,000 com).

\* In addition, \$9,597,300 Prior Lien Series "A" 4% bonds have been issued to the reorganization managers for the refunding, payment or acquisition of \$7,382,400 St. Louis & San Francisco RR. trust certificates for Kansas City Fort Scott & Memphis pref. stock in part, and \$3,654,800 underlying mortgage obligations.

Earnings for 5 Mos. ended Nov. 30 1916 and Receiver's Report for Year ended June 30 1916 (Earnings for 6 Months Inserted by Editor).

Table with 4 columns: Description, 6 Mos. end. Dec. 31-1916, 5 Mos. 1915, Year 1915-16. Includes Operating revenue, Oper. income aft. taxes, Misc. less hire equip., Total income (not incl. Q. A. & P. Ry., 79 m.), Rentals, Sinking funds, Interest on fixed charge obligations, Interest on cumulative adjustment bonds, Balance available for interest on income bonds, Interest on income bonds, Surplus.

The balance available for interest on the cumulative adjustment bonds thus was for the five months ended Nov. 30 1916, more than 3 1/2 times the amount thereof at the full rate of 6% per annum, and for the year 1915-16 more than twice the full amount.

The fixed interest, rental and sinking fund charges of the new St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co., together with interest on the Adjustment bonds for the year ending 1916-17 will be approximately \$11,689,133.—V. 104, p. 164.

San Antonio Uvalde & Gulf RR.—Appeal Dismissed.—

The appeal of the minority stockholders from the judicial sale of this company's stock and bonds to John T. Milliken of St. Louis has been dismissed and L. W. Quick, recently of the Bankers Trust Co. of St. Louis, has until Mar. 7 to redeem his securities. See V. 104, p. 74.

Texas Electric Ry.—First Pref. Stock Offered.—

Babcock, Rushton & Co., Chicago and New York, are offering by advertisement on another page, at 98 and div., \$700,000 7% cumulative first preferred (a. & d.) stock. The stock is redeemable on any div. date after Jan. 1 1922 at 107 1/2 and div. on 30 days' notice. Divs. Q.-J.

New First & Ref.—Bonds Offered.—

Harris, Forbes & Co., the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc., Boston, and Coffin & Burr are offering at 94 1/2 and interest \$4,804,000 First & Refunding Mgt. 30-Year 5% gold bonds dated Jan. 1 1917, due Jan. 1 1947, but redeemable on any int. date up to and including Jan. 1 1942 at 105 and int. and thereafter at 102 1/2 and int. Interest J. & J. in Chicago and N. Y. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 o\*. Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee.

Digest of Letter from Pres. J. F. Strickland, Dallas, Jan. 25 1917.

Company.—Owns and operates (V. 104, p. 362) the properties formerly comprising the Texas Traction Co. and the Southern Traction Co., including a modern, high-speed electric interurban railway system serving a number of cities and towns in Texas, in and adjacent to the "Black Waxy Belt," including Dallas, Waco, Denison, Sherman, Corsicana, Waxahachie and McKinney. The territory constitutes a prosperous and thickly settled section of Texas, the land being practically all under cultivation. Also owns and operates the local street railway systems in all of these cities except Dallas. Present estimated population connected and served, 250,000.

Outstanding Capitalization.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Stock—First pref. (\$800,000 additional, fully paid, in treasury), 7% 100,000; 2d pref., \$3,000,000; common, \$6,000,000; 25-Year 6% Convertible Debentures, 2,160,000; First & Ref. 5% (escrow bonds issuable under restrictions), 4,804,000; Divisional underlying bonds (58) outstanding in hands of public, 2,196,000.

The mortgage securing the First & Refunding 5s contains unusually conservative restrictions as to the issuance of escrow bonds, without limitation as to the amount of the authorized issue. These bonds are a direct first mortgage on the southern lines, from Dallas to Corsicana and from Dallas to Waco; and a mortgage on the northern lines from Dallas to Denison, subject only to the lien of \$2,196,000 outstanding bonds of the Texas Traction Co. and the Denison & Sherman Ry. Provision is made for the refunding of these underlying bonds. Additional 1st & Ref. bonds may be issued for only 75% of the cost of extensions, &c., provided net earnings are twice the total annual interest charge, including bonds applied for. In addition to ordinary reserves for personal injuries and damages, \$75,000 bonds are provided usable for this sole purpose.

Property.—Total main track, 259 miles, of which 249 miles is owned; total mileage, including second track, yard track, &c., owned, is more than 267 miles. Property is chiefly new, having been placed in commercial operation about Jan. 1 1914. Well equipped with shops and car barns, car equipment modern. Power is purchased from the Texas Power & Light Co. under long-time contracts. Interurban lines are located on private right-of-way, either owned in fee or held under perpetual easements. City franchises are satisfactory.

Maintenance, &c.—A special trust fund for maintenance and renewals is provided out of gross earnings in the following percentages: 1917, 11%; 1918, 12%; 1919, 13%; 1920, 14%; and 1921 and each year thereafter, 15%. Any part not so used may be expended for extensions, &c., or for the redemption of any outstanding bonds. Beginning April 1 1921 and yearly thereafter, cash equal to 1% of the 1st & Ref. 5s and underlying bonds outstanding on the previous Dec. 31 shall be deposited, usable for extensions, &c., against which no 1st & Ref. 5s shall be issued, or for the retirement of 1st & Ref. or underlying bonds.

Earnings for the Calendar Year 1916.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Gross earnings, Not after oper. expenses, taxes and maintenance, Earnings, Represented by \$2,160,000 6% debentures, \$700,000 first pref. stock, \$3,000,000 2d pref. stock and \$6,000,000 common stock, Directors, Largely representative residents of cities along the road, Compare V. 104, p. 362.)

Texas & Pacific RR.—Equipment Notes.—Reorganization.

J. L. Lancaster, one of the receivers of this property, announces that the company has arranged to spend \$2,900,000 for improvements, ballast, new track, &c., and equipment, consisting of locomotives, passenger and coal cars and sundry items. It is understood that New York bankers have agreed to purchase the new equipment issue being put out in connection with these expenditures. Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Blair & Co., who some time ago undertook the reorganization, are still, we understand, working on a plan. See V. 103, p. 1688, 2239.

Texas Traction Co.—Successor Company Bonds.—

See Texas Electric Ry. above.—V. 104, p. 362.

Virginian Railway.—Stock Increase.—

At the annual meeting on Jan. 27 an increase of capital stock from \$65,000,000 to \$75,000,000 was authorized, consisting of \$40,000,000 common and \$35,000,000 5% cum. preferred stock. The increase, consisting of \$4,000,000 common and \$6,000,000 pref., may be issued for the purposes of the company at the discretion of the board. Compare V. 104, p. 258.

Washington (D. C.) Railway & Electric Co.—Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Year, Gross Earnings, Total Net Int., Sink. Pf. Divs. Com. Divs. Balance, 1916, 1915. Includes 1916: \$5,539,465, \$2,286,489, \$1,200,035, \$425,000, \$455,000, \$106,453; 1915: \$5,191,627, \$2,204,883, \$1,187,997, \$425,000, \$455,000, \$136,886.

President Clarence P. King says in substance:

The gross operating revenues ten years ago were \$3,133,000, while now they amount to \$5,539,000, an increase of \$2,406,000; surplus available for dividends and other charges ten years ago was \$523,000, as against the present surplus earnings of \$1,092,433. The capital stock remains to-day as it was ten years ago, there having been no stock issued since 1902.

[Charles A. Spalding, of Washington, D. C., was elected a director to succeed Oscar L. Gubelman, resigned.—V. 102, p. 2250.]

Western & Atlantic RR.—Proposed Rental.—

The "Atlanta Constitution" says that representatives of the Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry. and of this company are apparently deadlocked on the proposal of the former to pay a rental of \$37,000 a month if granted a new lease of the road (owned by the State of Georgia), to run from Dec. 27 1919, when the present lease expires. The Commission is said to be holding out for \$50,000, for a period of 47 years. The present rental is \$35,001 per month.—V. 81, p. 266.

Western New York & Pennsylvania RR.—Rumor.—

The recent advance in the price of the company's shares of stock has given rise to the report in Philadelphia that the Pennsylvania RR. is buying the minority interest. It already owns \$19,439,001 of the outstanding \$19,972,756 (compare Long Island RR. in last week's "Chronicle," page 361).—V. 102, p. 1536.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

American Beet Sugar Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 12% has been declared on the \$15,000,000 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 1 1/2% on the pref. was also declared payable April 2 to holders of record March 17.—V. 102, p. 1989.

American Brass Co., Waterbury, Conn.—Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Year, 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913. Includes Net earnings, Dividends paid.

Balance, surplus, \$7,241,670, \$4,178,453, \$550,347, \$867,605. An extra dividend of 11% was declared last week on the stock along with the quarterly 1 1/2%, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, 1916, 1915, Liabilities, 1916, 1915. Includes Real est., machinery, &c., Cash, Bills & accts. rec., Woodlands, Stocks & bonds, Patents, Merchandise, Capital stock, Current accts. payable, Res'v'e for contingencies, Surplus, Net earnings for year.

Total 40,925,568 31,791,281 Total 40,925,568 31,791,281 —V. 104, p. 363.

American Ice Securities Co., N. Y.—Option 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 \$66 per share, and each stockholder of record on Feb. 1 1917 is entitled to subscribe for and purchase an amount of stock equal to 10% of his holdings of American Ice Securities stock; for example, a holder of 100 shares of Securities stock may purchase 30 shares of new American preferred stock for \$1,980 and smaller amounts in proportion. On each subscription and purchase of the preferred stock there will be given as a bonus an amount of American Ice Co. common stock equal to 40% of the preferred stock so purchased. Payment of subscriptions may be made either in New York funds or the equivalent in the 20-year 6% debentures of the American Ice Securities Co. at par and int. to March 1 1917. [Subscriptions on warrants were to be mailed on or about Feb. 1.] See plan V. 104, p. 165, 363.

Cal. Years—1916, 1915, 1916, 1915.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1916, 1915, Com. divs. paid, 1916, 1915. Includes Gross earnings, Net earnings, Pf. divs. (6%), Balance, surp.

There was also deducted in 1916 \$1,801,798 (10%) for stock dividends on common stock, against \$1,632,645 (10%) in 1915, leaving \$1,190,159 in 1916, against \$902,302.—V. 103, p. 1689.

Amer. Maltng Co.—Earnings, 3 Mos. to Nov. 30 1916.—

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Net income, Operating income, Total income.

—V. 103, p. 2429.

American Manufacturing Co. (of Mass.), Mfrs. of Bagging, &c., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Both Cash and Stock Dividends—Stock Increase.—Pres. John D. Filley in circular of Jan. 27 says in substance:

The board has declared cash dividends at the rate of 5% p. a. on the pref. stock and 6% p. a. on the common stock, payable quarterly during 1917 out of the surplus Dec. 31 1916, and also an extra cash dividend payable April 1 1917 of 2% upon the common stock.

The authorized capital stock is now \$10,000,000 (\$6,000,000 common and \$4,000,000 preferred), all outstanding except \$1,000,000 of the preferred. It is proposed that at the annual meeting [Feb. 27] an increase of \$6,000,000, all common stock, be authorized, and that this new stock and the unissued \$1,000,000 of preferred stock be applied as follows:













**United Electric Securities Co., Boston.—Earnings.—**

Calendar Year	Inc. from Secs.	Int. on Prof.	Prof. from Ex-Dep. &c.	Bond Interest	Dividends Paid	Surplus
1916	\$510,013	\$42,049	\$17,676	\$55,592	\$298,299	\$170,000
1915	613,318	10,534	6,746	53,877	283,910	195,000

Dividends as above include yearly 7% on \$1,000,000 preferred stock, \$70,000, and in 1916 20% on \$500,000 common stock, \$100,000, against 25%, \$125,000, in 1915.—V. 102, p. 717.

**United States Steel Corp.—Extra Dividend—Earnings—Pensions.**—An extra dividend of 1 3/4% 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 of 1% was paid on the common shares.

The regular quarterly 1 1/4% on the common and 1 3/4% on the pref. were also declared payable the same date.

For statement of earnings, see "Reports" on a preceding page. The sixth annual report of the U. S. Steel and Carnegie Pension Fund has been issued, showing the operations of the fund for the year 1916. The total disbursement for all the controlled companies, including railroad, steamships, &c., compare as follows:

Year	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916
Total	\$281,457	\$353,781	\$422,815	\$511,968	\$659,389	\$711,130

Total beneficiaries Dec. 31 1916, 3,013. Averages for cases 1911 to 1916, inclusive: Age, 65.33 years; service, 29.93 years; monthly pension, \$21.05.—V. 104, p. 170, 78.

**Wayagamack Pulp & Paper Co., Montreal.—Directors.** The following new directors have been elected to the board, increasing the number from five to nine: Sir William Price, of Quebec; Alex. McLaren, of Buckingham; G. H. Duggan and Alex. Pringle, both of Montreal. Hugh Mackay was elected to succeed his father, the late Senator Mackay. The other four directors are: J. N. Greenshields, Pres. C. R. Whitehead, Vice-Pres.; J. W. Pyke and Henning Helin.—V. 99, p. 405.

**West Kootenay Power & Light Co., Ltd., Montreal.—**

Aug. 31	Gross Earnings	Net Earnings	Bond Int. &c.	Pfd. Divs.	Com. Divs.	Balance
Year	\$472,585	\$348,595	\$149,767	\$28,000	\$100,000	\$70,823
1915-16	388,193	281,897	122,992	28,000	100,000	30,905

—V. 102, p. 615.

**Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co.—Sub. Co. Dividend.**—See Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd., in V. 104, p. 364.—V. 104, p. 368.

**Westinghouse Machine Co.—Sale.**—The stockholders will vote Mar. 29 on the proposed sale of the franchise and property to the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—V. 103, p. 1995.

**Wheeling Mould & Foundry Co.—Stock Increase.**—The shareholders on Jan. 26 authorized the increase in capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. The Wheeling "Register" says: "The new stock (which is to be prof.) will be distributed as a stock dividend. The machinery for manufacturing 6-inch shells, for which the company has no further use, has, it is announced, been sold to a Canadian firm and the plant (peniculus plant) dismantled."

J. M. Sanders and Henry G. Stifel have been elected directors to succeed Geo. A. Laughlin and C. E. Blue.—V. 104, p. 263.

**Wheeling Steel & Iron Co.—New Stock.**—Stockholders will vote Feb. 13 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$7,500,000 (\$6,195,400 outstanding July 21 1916) to \$10,000,000, par \$100.—V. 102, p. 810.

**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. Campbell, in a letter to stockholders, says:

In view of recent and proposed legislation and uncertainty which exist as to the construction which may be placed on the same, it is the judgment of our directors that it would be unwise to increase our capital stock at our next annual meeting, but that it would be wiser to defer such action until a later date, when the land is in a more settled state and that for the present at least it would be better to increase the rate of cash dividends rather than to increase the number of shares.—V. 104, p. 263, 170.

**CURRENT NOTICE.**

The principal object of the Haytian American Corporation (see stock offering on another page) is to develop the vast resources of the island of Hayti, which have 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 warehouses in Port au Prince, the capital and principal seaport, and the control of the electric light property at Cap-Haitien; and proposes to cultivate and grind sugar cane principally in the fertile plains of Cul de Sac and Legane, where it has obtained control and ownership of over 20,000 acres, and is preparing 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 the company believes the American occupation will do for the extremely fertile island of Hayti. Hayti has a superficial area of 6,000,000 acres of which 2,400,000 acres represent the lands fit for high cultivation, of these only 150,000 acres are under-culture.

—Raymond F. Baby and Mitchell May have become associated with Louchheim, Minton & Co., members of N. Y. Stock Exchange, 71 Broadway this city, as managers in charge of the bond department. This house will engage in a general investment bond business, specializing largely in underlying securities and inactive 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 New York houses in the city of Philadelphia. The firm has private wires to Philadelphia and Boston. Mr. May is prominently known in bond investment circles. The offices of the bond department are located on the ground floor of the Empire Building, 71 Broadway, and have convenient entrance from the Rector St. side.

—The public utility firm of John Nickerson Jr., New York, St. Louis and Boston, state in to-day's advertisement that the securities most sought during times such as we are passing through are underlying issues with plenty of equity behind them, with their interest well safeguarded by earnings, and possessing other characteristics which remove them from the speculative class. The firm's Buying Department concentrates upon the selection of distinct investment issues for conservative investors. Among the banker's offerings are a block of bonds, a first mortgage issue, which meet these requirements. Write John Nickerson Jr. for a description of this issue. The firm will also consider offers of bonds which meet the conditions outlined above.

—The W. S. Barstow Management Association has been incorporated for the purpose of supervising the management of the subsidiary properties of the Eastern Power & Light Corporation and the General Gas & Electric Co. The directors of the new company are W. S. Barstow, J. B. Taylor, L. H. Tyng, B. Lovett West, O. Clement Swenson, E. M. Gilbert and Thomas Chayne. A meeting of the association will be held shortly to organize and elect officers. The combined annual gross earnings of the aforesaid properties in 1916 were approximately \$7,000,000.

—Lyon, Singer & Co., Pittsburgh, are offering a block of the Whitaker-Glessner Co. First Mtge. 5% sinking fund gold bonds of which there

are \$3,000,000 outstanding out of a total authorized of \$7,500,000. The company owns five successful steel manufacturing plants in Wheeling, W. Va., Martins Ferry, Ohio, and Portsmouth, Ohio, including the plants and entire capital stock of the Wheeling Corrugating Co. A description of the company appears in the "General Investment News" columns of April 8 1916.

—Counselman & Co. and Shapker, Waller & Co., each of Chicago, are offering an additional block of the \$1,000,000 7% cumulative sinking fund preferred stock of the Interstate Iron & Steel Co., which company has been a successful operation since 1905 as manufacturers of iron and steel bars, shapes, nails, wire rods and general wire products. A complete description of the company's securities, activities, &c., will be found in the "General Investment News" columns of the "Chronicle," of Jan. 13 last.

—The fifty-seventh annual report of the Home Life Insurance Co. of New York (George E. Ide, President), published in our advertising columns to-day, shows insurance in force of nearly \$133,000,000, an increase during the year of almost \$8,000,000. The company paid the policyholders in 1916 nearly \$3,500,000, of which \$629,000 was in dividends or premium refund. Its insurance reserve fund was increased by \$1,300,000 and its assets are now about \$33,000,000.

—The investment bond business conducted by Allerton, Greene & King at 208 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., will be continued (beginning Feb. 1) at the same location and under the same management, by King, Hoagland & Co. as successors. George F. Alum, formerly Assistant Manager of the bond department of the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, Ill., has become associated with King, Hoagland & Co. as a Vice-President.

—By advertisement on another page Wm. P. Bonbright & Co., Inc., New York, William P. Bonbright & Co., London, and Bonbright & Co., Paris, are offering the investing public an opportunity to participate in the \$50,000,000 New French Industrial Credit. This is a form of investment which has heretofore been open exclusively to large banking institutions. See to-day's advertisement for all the particulars.

—Glover & MacGregor, 345 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, specialists in Pennsylvania municipals, have received an award of \$100,000 School District of the Borough of Coraopolis, Pa., 4% bonds, which they are publicly offering for investment. Price and descriptive circular on request. The firm's February circular with complete list of offerings is ready and will be mailed to inquirers.

—Carl C. Shippee and Perry B. Rawson announce the formation of a partnership under the firm name of Shippee & Rawson at 111 Broadway, this city, to conduct a general brokerage business in stocks and bonds. The new firm are members of the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Shippee and Mr. Rawson were formerly identified with Horablower & Weeks.

—Field, Richards & Co., 100 Broadway, this city, are offering \$500,000 Oklahoma City, Okla., water works 4 1/2% bonds, due July 1 1941, at 105.35 and interest, yielding 4.15%. Powhatan Bolling, New York manager in charge of the Eastern territory, will mail descriptive circular of this offering and also the firm's full list of municipals, if desired.

—Herbert Fitch, third partner of Livingston & Co., bankers of 51 Exchange Place, retired from active business Feb. 1 in order to travel in various countries studying financial conditions and writing special articles on economic subjects. The firm of Livingston & Co. will be continued with substantially the same membership.

—Merrill, Lynch & Co., New York and Detroit, are distributing copies of a pamphlet which deals with the development, present condition and future prospects of the Jones Bros. Tea Co., Inc. This pamphlet is a reprint of the article by Mr. Charles W. Hurd from the Dec. 28 issue of "Printers Ink."

—Merrill, Lynch & Co. have established a commercial department to deal in State, city and township short term notes and commercial paper. The new department will be under the expert direction of Bernhard Benson, who, for the past ten years, was associated with Geo. H. Burr & Co.

—Sanford & Kelly, New Bedford, Mass., have issued a pamphlet entitled "Financial Review for Year 1916," containing statistics relating to cotton and other manufacturing corporations, national banks, savings banks, real estate, &c., and other New Bedford enterprises.

—T. Hall Keyes & Co. of this city announce that Frost Haviland, formerly with Jenks, Gwynne & Co., has been admitted into general partnership. Beginning Feb. 1st the firm will be known as Keyes, Haviland & Co., with new offices at 66 Broadway.

—E. T. Kronsberg & Co., Chicago, are offering a limited amount of Aurora Automatic Machinery Co. stock. This company is controlled by John P. Hopkins and associates. It is one of the largest manufacturers of pneumatic tools and electric drills in the world.

—E. T. McLaughlin, T. C. Packard and F. F. Drysdale have incorporated under the firm name of McLaughlin, Gould & Drysdale, at 1 Wall St. The new firm will conduct a general brokerage business in stocks, bonds and debenture securities.

—As a matter of record only, all the notes having been sold, Wm. Salomon & Co., New York and Chicago, are advertising their recent offering of \$700,000 Ontario Power Co. of Niagara Falls 5% secured notes. Price 100 and interest.

—Herbert B. Mulford, for the past nine years Publicity Manager of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, Ill., has become associated with the investment banking house of Ames, Bmerich & Co. of Chicago effective Feb. 1.

—C. E. Keplinger, for the past eight years Manager of the bond department of the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, Mo., has been appointed Manager of the municipal bond department of Elston & Co. of 39 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

—The Boughton Co., Inc., just organized by H. E. Boughton, P. H. Hunter and S. C. Dabrow, have opened offices in the Empire Building, 71 Broadway. They will conduct a general brokerage business in stocks and bonds.

—A. Iselin & Co., 36 Wall St., this city, are offering a limited amount of Southern Railway Co. Mobile & Ohio coll. 4% bonds, due Sept. 1 1938, at the market, to yield about 5.60%. Circular on application.

—Harry F. Stix announces that Charles H. Stix has become a partner in his business, which will hereafter be conducted under the name of Stix & Co., Investment Brokers, 509 Olive St., St. Louis.

—Farson, Son & Co., municipal bonds, 115 Broadway, this city, have opened a department to trade in public utility and unlisted stocks and bonds, under the management of E. D. Reeves.

—Robinson & Co., New York, have issued a circular describing in considerable detail the coal properties, operations and so forth of the St. Louis Rocky Mountain & Pacific Co.

—At a meeting of the directors of J. G. White & Co., Inc., New York, Douglas I. McKay and Sauger B. Steel were elected Vice-Presidents of the corporation.

—R. M. Grant & Co. are offering \$1,000,000 State of California 4 1/2% bonds, due July 1989, optional Jan. 1955, at 106 1/4, yielding about 3.78%.

—Whitaker & Co. of St. Louis, are offering an issue of Seaboard Air Line First & Consolidated Mtge. 6% bonds at 99 1/2, to yield 6%.





The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Feb. 2 1917.

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 Atlantic 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 case 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 the least the United States would do would be to sever diplomatic relations with Germany. The first overt act in carrying out 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 effort to avoid war. Trade in iron, steel and copper is temporarily halted. Shortage of cars and of ocean tonnage adds to the drawbacks in a seriously disturbed situation. The business in coke, coal and lumber as well as in other commodities is badly hampered by the difficulties of transportation. Some lumber mills have had to close down. Railroad embargoes add to the confusion. If export business is to be materially reduced, supplies of merchandise must greatly increase in this country, with perhaps a depressing effect on prices. On the other hand very cold weather at the West has helped retail trade, and within 48 hours it has become much colder here in the East. Previous to the blockade announcement in the German note, trade as we have seen had been very brisk in many branches. Domestic buying of steel has been liberal. Winter goods are selling more freely. 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, 18.85c. Futures advanced early in the week, but broke badly on Thursday owing to the German note. To-day prices were higher on good buying by packers. Eastern houses were also buying. Hogs were up to \$11.95, with small arrivals at Western points, owing to cold weather. Lard is lower for the week, however.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery.....	cts. 16.20	16.22	16.35	16.32	16.32	16.17
May delivery.....	16.52	16.55	16.62	16.57	16.02	16.17
July delivery.....	16.70	16.75	16.77	16.70	16.17	16.32

PORK higher; mess, \$30@33.50; clear, \$32@34. Beef products higher, but latterly unsettled; mess, \$23@23.50; extra India mess, \$4@4.5. Cut meats higher; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 17 1/4@17 3/4c.; pickled bellies, 16@16 1/2c. Butter, creamery, 33@43 1/2c. Cheese, State, 22@25 1/2c. Eggs, fresh, 36@47c.

