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CLEARINGS—FOR DECEMBER, SINCE JAN. 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4

Clearings at—	December,			Twelve Months,			Week ending January 4.				
	1918,	1917,	Inc. or Dec.	1918,	1917,	Inc. or Dec.	1919,	1918,	Inc. or Dec.	1917,	1916.
New York	16,559,076,438	14,613,543,122	+14.0	173,533,348,782	177,404,965,589	+0.6	4,347,516,231	3,500,805,550	+24.2	3,448,764,031	3,781,513,790
Philadelphia	1,772,418,777	1,549,512,324	+14.4	19,716,991,483	17,197,955,332	+14.6	414,386,907	318,008,697	+31.5	318,008,952	320,011,963
Pittsburgh	563,686,855	327,587,799	+72.1	5,701,511,499	4,021,732,888	+43.3	124,659,157	75,088,316	+65.5	75,633,466	71,000,253
Baltimore	367,674,813	188,960,000	+94.7	3,355,602,539	2,260,071,008	+48.1	80,812,044	42,919,137	+88.7	42,476,461	55,888,139
Buffalo	104,663,268	86,063,999	+21.6	1,139,515,700	982,503,624	+15.0	24,015,574	20,957,011	+16.6	23,005,305	16,568,172
Albany	19,511,082	21,083,402	-7.4	249,135,137	225,016,736	+9.3	4,000,000	5,349,768	-23.8	4,313,640	7,073,742
Washington	68,394,062	52,444,751	+30.4	714,890,179	565,944,727	+26.3	14,288,574	10,869,317	+31.2	9,964,276	10,527,170
Rochester	36,318,685	32,166,029	+12.9	395,121,332	323,233,830	+21.3	9,904,021	8,978,322	+10.3	9,478,056	8,701,682
Syracuse	17,448,359	16,232,713	+7.6	201,286,858	183,304,169	+10.4	3,975,572	3,676,620	+8.1	3,819,013	3,351,633
Scranton	19,948,180	19,252,298	+3.6	233,228,597	223,596,648	+4.8	5,177,986	4,804,016	+7.0	5,709,871	5,415,824
Reading	10,836,941	10,051,175	+7.8	113,957,502	103,537,404	+10.1	2,570,283	2,838,794	-10.8	3,077,621	2,583,716
Wilmington	17,308,507	15,235,001	+13.0	187,442,789	167,786,834	+11.3	3,748,352	3,300,956	+13.4	3,077,621	3,075,916
Wilkes-Barre	9,595,579	8,760,101	+9.5	110,942,500	97,056,831	+13.0	2,000,000	1,917,247	+4.3	2,107,106	2,192,196
Wheeling	18,214,034	15,850,300	+14.9	206,984,500	126,957,831	+63.1	3,725,618	3,107,115	+19.6	3,446,500	3,330,375
Harrisburg	11,814,047	11,299,369	+4.6	153,674,709	142,147,074	+8.0	2,497,856	2,340,704	+6.7	2,154,409	2,301,250
Proton	12,067,212	13,879,149	-13.1	66,268,510	64,576,013	+2.6	1,050,000	1,148,343	-8.6	1,135,133	1,140,080
York	5,050,676	5,625,965	-9.6	59,442,918	58,522,200	+1.5	2,003,877	1,821,684	+13.3	1,778,041	1,698,210
Erie	5,004,523	5,053,272	-0.9	42,925,484	40,716,795	+5.4	1,000,000	968,807	+3.3	1,254,214	1,283,313
Greensburg	4,494,703	4,744,272	-5.3	40,732,304	40,216,018	+1.2	1,000,000	1,000,000	0.0	1,106,700	988,500
Binghamton	3,312,700	3,138,300	+5.6	30,740,588	28,329,658	+8.5	752,067	700,400	+7.4	1,294,788	1,235,101
Chester	6,990,440	5,737,338	+21.4	80,716,795	70,216,018	+15.0	1,308,753	1,096,682	+20.2	675,000	669,560
Altoona	2,834,341	2,975,238	-4.7	22,971,115	22,924,360	+0.2					
Franklin	1,854,971	1,911,186	-2.7	16,540,982	15,919,508	+3.9					
Frederick	2,662,952	2,153,026	+23.6	23,579,998	23,347,017	+1.0					
Beaver Co., Pa.	2,735,285	2,941,230	-8.5	34,439,781	35,916,102	-4.4					
Lancaster	8,443,706	9,320,857	-9.4	136,740,932	119,536,335	+14.4	1,720,249	2,403,596	-28.4	2,052,684	2,185,184
Harrisburg	3,334,657	3,729,040	-10.1	37,785,643	32,184,232	+17.4					
Norristown	2,736,921	2,980,819	-8.4	21,830,619	26,785,483	-18.4					
Montclair	3,670,807	5,152,894	-29.8	67,233,769	50,241,975	+33.0					
Orange	2,608,873	2,621,432	-0.5	35,468,990	32,806,886	+8.1					
Hagerstown											
<b>Total Middle</b>	<b>10,769,420,227</b>	<b>17,043,260,799</b>	<b>+16.0</b>	<b>211,989,891,568</b>	<b>205,041,587,375</b>	<b>+3.4</b>	<b>5,052,875,391</b>	<b>4,003,335,158</b>	<b>+26.2</b>	<b>3,966,027,594</b>	<b>4,302,896,310</b>
Boston	1,437,363,245	1,173,378,674	+22.5	15,037,209,010	12,663,248,399	+23.5	399,120,204	256,693,402	+43.8	238,854,535	220,916,385
Providence	49,026,000	62,007,200	-24.6	604,972,900	547,818,800	+9.5	13,455,700	14,888,900	-9.6	13,019,500	12,732,500
Hartford	32,125,962	32,201,553	-0.2	413,204,494	416,258,680	-0.7	10,990,842	10,320,903	+2.2	10,382,704	12,269,286
New Haven	33,850,349	20,679,266	+63.7	276,840,880	258,009,982	+7.1	6,219,544	4,700,000	+32.2	5,288,412	5,540,902
Springfield	16,027,137	16,902,268	-5.2	192,990,447	171,000,660	+12.1	3,920,016	3,596,466	+11.1	4,083,813	4,108,077
Portland	11,078,387	10,451,083	+6.7	132,043,082	139,884,217	-6.0	2,652,000	2,652,000	0.0	2,253,350	3,277,949
Worcester	15,003,245	15,679,329	-4.4	187,055,745	191,919,508	-2.5	3,814,267	4,299,781	-11.3	4,962,866	4,052,230
Fall River	8,723,848	12,377,391	-29.5	97,318,279	108,679,766	+2.2	1,903,001	1,750,882	+9.2	1,889,513	1,949,230
New Bedford	7,193,840	8,626,682	-16.6	97,418,279	98,679,766	+0.8	2,430,616	2,430,616	0.0	1,799,548	1,140,168
Lowell	5,696,498	5,137,325	+10.9	63,486,536	59,539,900	+6.7	1,372,644	1,075,628	+23.0	1,075,577	950,707
Holyoke	2,970,803	3,179,352	-6.6	38,880,914	43,894,012	-11.4	850,882	735,632	+15.6	1,071,968	1,009,934
Bangor	2,970,803	3,179,352	-6.6	38,880,914	43,894,012	-11.4	730,537	978,259	-25.4	887,777	647,058
Waukegan	7,600,100	7,799,422	-2.5	97,651,600	113,370,908	-13.0					
Stamford	2,577,754	2,171,325	+19.0	28,709,858	28,914,518	-0.7					
<b>Total New England</b>	<b>1,631,633,481</b>	<b>1,365,105,807</b>	<b>+19.5</b>	<b>17,907,753,217</b>	<b>14,909,276,952</b>	<b>+20.1</b>	<b>415,482,647</b>	<b>303,837,337</b>	<b>+36.8</b>	<b>286,729,223</b>	<b>268,025,639</b>
Chicago	2,244,831,947	2,072,427,285	+8.3	25,030,200,367	24,974,974,478	+3.9	481,982,250	474,075,534	+1.7	456,840,321	492,290,768
Cincinnati	263,848,293	156,348,166	+70.3	2,848,478,117	2,030,181,819	+40.3	57,881,802	33,437,983	+73.1	36,072,327	35,754,580
Cleveland	400,060,666	326,319,831	+22.9	4,339,771,432	3,690,294,187	+17.6	93,699,273	75,581,375	+23.8	71,658,587	43,276,580
Detroit	306,670,523	227,535,036	+34.8	3,181,233,000	2,740,173,675	+15.7	64,033,494	50,338,089	+26.9	40,404,100	37,684,948
Milwaukee	132,277,357	116,800,098	+13.2	1,472,205,068	1,300,566,927	+12.1	13,922,000	13,850,000	+0.5	14,355,104	12,213,516
Indianapolis	82,405,000	54,502,000	+51.2	776,331,000	684,058,764	+12.5	9,500,000	9,146,500	+3.9	9,406,103	9,094,100
Columbus	49,330,100	43,234,100	+14.1	554,999,300	525,641,400	+5.6	9,432,218	8,417,737	+12.1	6,296,016	6,296,016
Toledo	47,996,519	41,236,129	+16.4	539,114,586	530,335,816	+1.6	5,016,596	5,196,861	+3.5	5,233,897	5,098,866
Peoria	24,746,551	16,759,959	+47.0	249,499,499	230,069,566	+8.3	5,491,419	5,080,742	+8.5	4,236,122	3,297,008
Grand Rapids	22,108,658	22,005,014	+0.5	212,087,176	177,134,038	+19.7	4,230,056	4,239,301	-0.2	2,969,720	2,598,807
Dayton	20,592,463	14,220,476	+44.2	201,387,100	142,326,303	+41.5	3,881,758	3,699,433	+5.1	3,699,433	2,598,807
Evanston	23,125,353	12,890,811	+79.5	112,795,547	97,303,825	+15.2	1,927,325	1,890,785	+2.0	1,799,548	1,483,583
Columbus, Ill.	8,793,859	6,233,202	+40.1	65,927,656	76,740,232	-12.7	1,399,819	1,440,408	-4.9	1,766,564	1,835,071
Fort Wayne	5,616,295	6,233,202	-9.6	90,337,425	345,537,000	-26.5	3,797,497	3,240,119	+17.2	4,626,546	2,090,393
Youngstown	16,225,991	14,201,284	+14.2	130,337,425	64,248,857	+102.0	4,547,000	4,433,000	+2.5	4,908,000	2,868,000
Akron	23,484,000	23,061,000	+1.8	99,199,362	83,187,070	+19.2	1,500,000	938,984	+59.7	1,109,647	1,195,840
Lansing	6,499,330	5,710,665	+12.2	64,248,857	167,524,567	-13.2	1,009,999	2,400,000	-34.3	2,835,938	897,036
Rochester	49,493,978	7,090,862	+600.0	70,348,265	59,909,907	+17.5	1,100,301	1,121,597	-1.9	1,037,604	2,400,000
Canton	10,610,872	12,640,839	-16.0	70,348,265	39,120,194	+78.3	1,210,406	1,264,859	-4.3	1,693,547	1,851,765
Blountington	5,995,557	4,697,118	+27.5	146,144,567	167,524,567	-13.2	1,009,999	2,400,000	-34.3	2,835,938	897,036
Quincy	5,850,487	5,274,644	+10.9	70,348,265	39,120,194	+78.3	1,210,406	1,264,859	-4.3	1,693,547	1,851,765
Springfield, O.	5,241,314	4,878,830	+7.4	62,897,304	43,591,580	+43.4	1,400,000	1,605,500	-12.8	1,593,547	1,291,765
Decatur	4,634,155	3,587,700	+30.0	54,930,532	63,198,907	-14.9	1,400,000	1,605,500	-12.8	1,593,547	1,291,765
South Bend	4,018,422	4,400,473	-8.4	63,342,344	55,613,771	+13.3	1,050,000	1,034,159	+1.5	1,246,255	1,054,548
Jackson	4,018,422	4,400,473	-8.4	63,342,344	55,613,771	+13.3	1,050,000	1,034,159	+1.5	1,246,255	1,054,548

### THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has this week had the temerity to appear before the Committee of the United States Senate which is investigating the question as to what disposition shall be made of the railroads—whether the Government shall retain control of them or whether they shall be returned to their owners, and if so how soon—to express its views on that all-important question. We wonder if this body realizes how utterly it is discredited in public estimation or how completely it has lost the respect of everyone, friendly and unfriendly critic alike. As an indication of public sentiment generally towards this body, we reprint here an editorial utterance which recently appeared in one of the leading daily papers of this city:

#### A COMMISSION THAT HAS FAILED.

Among the many suggestions presented by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in its annual report for the future control of the railroads some may be better than others, but none of them will gain much in the importance to be attached to them because of the particular source from which they emanate.