COFFEE quiet; Rio No. 7, 10c.; No. 4 Santos 10 1/2@10 3/4c.; fair to good Cuzcuta 12 1/2@12 1/2c. 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 closed 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:

February cts. 8.38@8.40	June.....	cts. 8.55@8.57	October.....	cts. 8.74@8.75	
March.....	8.43@8.44	July.....	8.61@8.62	November.....	8.77@8.78
April.....	8.48@8.48	August.....	8.66@8.67	December.....	8.81@8.82
May.....	8.52@8.53	Sept.....	8.71@8.72	January.....	8.85@8.87

SUGAR quiet; centrifugal, 96-degrees test, 4.75@4.89c.; molasses, 89-degrees, 3.98@4.12c.; granulated, 6.75c. 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 crop 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 Philadelphia 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:

February cts. 3.89@3.90	June.....	cts. 3.87@3.89	October.....	cts. 3.86@3.88	
March.....	3.84@3.85	July.....	3.90@3.92	November.....	3.80@3.82
April.....	3.84@3.96	August.....	3.92@3.94	December.....	3.75@3.77
May.....	3.85@3.84	September.....	3.93@3.95		

OILS.—Linseed slightly easier; city, raw, American seed, 94@97c.; city, boiled, American seed, 95@98c.; Calcutta \$1.15. Lard, prime higher at \$1.40@1.45. Coconut, Cochin stronger at 18c. Corn oil higher at 11.31c. Palm, Lagos also higher at 14@15c. Soya bean oil active at 12@

12 1/2c. Cod, domestic firm at 75@76c. Spirits of turpentine 54c. Strained rosin, common to good, \$6.55. Cottonseed oil lower on the spot at 12.30c. To-day cottonseed oil futures closed as follows:

February.....	12.30@12.55	May.....	12.00@12.01	Aug.....	11.96@11.99
March.....	12.30@12.34	June.....	11.99@12.02	Sept.....	11.90@11.92
April.....	11.99@12.02	July.....	11.98@12.01		

PETROLEUM steady; refined, in barrels, \$9.15@10.15; bulk, \$5@5.6; cases, \$12.25@13.25. Naphtha, 73 to 76-degrees, in 100 gallon drums and over, 42 1/2c. Gasoline active and higher; motor gasoline, in steel barrels, to garages, 23c.; to consumers, 25c.; gasoline, gas machine, steel, 41c.; 73 to 76-degrees, steel and wood, 32@35c.; 68 to 70-degrees, 29@32c. Crude prices at the Central West have been raised 5 cents a barrel. Canadian crude also advanced 5 cents. Local gasoline prices are one cent higher. Unfavorable weather has kept down drilling in not a few 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-cattling in the Mid-Continent fields is said to have been very active, but latterly the work has been somewhat restricted, owing to cold weather and a shortage of water. Closing quotations were as follows:

Pennsylvania dark \$3.05	North Lima.....	\$1.83	Illinois, above 30		
Cabell.....	2.35	South Lima.....	1.83	degrees.....	\$1.87
Mercer black.....	2.43	Indiana.....	1.68	Kansas and Okla-	
Crichton.....	1.31	Princeton.....	1.87	homa.....	1.70
Corning.....	2.38	Somerset, 32 deg.....	2.18	Caddo La., light.....	1.70
Woooster.....	2.03	England.....	1.03	Caddo La., heavy.....	.95
Wray.....	1.70	Florida.....	1.70	Canada.....	2.23
Strawn.....	1.70	Moran.....	1.70	Humble.....	1.00
De Boto.....	1.61	Plymouth.....	1.83	Henrietta.....	1.70

TOBACCO.—Old crop has been active and firm. Manufacturers have big orders on hand and have been compelled to re-enter the market for raw tobacco without hagglng too much about the price, especially as the 1916 crop has been practically sold. The consumption of Sumatra is very large, owing to the brisk business of manufacturers. Havana has sold freely, mainly of 1916 Remedios. Sales of first grades have been especially active.

COPPER unsettled over the German U-boat note. Lake here on the spot 32c.; electrolytic 32c.; for future delivery 31c. Latterly the demand has been quiet, and on Thursday business ceased, owing to the latest move by the Central Empires. Offerings early in the week were very small. There were rumors of offerings of 3 to 4c. under recent prices. It is said that the West and Canada are in need of copper. Machinery troubles, railroad embargoes, scarcity of labor, and the shortage of the supply of blister copper have all tended to hamper production. London has been higher. Holders are pursuing a waiting policy. Tin higher, excited and scarce, on the spot at 50@52c. London and Singapore advanced noticeably. Tin deliveries in January were extraordinarily large, being 7,177 tons, of which 5,200 tons were from Atlantic ports, and 1,977 from Pacific ports. Arrivals last month amounted to 4,320 tons. On Thursday prices advanced 4 1/2c., putting the price up to 50c., owing to the latest German note, calling for a more aggressive submarine warfare. This would seriously interfere with shipment from London to this country. Spelter lower on the spot at 9 1/2c., 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 11c., owing to railroad congestion and an idea that peace would not come this year. Brass makers, and galvanizers were good buyers. It was reported on Monday 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 decline. Lead scarce and at one time higher, on the spot at 8.50c. 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 February. Canada has been a good buyer for delivery in March. On Thursday, however, prices declined 1/2c., owing to the German U-boat note, putting the price back to 8c. To-day prices were strong at 8 1/2@8 3/4c. Pig iron was unsettled by the German note. Before that was issued prices were firmer with a better domestic demand. Scarcity of cars and of ocean freights had hampered export business. Now the demand for the second half of 1917, it is believed, will fall off awaiting further developments. A scarcity of Bessemer ore is predicted. No. 2 Northern, \$30.50@31.50; No. 2 Southern, \$24@24.50, Birmingham. Steel seemed assured of a steady demand before the German note appeared, although for the moment trade had subsided, partly owing to difficulties as to railroad and ocean transportation. The crisis in the relations between the United States and Germany may check business for a time. There 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 week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 96,530 bales, against 102,111 bales last week and 123,929 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1916 5,212,363 bales, against 4,842,438 bales for the same period of 1915-16, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1916 of 369,925 bales.







Abilene, Tex.—It has been dry all the week. Thermometer has averaged 48, ranging from 14 to 82.

Fort Worth, Tex.—We have had no rain during the week. The thermometer has ranged from 12 to 74, averaging 43.

Palestine, Tex.—Rain has fallen on two days of the week, the rainfall being six hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 47, highest 80, lowest 14.

San Antonio, Tex.—We have had rain on two days during the week, the precipitation reaching twelve hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 52, the highest being 84 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, the rainfall 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 of 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 thermometer 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 which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1916-17, 1915-16. Rows include Visible supply, Deduct, Total takings, and Of which American/Of which other.

\*Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,111,000 bales in 1916-17 and 1,866,000 bales in 1915-16—takings not being available—and aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 7,051,568 bales in 1916-17 and 7,451,071 bales in 1915-16, of which 5,098,568 bales and 5,238,071 bales American. b Estimated.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET—The highest, lowest and closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing market quotations for February through December, including Range, Closing, and Spot/Options.

EAST INDIAN COTTON CROP.—The cotton forecast for India for 1916-17, issued under date of Calcutta, 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-

vius 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 exception) 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 and 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:

Table showing receipts and exports of cotton for Bombay and other regions from 1914-15 to 1916-17, categorized by week and since August 1.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 64,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decline of 16,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 139,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS 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:

Table showing Alexandria receipts and shipments in cantars for 1916, 1915, and 1914.

Table showing exports of cotton in bales to Liverpool, Manchester, Continent and India, and to America.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Jan. 10 were 62,162 cantars and the foreign shipments 25,114 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the phenomenal fluctuations in cotton check business. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison

Table comparing Manchester market prices for 1916-17 and 1915-16, including 32s Cop and 8 1/4 Ds.

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

Table showing shipping news for New York to Liverpool, Havre, and Rotterdam.

		Total bales.	
GALVESTON—To Genoa—Jan. 29	7,653	7,653	
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Jan. 26	14,320	14,320	Jan. 27
To Havre—Jan. 27	5,579	5,579	26,397
To Gothenburg—Jan. 31	2,000	2,000	
To Genoa—Jan. 26	1,450	1,450	
To Liverpool—Jan. 26	6,450	6,450	7,886
PENSACOLA—To Liverpool—Jan. 26	526	526	14,336
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Jan. 30	4,452	4,452	
To Rotterdam—Jan. 27	1,400	1,400	
BOSTON—To Liverpool—Jan. 26	2,050	2,050	
BALTIMORE—To Liverpool—Jan. 25	5,948	5,948	
To Havre—Jan. 25	2,384	2,384	
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Jan. 26	Tenyo Maru, 3,880	3,880	
Jan. 27—Shimpo Maru, 1,518	1,518	1,518	5,398
SEATTLE—To Japan—Jan. 19	Shintsu Maru, 722	722	Jan. 23
Inaba Maru, 4,085	4,085	4,085	
To Vladivostok—Jan. 19	Shintsu Maru, 66	66	4,807
TACOMA—To Japan—Jan. 23	Inaba Maru, 43	43	66
Total			84,692

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

	Great Brit.	French Ports.	Holland.	Other Europe.	Vladivostok.	Japan.	Total.
New York	415	2,400	2,967				5,782
Galveston							7,653
New Orleans	26,397	2,000		1,450	14,336		44,183
Pensacola		526					526
Savannah		4,452	1,400				5,852
Boston							2,050
Baltimore		5,948	2,384				8,332
San Francisco						5,398	5,398
Seattle					66	4,807	4,873
Tacoma						43	43
Total	39,788	6,784	4,367	1,450	21,989	66	10,248

The exports to Japan since Aug. 1 have been 357,056 bales from Pacific ports and 7,310 bales from Galveston.

**COTTON FREIGHTS.**—Current rates for cotton from New York are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound: Liverpool, 3.00c.; Manchester, 3.00c.; Havre, 2.25c. asked; Rotterdam, 3.00c. nom.; Genoa, 2.00c. asked; Naples, 2.00c. asked; Leghorn, 2.00c. nom.; Christiania, 3.25c.; Bergen, 3.25c.; Stockholm, 3.25c.; Malmo, 3.25c.; Gothenburg, 4.25c.; Barcelona, 2.25c. nom.; Lisbon, 2.50c.; Piraeus, 2.75c.; Oporto, 2.75c.; Marseilles, 2.00c.; Japan, 2.00c.; Shanghai, 2.00c.; Vladivostok, 2.50c.

**LIVERPOOL.**—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Jan. 26	Feb. 2
Sales of the week	40,000	32,000	31,000	42,000
Of which speculators took	5,000	4,000	3,000	
Of which exporters took	2,000	1,000	3,000	
Sales, American	31,000	25,000	25,000	33,000
Actual export	8,000	8,000	36,000	7,000
Forwarded	92,000	108,000	80,000	69,000
Total stock	859,000	837,000	852,000	884,000
Of which American	697,000	682,000	726,000	738,000
Total imports of the week	90,000	94,000	131,000	62,000
Of which American	78,000	54,000	111,000	43,000
Amount afloat	307,000	326,000	296,000	
Of which American	228,000	238,000	185,000	

**LIVERPOOL STOCK TAKING.**—American increase, 29,830 bales; Brazilian, 232; Egyptian, 14,678; Peruvian, 7,184; West Indian, 703; African, 1,174; total increase, 53,851 bales; East Indian decrease, 7,402; net increase, 46,449 bales.

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

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 p. m.		Good inquiry.	Moderate demand.	Fair business doing.	Moderate demand.	Quiet.
Mid. up'da		11.14	11.09	11.02	11.03	10.33
Sales, Spec. & exp.	HOLIDAY.	10,000	8,000	8,000	7,000	7,000
Futures, Market opened		Steady, 18@10 pts. advance.	Quiet, 2@6 pts. advance.	Quiet, 3@10 pts. advance.	Steady, 3@10 pts. advance.	Steady 20@25 pts. decline.
Market closed		Quiet, 5@7 pts. advance.	Quiet, 3@3 pts. adv. to 3 pts. dec.	Steady, 6@7 pts. advance.	Irregular, 45@50 pts. decline.	Quiet, 45@50 pts. decline.

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below. Prices are on the basis of upland, good ordinary clause, unless otherwise stated.

The prices are given in pence and 100ths. Thus, 10 74 means 10 74/100d.

Jan. 27 to Feb. 2.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12 1/4 12 1/2 p.m. p.m.	12 1/4 4 p.m.	12 1/4 4 p.m.	12 1/4 4 p.m.	12 1/4 4 p.m.	12 1/4 5 p.m.
January	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.
Jan.-Feb.		10 74 60	69 63	61	63 15	63 67
Mar.-Apr.	HOLIDAY.	10 72 59	63 57	62	63 15	63 67
May-June		10 73 59	63 56	60	62 63	61 65
July-Aug.		10 70 56	60 53	67 59	61 10	87 60
Oct.-Nov.		10 60 47	50 44	47 50	52 00	77 51
Jan.-Feb.		9 98 87	90 85	87 92	94 45	22 00
				74 78	81 32	09 87

**BREADSTUFFS**

Friday Night, Feb. 1 1917.

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. The United Kingdom has taken some low-grade flour for 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 domestic trade to buy a little more freely at one time. Latterly, however, the German note and the big decline in 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 stocks 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 pacific 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 3 1/2 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 the world. Besides, export business in this country is hampered by ear shortage and the scarcity and dearness of ocean freights. Trans-Atlantic 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 enemy, entering a prescribed zone which extends north of the British Isles and down into the Mediterranean, including the waters of Greece. 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. Even 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, &c. 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. The visible supply in the United States is only 49,658,000 bushels, against 68,459,000 bushels a year ago. In Russia very cold weather prevails, with a scarcity of snow over a wide area. The outlook for winter crops there is not good. At the same time Russian stocks are moderate and the consumption for food has been heavy. In Italy the weather has been bad, or in other words, cold and wet. The crops there have little snow covering. Native supplies in Italy are moderate and foreign buying therefore continues. In France the crop outlook is not favorable. The trouble is that the weather is exceptionally 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 delayed by wet, cold weather. Besides, labor there is scarce. In Australia 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 declined, owing to the idea that exports may become more difficult than ever in view of the German note and the possibility of a break between this country and Germany. To-day prices advanced on very cold weather 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.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 red.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
191	189 1/2	191	180	180	

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

May delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
175 1/2	171 1/2	175 1/2	171 1/2	163 1/2	161
July delivery in elevator	147 1/2	145 1/2	149 1/2	146 1/2	141 1/2
September delivery in elevator	136 1/2	135 1/2	138 1/2	136 1/2	131 1/2

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 occurred 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 sources 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 offerings 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 Valley 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 5 1/2 cents, though there was a rally before the close of 2 to 2 1/2 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.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF NO. 2 MIXED CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table showing prices for No. 2 yellow corn with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. prices.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table showing prices for May and July delivery in elevator for corn futures in Chicago.