After a long and patient trial of the administrative methods of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, it has been generally voted a failure. Its membership changes from time to time, the regulations and decisions that it issues periodically undergo modifications, but after all these years its character and its theory of operations remain the same. It has made of itself a reactionary body; it has proved a means of obstruction in practice and a dead weight in the development of the railroads of the country, and it has failed to justify itself as an agency that works for the public good with the intelligent end of getting the best results.

What ails the Inter-State Commerce Commission is not lack of powers or lack of laws but lack of an understanding of business conditions as affecting the railroads and industries dependent upon them. So far as it was designed for certain definite purposes of regulation, it has neither met expectations by maintaining an attitude of judicial impartiality nor has it succeeded in suppressing the inclination to assume the role of agent for the prosecution.

What is needed first of all is a radical change in the Commission itself.

What paper does the reader imagine it is that passed such sweeping judgment in condemnation of the Commission? A defender of the Commerce Commission, if any such there be left in this broad land, might incline to suspect that the utterance came from some stronghold of the Money Power or from some railroad king with antediluvian ideas inveterately opposed to any kind of Government regulation or supervision of the country's transportation agencies in the interest of the general public. If any one there be who harbors such suspicion, let him be undeceived at once. The reprint above was taken from the New York "World" and constituted the leading editorial article in the issue of that paper of December 6. We need hardly say that the "World" has never evidenced any friendliness towards either the financial or the railroad interests of the country, but on the contrary has frequently manifested hostility and even bitterness towards the same, and has ever been an earnest champion of effective regulation of public utilities. If there were any doubt as to the true character of the Commission, that doubt would unquestionably be resolved in its favor by the "World."

As a matter of fact not a word can be said in defense of its course even by those who would gladly come to its rescue, were that possible. It was the Commission's short sighted policy, continued year after year, that destroyed the credit of the roads and brought them to such a pass that they were no longer able adequately to fulfill their functions as public carriers, so that when the country was in dire need by reason of the war the Government felt obliged to seize possession of them lest they should break down altogether as a result of the added strain imposed upon them.

Our conclusions in that respect have often been expressed, and we have cited abundant proof in support of them. But now hearken to the deliberately expressed statements of the "World." Note that our contemporary is constrained to say that these suggestions from the Commission will not "gain much in the importance to be attached to them because of the particular source from which they emanate." That is the truth. Note further that it is declared that "after a long and patient trial of the administrative methods of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, it has been generally voted failure." Again this is but an expression of the truth.

"It has made of itself a reactionary body." Can anybody deny this or the further statement that "it has proved a means of obstruction in practice and a deadweight in the development of the railroads of the country and it has failed to justify itself as an agency that works for the public good with the intelligent end of getting the best results."

But the whole case against the Commission is summed up with signal accuracy in the final statement that "It has neither met expectations by maintaining an attitude of judicial impartiality nor has it succeeded in suppressing the inclination to assume the role of agent for the prosecution." This is no unfair assertion; on the contrary the Commission in more recent years may be said to have pursued the railroads with intense malignity. Its attitude has been one of unflinching hostility. Instead of being judicial, the Commission went ahead with the idea that decision must always be against the carriers. Yesterday morning the "World" in another leading editorial article pointed out that the one defect in the plan for the future supervision of the roads proposed by the Railway Executives lies in the fact that the plan pays "tribute to error and failure by proposing that the Commission be made a court of last resort for the decision of appeals." That is also our opinion. The Railway Executives propose to give quasi judicial powers to the Commission in the plan suggested by them. But it is the judicial attitude that has always been lacking in the work of the Commission. If judicial powers are to be conferred upon any one why not let them remain where they have been fixed by the Federal Constitution, namely in the courts.

Even in the matter of the compilation of statistics the Commission cannot be trusted, for its statistics have always been worthless and misleading. In 1911 after the decisions in the Five Per Cent Rate cases we showed in a series of articles that many of the figures then presented were positively erroneous. It would certainly be a grave defect of any plan should the Commission be retained as part of that plan in any capacity. A regulating agency there must be—whether in the shape of a Secretary of Transportation, a Board of

Trade or some other body—but the only safe course in dealing with the Commerce Commission is to eliminate it completely from the future conduct of railroad affairs. There is the more reason for such a step in the circumstance already mentioned that the Commission has now lost the confidence of everybody, and public sentiment is strongly opposed to the further continuance of its mischievous activities.

President Wilson's plan is to complete as far as possible what he regards as the necessary preliminaries to peace before his return to the United States, which will be about the middle of February. He then contemplates his trip home will not last longer than necessary for proper attention to official business. The present understanding appears to be that he will promptly return to Paris to undertake a direct part in the discussions by which the terms of peace will be arranged and especially in the establishment of the League of Nations, which Mr. Wilson has still abiding faith will be a panacea for differences in international viewpoints. Advices from Paris state that the President has created a good feeling by the notification he is understood to have given Premier Clemenceau that he will not appear at the inter-Allied Councils as a Chief of State whose rank will entitle him to preside. He will appear as his own Prime Minister—a position which he is able to assume, it is asserted, through the provisions of the American Constitution making the President the sole responsible executive authority. By waiving the right of precedence the President enables the conferences to proceed as originally planned with M. Clemenceau presiding.

On Jan. 2 President Wilson cabled an appeal to Congress for an immediate appropriation of \$100,000,000 for use in supplying food to destitute people outside of Germany during the present winter. The President declared it to be "the high mission of the American people to find a remedy for starvation and absolute anarchy." The President's action is understood to have been based on the extended investigation which has been made in Europe under the direction of Herbert Hoover, Food Administrator, to convince the President there were large regions in Europe where the people were facing absolute starvation.

Internal affairs in Germany, more particularly in Berlin, still are apparently greatly disturbed. It is worth while recalling, however, that the dispatches recording revolutions, &c., do not convey the impression that things are getting really beyond the control of the Berlin Government. We hear of heavy fighting in Berlin, of wild disorders in the streets of that city, and of Spartacides, armed from arsenals, resisting Government troops bitterly. But the number of casualties which under current circumstances would hardly be minimized do not bear out reports of very sanguinary results. Advices by way of Copenhagen declare that Government troops have occupied all the public buildings in Berlin and thousands of additional troops are still entering the capital. The Berlin correspondent of the "Berlingske Tidende" who sends this information, says that the Spartacides have been beaten and that quiet was partly restored on Thursday. Serious Spartacide riots are going on at Dresden, Brunswick, Dusseldorf, Essen and Dortmund, several

towns in the Ruhr district being in the hands of the Spartacides. Meanwhile other portions of Germany are showing extreme restiveness at the situation which is permitted to continue in Prussia. War on Berlin to restore order is threatened by Bavaria, according to a speech in the Bavarian Chamber of Deputies in Munich by Herr Auer, the Minister of the Interior. Bavaria, he said, proposed to intervene with arms if conditions in Berlin continued unsettled. "It is time," the speaker said, "that the men in Berlin understood that Berlin is not Germany, and that there is a limit to the patience of even of the most tolerant people. Up to the present time I have opposed the application of armed force, but unless Berlin comes to its senses and order is soon restored, we propose to intervene with arms. There has never been a political party which has reached such a low level as the Bolshevist Spartacides. I deplore the fact that the Independent Socialists are not doing their share to prevent this national calamity."

Advance reports which appear to have official substance, indicate that few important changes will take place in the personnel of the new British Cabinet, but there will rather be a redistribution of the offices. The Premier, Lloyd George, will, it is intimated, follow precedent by taking the post of the First Lord of the Treasury. Andrew Bonar Law will be Minister without portfolio and thus still be free for his duties as Government Leader in the House of Commons. Winston Spencer Churchill is slated for the folio of Secretary of War, and it is understood that Walter Hume Long will go to the Admiralty, and that Edward Shortt, now chief Secretary for Ireland, will become Home Secretary.

The British Board of Trade return cabled this week covers the month of December and the entire year 1918. For the month, the results of which are of interest from the fact that it was the first clear period since the termination of hostilities, there was the large increase of £31,331,278 in imports, while the exports increased £1,141,486 as compared with December 1917. The exports of cotton for the month amounted to only 207,449,000 yards, as compared with 352,917,000 for the same month of 1917. The cotton totals for the full year 1918 were 3,695,772,000 yards, as compared with 4,978,238,000 for the preceding year. The figures of imports and exports for the month and for the year, in comparison with the previous year, follow:

	December		Year ended Dec. 31	
	1918.	1917.	1918.	1917.
Imports .....	£116,101,000	£84,769,722	£1,220,002,734	£1,065,886,507
Exports .....	38,282,000	37,140,514	495,472,619	525,308,991
Excess of imports....	£77,819,000	£47,629,208	£721,530,115	£540,577,516

With the entrance of the New Year are appearing distinct indications in London that limitations imposed by the British Treasury upon international financial transactions are being relaxed, or are promptly to be relaxed. Thus far the decision has not taken a blanket form of announcement. Securities, however, may now be sold in London to foreign buyers, subject to certain conditions, among others that the full proceeds of the sales shall be remitted to London or other English centre, and shall be retained in the physical custody of British banks until further notice. It also is provided that securities shipped abroad for registration and return must be provided with a formal permit. A feature of particular importance is that the American Dollar Securities Com-

mittee will make no further purchases for exchange purposes. Restrictions, too, are being removed from foreign trade transactions, the Minister of Blockade having relieved bankers of providing the formalities previously necessary before financing exports to neutrals. The prescribed three months' notice has been given to holders of certain railway debentures of the decision to return the securities deposited with the Treasurer. All these developments, of course, are pointing one way, namely, the loosening up of international business and the desire to call the war a closed incident.

On the London Stock Exchange there likewise are evidences of a determination to get back on an untrammelled basis. The Exchange Committee has just announced a new rule prohibiting members, unless with the special permission of the Committee, from employing in any business capacity any person of German, Austrian, Hungarian or Turkish birth or any ex-member who has been expelled or any whose applications for re-election to the Exchange has been rejected. The management of the Exchange intimate, too, that the annual subscription, beginning with the new fiscal year, will be £75, instead of 40 guineas, for all new members who have not served an apprenticeship of at least four years as Stock Exchange clerks, thus marking a further differentiation between the trained man and the novice desiring membership. The latter are frequently regarded merely as gamblers or rich men's sons.

British banks continue their preparation to provide for increasing foreign trade. Mr. Charles Maclay, Minister for Shipping, is seconding in his own department efforts of the Treasury to remove trade restrictions. The time is not far distant, he predicts, in a formal statement, when it will be possible to release tonnage on a substantial scale, thereby creating unhampered tonnage and freight markets. He also declares that North Atlantic commercial cargo space will be doubled and that space will be competing for cargo instead of as at present cargo competing for space.

Slight increase in activity has developed during the week in British Stock Exchange circles. Some degree of irregularity has developed in financial sentiment in view of the increased strain (if possible) in the Russian situation, and also because of the uncertainties that are becoming more or less clearly in sight as regards the final discussions in the Peace Conference, the changes in the Cabinet and the many problems which are showing themselves in the form of demobilization. The Treasury is finding no difficulty in financing its requirements under its old form of continuous sale of bonds. This form of bonds will be discontinued a week from to-day. They already have recorded a world's record achievement for a cash transaction. Their sales through the banks for the week of Jan. 4 were £24,737,000, making the total sale through this channel no less than £1,413,258,000. Records of the sale through the post offices are always one week behind those of the banks. Up to Dec. 28, however, a total of £48,687,000 had been sold through the post offices, making the total through the two sources up to £1,461,945,000. Sales of War Savings certificates now have reached a total ultimate indebtedness of £278,091,000.