Oats, like other grain have declined. The German note of Thursday caused a good deal of selling and a drop of 3 to 6 cents, the latter on May, though before the close there was a recovery of 2 to 3 cents.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table showing prices for standards and white oats in New York with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. prices.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table showing prices for May and July delivery in elevator for oats futures in Chicago.

The following are closing quotations: FLOUR. Winter, low grades... \$6 10 @ \$7 00; Spring, low grades... \$5 25 @ \$6 25.

GRAIN.

Table showing prices for wheat, corn, and rye per bushel in various regions like N. Spring, No. 1, new, etc.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Jan. 27 1917 was as follows:

Large table titled GRAIN STOCKS showing stock levels for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley in various locations like New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE. New York, Friday Night, Feb. 2nd 1917. All departments of the dry goods trade showed gradual improvement during the greater part of the week, and until the publication of the latest German note sentiment regarding the future had been quite optimistic.

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.

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.

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 season closes. In primary circles the tone is quieter, the high prices keeping demand within conservative limits.

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.

STATE AND CITY DEPARTMENT.

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN JANUARY.

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 revenue 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 \$4,974,200 5-year, \$5,300,000 30-year and \$2,500,000 50-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 \$281,098.62. Other large issues disposed of during January, and the price realized in each case, were as follows: State of California, \$1,000,000 4s at 104.775; Cleveland, Ohio, \$600,000 4 1/2s at 109.057; Cook County, Ill., \$1,000,000 4s at 100.738; Everglades Drainage District, Fla., \$3,500,000 6s at 95.73; Fairmont, W. Va., \$760,000 4 1/2s at 101.812; Houston, Tex., \$410,000 5s and \$825,000 4 1/2s at 104.101; Kansas City, Mo. (3 issues), \$540,000 4 1/2s at 107.929; King Co., Wash., \$250,000 4s and \$250,000 4 1/2s 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., \$486,000 4 1/2s at 102.283, and Warm Springs 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:

January—	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.	1913.
Permanent loans (U. S.)	\$36,128,365	\$50,096,009	\$34,303,088	\$4,603,004	\$30,414,439
*Temporary loans (U. S.)	46,300,000	33,875,465	28,976,660	50,784,702	41,378,909
Canadian loans (perm't)	2,529,371	4,932,966	3,656,482	13,313,681	10,203,436
Bonds of U. S. possessions	None	None	None	700,000	1,000,000
Total	84,957,736	88,904,530	66,936,230	149,041,477	82,996,784

\* Includes temporary securities issued by New York City: \$41,750,000 in Jan. 1917, \$27,850,034 in Jan. 1916, \$21,081,426 in Jan. 1915; \$46,170,965 Jan. 1914; \$39,142,645 Jan. 1913. † Includes \$51,000,000 bonds of New York State. ‡ Includes \$25,000,000 bonds of New 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:

1917	\$36,128,365	1909	\$29,318,403	1900	\$20,374,320
1916	\$50,096,009	1908	\$16,942,968	1899	\$6,975,957
1915	\$34,303,088	1907	\$10,160,146	1898	\$8,147,593
1914	\$46,300,000	1906	\$3,307,582	1897	\$10,405,776
1913	\$30,414,439	1905	\$4,436,253	1896	\$6,607,721
1912	\$25,265,749	1904	\$23,843,801	1895	\$10,332,101
1911	\$27,510,275	1903	\$15,941,796	1894	\$7,072,207
1910	\$16,319,478	1902	\$10,915,845	1893	\$5,438,577
		1901	\$2,240,864	1892	\$6,352,020

\* Including \$25,000,000 bonds of N. Y. State. † Including \$51,000,000 bonds of N. Y. State. ‡ Including \$60,000,000 corporate stock of New York City.

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 Secretary of State advises us that the official vote cast "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 power of the several counties and school districts in the State. Vote: 69,341 "for" to 47,543 "against."

Amendment to constitution relating to certain offices of Montgomery County. Vote: 53,207 "for" to 42,411 "against."

Amendment to constitution relating to holders of bank notes and depositors who have not stipulated for interest. Vote: 51,996 "for" to 44,034 "against."

Amendment to constitution relating to the city of Selma. Vote: 50,373 "for" to 43,492 "against."

Amendment to constitution relating to length of legislative sessions. Vote: 42,946 "for" to 51,284 "against."

Amendment to constitution relating to amount of tax to be levied by cities, towns and villages and other municipalities in the State. Vote: 41,686 "for" to 44,780 "against."

**Alaska (Territory of).—Congress Approves Bill, Providing for Prohibition.**—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 Nacional. 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 declared 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 finance. Vote: 20,859 "for" to 12,641 "against."

Amendment to Sections 2, 3 and 4, Article VII., relating to census and apportionments. Vote: 10,258 "for" to 17,774 "against."

Amendment to Section 1, Article VI., as amended by joint resolution No. 2, Acts of 1893, relating to suffrage and eligibility. Vote: 10,518 "for" to 19,688 "against."

**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. 1 1917 has been issued by the State Banking Department. In submitting the list of securities which we print below, the Superintendent of Banks has the following to say:

STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Albany, N. Y.

In submitting to the savings banks of the State the list of securities considered legal investments for savings banks on the first day of January 1917, in compliance with the provisions of section 52 of the Banking Law, I deem it necessary to repeat the cautionary statement with reference to the purpose for which the list is published which I made last year in connection with previous issues.

The conditions under which various municipal and railroad bonds are legal investments for savings banks have been embodied in section 239 of the Banking Law. These conditions are in some cases extremely complicated and vary from time to time to such an extent that a bond may be a legal investment on the first day of January and not a legal investment on the last day of the same month or vice versa, and no person can state positively that particular bonds are legal investments on a certain date, unless he has exact knowledge of the facts on the date with reference to which the statement is made.

It would be absolutely impracticable, without going to a very great expense, to maintain a sufficiently large bureau of legal and statistical experts to enable me to keep in touch with these varying conditions with reference to all the cities and railroads in the United States so as to give an opinion at any time as to whether the bonds of a particular municipality or railroad were legal investments for savings banks under the provisions of the statute.

It is not, however, the purpose of section 52 of the Banking Law to furnish an infallible guide even to the savings banks with reference to such investments. On account of the extreme difficulty of determining the legality of such investments on a particular date, it was deemed desirable to protect the trustees of savings banks from the result of having made an illegal investment through misinformation or from a sudden, and to them unknown, change in conditions. The list has therefore been prepared for the guidance and protection of the trustees of savings banks only and should not be used as a guide by executors, administrators or trustees generally; neither is it designed for the use of dealers in such securities.

As the cost of preparing and printing the list is assessed upon the savings banks, sufficient copies have not been printed to enable us to make a general distribution of these pamphlets even if they could under the statute serve any other purpose than that for which they are intended. Although much care has been exercised in the preparation of the list, it is not assumed that it is absolutely free from error. It is quite possible that, owing to the changed conditions since the last statistics with reference to some municipalities and railroads were obtained, bonds believed to be legal at the time this list was prepared may not be legal investments at the present time, or that bonds which were clearly not legal investments for savings banks at the time of our last information with reference to them may have become legal investments before the list was printed. I believe, however, that the list is substantially correct and that it will adequately serve the purposes for which it is intended. Its use, however, does not relieve the trustees of savings banks from the duty of making suitable investigations of their own in every case, thus supplementing the work of the Department.

It will be noticed moreover, that, under the provisions of section 52 of the Banking Law, no investigation is authorized with reference to the execution of bonds and compliance with ordinary legal technicalities. A former Attorney-General of the State has held in a case submitted to him that with reference to such matters savings banks must rely upon the advice of their own attorneys.

In printing the list the different subdivisions of section 239 of the Banking Law have been followed, specific issues being expressly named only when such enumeration is made necessary by the phraseology used in the statute.

EUGENE LAMB RICHARDS, Superintendent of Banks.

The complete list, as compiled by the Superintendent, is given below. The bonds added to the list since last year are italicized while the issues which have been dropped are placed in brackets:

Securities Considered Legal Investments for Savings Banks Jan. 1 1917 under Sub-divisions of Section 399 of the Banking Law as Numbered

Sub-division 1. All interest-bearing obligations of the United States or those for which the faith of the United States is pledged to provide payment of interest and principal, including bonds of the District of Columbia. Sub-division 2. All interest-bearing obligations of New York State. Sub-division 3. All interest-bearing obligations of the following States and territories:

- Alabama, Kentucky, Nebraska, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.
Arizona, Louisiana, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island.
California, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island.

\*Certain questions of law with reference to the bonds of this city will be referred to the Attorney-General for his opinion.

Bonds of the city of San Francisco may now be legal investments but their legality cannot be determined from the evidence thus far furnished.

Sub-division 7. Railroad bonds:

- Albany & Susquehanna RR.—1st mtge. 3 1/2%, 1946.
Atchafalaya & Santa Fe Ry.—Gen. 4%, 1905.
Chicago Santa Fe & California Ry.—1st 5%, 1937.
Atlantic Coast Line RR.—1st Cons. 4%, 1952.
Petersburg RR. 1st 5%, 1926 "A." Petersburg RR. 2d 6%, 1926 "B." Norfolk & Carolina RR. 1st 5%, 1930. Norfolk & Carolina RR. 2d 6%, 1946. Wilmington & Weldon RR. Gen. 1st 4% and 5%, 1935.
Wilmington & New Bern 1st 4%, 1947. Atlantic Coast Line of South Carolina Gen. 1st 4%, 1948.
Northeastern RR. Cons. 6%, 1933. Richmond & Petersburg Cons. 4 1/2%, 1940.
Alabama Midland 1st 5%, 1928. Brunswick & Western 1st 4%, 1938. Charleston & Savannah Gen. 7%, 1936. Savannah Florida & Western Cons. 5% & 6%, 1934.
Silver Springs Ocala & Gulf 4%, 1918.
Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Refunding & General M. 5%, 1905. Convertible 4 1/2%, 1933.
Prior Lien 3 1/2%, 1925. First Mortgage 4%, 1948.
Central Ohio 1st 4 1/2%, 1930. Cleve. Lorain & Wm. Cons. 5%, 1933.
Gen. 5%, 1930. Cons. & 1st. 4%, 1930.
Cleve. Terminal & Valley 1st 4%, 1905. Huntington, Spencer & Glen. 1st 6%, 20. Ravenna & Big Sandy 1st 6%, 1922. Monongahela River 1st 5%, 1919. Ohio River 1st 5%, 1936.
Gen. 5%, 1937. Pittab. Cleve. & Tol. 1st 6%, 1922. Pittab. Jct. & Mid. Div. 1st 3 1/2%, 1925. Pittab. Lake E. & W. Va. Sys. 4%, 1911. West Va. & Pittsburgh 1st 4%, 1900.
Buffalo Creek RR. Cons. 5%, 1941.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Gen. mtge. 5%, 1937. Cons. Mtge. 4 1/2%, 1957. Lincoln Park & Charlotte RR. 1st 5%, 1939. Rochester & Pittsburgh RR. 1st 6%, 1921. Rochester & Pittsburgh RR. Cons. 6%, 1922.
Central RR. of New Jersey Gen. 5%, 1987.
Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—General Mtd. 3 1/2%, 4% and 4 1/2%, 1089. La Crosse & Davenport 1st 5%, 1919. Dubuque Division 1st 6%, 1920. Wisconsin Valley Div. 1st 5%, 1920. Chicago & Pacific Western Div. 1st 5%, 1921. Wisconsin & Minn. Div. 1st 5%, 1921. Chicago & Lake Superior Div. 1st 5%, 1921. Chicago & Missouri River Div. 1st 5%, 1926. Fargo & Southern 1st 6%, 1924. Milwaukee & Northern 1st 4 1/2%, 1934. Milwaukee & Nor. Consol. 4 1/2%, 1934. Chicago Milw. & Pug. Sd. 1st 4%, 1940. General and refunding 4 1/2% and 5%, 2014. Debenture 4%, 1934. Debenture 4%, 1925 (European Loan). Convertible 4 1/2%, 1932.