The Government has not as yet announced the form of its new borrowings. Some bankers are urging

upon the Treasury the advisability of issuing a 4½% loan, but London advices do not suggest that this matter has been advanced very far. It is expected that the new week will witness large applications for the older loan. One-year Treasury bills to the amount of £8,000,000 will fall due on Jan. 15, and be renewed by tender.

In a reply to the British Treasury's Gold Committee's report, to which we have referred in recent issues of our paper, the British Gold Producers' Committee suggests that circumstances are likely to bring forward important changes in the disposal of gold in future. The interpretation given this reply in London is that the producers intend to establish a refinery in South Africa. The reply also says that the Treasury Committee's report ignores the fact that producers now receive payment for gold at a fixed price in currency, which has depreciated. On our side of the Atlantic, the Federal Reserve Board announces that it favors the restoration of a gold market with proper limitations, and with a view of changing conditions that might result from financing foreign requirements. The Board states that in its judgment the present high price levels will remain in spite of the efforts of business men, until a free international gold movement is provided. A press dispatch cabled from Paris presents a statement from United States Senator Robert L. Owen. After conferring with international financial authorities in Paris as well as in London, the Senator expresses the view that the high prices prevailing in Europe and America are due in part to expanded foreign paper currency, and that American Reserve banks or a foreign reserve bank analogous to the American system, would be highly advantageous in making the American gold dollar the measure of international contracts, and thus expanding American commerce abroad. We refer to Senator Owens's statements in greater detail on a subsequent page of the "Chronicle."

A steady undertone has been reported from the French financial centre this week, trading being intermittently active and then quiet. There seems no evidence of a return to speculative activities on the Bourse. This is not unnatural in view of the continued increase in the political chaos in Poland, Russia and Germany. The backwardness in speculation is also explainable by the fact that Germany is failing to carry out some of the requirements of the truce agreement. The time allotted to Germany to meet the armistice terms of General Foch expires on Jan. 17, but compliance with many of the details still remains to be performed, particularly so the surrender of war materials such as guns and airplanes. About 5,000 motor cars have been delivered, but the number of railroad engines turned over equals only one-half the number stipulated in the armistice. A great number of the "150,000 railway cars in good working order," called for, are still undelivered. In addition, naval units, including submarines, remain in German seaports, although under the terms of the armistice they should have been surrendered. The feeling is growing in Paris that the inter-Allied command will be much more severe in its dealings with Germany when the expected request by that country for a further delay in meeting the Allied terms comes up for discussion.

No change has been noted in official discount rates at leading European centres from 5% in London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna and Copenhagen; 5½% in Switzerland; 6% in Petrograd and Norway; 6½% in Sweden, and 4½% in Holland and Spain. In London the private bank rate continues to be quoted at 3 17-32% for sixty days and ninety days. Call money in London remains as heretofore at 3%. As far as can be learned, no reports have been received by cable of open market rates at other European centres.

The Bank of England continues to add to its stock of gold, this week's increase amounting to £544,110. Note circulation declined £49,000; hence there was an expansion in total reserve of £593,000. As had been expected last week, the sensational increases in the deposit accounts were corrected—almost equally heavy reductions having taken place this week. As a result the proportion of reserve to liabilities was advanced to 17.12%, as against only 11.70% last week. In the same week of 1918 it was 19¾%, and in 1914 55⅝%. Public deposits expanded £1,857,000, but other deposits were reduced £74,706,000 and Government securities £52,426,000. Loans (other securities) were contracted £20,979,000. Threadneedle Street's gold holdings aggregate £80,520,547, which compares with £59,078,666 in 1918 and £55,464,562 the year before. Reserves total £28,829,000, as against £31,825,000 last year and £34,898,022 in 1917. Loans now stand at £85,494,000, in comparison with £90,661,000 and £42,584,303 one and two years ago, respectively. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £566,800,000. This compares with £294,760,000 last week and £455,050,000 a year ago. Our special correspondent is not as yet 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 not resumed publication of such reports. We append a tabular statement of comparisons:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.	Jan. 10.	Jan. 12.	Jan. 13.
Circulation.....	70,141,000	45,703,130	39,016,540	34,358,495	35,174,625
Public deposits....	28,163,000	37,898,589	49,529,400	53,553,033	44,832,395
Other deposits.....	140,187,000	123,633,523	130,248,009	104,076,256	116,065,097
Government securities	71,877,000	56,868,170	120,273,500	32,839,377	18,068,460
Other securities....	85,493,000	90,661,200	42,584,303	107,360,566	108,220,545
Reserve notes & coin	28,829,000	31,825,536	34,898,022	35,413,339	52,636,269
Coin and bullion....	80,520,547	59,078,666	55,464,562	51,301,834	69,360,894
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	17.12%	19.71%	19.40%	22.50%	32.75%
Bank rate.....	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%

The Bank of France in its weekly statement shows a further gain in the gold item this week of 6,206,650 francs. The Bank's aggregate gold holdings, therefore, now amount to 5,492,298,625 francs, comparing with 5,357,516,511 francs in 1918 and with 5,099,018,387 francs the year before; of these amounts 2,037,108,484 francs were held abroad in 1919 and 1,693,088,532 francs in 1917. During the week bills discounted were increased by 68,000 francs, Treasury deposits by 6,351,000 francs and general deposits by 34,344,000 francs. On the other hand, silver fell off 773,000 francs, while advances decreased 23,001,000 francs. Note circulation registered a further expansion of 511,813,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding up to 31,566,850,000 francs. In 1918 at this time the amount was 22,982,791,713 francs, while in 1917 it stood at 17,105,088,970 francs. Just prior to the signing of the armistice with Germany in 1918, the outstanding

total was 30,821,245,000 francs, while in 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the figure was 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparison of the various items with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in 1918 and 1917 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week.	Status as of—			
		Jan. 9 1919.	Jan. 10 1918.	Jan. 11 1917.	
In France.....	Inc. 6,206,650	3,455,190,141	3,320,468,026	3,405,929,854	
Abroad.....	No change	2,037,108,484	2,037,108,484	1,693,088,532	
Total.....	Inc. 6,206,650	5,492,298,625	5,357,516,511	5,099,018,387	
Silver.....	Dec. 773,000	317,390,446	246,109,297	287,397,088	
Bills discounted.....	Inc. 68,000	1,361,989,600	958,216,602	695,749,072	
Advances.....	Dec. 23,001,000	1,228,375,500	1,233,054,871	1,308,032,244	
Note circulation.....	Inc. 511,813,000	31,566,850,000	22,982,791,713	17,105,088,970	
Treasury deposits.....	Inc. 6,351,000	40,629,000	156,514,395	34,298,044	
General deposits.....	Inc. 34,344,000	1,426,052,000	2,696,979,736	2,218,170,528	

Last week's statement of New York associated banks and trust companies, issued on Saturday, made a better showing, in that reserves recovered some of the losses of the previous week. Loans, however, were heavily expanded, no less than \$116,402,000. These changes, of course, are a further reflection of the end-of-the-year financing. There was an increase of \$44,208,000 in net demand deposits, to \$3,970,567,000 (Government deposits of \$215,440,000 deducted). Net time deposits expanded \$6,873,000 to \$139,776,000. Cash in vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank, and not counted as reserve, declined \$1,017,000 to \$112,253,000. Reserves in the Federal Reserve Bank of member banks increased \$24,554,000 to \$566,082,000, while reserves in own vaults (State banks and trust companies) were reduced \$275,000 to \$11,114,000. Reserves in other depositories (State banks and trust companies) increased \$447,000 to \$9,467,000. The gain in aggregate reserves totaled \$24,726,000, thus bringing the amount on hand to \$586,663,000, as against \$547,411,000 held last year. Reserve requirements were expanded \$5,992,220; hence the increase in surplus reserve was cut down to \$18,733,780. This, however, brought the total up to \$61,538,120, in comparison with only \$42,804,340 a week ago. In the corresponding week of 1918 the total was \$61,270,520. The above figures for excess reserves are on the basis in each instance of 13% reserves for member banks of the Federal Reserve system, but not counting cash in vault held by these banks, which last Saturday amounted to \$112,253,000. Circulation totals \$35,947,000, an expansion of \$13,000. The bank statement in fuller detail is given on a subsequent page of this issue.

In local money circles the position continues one without decisive strain. Rates are showing an easier tendency as New Year payments of dividends and interest indicate a tendency to return to bank reserves. This week's capital applications have included two large offerings, one of \$40,000,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Co. five-year 6% notes on a basis to yield 6.17%, the other of \$25,000,000 New York Telephone Co. thirty-year sinking fund 6% debenture bonds offered so as to yield about 5.93%. It is understood that a number of other important issues are under the consideration of bankers and that there is complete harmony among banking interests both on the point that investment conditions now are favorable for testing the investment position and on the second point that co-operation of selling dates will be arranged in order to prevent competitive offerings which might be regarded as unsettling. How great this co-operation of bankers really is, is indicated by

the importance of the names in the syndicate offering the two issues of bonds already referred to. The names include J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., First National Bank of New York, the National City Co. of New York, Harris, Forbes & Co., and Lee, Higginson & Co., New York. When such powerful interests undertake the sale of identical securities the significance as affecting the opportuneness of the offering cannot be gainsaid. The Treasury continues an active borrower in the money market. On Wednesday Secretary Glass announced two series of Treasury certificates of indebtedness, one acceptable in payment on bond subscriptions, the other acceptable in payment of taxes. The latter, which will be dated Jan. 16, will mature June 17 and bear 4½% interest. The amount of the issue is indefinite. The offering in anticipation of the next Government loan consists of the usual bi-weekly issue of certificates, this time to the amount of \$6000,000,000, dated Jan. 16, maturing June 17, and carrying interest of 4½%. The first-mentioned offering of certificates will prepare the way for payment of income and profit taxes next June, since they will be accepted instead of cash at that time or within sixty days before their maturity. So far as the railroads are concerned, the policy at Washington is for the present to remain one of making Treasury loans to the railroads instead of appealing too widely to the regular investment market. Advices from Washington on Thursday stated that, in accordance with the decision finally reached between the War Finance Corporation and the Railroad Administration for use of the Corporation's funds for making loans to the railroads under Government control and to avert exhaustion of the Railroad Administration's half-billion dollar revolving fund, there has been advanced to date \$24,050,000 by the Corporation in the form of direct loans. In accordance with the fixed policy of the Corporation to withhold all details of its transactions, officials refuse to divulge the terms and maturity of the loans or go further than make announcement that the loans in question had been made.

Dealing with specific rates for money, call loans this week covered a range of 3¾@6%, as against 5@6% a week ago. Monday 5% was the highest, 4% low and 4½% the renewal rate. On Tuesday there was a drop to 3¾% for the minimum, although renewals were still on the basis of 4½%, and the high was 5%. Call rates on Wednesday stiffened and the range was 5@6%, while the renewal figure was 5%. On Thursday the maximum was 6%, the minimum 5% and 5½% the ruling rate. Friday's range was 3¾@5% and 5% the renewal basis. These rates are for loans on mixed collateral. "All-Industrials" continue to be quoted at ½ of 1% higher. For fixed maturities a somewhat easier tone developed and some trades were made in sixty days and seventy-five days as low as 5¼%, against 5¼@5½% last week. Ninety days remained at 5¼@5½%, but four, five and six months were quoted at 5½%, as compared with 5½@6% a week ago. Trading, however, was light and the market was called quiet. In the same week of last year sixty-day funds were quoted at 5½%, ninety days at 5½@5¾% and four, five and six months at 5¾@6%.

Commercial paper rates were also a shade easier and sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable

and six months' names of choice character finished at 5¼@5½%, in contrast with 5½@5¾% last week, and names not so well known at 5½@5¾%, against 5¾@6%. A few trades were recorded early in the week as low as 5%. A better inquiry was noted and several large institutions came into the market as buyers.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were steady and ruled without quotable change. Transactions in the aggregate were not large, though trading was moderately active. Demand loans on bankers' acceptances continue to be quoted at 4¼%. Detailed quotations follow:

	Spot	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
	Ninety	Thirty	Thirty	Thirty
	Days	Days	Days	Days
Eligible bills of member banks.....	4½@4¾	4½@4¾	4½@4	4¾ bid
Eligible bills of non-member banks.....	4½@4¾	4½@4¾	4½@4¾	4¾ bid
Intelligible bills.....	5¼@5	5¼@5	5¼@5	5 bid

No changes in rates, so far as our knowledge goes, have been made the past week by the Federal Reserve banks. 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>Discounts—</b>											
Within 15 days, incl. member banks' collateral notes....	4	4	4	4½	4½	4½	4	4	4½	4½	4½
16 to 60 days' maturity....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
61 to 90 days' maturity....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Agricultural and live-stock paper over 90 days.....	5	5	5	5½	5½	5	5½	5½	5½	5½	5½
Secured by U. S. certificates of indebtedness or Liberty Loan bonds—											
Within 15 days, including member banks' collateral notes.....	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
16 to 90 days' maturity....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
<b>Trade Acceptances—</b>											
1 to 60 days' maturity....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
61 to 90 days' maturity....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½

\* Rate of 3 to 4½% for 1-day discounts in connection with the loan operations of the Government. Rates for discounted bankers' acceptances maturing within 15 days, 4%; within 16 to 60, days 4½%; and within 61 to 90 days, 4½%.

† Rate of 4% on paper secured by Fourth Liberty Loan bonds where paper re-discounted has been taken by discounting member banks at rate not exceeding interest rate on bonds.

‡ Rate for trade acceptances maturing within 15 days, 4½%.

§ Fifteen days and under, 4½%.

Note 1. Acceptances purchased in open market, minimum rate 4%.

Note 2. Rates for commodity paper have been merged with those for commercial paper of corresponding maturities.

Note 3. In case the 60-day trade acceptance rate is higher than the 15-day discount rate, trade acceptances maturing within 15 days will be taken at the lower rate.

Note 4. Whenever application is made by member banks for renewal of 15-day paper, the Federal Reserve banks may charge a rate not exceeding that for 90-day paper of the same class.

Sterling exchange has shown very little activity during the week, the slight improvement in demand recorded at the close of last week incidental to a fast mail steamer having subsided as soon as requirements were filled. Rates were about steady, with only slight variations recorded. As a matter of fact bankers are not anticipating any important changes until Government restrictions are more fully removed.

As regards the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday was steady and practically unchanged; demand ranged at 4 7580@4 7587½, cable transfers at 4 7655@4 76 9-16 and sixty days at 4 73½@4 73¾. Monday's opening was dull and dealings were restricted, with the undertone showing a slight falling off; demand bills were fractionally lower at 4 7577½@4 75 13-16; cable transfers continued to rule at 4 7655@4 76 9-16, and sixty days at 4 73½@4 73¾. Rates showed but little variation on Tuesday, though the tone was again easier, with small recessions in both bankers' and commercial long bills; demand was quoted at 4 7580@4 75 13-16, with cable transfers still pegged at the previous levels; sixty days declined to 4 73½@4 73½. On Wednesday no new feature was recorded; transactions were light

in the aggregate, though the market presented a steadier front and quotations were not changed from 4 7580@4 75 13-16 for demand, 4 7655@4 76 9-16 for cable transfers and 4 73½@4 73⅝ for sixty days. Dulness marked Thursday's trading and rates, which were more or less nominal, remained unaltered. On Friday the market was quiet and a trifle easier, with demand at 4 75¼@4 7580; cable transfers and sixty-day bills were not changed from 4 7655@4 76 9-16 and 4 73½@4 73⅝. Closing quotations were 4 73⅝ for sixty days, 4 75¼ for demand and 4 76 9-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 75 11-16, sixty days at 4 72¾, ninety days at 4 71¼, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 72⅛, and seven-day grain bills at 4 75. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 75 11-16. No gold shipments either for export or import were reported during the week.

Operations in continental exchange have shown no perceptible increase in activity during the week, and though rates at all Allied centres were well maintained, the volume of trading is still exceptionally small. With the advent of a good mail boat a better inquiry develops, but as soon as this is satisfied, the market relapses into its wonted dulness. All interests apparently agree that very little in the way of important new business can be looked for until the conclusion of a formal peace. One encouraging feature, however, has been the increasing number of brokers coming into the market, which apparently indicates the commencement of a gradual broadening of exchange dealings. French exchange, though dull and almost nominal, ruled firm and fractionally higher. Lire continues to be quoted at the official figure arranged by the Division of Foreign Exchange some months ago. Russian exchange is still deadlocked and only quoted nominally. Transactions in German and Austrian exchange will not be possible until peace is signed. As to what may be expected when trading is finally resumed, a prominent international banker is quoted as stating that, according to latest available information, the exchange value of the mark through the medium of neutral exchanges is about 58% of par. Should the barriers to trading be removed to-day, the mark would undoubtedly decline still further, since Germany would try to import more than she can export, and foreign capital is not at all likely to flow there for quite some time. Furthermore, the indemnities to be exacted by the Allies will greatly add to her external obligations that will have to be paid by the exportation of commodities or gold. All of which serves to demonstrate the highly difficult position in which Germany is likely to find herself when she endeavors to re-enter the world's markets. The official London check rate in Paris finished at 25.98, the same as last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 5 45½, against 5 45½; cables at 5 44⅞, against 5 44⅞; commercial sight at 4 46¼, against 5 46¼, and commercial sixty days at 5 51½, against 5 51½ on Friday of the previous week. Lire finished at 6 36 for bankers' sight bills and 6 35 for cables (unchanged). Rubles continue to be quoted at 14 for checks and 15 for cables. Greek exchange has not been changed from 5 16½ for checks and 5 15 for cables.

As to the neutral exchanges, opening rates were steady, but later in the week weakness developed as a result of lower cables from abroad. This is undoubtedly due to speculative operations in London

and European markets. Fluctuations for the most part were confined within narrow limits, with business of minimum proportions. Remittances on Stockholm, Copenhagen and Christiania showed fractional declines, as also did guilders and pesetas. Swiss francs were again heavy. It is believed that a lower range of quotations should soon prevail at neutral centres, as with the improvement in shipping facilities and the consequent increase in exports from this country, the less demand will there be for accommodation for neutrals by either this country or its allies.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 42⅞, against 42 7-16; cable transfers at 42⅜, against 42 11-16; commercial sight at 42 1-16, against 42⅜; and commercial sixty days at 41 11-16, against 42 the week preceding. Swiss exchange closed at 4 87 for bankers' sight bills and 4 83 for cables. Last week the close was 4 87 and 4 84. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.62½ and cables at 26.87½, against 26⅞ and 27⅞. Checks on Sweden closed at 28¾ and cables 29, against 29⅞ and 29⅝, while checks on Norway finished at 27¾ and cables 28.00, against 28.00 and 28.25. Spanish pesetas closed at 20.06 for checks and 20.15 for cables. This compares with 20.08 and 20.15 the preceding week.

With regard to South American quotations, the rate for checks on Argentina was advanced and closed at 44.85 and cables 45.00, against 44.15 and 44.25. For Brazil the check rate has also moved up and finished at 26.60 and cables 26.75, in comparison with 26.15 and 26.25 a week ago. Chilean exchange continues to be quoted at 10 7-16, while Peru remains as heretofore at 50.125@50.375.

Far Eastern rates are as follows: Hong Kong, 79¾@81, against 81@81.15; Shanghai, 124@124½ (unchanged); Yokohama, 52.30@52.40, against 52½@52¾; Manila, 49.65@49.75, against 50¼@50½; Singapore, 56.20@56.30, against 56½@56¾; Bombay, 36½@36¾ (unchanged), and Calcutta (cables) 36¾@37 (unchanged).

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$9,754,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Jan. 10. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$11,840,000, while the shipments have reached \$2,086,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations, which together occasioned a loss of \$81,265,000, 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 \$71,511,000 as follows:

Week ending Jan. 10.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement	\$11,840,000	\$2,086,000	Gain \$9,754,000
Sub-Treas. and Fed. Res. operations	38,691,000	119,956,000	Loss 81,265,000
Total	\$50,531,000	\$122,042,000	Loss \$71,511,000

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

Bank of	Jan. 9 1919.			Jan. 10 1918.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 80,520,547	£	80,520,547	£ 59,078,666	£	59,078,666
France a	138,207,605	12,680,000	150,887,605	132,816,320	9,840,000	142,656,320
Germany	113,131,450	1,006,750	114,138,200	120,290,200	5,587,950	125,878,150
Russia c	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000
Aus-Hun e	11,008,000	2,239,000	13,247,000	11,008,000	2,239,000	13,247,000
Spain	91,232,000	25,864,000	117,196,000	78,670,000	28,530,000	107,200,000
Italy	38,439,000	3,200,000	41,639,000	33,364,000	3,265,000	36,629,000
Netherl f	57,435,000	500,000	58,035,000	58,200,000	580,000	58,780,000
Nat. Bel. h	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000
Switz land	16,588,000	2,366,000	18,954,000	14,306,000		14,306,000
Sweden	15,850,000		15,850,000	12,577,000		12,577,000
Denmark	10,424,000		10,424,000	9,922,000	147,000	10,069,000
Norway	6,722,000		6,722,000	6,296,000		6,296,000
Tot. week	724,687,662	60,980,700	785,668,362	681,558,186	63,272,950	744,831,136
Prev. week	723,117,225	61,070,700	784,187,985	681,309,653	66,802,900	748,112,553

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £81,484,340 held abroad.  
 \* No figures reported since October 29 1917.  
 c Figures for both years are those given by "British Board of Trade Journal" for Dec. 7 1917.  
 h August 6 1914 in both years.

*BERLIN AND THE GERMAN REVOLUTIONISTS.*

That the accounts of the revolutionary demonstrations at Berlin—the struggles of the Ebert Government with Liebknecht's "Spartacans," on the one hand and with the disaffected Independent Socialists on the other—should be confusing to the foreign reader is no matter for wonderment. At best, the cabled stories of the cause and purpose, even the incidents, of any revolt in which street fighting is the characteristic form of conflict, can never be wholly intelligible. The most experienced correspondent on the spot can hardly know of more than a part of the separated occurrences which mark a disturbance of the sort, which at times, indeed, will not easily be distinguished from what we call an ordinary riot.

Wild rumors and wilder inferences will inevitably prevail. Seizure of one or another public building by the revolting faction will equally be exaggerated into a statement that the revolutionists control the city. This is the clear enough explanation of the recent absolutely contradictory versions of the actual situation at Berlin on alternate days. It did not even follow that actual fortunes in the conflict were leaning alternately one way and the other.

So far as these confused accounts can at this time be straightened out, it would seem that the provisional Government, which is holding power until the approaching vote of the German people settles the public choice, is still in actual control. But it is and has been threatened by the dissentient factions—among whom, naturally, the faction which embodies the fanaticism of the Russian Bolsheviks is the most ugly in temper and most noisy in its claims. A returning and disbanding army, with an insecure Government, creates a situation where the obtaining of arms and ammunition, even of machine guns, is possible, even for a body of ordinary rioters. Hence the violence and irregular military character of the street fighting in Berlin. But on the other hand, the Ebert Government emerges still in control, after every day of seeming crisis and of a rumored downfall. This would appear to prove that not only the bulk of the German people, but a sufficient part of the returning army, is showing itself not to be in love with anarchy.

If that is their actual attitude, it would scarcely be surprising, especially in view of the program publicly set forth by the Liebknecht "Spartacans." The verbatim summary of this program, as given by the leaders to the "World's" correspondent at Berlin (and undoubtedly as announced to the German public), contemplates "confiscation of wealth and incomes"; "confiscation of real estate"; establishment of a Government "by and for the working classes, excluding all others from participation," and seizure of all industrial establishments, to be henceforth operated by "Soviet" committees. Even a population of no industrial training and of a very low grade of intelligence might be expected to shrink from these proposals, after what had been seen to be the practical working out of them in Russia. But the German people are at least industrially trained, and well up in the scale of popular intelligence.