- Greenwich & Johnsonville Ry. 1st 4%, '24
Illinois Central RR.—Refunding 4%, 1955. First mtge. 5%, 3 1/2% & 4%, 1950-51. Trust 3 1/2%, 1950. Springfield Div., refund. 3 1/2%, 1951. Lincoln Div. 1st 3%, 1951. Kankakee & S. W. 1st 5%, 1921. Cairo Bridge Co. 1st 4%, 1950. St. L. Div. & Term. 3% & 3 1/2%, 1931. Purchased lines 3 1/2%, 1952.
Lehigh Valley R.R.—First mortgage 4%, 1948.
Louisville & Nashville Railway—Evansville Henderson & Nashville Div. sinking fund 6%, 1919. Louisville Chcn. & Lexington Ry. Gen. 4 1/2%, 1931. Louisville & Nashville RR. unified 4%, 1940. Louisville & Nashville RR. Gen. 6%, 1930. Louisville & Nashville RR. 1st 5%, 1937.
Maine Central System—Dexter & Newport 1st 4%, 1917. Dexter & Piscataquis 1st 4%, 1929. European & North Amer. 1st 4%, 1933. Hereford Ry. 1st 4%, 1930. Maine Shore Line RR. 1st 6%, 1923. Penobscot Shore Line RR. 1st 4%, 1920. Somerset Ry. 1st 5%, 1917. Somerset Ry. Cons. 4%, 1950. Upper Coast RR. 1st 4%, 1930. Upper Coast RR. 1st ext. 4 1/2%, 1930. Washington Co. Ry. 1st 3 1/2%, 1954.
Manhattan Ry.—Cons. 4%, 1900.
Michigan Central RR. Co.—First mortgage 3 1/2%, 1952. Bay City & Battle Creek 1st 3%, 1989. Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie Ry.—1st cons. 4% and 5%, 1938. Minn. & Pacific Ry. 1st 4%, 1936. Minn. Sault Ste. Marie & Atlantic Ry. 1st 4%, 1926.
Mobile & Ohio RR. Co. 1st M. 6%, 1927. Montgomery & Erie RR. 1st M. 5%, 1926. Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.—Consol. mtge. 4% and 5%, 1928. St. M. (F. & M. branches) 6%, 1917. 1st M. (Lebanon Branch) 6%, 1917. 1st M. (Jasper Branch) 6%, 1923. 1st M. (Centerville Branch) 6%, 1923. New York Elevated RR. deb. 5%, 1916. New York & Harlem RR. ref. 3 1/2%, 2000. New York Ontario & Western—Utica Clinton & Blnz. 1st 5%, 1939. Norfolk & Western Ry.—First consol. 4%, 1906. General 6%, 1931. New River Div. 1st 6%, 1932. Improvement & extension 6%, 1934. Scioto Valley & New Eng. 1st 4%, 1989. Columbus Connecting & Terminal 1st 5%, 1922.
Northern Pacific Ry.—Prior Lien Ry. & Land Grant 4%, 1907. St. Paul & Nor. Pac. Gen. 6%, 1923. Refund. & Improv. 4 1/2%, 2047. General lines 3%, 2047. Wash. & Columbia Rlv. 1st 4%, 1935. St. Paul-Duluth Div. 4%, 1936. St. Paul & Duluth 1st 5%, 1931. St. Paul & Duluth 2d 5%, 1917. St. Paul & Duluth consol. 4%, 1968. Duluth Short Line 1st 5%, 1916.
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: Amendment to paragraph 2, section 1, Article 11 of the Constitution, authorizing Bacon County to issue \$100,000 bonds. [The Secretary of State advises us he has no record of the vote on this proposition.] Amendment to section 2, Article 6 of the Constitution, altering the Appellate Court system of the State. Vote, 40,673 "for" to 16,794 "against." Amendment to paragraph 1, section 13, Article 6 of the Constitution, providing for additional compensation for Superior Court judges in certain counties of the State. Vote, 38,623 "for" to 21,961 "against." Amendment to paragraph 2, section 13, Article 6 of the Constitution, abolishing fees of Solicitors-General. Vote, 50,358 "for" to 17,908 "against." Amendment to paragraph 2, section 2, Article 2 of the Constitution, authorizing the Legislature to exempt from taxation ships and vessels engaged exclusively in foreign commerce and owned and operated by Georgia citizens or Georgia corporations. Vote, 34,087 "for" to 36,156 "against."
Illinois.—Official Vote at General Election.—The amendment to Article 9 of the constitution (to be known as Section 14), giving the General Assembly power over the subject matter of taxation of personal property, and the amendment to the General Banking Laws, both of which were adopted on Nov. 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 Proposition Providing for State-Wide Prohibition.—We are advised that the official 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 Nov. 7 1916, which resulted in favor of the two proposed amendments to the constitution (V. 103, p. 2256), was as follows: Amendment to Section 3, Article XI, relating to revenues to be used for educational purposes. 17,492 "for" and 5,167 "against." Amendment to Section 3, Article IX, changing limit of State debt from \$30,000 to 1% of assessed valuation of property in the State. 16,368 "for" and 6,752 "against."
New Jersey.—New State Comptroller.—On Jan. 30 Newton 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 Defeats Proposition Extending Limited Suffrage to Women.—The State Senate on Feb. 1 by a vote of 51 to 21 defeated the bill passed by the House on Jan. 19, extending limited suffrage to women.

Legislature Approves "Bone Dry" Liquor Bill.—The "bone dry" liquor bill, prohibiting the receipt of intoxicating liquor from a common or other carrier or the possession of such liquor after having been received by a common carrier, has been passed by both branches of the Legislature.

United States.—Bill to Increase Government Revenues—Public Building Bill Passed by House.—Reference 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 Provide for Payment of Bond Judgment.—Mandamus proceedings were 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 \$12,393,929.50, including interest amounting to \$8,178,307.22. A 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 to levy upon property of 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 Hatfield of West Virginia sent a special message to that body (see last week's "Chronicle," pages 376 and 377), favoring 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 memorial 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 reference to a claim of old Virginia against the Federal Government, growing out of the cession of the territory northwest of the Ohio River to the U. S. Government in 1784. The claim 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 creditors 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 bring the matters recited in the resolutions to the attention of the Virginia Debt Commission and to the bondholding creditors of that State, and that no further action be taken 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 Proposals and Negotiations this week have been as follows:**

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, Pa.—LOAN PROPOSED.—It is stated that this township is about to negotiate a loan of \$35,000 to meet current expenses.

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 29 the three issues of 4 1/2% 6-year average road bonds, aggregating \$11,920 (V. 104, p. 377), were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$12,395.75, equal to 103.991.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—James McCausland, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m., March 5 for an issue of \$50,000 4 1/2% 25 1/2-year average municipal University Engineering Building and equipment bonds. Date July 1 1916. Principal and semi-annual interest—J. & J.—payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1917 to 1966, inclusive. Certified or cashier's check on a bank other than the one bidding for \$500, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered at Akron. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ALABAMA (Town), Genesee County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 27 an issue of \$6,647.96 5% improvement bonds was awarded to the Bank of Corfu, of Corfu, at 100.22. Due \$2,247.96 Mar. 1 1917 and \$2,200 Mar. 1 1918 and 1919. Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of N. Y. was the only other bidder.

ALBUQUERQUE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Albuquerque), Bernalillo County, N. M.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—According to local papers, an election will be called to vote on the question of issuing school bonds.

ALEXANDRIA, Hanson County, So. Dak.—BONDS PROPOSED.—This city, according to reports, is contemplating the issuance of \$18,000 or \$20,000 municipal light-plant-extension bonds.

APLINGTON CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Aplington), Butler County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Schanck & Co. of Mason City have purchased \$50,000 4 1/2% building bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1917. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,000 yearly. May 1 from 1921 to 1927 incl., \$1,500 May 1 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931. \$2,000 yrly. May 1 from 1932 to 1936 incl. and \$27,000 Feb. 1 1937. Contract of purchase of these bonds was entered into on Jan. 24.

ARGENTA STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Argenta), Pulaski County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 6 by Justin Matthews, Secretary, it is stated, for \$52,000 5% 1-10-year serial street-impt. bonds.

AUBURN, Cayuga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 15 by G. W. Hudson, City Compt., for 40,000 4 1/2% 15 1/2-year aver. coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N. at City Treasurer's office, Columbia Tr. Co., N. Y., or will be remitted by mail in N. Y. exchange. Due \$4,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1927 to 1936, incl. Cert. check for \$700, payable to the "City of Auburn," required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest and accept delivery of bonds at 11 a. m. on Mar. 1 at U. S. Mtg. & Tr. Co., N. Y., unless a subsequent date shall be mutually agreed upon. Bids must be made on forms furnished by the City Comptroller. The above trust company will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed upon the bonds and their legality will be examined by Caldwell & Masslich of N. Y., whose favorable opinion will be furnished purchaser without charge. Bonded debt (excl. this issue), \$1,159,991; water debt (included), \$230,000; assess. val. real estate, \$20,740,165; special franchises, \$750,450; personal property, \$631,294; total valuation 1916, \$22,121,909; total tax rate (per \$1,000), \$32.29.

BARBERTON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by Geo. M. Koens, City Aud., for \$54,443 5% coupon street-paving city's portion bonds. Denom. 1 for \$443, 108 for \$500. Date Mar. 1 1917. Int. A. & G. Due \$2,943 Oct. 1 1920, \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1930, incl., except that no bonds mature in 1924 and \$6,500 Oct. 1 1931. Cert. check on a Summit County bank for 1% of bid (but in no event less than \$100), payable to the City Treas., required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BENTON, Franklin County, Ills.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a recent election the proposition to issue \$19,000 funding bonds was defeated, it is said.

BERRIEN COUNTY (P. O. St. Joseph), Mich.—BONDS PROPOSED.—This county is contemplating the issuance of road-improvement bonds.

BEXAR COUNTY (P. O. San Antonio), Tex.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 22 the \$81,000 G. H. & S. A. Ry. refunding and \$121,000 courthouse refunding 4 1/2% 10-40-yr. (opt.) bonds were awarded, it is stated, to Seasongood & Mayer of Chcin. for \$205,111, equal to 101.54. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1916. Int. semi-annual.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Nelson J. Parr, Co. Treas., will receive bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 6 for the following road bonds:

- \$27,200 4% Drury A. Smith et al. road bonds in Sugar Creek Twp. Denom. \$1,360. Date Jan. 2 1917.
- 5,300 4% Marion and Union Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$265. Date Jan. 2 1917.
- 28,000 4 1/2% Harry McDaniel et al. road bonds in Eagle Twp. Denom. \$1,400. Date Aug. 8 1916.

Int. M. & N. Due one-twentieth of each issue each six months from May 15 1918 to Nov. 15 1927 inclusive.

BRAWLEY, Imperial County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until March 19 by the City Treasurer for the \$17,000 6% coupon municipal water-works-system-impt. bonds voted at an election held Dec. 12 (V. 104, p. 279). Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 28 1917. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (R. & A.) payable at the City Treas. office. Due \$500 yrly. Feb. 28 from 1920 to 1933 incl. Cert. check for 10% of amount of bid, payable to the City Treas., required. Bonded debt, including this issue, \$167,100. No floating debt. J. A. Harris is City Clerk.

BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. Taunton), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Jan. 30 the loan of \$150,000 dated Jan. 31 maturing Nov. 1 1917 and issued in anticipation of taxes—V. 104, p. 378—was awarded to the First Nat. Bank of Boston at 2.98% discount.

BROOKINGS, Brookings County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 21 the First National Bank of Brookings was awarded for \$77,751.25 (100.324) \$77,500 4 1/2% refunding bonds, dated January 20 1917. Due Jan. 20 1937, subject to call \$11,500 after Jan. 20 1922 and \$65,000 after Jan. 20 1927. Bonded debt, including this issue, \$112,500. Assess. val. 1915, \$2,231,980. Total tax rate (per \$1,000), \$21.43.

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 29 the three issues of 4% bonds aggregating \$62,000—V. 104, p. 378—were awarded to Budget & Co. of Boston at 103.64 and int. Other bidders were:

- Morrill, Oldham & Co. .... 103.319
- R. L. Day & Co. .... 103.09
- Blake Bros. & Co. .... 103.30
- Adams & Co. .... 103.07
- Estabrook & Co. .... 103.21
- Curtis & Sanger .... 103.06
- F. S. Mosely & Co. .... 103.21
- Cropley, McCaragale & Co. .... 100.41

BROWARD COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (Diana), Fla.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 2 the \$20,000 6% school bonds (V. 103, p. 2258) were awarded to the Fort Lauderdale State Bank of Fort Lauderdale for \$21,825—equal to 109.125.

BROWNWOOD, Brown County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—It is stated that the election held Jan. 20 resulted in favor of the question of issuing \$80,000 school and \$30,000 city-hall and fire-station 5% 20-40-year (opt.) bonds (V. 104, p. 179).

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 29 the three issues of 4% 5-months deficiency bonds aggregating \$83,500—V. 104, p. 378—were awarded to Hemphill, White & Chamberlain of N. Y., for \$83,852—equal to 100.421. The premiums bid by some of the other bidders were:

- National City Co. .... \$351.54
- Bernhard Scholle & Co. .... \$291.92
- S. N. Bond & Co. .... 351.50
- Salomon Bros. & Hutzler .... 281.07
- Bond & Goodwin .... 313.00
- Goldman, Sachs & Co. .... 280.60
- George H. Burr & Co. .... 312.84
- Evans, Stillman & Co. .... 255.90
- Parkinson & Burr .... 297.26
- Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. .... 250.00

CALDWELL, Sumner County, Kans.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$80,000 municipal water and light plant rebuilding bonds carried, it is stated, at an election held Jan. 23.

CALDWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Caldwell), Canyon County, Idaho.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that an election will be held Feb. 6 to vote on the question of issuing \$60,000 high-school-bldg. bonds.

CALIFORNIA.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 25 the \$1,000,000 4% San Francisco Harbor Improvement bonds were awarded at public auction, it is stated, to Torrance, Marshall & Co. and R. M. Grant & Co., for \$1,047,750, equal to 104.775.

CAMDEN, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 5 by Bert J. Greenwood, Village Clerk, for the \$19,400 reg. highway impt. bonds voted Jan. 19 (V. 104, p. 378). Denom. 1 for \$400, 19 for \$1,000. Int. (not to exceed 4%) payable 1/3 J. & J. Due \$400 5 years from date and \$1,000 yearly thereafter. Bonded debt, including this issue, \$71,900; assess. val., \$782,265.

CAMDEN COUNTY (P. O. Camden), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—It is stated that Geo. H. Gomersall, Chairman of Finance Comm., will receive bids until 10:30 a. m. Feb. 14 for \$73,000 3 1/2% year aver. road, \$22,000 10 5-6-year aver. poorhouse and \$9,000 2-19-year serial sanatorium 4% semi-ann. bonds. Cert. check for 2% required. Each issue will not exceed the above specified amounts.