The mere fact of popular upheavals after a great war is not in the least unusual in history; it is the rule, not the exception. No comparison of surrounding conditions is possible short of the Napoleonic wars, from which, as from this, Europe emerged in a state of profound economic exhaustion; and the return of

peace on that occasion was followed by a very widespread outbreak of political disturbance. It was not confined to the defeated countries; indeed, such disturbances were then more immediate and formidable in some of the victorious States than with France and her allies. Defeated finally in 1815, it was not until 1830 that anything deserving the name of revolution occurred in France. But as early as 1820 there were popular insurrections of an extremely threatening character in Spain, Naples, Portugal and Sicily; in 1821 the people of Piedmont overthrew their king and Greece revolted; while even in 1819 the ultra-radical demonstrations in England had gone so far that soldiers were firing on the crowds at Manchester.

There is bound, in the nature of things, always to be something of such manifestations in the wake of a prolonged and exhausting war; it will not have been forgotten that armed rebellion in the States was a very grave sequel to the successful ending of our own Revolutionary War. The scope and seriousness of actual results, however, depended in all such instances on the Governmental situation itself, or on the condition of the people. Shays's Rebellion in Massachusetts during 1786 was really a revolt against the courts, by debtors who had been brought to desperation as a consequence of worthless currency and disordered trade, and who did not fear the feeble authority of the existing Government. The popular revolts in 1815 represented insurrection against arbitrary and autocratic Governments, which had been either left in power or newly installed by the Congress of Vienna. They were in a sense an after-clap of the French Revolution itself.

But in this regard there is no fair parallel between the European situation of a century ago and the situation, say, of France, England or Italy to-day. With Germany and Austria the case is doubtless somewhat different. In each of these countries there arose on the termination of the war, first a situation in which, the previous autocratic Government having already collapsed, a purely provisional Government was in power; a Government, therefore, without either formal or constitutional right. This is always and necessarily a dangerous state of things; because to other political factions bitterly opposed to that provisional Government, their own right to control seems as clear as that of the Government actually in power. When to this is added such a condition of things in regard to food and employment as has existed in the Teutonic States—a condition for which an existing Government will inevitably be blamed—such turmoil as has occurred in Germany is not difficult to explain.

Just what it means in the longer sequel, we shall probably soon learn. The German people are to vote for their new representatives in Government on Jan. 19; it is possible that the graver part of the danger will then be averted. Russia, also, it must be admitted, had called a constituent assembly and it came too late; the extremists already in power managing to silence and drive out all delegates who did not suit their political views. But Germany is not Russia, and it is still safe to rely on the training of the German people generally in political education, in organized trade and in observance of public order.

Perhaps the larger peril in Germany, as in Austria (and as it turned out to be in Russia also), lies in possible disintegration of what we have hitherto known as one great State. In Germany there have al-



ready been indications of a drift in that direction, notably in the independent action of Bavaria. There is in fact one reason for such breaking-apart in Germany such as has existed nowhere else. The separate States of the old German Empire, which have all along been recognized as constituent units in the Imperial organization, independent for many political purposes, can have no kindly feeling for Prussia and Berlin after the war brought on by Prussia has ended as it has. But if Germany were to break apart politically, what then would be the outcome regarding mutual political relations, or relations to her recent antagonists?

Here, then, is a situation which was not foreseen at the time of the armistice, and which cannot be adequately dealt with until after peace and the peace terms have been formally proclaimed, and the new relations between the old antagonists declared. This fact does not apply only to the defeated Teutonic States. There are elements of very serious international conditions in the dispute between Italy and the new Jugo-Slav State, for possession of the territory on the eastern shore of the Adriatic. That the predominant population in that district is Italian, and that occupation of its ports by a possible enemy might threaten Italy's security, is the plausible Italian claim. But the Jugo-Slavs, with Serbia as their central unit, have an equally plausible geographical claim.

The only reasonable conclusion is that the final peace negotiations ought not to be postponed a moment longer than is absolutely unavoidable. We have the plainest evidence that while the statesmen can wait, events cannot. The situation in the recent hostile States, and with it that in Russia, has changed its character two or three times already during these preliminary discussions, and has changed it almost invariably for the worse. There are bound to be still further and more confusing changes in the event of further indefinite delay.

#### THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Whatever else may be said of Mr. Roosevelt, he was one of the most picturesque figures that have ever appeared in public life. That and his restless energy, so typical of American activities, will explain the hold he obtained on the popular mind, despite his obvious failings and shortcomings.

In some respects the story of his active life is as strange as fiction. The most striking example of how events worked for his advancement occurred in the campaign of 1900. Mr. McKinley's running mate them would naturally have been the man who had served with him as Vice-President, but death had removed Mr. Hobart in the previous year. Mr. McKinley preferred as his associate on the ticket Mr. Cornelius N. Bliss, who had been in his Cabinet, but Mr. Bliss would not consent; so the then boss of the party picked Roosevelt for the second place, with the sole intent of shelving him and putting a quietus on his troublesome political activity. Against his earnest protest, this apparent extinguishment was forced upon him; but then came the murder of McKinley, a still incomprehensible incident by which the most insignificant creature imaginable, a Bolshevik before the day of Bolshevism came, set going the most prodigious train of cause and effect ever known. Had Mr. Hobart lived, or had Mr. Bliss been more yielding as to his own wishes, the country would not have had Roosevelt, at least at that time. The

strangeness of his career evolved the phrase, "Roosevelt luck," and he might almost have been excused had he come to deem himself, as perhaps his enthusiastic followers deemed him, a man of destiny.

Few men in American public life have had such personal influence or such a personal following. This was shown after his retirement from the Presidency, when he opposed Mr. Taft's candidacy for re-election. In 1912 a nomination for a second term was due to Mr. Taft, by custom and his own deserts; there was no great division on public policies, and no visible reason why the continuity of Republican control should break just then. But he had broken with Mr. Taft and wanted the Presidential nomination himself. When at convention time it became apparent that this was out of the question, his followers withdrew and organized a rump convention of their own, giving him the nomination, which action was later confirmed with the organization of an entirely new party. The Progressive Party might as well have borne officially the Bull Moose name which Mr. Roosevelt unintentionally bestowed upon it, for he was both platform and party. Had he stood by his voluntary and unmistakable pledge of 1904 and remained loyal to his party in deed and influence, it is as certain as any non-demonstrable thing can be that the party would have staid in power for at least one more term. To him, therefore, we owe the Wilson regime, which is still to reach the full sum of its accomplishments. Perhaps he expected to sweep the country himself in 1912; possibly he counted on leading a return movement to success in 1916. But whatever his aims, however he may have figured his own horoscope, and whatever is to be the final result of his course in that momentous year, the overturn then was his most striking political achievement.

The campaign of 1912 is not one to be looked back upon with satisfaction. On the part of Mr. Roosevelt it was marked by petty spite against Taft. The vituperation indulged in by Mr. Roosevelt, the billingsgate to which the followers of both Taft and Roosevelt descended, dragging the Presidential office into the mud, these were features which made that political canvass one of the most offensive, as also one of the most humiliating, in American history. After his defeat in that contest, Mr. Roosevelt's influence in politics waned. The Progressive Party underwent rapid disintegration and in 1916 its merger with the Republican Party was the natural, the obvious, thing to do. Many of the issues raised by it were seen to have been hollow, even if they had not been abandoned by Mr. Roosevelt himself. Besides, the party had only a remnant of followers left.

But the irony of fate! The Progressive Party was radicalism rampant. To-day the Democratic Party is the exponent of radicalism, while the Republican Party—the party which Mr. Roosevelt would have destroyed in 1912, because it was no longer pliant to his wishes, but to which he returned in 1916—typifies conservatism. As for Mr. Roosevelt himself, the war gave him an opportunity to come once more to the front—he did so love to be in the limelight—and to make a new but different appeal to the popular fancy. His sturdy and uncompromising Americanism naturally won for him the support of all classes of the population—friend and foe alike. He was malignant in his criticism of President Wilson, who has enduring claims upon the good-will and affections of the people, but Mr. Roosevelt was by

nature and temperament incapable of differentiation and the public was in no mood for it.

At this juncture the attributes and qualities inherent in the man and which had played such a large part in his career from the first—his vigorous personality, his forceful utterances, the purity of his home life, his devotion to his family, combined with the fact that his four sons had entered the army and one of them had lost his life in the service—raised him to the dimensions of a popular hero. Ten years hence all these things will be viewed in their proper light. As concerns current judgment, he died at the right time for his fame.

The almost fanatical devotion he aroused has been a marvel, but probably more marvel than mystery. For the man was unique; his face, his figure, his habits, and his name, which so fitted itself to everyday parlance that it even helped evolve a nursery toy, have won and kept a world-wide familiarity never equaled. His seeming fearlessness; his disregard of the conventional; his abounding vitality, so boyishly exuberant that some said of him that he had never grown up; his aptness in making phrases which caught hold instantly and stood out like road-signs before even the slowest minds; his incisiveness of language that never needed an interpreter, and his wideness of sympathy—these made him a conspicuous figure in the eyes of the masses. He could not be overlooked or lightly disposed of; he always had to be reckoned with.

Mr. Roosevelt, it must be admitted, set some bad examples and established some bad precedents. Following the panic of 1907 he repeatedly called members of the Inter-State Commerce Commission before him and undertook to indicate the course they ought to take with reference to pending controverted questions, injecting the element of political expediency into that body's affairs, from which it has never since been free, though its conduct should always be wholly judicial.

The excess and overdoing, which are a defect in American character yet helped endear Mr. Roosevelt to the mass of Americans, were conspicuous in his vehement attacks upon wealth and business while President. He led and fostered (although he did not originate) the dangerous doctrine that success implies wrongdoing, that size in transactions is hostile to national wellbeing, and that men were intended by the Creator to be equal in acquirement. We are still tangled in the dire consequences of this attempt to legislate and govern mankind into virtue and happiness; it still seems to have been the opening of a Pandora's box of evils. Yet Hope remained after that fabled mishap, and remains now. For though labor has been in a long fight to gain by organization what it claims is its share, and though Socialism menaces us and in its extreme of Bolshevism is destroying in Europe and perhaps burrowing in our own country more deeply than we realize, there are also counteracting forces at work. The selfishness of wealth is largely mere ignorance and thoughtlessness about how "the other half" fares, and in the last twenty years there has been an unbroken accelerative growth in the conception that wealth is really a trust held for mankind. Capital and labor are steadily drawing together and becoming partners in form and deed and feeling, as they are in fundamental fact. Profit-sharing, co-operation, industrial republics such as organized in Standard Oil and now organizing elsewhere, and the recent and growing

insurance of lives and limbs of employees in groups—these are so many manifestations of a movement which cannot be halted and offers the best promise for industrial peace and promise now visible above the horizon.

It is not extravagant to think that Mr. Roosevelt may have been an instrument in the hands of Providence for bringing in what he did not foresee and what seemed at the time wholly destructive, yet has since taken a better turn; that the danger he started has also evolved escape and remedy. We are too near him to be able to estimate and sum him up justly; yet if we believe there is a Divinity above that shapes human ends we can believe that this man whose death has stirred the civilized world to an outburst of regret and eulogy, may appear on the page of history to have done better than he or others knew and perhaps also to have builded more than he pulled down.

#### *ARE WE WORTHY OUR HERITAGE OF PEACE?*

We are told that medical science will reap great benefits by reason of the war. And yet they tell us in the same breath that most of the discoveries are made in bacteriological laboratories of peace. What we do know is that the agencies looking to immunity from certain diseases, such as typhoid, the deadly scourge in former wars, have proved their worth and made a remarkable record. There were, in the early stages of the war, in some of the European countries, fearful epidemics, caused by the impossibility of applying at once the known remedial measures. These were gradually overcome, and while the records are not made up, statistics are appearing which warrant the declaration, that, all things considered, we have had a wonderfully healthy war.

The subject is a particularly gruesome one, and we gladly turn from it to a brighter one. It serves, however, to introduce a train of thought which ought to be of value to those who will consistently follow. It is always well to make the best of a bad bargain, and while, as noted, we did not need the war to perfect our medical science, the proven accomplishment in combating disease points the way to an infinite advance if we will only accept it. The lesson is that for every good thing which has come out of the war perpetual peace offers a field for marvelous exploitation as an original process. Perhaps great skill has developed in surgery by the tremendous experiences afforded, but the use for this will be reduced to a minimum when the bullets cease to fly and the shells to explode in the quiet and orderly times that are never to disappear if human hope is to be gratified.

It is worth while to linger in imagination on the things we may do if we apply our energies, our resources, our organization, our minds and hearts, unselfishly, to helpfulness, in the sunlight of peace, as we have done in the shadow of war. We believe there is no single good accomplished by war that could not have been accomplished and magnificently multiplied in peace. We think no one who carefully analyzes affairs will dispute this statement. It does not say that the war has not accomplished great good, nor that participation in it was not necessary, nor that in the condition of States and peoples the ideal at this time could otherwise have been lifted up and enthroned, but it does show to us the priceless possession of the peace that has been inaugurated through victory.

It throws a flashlight upon the future to ask, will mankind show the same spirit of endeavor, of patriotism, of sacrifice, of self-abnegation to further "justice, liberty and democracy" in the next five years as in the last five? If the same ideals can be worshipped in concord as were worshipped in conflict, what may not be accomplished! Yet it is inconceivable that men and money will be dedicated to the work of construction as has been to destruction. If only such could be done what marvels we might behold. Of course, if we could we should not do it, for the price of progress by and through war has been at a cost of suffering and sorrow from which we would shrink in pain and horror. But it would be startlingly valuable if we could unfold the good that might come through the sacrifice of eight millions of lives and the expenditure of two hundred billions of treasure in the constructive processes of peace. Again, we are conscious of this claim of medical science. For the development of the toxin cure for the germ carried by the mosquito not more than half a dozen brave and heroic physicians gave up their lives. Just a paltry few were needed, splendid souls they were, dying for humanity, dying that millions of others might live!

The illustration suggests what no figures can ever show, that the influences set up by thought and toil in a state of order will never disappear but spread and broaden to remotest time. On the contrary, that which grows alone out of conflict, out of sacrifice even unnecessarily made, though it seem for human good, must perish in accord with its origin. Happily sunlight is natural and unceasing and the shadow is interruption and dies in its own disappearance. We do not, now that it is over, have to consider war, or to try to marshal its benefits. We can have them all without it, and shall have them in ever increasing amount if we are worthy of the peace that has been won. For in it there is never-ending room for growth and expansion, and every real sacrifice of life and treasure returns ten-thousand fold to guide and bless.

We have coined many new words, and many common ones have taken on a new and forceful meaning they never had before. Somehow the language of peace becomes tame by comparison. But should it be so? Suppose these flaming symbols, these stirring shibboleths, were emblazoned on banners of peace, and ten thousand golden tongues exhorted us to follow them, forgetting self, idealizing freedom and truth, consecrating each and all to sacrifice and service for humanity's sake? Is it not strange that we must descend to the depths of death and destruction before we can, or do, ascend to the glorious heights of life and progress? And is not this the immeasurable and abiding lesson of this war—that it has shocked us into a realization of what we may be, if only we will *live* for humanity as we have been willing to *die* for it?

And the unspeakable loss of these millions of brave and immortal spirits that have gone down to death for an ideal, is that the mind and heart of a single one of them left to flower in devotion to his kind might have set forth a discovery, might have set in motion an influence, that would never die, but run on in light and joy before the toiling feet of generations, "Till the sun grows cold and the stars are old, and the leaves of the Judgment Book unfold." Priceless peace! And now our heritage

forever, if we will it so. And those who dared the danger, and are come back, how they must appreciate this truth, and become the leaders of men. Sometimes, at this point we falter, and are fain to believe that the war was ordained after all by a Power that sees all, and knows all, that the redemption of mankind from the thralldom of hate and selfishness could come in no other way. Yet we know this cannot be. The wise ordering of a wise plan forbids it. And though we cannot explain, we know that man is his own destroyer, his own savior. He had gone down into the darkness, though he carried in him the light and loved it.

So may we turn away from it all—conscious only of the future. We have spent the past, in error and wisdom, but the future is still ours. If we will, if we will employ these means and ways of economy, conservation, co-operation, sacrifice, service, that have "won the war," to the winning and holding of peace—and for the same sublime ideal of human good, what infinite joy awaits us! It would be a dream no mind dare attempt to try to show in a material way what might be done with the lost two hundred billions in homes for the poor, in institutions for the afflicted, in free schools and community and civic centres of helpfulness and beauty for all. Yet not one dollar of this would be waste through loss and destruction. If fifty billions were now gathered together to be expended among the peoples of the earth in teaching the principles of justice and liberty, in showing forth the bounties and beneficences of federation, in revealing the "liberty under law" to be embodied in the political structure of republics, can the result be doubted? We will not do these things in this way. Yet we *can* do this—we can keep alive the *spirit* of this new crusade for betterment. And as we do so, so shall the war have been fought not in vain.

Now is the time to consider this absorbing question. We have won the victory, we have now the heritage of the reward. An attempt is going on in Paris to reduce to some form of working organization this mighty impulse for unity, this miraculous deliverance into peace, this unrivaled opportunity for the progress and prosperity of peoples, one in purpose and aspiration, knowing only fellowship and goodwill. As a people becomes a unit in thought, so shall it have power in the councils and creeds of the New Era. And at last as we consider it all, we see that all rests in the now liberated man, the individual who stands in the midst of things with power to bind and loose. Surely there is for each of us who dimly see the great and shining duty only the right and interest that come through personal service, sacrifice and love.

#### CANADIAN FARMERS COMBINING FOR AN ONSLAUGHT ON THE TARIFF.

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Official confirmation is received from Winnipeg of the launching of a big campaign by the Western grain growers in alliance with the farmers of Ontario, to "smash the tariff." This ambitious project makes special boast of its consistency in that it consents to the removal of the fixed price for wheat. An argument is offered to the effect that the removal of the tariff wall will force down the present high level of wages and commodity prices and thus give better net returns to all producers in the primary industries. Such sweeping demands might appear

at first reading to be altogether too experimental for even the present radical temper of the Canadian electorate, but they have been passed upon by the grain associations that virtually control the present Union Government and have as their sponsor the present Federal Minister of Agriculture, Hon. T. A. Crerar. The resignation of the latter from the Dominion Cabinet is looked for daily, inasmuch as he consented to become a Minister and smother his free trade convictions "for the period of the war."

It is unquestionably true that business sentiment throughout the Dominion regards the present as most inopportune for a national upheaval in customs tariff policies. Whether wisely guided or not, the "National Policy" of building up separate manufacturing industries, and maintaining the East and West direction of trade, has created a complex industrial organization which could not stand up under sudden exposure to United States competition. Defenders of the protective tariff do not usually claim that under this nursing system during the past thirty years some industries have not been planted which entailed a doubtful national advantage. The difficult fact to face is that they are actually on the ground and are employing thousands of people. Free trade might blot them out over night. The second thorny point for which the farmers suggest no adequate solution is that the country must raise the \$500,000,000 now collected by customs officers, and over and above that amount must obtain over \$400,000,000 to meet the demands of the present fiscal year. Furthermore, unemployment is daily becoming a problem of alarming dimensions.

#### FAILURES IN 1918.

The mercantile failures record for 1918, reflecting a period of notable activity in practically all lines of business and a range of prices affording excellent margins of profit for almost all classes of commodities, is an exceptionally favorable one. In fact, in no year since 1899 have there been so few insolvencies in the United States, and the ratio of number of disasters to the total of firms in business was the smallest in nearly forty years, a statement which serves to accentuate the satisfactory nature of the exhibit. The monthly exhibits have clearly foreshadowed such a showing for the full year as we are now reviewing. In every subdivision of the twelve months the number of casualties was smaller than for the corresponding time in the previous year—in many cases decidedly so—while the same is true of the comparison with earlier years back to and including 1911. The volume of liabilities, also, although in some periods rising above the totals of a year earlier, was as a rule below 1917, and in the aggregate of all, quite a little less. Furthermore, comparison with earlier years (1916, 1915, 1914 and 1913) is most favorable to the current exhibit, and in only one year in more than a decade has the aggregate of indebtedness fallen below that recorded by the present annual statement. Another very satisfactory feature of 1918 was the tendency toward contraction in number of defaults as the year progressed. The first quarter furnished the heaviest number and the last the lightest, each month from March on exhibiting a smaller total than the month preceding.

Large failures (those for \$100,000 or more) were in no sense a feature of 1918. On the contrary, they

were fewer than in 1917—230 contrasting with 250—and the indebtedness involved was less—\$81,562,965 against \$81,861,018. In 1916 the showing was better than in 1918, but in 1915, and even more so in 1914, both number and amount were very much heavier. Of the large failures of the year the largest number was in the manufacturing division, but at 132 for \$44,171,391, the exhibit is much better than for any recent twelve-months period, except two years ago, comparison being with 147 for \$43,435,232 in 1917 and 116 for \$29,257,548 in 1916, and 163 for \$58,700,533 in 1915. In the trading section the disasters were fewer than in 1917—46 contrasting with 53—and the liabilities at \$13,780,850 were only nominally greater than those of the preceding year, and lighter than earlier years back to 1909. Among brokers, transporters, &c., a greater number of involvents is to be noted, but despite a few defaults of unusual size in the first quarter and again in the fall, in New York and Massachusetts, the liabilities exhibit a decline. Segregating the failures for \$100,000 or over into classes, we have the following:

LARGE FAILURES IN 1918 AND 1917.

	Manufacturing.		Trading.		Brokers, &c.	
	No.	Liabilities.	No.	Liabilities.	No.	Liabilities.
January.....	18	\$6,861,018	3	\$524,596	8	\$2,751,978
February.....	9	1,490,704	3	2,423,282	7	1,416,204
March.....	10	1,806,717	7	1,534,745	7	5,207,103
First quarter 1918.....	37	\$10,128,439	13	\$4,482,623	22	\$9,375,345
do 1917.....	35	10,690,541	14	3,764,993	19	9,754,182
April.....	16	\$4,520,064	7	\$1,287,096	3	\$1,731,458
May.....	9	2,111,113	1	300,000	6	3,227,078
June.....	8	2,075,251	4	565,656	4	1,187,000
Second quarter 1918.....	33	\$9,306,434	12	\$3,153,632	13	\$6,145,536
do 1917.....	37	12,125,402	12	2,076,801	8	2,911,528
First half-year 1918.....	70	\$19,434,873	25	\$6,636,255	35	\$15,520,881
do 1917.....	72	22,815,943	26	5,831,794	27	12,665,701
July.....	11	\$1,027,959	2	\$395,000	5	\$1,230,285
August.....	7	1,529,085	3	622,716	2	480,000
September.....	13	6,326,809	3	2,293,575	3	2,733,615
Third quarter 1918.....	31	\$9,783,853	8	\$3,311,291	10	\$4,443,900
do 1917.....	30	9,694,003	14	4,153,090	13	9,309,517
October.....	12	\$4,655,284	3	\$975,000	4	\$2,899,608
November.....	9	6,594,760	5	2,030,961	-	-
December.....	10	3,702,621	5	927,343	3	766,333
Fourth quarter 1918.....	31	\$14,952,665	13	\$3,933,304	7	\$3,665,941
do 1917.....	45	11,015,286	13	3,693,650	9	2,772,027
Second half-year 1918.....	62	\$24,736,518	21	\$7,144,595	17	\$8,109,841
do 1917.....	75	20,619,289	27	7,546,740	23	12,081,544
Total year 1918.....	132	\$44,171,391	46	\$13,780,850	52	\$23,630,722
do 1917.....	147	43,435,232	53	\$13,678,534	50	24,747,252

Analysis of the detailed returns of failures enforces what we have stated above as to the year's excellent exhibit. In every group into which the returns are segregated the number of mercantile and industrial defaults was less than in 1917, with the situation especially good in this particular in the Middle Atlantic, South Atlantic, South Central and Pacific sections. As regards the individual States, we note a greater number of casualties this year than last in Rhode Island, Delaware, Montana, Idaho and Nevada. In the matter of liabilities there are some very striking contrasts with 1917. For the South Atlantic group of States, for instance, the year's indebtedness of failed firms was only little over half that of 1917, with the decrease decidedly marked in every State except Delaware. The South Central section, too, makes a remarkably good showing, debts of only \$12,043,553 comparing with \$13,657,671 in 1917 and \$28,640,369 in 1916, noteworthy contraction being observable in Kentucky, Mississippi and Louisiana. On the Pacific, also, there was a sharp drop in the sum of the failed indebtedness in 1918—from \$18,289,238 to \$13,940,651—the situation in the State of Washington, where failures in the miscellaneous class helped materially to swell liabili-

ties in 1917, being particularly good. The feature of the returns from New England was an increase over 1917 in the liabilities reported from Massachusetts, but this was more than offset by a reduction in Connecticut. A drop of 6½ million dollars in the debts of insolvents in the Middle Atlantic division finds principal explanation in the result in New Jersey. The Central East group showed a moderate increase in the aggregate of liabilities, due to the swelling of liabilities in Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. In the Central West, also, and explainable by several failures of exceptional size among manufacturers in Missouri, the liabilities were about 1 million greater than in 1917, while a slight augmentation in debts in the Western division is ascribable to stress among traders in Montana and Arizona.

Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co.'s compilations make the number of insolvencies in 1918 in the United States as a whole, 9,982, with indebtedness of \$163,019,979, this comparing with 13,855 and \$182,441,371 a year earlier, 16,993 and \$196,212,256 two years ago, 22,156 and \$302,286,148 in 1915, and 18,280 and \$357,908,859 in 1914. For a lesser number of failures than disclosed in the late year we must go back to 1899, and in the matter of liabilities the current exhibit is the best since 1909. Furthermore, only three times in the thirty-four-year period, 1884 to 1917, inclusive, were there as few mercantile defaults as in 1918, notwithstanding the large addition to the number in business in the meantime. The failures situation, quarter by quarter, the last two years is indicated in the following compilation:

FAILURES BY QUARTERS.

	1918			1917		
	No.	Liabilities.	Average Liability.	No.	Liabilities.	Average Liability.
First quarter.....	3,240	\$49,195,300	\$15,183	3,937	\$52,307,099	\$13,257
Second quarter.....	2,589	38,013,262	14,680	3,551	42,414,257	11,944
Third quarter.....	2,180	35,181,462	16,138	3,249	47,228,682	14,536
Fourth quarter.....	1,973	40,629,955	20,593	3,118	40,491,333	12,986
Total year.....	9,982	\$163,019,979	\$16,331	13,855	\$182,441,371	\$13,168

The foregoing is interesting and instructive in that it indicates a more or less marked improvement, quarter by quarter, as compared with 1917, and also shows that as the year advanced the situation, as far as number is concerned, improved steadily. The same is true, also, of the volume of liabilities, except that the stress in special lines, due possibly to the influence of Federal restrictive measures, served to swell the total for the final quarter of the year to a level above that immediately preceding. The total for the second half of the year, however, was 11 million dollars less than for the first six months, and the aggregate for the three months, July to September, inclusive, fell below any quarterly period back to the corresponding quarter in 1911. We note also that the ratio of failures to the number of firms in business was, so far as reliable records go, the lowest in the history of the country. In 1906 the ratio was notably low (0.77%)—probably the lowest that had been recorded up to the current year, but 1918 falls well below that level with 0.58%. In this connection, moreover, it is interesting to note that according to Messrs. Dun & Co. the number of firms in business was quite a little less than in 1917—1,708,061, comparing with 1,733,225. This reduct on reflects the number of small concerns put out of business by the draft.

Of the three branches of trade into which the insolvencies are divided, the trading division furnishes the most conclusive evidence of a very satisfactory situation. Every branch of business included in

this group records fewer casualties for 1918 than for the previous year, and in only two lines did the liabilities exceed those of 1917. The aggregate trading liabilities of the year at \$57,910,971 were 12¼ millions under those of 1917.

In the manufacturing section also the number of defaults was much under 1917, while the indebtedness at \$73,381,694 was 6 million dollars less. Several lines, the normal business procedure of which was interfered with by war restrictive measures, labored under stress and consequently exhibited heavier liabilities than in 1917. This was particularly so of machinery and tools and liquors. Failures among brokers, agents, &c., were below the preceding year in number, but liabilities were only a little lower, owing to a few disasters of unusual size in New York and Massachusetts. Banking insolvencies of the year were not only much fewer than in 1917, but the liabilities showed a very decided diminution. In fact the financial institutions forced to suspend numbered only 20, and the liabilities involved were \$5,131,887, against \$18,451,964 in 1917. Failures totals for the last three years as classified by Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co. follow:

TOTAL FAILURES.

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1918.	1917.	1916.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Manufacturing.....	2,766	3,691	4,196	\$73,381,694	\$79,543,507	\$72,999,580
Trading.....	6,494	9,430	11,923	57,910,971	70,116,060	91,373,828
Other.....	722	734	874	31,727,314	32,781,195	31,838,848
Total.....	9,982	13,855	16,993	\$163,019,979	\$182,441,371	\$196,212,256
Banking.....	20	42	50	5,131,887	18,451,964	10,396,779
Total all.....	10,002	13,897	17,043	\$168,151,866	\$200,893,335	\$206,609,035

For the Dominion of Canada the compilation of failures for 1918, viewed from any angle, is likewise a very favorable one. In no year, as far back as records are available, has there been so satisfactory a showing as regards number of insolvents, and the volume of liabilities fell very appreciably below the aggregates for either of the five preceding years. The defaults numbered in all only 873, involving debts of \$14,502,477, this contrasting with 1,097 and \$18,241,465 a year earlier, 1,685 and \$25,069,534 in 1916 and 2,661 and \$41,162,321 in 1915. This latter was the high record of indebtedness for the Dominion, while \$6,499,052 was the low mark of the last quarter of a century. Failures were less numerous than in 1917 in all the Provinces except Prince Edward Island, Alberta and Saskatchewan, with Newfoundland presenting a clean slate. As regards liabilities the showing by contrast with a year ago is particularly gratifying in Quebec and Alberta, but stress in some manufacturing lines in Ontario served to swell the total there. Improvement in 1918 is especially disclosed in trading lines, the insolvencies in which accounted for only \$5,142,397, against \$8,417,239 and \$12,290,368, respectively, in the two preceding years, with the most striking reduction in volume of debts observable in the returns from the leading Provinces—Ontario and Quebec. Agents, brokers, &c., casualties covered a quite nominal total of debts—but \$1,111,273, against \$2,369,162 in 1917 and \$3,982,520 in 1916. On the other hand manufacturing reverses contributed a slightly greater amount to the general total than in 1917—\$8,248,807 against \$7,455,094. Banking disasters have at all times been a negligible factor in the Canadian business situation. In fact, in the last ten years there have been only two financial institutions forced into insolvency; one in 1910 with \$549,830 involved, and one in 1915 with confessed obligations of \$150,000.

## Current Events and Discussions

### CONTINUED OFFERING OF BRITISH TREASURY BILLS.

The usual offering of ninety-day British Treasury Bills was disposed of this week by J. P. Morgan & Co. on the same discount basis prevailing during the past two weeks, viz., 5½%. The bills are dated Jan. 7.

### NEW CREDIT TO BELGIUM.

A new credit of \$3,250,000 was extended to Belgium by the United States yesterday (Jan. 10), bringing the total obligations of Belgium to the Treasury Department up to \$256,145,000. The aggregate aid to the Allies since this country's entry into the war now reaches \$8,588,773,702, apportioned as follows: Great Britain, \$4,175,981,000; France, \$2,436,427,000; Italy, \$1,310,000,000; Russia, \$325,000,000; Belgium, \$256,145,000; Greece, \$39,554,036; Cuba, \$15,000,000; Serbia, \$12,000,000; Rumania, \$6,666,666; Liberia, \$5,000,000; Czecho-Slovaks, \$7,000,000.

### FRANCE LOOKS TO UNITED STATES FOR HELP TO RE-ESTABLISH ECONOMIC EQUILIBRIUM.

The reliance placed by France on the United States to help the former re-establish her economic equilibrium was referred to in an address by Etienne Clementel, the French Minister of Commerce, before the Franco-American Congress of Civil Engineers in Paris on Jan. 5. M. Clementel, besides stating that American assistance was counted upon as well for the work of repairing the war damage to France as for the economic upbuilding of the country, was quoted to the following effect in the Paris cablegrams to the daily press on Jan. 5:

The Minister explained that when he spoke of repair he meant all things that in justice should be repaired, these including not only the damage brought about by Germany's work of destruction, but also that done to the economic equilibrium of France by the war. He said that because of the differences in exchange rates and the deficiency in sea transport France had paid more for her raw materials than the other nations, that she had been deprived of her home fuel supply, and that, having from the beginning of the war thrown all her available forces to the front, she lacked sufficient labor for her industries.

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### NEW RUBLE CURRENCY IN NORTHERN RUSSIA.

According to the London Stock Exchange "Weekly Official Intelligence," of Dec. 7, the following notice has been issued by the Press Bureau:

In view of the confused currency conditions in Northern Russia, His Majesty's Government has decided to assist the Provisional Government of that area in the establishment of a new ruble currency at a fixed rate of exchange of forty rubles to £1 sterling. An Office of Conversion has accordingly been established in Archangel with the power to issue such ruble notes in exchange for sterling at the above rates. The sterling so received will be deposited at the Bank of England and will be held as an inalienable reserve to ensure the convertibility of the notes into sterling at the rate of forty rubles to £1 sterling. Arrangements are being made to enable any person wishing to remit from the United Kingdom to Northern Russia to have, subject to any regulations under the Defence of the Realm Act for the time being in force, Northern Russian ruble notes held at his disposal in Archangel at the above rates on the deposit of sterling at the Bank of England.

An experienced British financier has been appointed to act as adviser to the Provisional Government of Northern Russia in order to supervise the organization and control of the Office of Conversion in Archangel.

With regard to the issuance of the new ruble currency, "Financial America" of Dec. 10 said:

New ruble notes for Northern Russia, on the basis of 40 rubles to £1, have been arranged by the Allies, including America, with the Provisional Government, to provide a stable foundation for Allied traders in making remittances there, according to cable advices just received. The new notes will be issued only at Archangel at this fixed rate, against deposits made with the Bank of England, which will be "earmarked" to insure the convertibility of the notes. The new ruble will have a value of about 12 cents, against the normal value of 51½ cents for the old ruble.

We also take from the London "Financial News" the following extract from the "Official Gazette" of the Provisional Government of Northern Russia:

In order to ensure for our Northern Region the possibility of possessing a stable currency recognized by other States, the Provisional Government are founding a State Caisse d'Emission, which will issue new bank notes. These notes are printed in London and surcharged here with the signature of the Director of the Finance Department and of a member of the Caisse d'Emission. They will be guaranteed by a sterling fund at the bank of England at the rate of 40 rubles to the £. This fund cannot in any circumstances be diverted or confiscated, and will serve only for the necessary purchase of notes. Holders of new notes may at any time present them

and receive in exchange foreign currency through the Caisse d'Emission, which will issue cheques on the Bank of England at the rate of 40 rubles to the £. Anyone wishing to transfer money from abroad to the Northern Region can pay the required amount in sterling into the Bank of England for the account of the State Caisse d'Emission or its correspondent; the Caisse will then pay to the person indicated new notes at the above-mentioned rate.

It is expected that it will be possible at a later date to come to an agreement with reliable banks in France and the United States of America to keep deposits of francs and dollars, and thus to facilitate all banking operations in those countries for inhabitants of the Northern Region. The new currency, according to the agreement made at the time of the foundation of the Caisse, can in no case form an obstacle to the introduction of any general monetary system for the whole of Russia. The State Caisse d'Emission is to be an organ of the Provisional Government, or of any Government which may legitimately replace it, and can be recognized by our Allies. The inalienable fund abroad is the property of the Caisse as security for holders of the new notes.