CANAL WINCHESTER, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 29 the \$18,000 4 1/2% water-works bonds—V. 104, p. 86—were awarded to the Ohio National Bank of Columbus for \$18,352.60 (101.958) and int. The other bidders were:

- Rud. Kleybolte Co. .... \$18,352.60
- Well, Roth & Co. .... \$18,180.00
- Hayden, Miller & Co. .... 18,217.45
- Tillotson & Wolcott Co. .... 18,151.20
- Peoples Bank Co. .... 18,211.00
- Stacy & Braun .... 18,143.74
- Canal Winchester Bk. .... 18,206.00
- Breed, Elliott & Harrison .... 18,140.40
- Field, Richards & Co. .... 18,201.50
- Avies-Bertram Co. .... 18,121.00
- Seasongood & Mayer .... 18,201.00
- Security Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co. .... 18,079.20
- First Nat. Bk., Cleve'd. .... 18,196.40
- Durfee, Niles & Co. .... 18,037







Official circular states that there is no controversy or litigation pending or threatened, that no previous issue has ever been contested and that principal and interest of all bonds previously issued have been paid promptly at maturity.

LIMON, Lincoln County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$15,000 6% 10-15-yr. (opt.) water-works extension bonds has been purchased by the Bankers Securities Co. of Denver.

LORAIN, Lorain County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance was passed on Jan. 2 by the City Council providing for the issuance of \$60,000 4 1/2% 31 1/2-year average coupon street-improvement city's portion bonds.

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—Local papers state that the special election to vote on the question of issuing \$12,000,000 bonds for the purchase of the distributing system of the Pacific Light & Power Corporation and the Southern California Edison Co. of Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 19 by H. J. Lelande, ex-officio Clerk Bd. of Co. Supers.

LOS ANGELES CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 19 by H. J. Lelande, ex-officio Clerk Bd. of Co. Supers.

LOWELL, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 1 an issue of \$80,000 4% 10 1/2-year aver. sewer bonds was awarded to Blake Bros. & Co. of Boston at 103.40.

LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Gwynedd), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election has been set for Feb. 6 to decide whether or not \$60,000 school bonds shall be issued.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 30 the \$1,200,000 3 1/2-year average sewer bonds—V. 104, p. 281—were awarded to Sensenbaker & Mayer of Cincinnati for \$4,302, equal to 102.428.

LUMBERTON, Robeson County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 21 by Ira R. Townsend, Clerk and Treasurer, for \$51,000 20-yr. serial water and light impt. bonds.

LYONS (Village), Wayne County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 30 the \$15,000 water-system bonds (V. 104, p. 380) were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of N. Y. at 100.51 for 4s.

McKEESPORT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 29 the \$90,000 4% 15 1/2-yr. average water bonds—V. 104, p. 281—were awarded to Holmes, Bulkeley & Wardrop of Pittsburgh at 101.977, a basis of about 3.82%.

MAHNOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mahanomen), Mahanomen County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$12,000 building bonds carried, it is stated, at the election held Jan. 10.

MAINE, State of.—BONDS PROPOSED.—Reports state that the State Legislature is considering a bill which provides for the issuance of \$4,000,000 bonds for road improvements.

MALMO, Saunders County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$3,500 5% 5-20-year (opt.) electric-light-plant installation bonds carried at an election held Jan. 16.

MANILLA, Crawford County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$5,000 electric light and power plant bonds carried, it is stated, at an election held Jan. 22.

MARATHON COUNTY (P. O. Wausau), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received on or before 10 a. m. Feb. 9 by Louis H. Cook, Co. Clerk, for \$20,000 5% tubercularis sanitarium-erection bonds.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Mar. 9 by Leo K. Fessler, County Auditor, for \$150,000 3 1/2% 11-yr. aver. flood prevention bonds.

MARYLAND, State of.—BIDS.—The following were the other bids received for the \$600,000 4% road bonds awarded to the Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y. at 102.127 on Jan. 25—V. 104, p. 380:

Table listing various bidders for Maryland road bonds, including Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., and others, with their respective bid amounts.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Fairmont), W. Va.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—Reports state that a petition is being circulated asking for an election in Lincoln Dist. to submit to a vote the proposition to issue

road bonds. These bonds are to take the place of the \$550,000 issue voted May 8 1916, the Circuit Court having decided that this was illegal (V. 103 p. 599).

MASSACHUSETTS, State of.—NOTE SALE.—It is reported that this State recently sold to F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston an issue of \$2,000,000 notes, maturing Oct. 25 1917 at 2.73% interest to follow.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Mercer), Pa.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—We learn that the \$200,000 4% tax-free funding bonds recently purchased by the Mellon Nat. Bank of Pittsburgh—V. 104, p. 380—are dated Sept. 1 1916 and are coupon in form.

MELLETTTE COUNTY (P. O. White River), So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 4 the \$80,000 6% 20-year funding bonds were awarded to Powell, Garard & Co. of Chicago for \$82,050, equal to 102.562.

MIAMI TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Yellow Springs), Greene County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 20, by Towne Carlisle, clerk of Bd. of Ed., for \$14,500 5% joint high school constr. bonds auth. sec. 7669, Gen. Code.

MILAM COUNTY (P. O. Cameron County), Texas.—NO ACTION YET TAKEN.—Up to Jan. 16 no action had yet been taken towards the offering of the \$15,000 5 1/4% Road District No. 9 road-construction bonds voted Oct. 31 1916.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 30, the two issues of 4 1/2% 6 yr. average road bonds aggregating \$30,300—V. 104, p. 281—were awarded to R. L. Dollings Co. of Indianapolis for \$31,588.25 (104.251) and int.

Table showing the breakdown of bid amounts for Monroe County road bonds, listing bidders like J. F. Wild & Company and Union Trust Company.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Aberdeen), Miss.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$40,000 road bonds carried, it is stated, at an election held in Dist. No. 2 on Jan. 23.

MONROVIA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 22 the \$30,000 5% 15 1/2 yr. (aver.) construction and equipment bonds (V. 104, p. 181) were awarded, it is stated, to Cyrus Felrice & Co. for \$32,458, equal to 108.193.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 13 by Walter H. Asling, Clerk of County Commrs., for \$15,000 4 1/2% 4 1/2-year aver. emergency-bridge bonds, Auth. Secs. 2434 and 2435, Gen. Code.

MONTROSE, Montrose County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—ELECTION.—The International Trust Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons, both of Denver, were awarded on Dec. 29 last \$80,000 refunding water bonds at par for 4 1/4s.

MOUNTAIN PARK, Kiowa County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—A. J. McMahon of Oklahoma City has purchased \$4,500 6% 25-year electric-light bonds. Date Dec. 15 1916.

MURRAY, Calloway County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 12 by C. M. Smoot, City Clerk, for the \$20,000 5% 2-20-year opt. municipal electric-light and power and water-works-system-construction bonds voted Nov. 7.

MUSKOGON HEIGHTS, Muskogon County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 22 an issue of \$50,000 water bonds was awarded to John F. McLean & Co. of Detroit at 101.90 for 4 1/4s.

MUSKOGEE, Muskogee County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$115,000 5% 25-year funding bonds has been purchased by A. J. McMahon of Oklahoma City. Date Jan. 1 1917.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—BONDS PROPOSED.—Local papers state that the Board of City Commrs. considered and passed on the following bond propositions recommended for adoption by the federated committees of the civic and improvement leagues of the city:

NEILL'S CREEK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lillington), Harnett County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to this offering on Feb. 12 of the \$15,000 6% coupon road construction bonds.

NEWARK, N. J.—TEMPORARY LOANS.—The following loans, both of which mature in six months, were recently negotiated with 8. N. Bond & Co. of N. Y.:

NEW MEXICO, State of.—BONDS PROPOSED.—Reports state that bills providing for the issuance of \$125,000 Capitol Building addition and \$100,000 Hall of Justice erection bonds were introduced in the State Senate on Jan. 22.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Decatur and the Merchants Bank & Trust Co. of Jackson have purchased, reports state, \$50,000 Beat 1 road construction bonds at 101.

BONDS VOTED.—Reports state that the proposition to issue \$12,000 road bonds carried at an election held in the Fifth Supervisors District on Jan. 21.

NEW WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Wilson), Carter County, Okla.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$10,000 6% building bonds awarded at 103 on Jan. 8 to Robinson & Taylor of Oklahoma City (V. 104, p. 380) are in the denom. of \$500.

NEZPERCE LOCAL SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Nezperce), Lewis County, Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 9 by the Sewer Committee for \$35,000 10-year sewer-constr. bonds at not exceeding 6% int.

NIAGARA FALLS, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 8, reports state, by O. E. Carr, City Manager, for \$192,000 4% 20-year average sewer and \$88,000 4 1/2%



1917. Due \$500 yrly. from 1918 to 1946, incl. and \$1,500 1947. Cert. check for 10% of amount bid for, payable to the Pres. of Police Jury, required. Bonded deb. including this issue, \$861,000. Assess val. 1916, \$2,058,680. E. F. Newell is Clerk of Police Jury.

**TEXAS.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The following bonds have been registered by the State Comptroller:

Amount.	Place and Purpose of Issue.	Rate.	Due.	Date Reg.
\$2,500	Denton Co. C. S. D. 23	5%	20 years	Jan. 9
400,000	City of Houston San. Sewer	5%	\$10,000 yearly	Jan. 9
1,400	Morris Co. C. S. D. 4	5%	10-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 9
1,500	Brath Co. C. S. D. 11	5%	10-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 9
1,500	Dawson Co. C. S. D. 21	5%	10-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 10
2,000	Dawson Co. C. S. D. 22	5%	10-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 10
2,000	Dawson Co. C. S. D. 25	5%	10-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 10
1,000,000	City of Houston Wharf	4 1/4%	\$25,000 yearly	Jan. 10
1,500	Hamilton & Lampasas Co. C. S. D. 32	5%	20 years	Jan. 16
1,000	Stonewall Co. C. S. D. 20	5%	10-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 16
2,000	Stonewall Co. C. S. D. 32	5%	10-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 16
35,000	Sulphur Springs Fdg. Bds.	5%	\$1,000 yearly	Jan. 20
1,000	Fisher County C. S. D. 24	5%	10-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 20
4,000	Frio County C. S. D. 14	5%	10-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 20
3,000	Comanche Co. C. S. D. 3	5%	5-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 20
1,000	Fisher Co. C. S. D. 24	5%	10-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 20
4,000	Fisher Co. C. S. D. 14	5%	10-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 20
3,000	Comanche & Eastland Co. C. S. D. 3	5%	5-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 20
2,000	Grayson & Fannin Co. C. S. D. 79	5%	5-20 years (opt.)	Jan. 20
35,000	City of Lockhart Sewer	5%	40 years (opt.) (*)	Jan. 23
80,000	City of Port Arthur W. Wks.	5%	\$2,000 yearly	Jan. 27
100,000	City of Port Arthur Sewer	5%	\$2,500 yearly	Jan. 27
80,000	Wichita Co. Bridge Bonds	5%	10-40 years (opt.)	Jan. 27

\* After 5 years \$1,000 yearly.

**TRENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Trenton), Grundy County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.**—Local papers state that an election will probably be called to vote on the question of issuing from \$60,000 to \$75,000 building bonds.

**TROY, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 29 the \$100,000 5% certificates of indebtedness or revenue bonds maturing June 19 1917—V. 104, p. 381—

were awarded to Morgan & Bartlett of N. Y. for \$100,805 75 (100.805) and int. Other bids were:

G. A. Burr & Co.	\$100,740 38	Ramick, Hodges & Co.	\$100 620
Board & Goodwin	100,725 00	Manufacturers Nat. Bank	
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler	100,706 37	Troy	100.507
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	100,697 77	Albany Sav. Bank	100.472

**UKIAH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ukiah), Mendocino County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.**—Reports state that an election will be held Feb. 10 to vote on the question of issuing \$60,000 high-school-bldg. bonds.

**URBANA, Champaign County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—H. M. Crow, City Auditor, will receive bids until 7 p. m. Feb. 15 for an issue of \$10,000 4 1/4% 17-yr. Dugan St. bridge bonds, auth. Secs. 3939 and 3942, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 15 1917. Int. J. & J. Due Jan. 15 1934. Cert. check for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treas., required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**VAN BUREN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Summitville), Madison County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 26 by J. M. Kaufman, Twp. Trustee, for \$31,000 4 1/4% 9-year av. school-impt. bonds, Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 26 1917. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—F. & A.—payable at Summitville Bank & Trust Co. Summitville. Due \$1,000 each six months from Aug. 1 1919 to Aug. 1 1933 incl. Cert. check for \$500 required. Purchaser to furnish blank bonds in amount required and in an approved form, free of cost.

**VERONA VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Verona), Preble County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.**—The proposition to issue \$32,000 school-erection bonds carried, it is stated, at the election held Jan. 17 by a vote of 152 to 68.

**VICTORIA, Victoria County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.**—The question of issuing \$100,000 street-paving bonds will be submitted to a vote, it is stated, on Feb. 20.

**VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 22 an issue of \$4,150 4% road bonds was awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Indianapolis for \$4,185, equal to 100.843. Date Dec. 15 1916. Int. M. & N.

Using newspaper reports we stated in V. 104, p. 381, that an issue of \$4,500 bonds had been sold, we now learn that the sale was erroneous.

NEW LOANS

NOTICE OF SALE

of

\$915,000 5% Refunding and Improvement Bonds

of the

Municipality of San Juan, Porto Rico

Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor of the Municipality of San Juan, at his office in said City, until 9 a. m. on **MAR. 9 1917**, the reception of bids being closed at that time and date, the bids to be opened one hour later at the Municipal Theater of San Juan, and considered by the Board of Award of the Municipality, consisting of the Mayor, the President of the Municipal Council and the Municipal Secretary, for the purchase of \$915,000 Refunding and Improvement Bonds of said City, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of January and July. Said bonds will be dated January 1st, 1916, and will mature on January 1st in the years and in the amounts as follows:

1922	\$50,000	1930	\$64,000
1923	50,000	1931	67,000
1924	50,000	1932	70,000
1925	50,000	1933	74,000
1926	52,000	1934	67,000
1927	55,000	1935	72,000
1928	58,000	1936	75,000
1929	61,000		

Such of said bonds as mature after January 1st, 1933, will be subject to redemption at the option of the Municipality at 105 per cent of their par value on said date or on any interest payment date thereafter. In case of such redemption notice thereof stating the numbers of the bonds to be redeemed and the date of redemption shall be published at least once a week during a period of sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption in the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle," a newspaper published in the City of New York and in addition sixty (60) days notice of such redemption in writing will be given to Muller, Schall & Co., 45 William St., New York City.

Said bonds will be issued in coupon form of the denomination of \$1,000 each. Both principal and interest will be payable in gold coin of the United States of America at the banking firm of Muller, Schall & Co., 45 William St., New York City.

The bonds will be delivered at such banking house in Washington, D. C., or

In New York City, as the purchaser may designate in his bid. The purchaser must pay in addition to the amount bid by him accrued interest to the date of delivery of the bonds.

The legality of these bonds are to be passed upon by Messrs. Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York City, and the successful bidder will be furnished with their opinion that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the Municipality.

These bonds are not subject to the Federal Income Tax and they are apparently exempted from taxation by the States. *Farmers & Mechanics Saving Bank of Minneapolis v. State of Minnesota*, 232 U. S. 518 (1914).

The Municipality of San Juan is obligated by law to provide in its yearly budget an amount sufficient to pay the interest and principal upon these bonds, and in case the special tax provided for by said Municipality and the budgetary appropriations are not sufficient to pay such principal and interest, the municipality is obligated to levy an additional tax for the purpose upon all taxable real and personal property of the municipality; the Treasurer of Porto Rico is directed by law to withhold sufficient funds from the revenues of the municipality to provide for the payment of principal and interest on these bonds; and by ordinance, duly enacted, of the Municipal Council of San Juan, of October 28, 1916, a sinking fund is established under the control of the Treasurer of Porto Rico, out of which the payment of interest and principal shall be made as they become due.

These bonds may be accepted by the Government of Porto Rico for deposits of funds of that government or as security required by any of the laws of Porto Rico to be deposited with the Treasurer of Porto Rico.

Proposals for the purchase of said bonds must be accompanied by a certified check for Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) upon some National Bank in the United States or upon any one of the Banks doing business in Porto Rico, payable to the Mayor of the City of San Juan or by cash in said amount, as a guarantee of good faith. If the terms and conditions of the proposal of the successful bidder are not complied with he shall forfeit his deposit; otherwise the deposit shall be returned upon the completion of the contract. The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be immediately returned after the awarding of the bonds.

Any bidder may be present at the opening of the proposals either in person or by agent or attorney. Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed to the "Mayor of San Juan, San Juan, Porto Rico," and such envelope must be plainly marked "Proposal for the purchase of bonds of the City of San Juan, Porto Rico."

Proposals may be submitted for the whole issue or for a part thereof, but preference will be given to proposals for the whole issue, if the same is beneficial to the Municipality of San Juan.

In case two or more proposals are equally beneficial, verbal bidding will be carried on for one half hour after the bids are opened. Only those persons who have offered the said best bids may take part in such verbal bidding; if they are not present in order to do so, then the award will be made to the one of the said highest bidders whose bid shows the lowest number in order of presentation.

The Board of Award reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and its decision in this and in all matters pertaining to the bids, in order to be valid and binding, must be confirmed by the Municipal Council at a meeting called and held for the purpose on the same day on which the said meeting of the Board of Award is held.

Any bidder failing to make payment within twenty-four hours, of the purchase price of bonds awarded to him at the time and at the place at which such bonds are offered to him, shall forfeit all right to such bonds and to the deposit accompanying his bid.

These bonds are issued in accordance with authority of the Act of Congress of April 12, 1900, entitled "An Act temporarily to provide revenues and a civil government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes," and of the Statutes of Porto Rico now in force and of ordinances of the Municipal Council of San Juan adopted in compliance with law.

Dated at San Juan, Porto Rico, December 20, 1916.

R. H. TODD,  
Mayor of the Municipality  
of San Juan

NEW LOANS.

\$130,000.00

Road District No. 2, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana

5% ROAD BONDS.

Sealed bids will be received by the President of the Board of Supervisors of Road District Number Two (2) of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, up to the 15th day of **FEBRUARY, 1917**, for \$130,000 00 five per cent thirty (30) years Good Roads Serial Bonds, Series "C" of Road District Number Two (2) of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, embracing the entire Third Ward as now constituted, issued by said Road District No. 2 upon unanimous vote of the legally qualified property tax payers, under provisions of Article 281 of the Constitution of Louisiana of 1898, and amendments thereto, and Act No. 199 of the Louisiana Legislature of 1916. Issued solely for construction, improvement and maintenance of Gravel Roads in said Road District under supervision of the Louisiana State Highway Department.

Denomination of bonds, \$1,000 00, maturing serially from December 31, 1917, to December 31, 1946. Interest payable semi-annually, December 31, and June 30.

Principal and interest payable at the Office of the Treasurer of said Road District in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or at the National City Bank of New York, New York City, N. Y., as the option of the holder.

Full faith and credit of Road District Number Two pledged to payment.

Tax will be levied by Police Jury to meet payment due in 1917.

Purchaser or purchasers of bonds may designate depository of funds, provided it meets with approval of Board and ample security be given for their safe keeping.

Certified check for \$5,000 00 required with each bid, as evidence of good faith.

Any bid predated upon the favorable opinion of any Attorney to be rendered after the bid has been made will be rejected, all investigations as to legality to be made before date of sale of bonds, and necessary data will be furnished for that purpose.

For further information address R. T. Gibbens, President Board of Supervisors, Baker, La., or F. A. Woods, Secretary, Police Jury, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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BOND OFFERING.—Everett E. Messick, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 6 for \$7,300 4% 6-yr. aver. J. K. Stevens et al. road bonds in Pierson Twp. Denom. \$365. Date Jan. 15 1917. Int. M. & N. Due \$365 each six months from May 15 1918 to Nov. 15 1927, inclusive.

WAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wake County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 3 the \$25,000 5% 30-year building bonds (V. 103, p. 249) were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. of Chicago at 104.36.

WALDEN, Jackson County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The Bankers Securities Co., of Denver, has purchased \$6,000 6% 10-15-year (opt.) water-works-extension bonds. Date Feb. 1 1917. Int. semi-annual.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. Feb. 7 by Ernest Gray, County Treasurer, for \$2,500 4% 6-year aver. coup. tax-free John W. Edmonds road bonds in Medina Twp. Denom. \$125. Date Jan. 8 1917. Int. M. & N. Due \$125 each six months from May 15 1918 to Nov. 15 1927 inclusive.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 22 the \$1,909.50 5% 2 1/2-year aver. road-impt. bonds—V. 101, p. 183—were awarded, it is stated, to Joseph Micholson of Clarksville for \$1,928.50, equal to 100.995.

The Citizens' National Bank of Lebanon, bidding \$1,929.50 and Int., was the only other bidder.

WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Warren), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$30,000 4 1/2% school-improvement bonds carried at the Nov. 1916 election. Due from 1938 to 1941.

WARRICK COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 25 the three issues of 4 1/2% road bonds, aggregating \$28,000 70 (V. 104, p. 183) were awarded, reports state, to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$29,147.44, equal to 104.095.

WATERTOWN, Codrington County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—Local papers state that an election will be held Feb. 13 to vote on the question of issuing \$45,000 lateral storm sewer building bonds.

WAVERLY, Bremer County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—Reports state that an election will be held shortly to vote on the question of issuing \$15,000 water-works system improvement bonds.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 66 (P. O. La Salle), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—The question of issuing \$10,000 building bonds will be submitted to a vote, it is stated, on Feb. 13.

WHEATLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wheatland), Clinton County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 26 \$35,000 building bonds were awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co., of Davenport, for \$35,680 (101.942) as 4 1/2%. Other bidders were:

Table listing bidders for Wheatland Independent School District bonds, including Harris Trust & Savings Bank, I. N. Casady Jr. Co., Kinsel, Kimlenté & Co., Hanchett Bond Co., Elston & Co., John Nuyven & Co., C. H. Coffin, F. E. Magraw, St. Paul, and Duke M. Farson & Co. with their respective bid amounts and interest rates.

WEST ALLIS, Milwaukee County, Wisc.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—Local papers state that the Common Council passed a resolution on Jan. 16 providing for the issuance of high-school bldg. bonds.

WEST ASHEVILLE (P. O. Asheville), Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 1 by H. B. Posey, Town Clerk. It is stated, for \$170,000 30-year street-improvement bonds. Bids are requested at 5% and 5 1/2% Int. Interest semi-annual. Certified check for \$5,000 required.

WICHITA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Wichita), Sedgewick County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—The Guarantee Title & Trust Co., of Wichita, has been awarded, it is stated, \$40,000 4% refunding bonds.

WILDWOOD, Cape May County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 29 the issue of 4 1/2% 21-year average sewer-disposal bonds (V. 104, p. 283) was awarded to R. M. Grant & Co., of New York, for \$141,460 (101.942) for \$140,000 bonds. The other bidders were:

Table listing bidders for Wildwood bonds, including H. L. Crawford & Co., Ludwig & Crane, M. M. Freeman & Co., Hornblower & Weeks, Marine National Bank, and Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1917. Int. F. & A. Due serially from 1919 to 1957.

WILLAMINA, Yamhill County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Willamina State Bank was awarded on Dec. 26 last an issue of \$11,500 6% funding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1916. Int. A. & O. Due Oct. 1 1935, subject to call \$1,000 1928 and \$1,500 yearly thereafter.

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 29 the \$4,000 5% 10-yr. coup. water-works bonds—V. 101, p. 184—were awarded it is said, to Stanley & Bissell of Cleveland at 104.775.

The other bidders were: Prov. Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co., Chagrin Falls Bker. Co., Bensonrood & Mayer, Duffee, Niles & Co., and Davies-Bertram Co.

WILSON, Wilson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 9 by Theo. A. Hinant, Clerk Board of Commissioners, for the following bonds:

\$32,000 sidewalk improvement bonds. Due \$17,000 Feb. 1 1919 and \$5,000 Feb. 1 1920, 1921 and 1922.

50,000 water-extension bonds. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1922, \$5,000 1927, \$7,000 1932, \$9,000 1937, \$11,000 1942 and \$15,000 1947.

Bids are requested at either 4 1/2% or 4 3/4% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1917. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in New York. Certified check upon a national bank or upon a bank doing business in North Carolina, for 2% of amount of bonds, payable to the Town Treasurer, required. Legality of bonds will be approved by Caldwell & Maselich, N. Y. City, whose favorable opinion will be furnished to purchasers without charge. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mfg. & Trust Co., N. Y. City, who will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials signing the bonds and the seal impressed thereon. Bids must be on blank forms which will be furnished by the undersigned or the above trust company. No interest will be allowed on the certified check of deposit. This right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Bonds will be delivered at the office of the above trust company on March 1 1917, unless another time and place shall be mutually agreed.

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 Highest Price Therefor.

STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF CHOUTEAU, TOWN OF BIG SANDY.

Pursuant to the authority of Ordinance No. 45 of the Town of Big Sandy, of Chouteau County, Montana, passed and approved the 15th day of January, A. D. 1917, authorizing and directing the advertisement and sale of certain bonds of said town:

Waterworks bonds of the town of Big Sandy, of Chouteau County, Montana, to an aggregate sum of \$16,800, comprised of 16 bonds numbered 1 to 16, both inclusive, of the denomination of \$1,000 each, and one bond numbered 17 for \$300, all dated December 1st, A. D. 1916, absolutely due and payable December 1st, A. D. 1936, but redeemable at the option of said town at any time after December 1st, A. D. 1927, bearing interest from their date until paid at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the 1st day of January and July, respectively, in each year, both principal and interest thereof payable at the National Bank of Commerce in the City and State of New York, U. S. A.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the bonds aforesaid will, at the council chamber of the town council of the town of Big Sandy, of Chouteau County, Montana, on Thursday, to-wit: the 1st day of March, A. D. 1917, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M., at public auction be sold to the bidder offering the highest price therefor.

At said public auction the successful bidder will be required to deposit with the town clerk a certified check payable to his order in the sum of \$4,000, which check will be held by the town and forfeited to it should the purchaser fail to take up and pay for said bonds when presented to him.

BY ORDER of the council of the town of Big Sandy, of Chouteau County, Montana, made this 15th day of January, A. D. 1917.

(Signed) E. J. CARSSOW, President of the Council.

LAWYERS

F. WM. KRAFT, LAWYER, Specializing in Examination of Municipal and Corporation Bonds, 617-620 HARRIS TRUST BUILDING, 121 WEST MONROE STREET, CHICAGO, ILL.

NEW LOANS.

Notice of Intention to Issue and Sell \$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 Offering the Highest Price Therefor.

STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF CHOUTEAU, TOWN OF BIG SANDY.

Pursuant to the authority of Ordinance No. 45 of the town of Big Sandy, Chouteau County, Montana, passed and approved January 15th, A. D. 1917, authorizing and directing the advertisement and sale of certain bonds of said town, namely:

Sewer Bonds of the town of Big Sandy, of Chouteau County, Montana, to an amount aggregating the principal sum of \$12,500, comprised of 12 bonds numbered consecutively from one to twelve, both numbers inclusive, of the denomination of \$1,000 each, and one bond numbered thirteen for \$500, all dated December 1st, 1916, absolutely due and payable December 1st, A. D. 1936, but redeemable at the option of said town at any time after December 1st, A. D. 1927, bearing interest from their date until paid at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July, respectively, in each year, both principal and interest thereof payable at the National Bank of Commerce, in the City and State of New York, U. S. A.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bonds aforesaid will, at the council chamber of the town Council of the town of Big Sandy, of Chouteau County, Montana, on Thursday, to-wit the 1st day of March, A. D. 1917, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M., at public auction, be sold to the bidder offering the highest price therefor.

At said auction the successful bidder will be required to deposit with the town clerk a certified check payable to his order in the sum of \$4,000, which check will be held by the town and forfeited to it should the purchaser fail to take up and pay for said bonds when presented to him.

BY ORDER of the council of the town of Big Sandy, of Chouteau County, Montana, made this 15th day of January, A. D. 1917.

(Signed) E. J. CARSSOW, President of Council.

LAWYERS

RAYMOND M. HUDSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, BOND BUILDING WASHINGTON, D. C. Practice before U. S. Supreme Court, U. S. Court of Claims, D. O. Court of Appeals, D. O. Supreme Court, Va. and Md. Courts, Executive Department, Congressional Committees, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Trade Commission, Interstate Commerce Commission, Cable 'Rayhud'

NEW LOANS

\$150,000 Lafourche Basin Levee District SERIAL GOLD BONDS

Donaldsonville, La., Jan. 15, 1917. SEALED BIDS will be received up to TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1917, at 11 o'clock a. m., and opened at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lafourche Basin Levee District to be held at the office of the board in Donaldsonville, La., on said day and date, for the purchase of one hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,000) dollars of serial gold bonds of the Lafourche Basin Levee District in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500 each, bearing interest at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum from date, to mature serially in five to ten years from date; said bonds to be issued in accordance with the provisions of Act 9 of 1906, as amended by Act 74 of 1916.

All bids must be addressed to the undersigned and superscribed: "Bid for Serial Bonds of the Lafourche Basin Levee District." Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, made payable to the Board of Commissioners of the Lafourche Basin Levee District.

Further information will be furnished upon application to the undersigned. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

O. C. WEBER, Secretary, Board of Commissioners, Lafourche Basin Levee District, Donaldsonville, La.

\$750,000 City of New Orleans, La PAVING CERTIFICATES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FINANCES, ACCOUNTING DIVISION, NEW ORLEANS, LA. City Hall, February 5th, 1917.

PUBLIC NOTICE The City of New Orleans will sell by alternate sealed proposals at 11 o'clock A. M., Monday, FEBRUARY 5TH, 1917, seven hundred and fifty thousand (\$750,000 00) dollars of Paving Certificates.

All particulars and information will be furnished upon application to A. G. Ricks, Commissioner of Public Finances, Room 1, City Hall, New Orleans, La.

A. G. RICKS, Commissioner of Public Finances.

LIQUIDATION

NOTICE The Second National Bank of Bangor, located at Bangor, in the State of Maine, is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment. GEO. A. CROSBY, Cashier. Dated, January 12, 1917.

upon. Bonded debt, including this issue, \$818,000; floating debt, \$17,000; cash in sinking funds, \$10,000; assessed valuation 1916, \$5,500,000. Real value (estimated), \$15,000,000.

**WOODBURY COUNTY (P. O. Sioux City), Iowa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.**—Local papers state that the Board of County Supervisors has authorized the issuance of \$100,000 road bonds.

**WORCESTER, Mass.—BIDS.**—The other bids received for the loan of \$300,000 awarded to H. C. Grafton at 1% discount, plus \$1 25 premium on Jan. 18 were as follows—V. 104, p. 284:

Discount.		Discount.	
Curtis & Sanger	1.48%	Park Trust Co.	2.78%
F. S. Moseley & Co.	1.74%	National City Co.	2.80%
Coffin & Burr	2%	S. N. Bond & Co.	2.98%
Jackson & Curtis	2.55%	Farmers Loan & Tr. Co.	3%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler	2.62%	Kissel, Kimcutt & Co.	3%
Morgan & Bartlett	2.75%	Parkinson & Burr	3%
a Plus \$1 premium	b Plus \$10 premium.		

**WYOMING COUNTY (P. O. Warsaw), N.Y.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 29 the \$58,000 4% 8-year average road bonds (V. 104, p. 284) were awarded to Adams & Co., of N. Y., at 101.065. The other bidders were: Harris, Forbes & Co., 100.931; Wm. R. Compton Co., 100.517; Cummings, Prudden & Co., 100.83; Hornblower & Weeks, 100.402; H. A. Kahler & Co., 100.78; Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., 100.37; Crandell, Sheppard & Co., 100.694; Warsaw Trust Co., 100.25.

**YADKINVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Yadkinville), Yadkin County, N. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 5 by the County Board of Education for \$8,000 6% 20-year building bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

**YATES CENTER, Woodson County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.**—Reports state that an election will be held shortly to vote on the questions of issuing \$30,000 water-works system and \$20,000 electric light system bonds.

**YELLOW SPRINGS VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Yellow Springs), Greene County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 20 by Towne Carlisle, Clerk of Bd. of Ed., for \$15,500 5% joint high-school constr. bonds auth. Sec. 7869, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Mar. 1 1917. Int. M. & S. Due \$500 yrly, on Mar. 1 from 1918 to 1936, incl. and \$1,000 yrly, on Mar. 1 from 1937 to 1942, incl. Cert. check for 3% of bonds bid for, payable to the Dist. Treas., required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Successful bidder to receive and pay for bonds Mar. 1 and to furnish bonds without charge to the district subject to the approval of the County Prosecuting Attorney.

**Canada, its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**BRIGDEN, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—It is stated that the proposition to issue \$4,000 hydro-electric power debentures will be submitted to a vote on Feb. 5, it is stated.

**CAMERON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Man.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—Newspaper reports state that an election has been called for Feb. 3 to decide whether or not this district shall issue \$1,500 school debentures.

**CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On Jan. 22 the \$35,000 5% 30-year water and light debentures (V. 104, p. 284) were awarded to J. M. Robinson & Sons, of St. John, at 98.05. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1917. Int. F. & A. Due Feb. 1 1947.

**CHILLIWACK, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—Reports state that Brent, Nixon & Co. have purchased the \$4,663 6% 20-year local improvement 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 5 1/2% 30-installment water-works debentures was awarded to the Imperial Bank for \$7,149, equal to 102.128, it is reported.

**HALDIMAND COUNTY (P. O. Cayuga), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On Jan. 20 this county disposed of an issue of \$12,000 5% 30-installment debentures issued for patriotic purposes, it is stated.

**LAWSON, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—Newspaper reports state that W. L. McKinnon & Co., of Regina, recently purchased \$2,700 debts.

**LETHBRIDGE, Alta.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—Local newspaper reports state that the Canada Bond Corporation, of Toronto, has purchased an issue of \$17,000 5% 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., of Toronto, and Coffin & Burr, of Boston, on their joint bid of 99.09 and int. for debentures maturing Feb. 1 1927. The other bidders were:

	Maturity—	
	5-Year	10-Year
R. M. Grant & Co., Boston	99.07	98.50
C. H. Burgess & Co., Toronto	97.61	96.21
A. E. Ames & Co., Toronto	98.53	96.97
C. Meredith & Co., Montreal	98.47	97.13
G. A. Stinson & Co., Toronto	97.25	98.10
Rene T. Leclerc, Montreal	97.25	96.75
A. E. Jarvis & Co., Toronto	98.312	98.023
Equitable Trust Co., New York	98.079	
Hornblower & Weeks, New York	98.575	97.785
W. A. Mackenzie & Co., Toronto	No check enclosed	
Corporation of Debentures, Quebec	97.31	95.27
Harris, Forbes & Co., Montreal	98.173	97.939
Dominion Securities Corp. and Wm. A. Read & Co., Montr.		97.81
Nesbitt, Thompson & Co. and National City Bank, Montreal	97.47	-----

\* Plus \$60 premium. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1917. Principal and semi-annual interest—F. & A.—in Montreal or New York. Due Feb. 1 1927.

**ST. HYACINTHE, Que.—DEBENTURES NOT SOLD.**—No sale was made on Jan. 24 of the \$500,000 5% 30-year debentures which were offered on that day.—V. 104, p. 285.

**SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—The Local Government Board at Regina is offering for sale on Feb. 6, reports state, the following 7% 10-installment school district debentures: \$1,800 Holbeck, \$1,200 Malden, \$1,500 Wolf Willow and \$1,000 Shamrock.

**DEBENTURE SALE.**—The following school district debentures are reported as having been recently sold by the Local Government Board: \$1,400 Mildred School District, \$1,600 Wesson School District, \$1,800 Tangleflage School District.

**WELLWOOD, SCHOOL DISTRICT, Man.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—The question of issuing \$16,000 school-building debentures will be submitted to a vote on Feb. 6, it is stated.

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The Company's business has been confined to marine and inland transportation insurance.

Premiums on such risks from the 1st January, 1916, to the 31st December, 1916.....	\$8,087,174.02
Premiums on Policies not marked off 1st January, 1916.....	903,703.66
<b>Total Premiums.....</b>	<b>\$8,990,877.68</b>
Premiums marked off from 1st January, 1916, to 31st December, 1916.....	\$7,855,092.25
Interest on the Investments of the Company received during the year.....	\$337,271.78
Interest on Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies, etc.....	103,475.76
Rent received less Taxes and Expenses.....	109,638.08
<b>Less: \$ 550,385.62</b>	
Losses paid during the year.....	\$3,390,156.87
Less: Salvages.....	\$322,138.57
Re-insurances.....	586,832.53
<b>\$ 908,971.10</b>	
	<b>\$2,451,185.77</b>
Re-insurance Premiums and Returns of Premiums.....	\$1,389,298.73
Expenses, including compensation of officers and clerks, taxes, stationery, advertisements, etc.....	\$ 740,899.72

A dividend of interest of Six per cent. on the outstanding certificates of profits will be paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the sixth of February next. The outstanding certificates of the issue of 1911 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the sixth of February next, from which date all interest thereon will cease. The certificates to be produced at the time of payment and canceled. A dividend of Forty per cent. is declared on the earned premiums of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1916, which are entitled to participate in dividend, for which, upon application, certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday the first of May next.

By order of the Board, G. STANTON FLOYD-JONES, Secretary.

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ASSETS.

United States and State of New York Bonds.....	\$ 670,000.00
Stock and Warrants of the City of New York and Stocks of Trust Companies and Banks.....	1,773,550.00
Stocks and Bonds of Railroads.....	3,588,475.20
Other Securities.....	367,185.00
Special Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies.....	2,000,000.00
Real Estate cor. Wall Street, William Street and Exchange Place.....	3,900,000.00
Real Estate on Staten Island (held under provisions of Chapter 481, Laws of 1887).....	75,000.00
Premium Notes.....	866,035.06
Bills Receivable.....	1,068,547.73
Cash in hands of European Bankers to pay losses under policies payable in foreign countries.....	206,311.98
Cash in Bank.....	2,808,785.77
Loans.....	135,000.00
	<b>\$17,458,990.74</b>

LIABILITIES.

Estimated Losses and Losses Unsettled in process of Adjustment.....	\$ 3,632,239.00
Premiums on Unterminated Risks.....	1,135,785.43
Certificates of Profits and Interest Unpaid.....	266,399.25
Return Premiums Unpaid.....	106,624.24
Taxes Unpaid.....	174,943.90
Re-insurance Premiums on Terminated Risks.....	373,669.04
Claims not Settled, including Compensation, etc.....	158,300.94
Certificates of Profits Ordered Redeemed, Withheld for Unpaid Premiums.....	22,557.84
Income Tax Withheld at the Source.....	1,210.20
Suspense Account.....	5,899.75
Certificates of Profits Outstanding.....	7,668,850.00

Thus leaving a balance of..... \$13,546,488.68

Accrued Interest on the 31st day of December, 1916, amounted to..... \$3,912,502.06

Rents due and accrued on the 31st day of December, 1916, amounted to..... \$49,286.30

Re-insurance due or accrued, in companies authorized in New York, on the 31st day of December, 1916, amounted to..... \$25,933.03

Note: The Insurance Department has estimated the value of the Real Estate on Staten Island in excess of the Book Value given above, at..... \$ 245,472.80

The Insurance Department's valuation of Stocks, Bonds and other Securities exceeds the Company's valuation by..... \$1,988,969.90

On the basis of these increased valuations the balance would be..... \$6,285,864.09

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RESOURCES	
Loans, Bonds and Investment Securities.....	\$79,250,289 80
Overdrafts.....	11 88
Cash.....	7,394,685 58
Due from Banks.....	16,605,824 22
	<b>\$103,250,811 48</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital.....	\$6,000,000 00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	3,753,693 56
Reserved for Depreciation, &c.....	467,106 16
Circulating Notes.....	3,446,600 00
Deposits.....	89,583,411 76
	<b>\$103,250,811 48</b>

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