At the said Caisse d'Emission there will be a special financial adviser. The Provisional Government is appointing four members of the staff in the Caisse. Mr. F. M. Harvey, head of an English banking house, is being appointed financial adviser to the Caisse d'Emission for the first six months. Separate quarters have been allotted to the Caisse in the building of the Regional State Bank.

Special notice will be given of the opening of operations by the Caisse d'Emission.

(Signed) N. V. CHAIKOVAKI,

President, Provisional Government.

I. A. KURAKIA,

Director, Finance Department.

P. V. ZUBOFF,

Secretary, Provisional Government.

### SHIPMENT OF RUBLES FROM UNITED STATES TO VLADIVOSTOK.

On Dec. 30 "Financial America" had the following to say regarding a shipment of rubles in paper currency from the United States to Vladivostok:

For the present the Allies, it was learned at the State Department to-day, intend to hold several million of rubles in paper currency at Vladivostok intended for shipment to the Omsk Government. Fear is expressed that immediate circulation of the money may so inflate currency as to cause further depression of securities and cause other hardships.

The money was printed in the United States and shipped via San Francisco to Vladivostok.

Bearing on the same subject the New York "Commercial" of Dec. 31 had the following to say:

Referring to America's relations with Russia it was explained to-day that considerable misapprehension existed respecting the report that Prince Goltin, with a guard of American soldiers, had arrived at Vladivostok with a large amount of Russian currency for the Omsk Government.

The impression conveyed was that this currency was in the nature of a loan from the United States. The facts are that the currency consists of bills ordered printed in the United States by the American Bank Note Company for the Bank of Russia. It is the recollection of officials that the order was placed by the Milukoff Government and that it was sent from the United States two months ago.

### RUSSIAN DEPOSIT IN NATIONAL CITY BANK.

As to a deposit of \$1,000,000 in the National City Bank of New York to the credit of the Russian Government the New York "Evening Post" of Dec. 10 said:

There is a little dowry of \$1,000,000 with moderate interest accumulating in the National City Bank of New York awaiting the new Russian Government which the United States may recognize as legal successor to the Government of the late Czar.

This became known to-day when the ears of persons interested in this fund had begun to smart because of rumors in the financial district that there was some mystery as to what had become of the million-dollar settlement money accepted by Coudert Brothers, counsel for the defunct Russian Government, on dismissal of the two suits instituted against the Tennessee Copper Company on a munition contract not executed. The suits, filed March 5 1917 sought to recover \$1,140,000, which was 25% of the purchase price of 1,800,000 pounds of trinitrotoluol, and \$228,000 as damages for failure to carry out the terms of the contract.

Judge John C. Knox, of the Federal Court, ordered the discontinuation of the two suits a fortnight ago, when a settlement was effected whereby the Tennessee Copper Company agreed to refund \$1,000,000. John P. Murray, of Coudert Brothers, stated that the money had been deposited in the National City Bank, still officially recognized by the United States and the Allies as the depository of the defunct Russian Government.

### WAR COST SERBIA \$399,400,000.

A Paris cablegram, dated Jan. 4, appearing in the New York "Tribune" of Jan. 6, says:

Serbia's financial war losses total 1,997,000,000 francs (\$399,400,000), according to a Belgrade dispatch to the "Temps."

### NORWAY'S CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY.

Copyright advices received by wireless by the New York "Times" from Copenhagen, under date of Jan. 5, said:

The "Goeteburgposten" of Gothenburg has a report from Christiania that Norway will probably claim an indemnity of 1,000,000,000 Norwegian crowns from Germany, this amount being insurance lost on ships sunk by U-boats during the war.

A telegram from Helsingfors says that Germany demands for military help in Finland half of the sum of 42,000,000 German marks that is Finnish property in German banks.

### SALE OF DEBENTURE STOCK OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA DISCONTINUED.

It is announced that there will be no further issues of Dominion debenture stock under the Order-in-Council

of June 5 1918 nor any further issues of War Savings certificates under the Order-in-Council of June 17 1917. The following explains the above action:

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated Dec. 4 1918, from the Minister of Finance, stating that under the provisions of the Order-in-Council of June 5 1918, authority was given for the issue of \$50,000,000 of debenture stock at the rate of 5½% per annum, maturing June 1 1919, 1920, 1921.

In view of the over-subscription of the recent Victory Loan and the inauguration of the campaign of thrift with the issue and sale of Thrift and War Savings stamps under the National War Savings Committee, the Minister recommends that the issue and sale of the debenture stock under the Order-in-Council above referred to, be discontinued.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendation, and submit the same for approval.

Similar action was taken with regard to the sale of War-Savings certificates.

**SHALL THE LOANS TO THE ALLIES BE TREATED AS SUBSIDIES.**

[From the New York "Sun" of Jan. 8 1919.]

We copy this singular passage from an essay on the problem of indemnities printed in the "Nation" of London and reproduced in the "Living Age" of Jan. 4:

"Certainly hard times are ahead and they will be especially hard if the United States claims back the loans with which it has helped to finance and feed the armies of the European Allies. So I ask myself: Can either France or Great Britain count on any help from the United States? There is some hope, if we keep on good and friendly terms with our American associates, that America's advances to the Allies (who, after all, have done most of the fighting) will be treated not as loans but as subsidies. There is a good precedent for this; for the advances which Great Britain made to her allies in the Napoleonic wars were never reclaimed, although our national debt was then the heaviest in Europe."

This we call singular because, so far as the "Sun" has observed, it is the first suggestion of the sort from any source on the other side of the Atlantic; and the proposal that the eight or nine billions already advanced shall be considered not as loans but as gifts from the pockets of American taxpayers and bond buyers certainly does not accord with the ideas of financial independence inveterately characteristic of British sentiment. This is all the more true when such a proposal is coupled with the suggestion that the process of putting an eleemosynary color on these vast transactions might be facilitated by keeping "on good and friendly terms with our American associates."

It would be difficult to imagine anything less British in conception and tone. Indeed, it is impossible to believe that the project thus outlined in the "Nation" is entertained or even dreamed of in any responsible quarter in England.

It will be noted, further, that the advances by Great Britain herself to her war allies in the form of loans amount to a huge sum, although not quite so large as the American aggregate of accommodation. According to the statement in "Lloyd's Bank Monthly Financial Report" these loans had reached on the 19th of October last a total of £1,465,000,000, or about seven and a quarter billions of dollars, distributed as follows:

Russia	£568,000,000
France	425,000,000
Italy	345,000,000
Other Governments	127,000,000

It will occur to most people who understand and appreciate the dignity and honor of British financial methods that any suggestion, from any source in London worth a moment's consideration, that the international loans shall be considered as "subsidies" would unquestionably be made to apply in the first instance to the advances made by the Empire itself and not to those of its American associates in the war.

**J. J. ABBOTT TO STUDY FINANCIAL SITUATION IN CHINA IN INTEREST OF AMERICAN GROUP.**

Announcement that John Jay Abbott, Vice-President of the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago had been delegated to go to Peking as a representative of the "American Group" of bankers to study the financial situation in China was made by J. P. Morgan & Co. on the 8th inst. Mr. Abbott goes with the approval of the State Department according to the announcement made in the matter which we quote herewith:

The American Group, which was formed a few months ago, has, with the approval of the State Department, decided to send a representative to Peking to study the situation in China and to report on conditions there. No specific loan is now under consideration. John Jay Abbott, Vice-President of the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, has been selected for this mission and he plans to start for China in the near future.

Plans looking to the taking up anew of negotiations for a loan to the Chinese Government were referred to in detail in our issue of Aug. 3 last, page 445. It was at that time that the present American Group, consisting of about thirty leading banking houses and banks in the principal cities in the United States was formed; up to the present time it has not been called to consider any definite proposal respecting a loan to China.

The local banking houses in the Group are:

J. P. Morgan & Co., New York City.	Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York City.
1st Nat. Bank, City of New York.	National City Bank of New York.
Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.	Chase Nat. Bank of New York City.
Nat. Bank of Commerce, New York.	Bankers Trust Co., New York City.
Central Union Trust Co., New York.	The Equitable Trust Co., New York.
Harris, Forbes & Co., New York.	

At the time of the formation of this Group it was understood that a loan of \$50,000,000 to the Chinese Government was contemplated. The first "American Group" of bankers formed during the Taft Administration, took part with European bankers known as the "International Group" in negotiations for a loan of approximately \$30,000,000 to the

Hukwang Railways. This group later developed into the so-called "Six Power Group," composed of representative banking groups from America, Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia and Japan. With the outbreak of the war, co-operation between the German and Allied bankers ceased, and the internal disturbances in Russia served to eliminate that country from the Group, the later discussions being had between bankers of America, Great Britain, France and Japan. At the time when the \$50,000,000 loan was being considered it was deemed unlikely that either Great Britain or France would participate because of the demoralized condition of their exchange. If any issue had been made the positions of Great Britain and France would probably have been temporarily taken by America and Japan.

**DECREASE IN GOLD PRODUCTION HELD TO BE SERIOUS IN REPORT TO SECRETARY LANE.**

Stating that "the maintenance of a sufficient gold reserve is essential to the security of our national finances and credits," a committee of gold experts appointed by Secretary Lane of the Department of the Interior, to investigate the costs and conditions of gold mining, describes the present decrease in gold as serious. The committee's findings were presented to Secretary Lane on the 5th inst. Hennen Jennings, Consulting Engineer of the Bureau of Mines, is Chairman of the Committee, the other members of which are J. H. Mackenzie and Charles Janin of the Bureau of Mines, H. D. Caskey, and I. L. Ransome of the U. S. Geological Survey. The report, which, it is pointed out, is of interest not only to the gold mining industry, but also to financial and business men as having an important bearing on finance and credits and the consequent prosperity of the country, states that "gold mining has been seriously injured by the war and has been discriminated against, for the protection and benefit of the Treasury in that the export of gold and even the internal free trade in the metal were interrupted." The committee states that "the United States is the most favored nation in regard to gold holdings, holding over \$3,000,000,000, or nearly one-third of that of the world, but it has contracted debts on a gold basis many times that existing before the war." The committee says that prices on all commodities have advanced in terms of the Government's paper money except that of the ounce of gold, which has a fixed price of \$20 67. "Thus in reality," says the committee, "the purchasing power of gold has decreased in proportion to the increase of other commodities which in one way or another are factors in the obtaining of new gold." The committee gives as the principal reason for the decline in gold production the increase in operating costs in the most favored quartz mines from 57 cents to produce \$1 worth of gold in 1917 to 70 cents in 1918. Various means of stimulating the production of gold at this time were considered by the committee. Payment of a bonus on newly mined gold, advocated by many, is disapproved of by the committee. The elimination of the excess profits tax on gold mining, and the encouragement of larger outputs thereby, is advocated and the statement is made that larger dividends paid to shareholders will mean greater revenue for general taxation than could be obtained through any excess profits tax. The privilege of free export and of sale to manufacturers would stimulate production and aid gold mining, says the committee, and might also be a safeguard against inflation. The Government might increase production by assisting in improving methods of mining and metallurgy of gold ores. Possible methods of maintaining the visible gold reserve would be in the curtailment of the use of gold for manufactures and making a call on the public to turn in hoarded gold. In France voluntary contributions by the people since the war began have amounted to more than 2,000,000,000 francs. Further relief might be obtained, the committee says, by amending the war minerals bills to include gold and voting an appropriation to be used in directing the search for new deposits. The committee declares that the future of gold mining in the world is problematical; that the gold output of the world seems to have passed its zenith and to be on the decline. It also says:

Virtually all economists agree that the gold standard should be maintained. Even those who have profound ideas as to the advisability of a different standard concur that it would be dangerous to attempt any drastic changes during the war and the readjustment period. The gold standard is of vital necessity in the regulation of foreign exchange, and shipments of gold to neutral countries should be encouraged to stabilize the value of our dollar, to insure confidence and to promote business relations.

A number of recommendations on the assumption that the country would still be at war were made, which have no application now.

**VIEWS ON GOLD SITUATION HELD BY COMMITTEE  
APPOINTED BY SECRETARY OF  
TREASURY McADOO.**

The committee appointed by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in November to "study carefully and thoroughly all the difficulties of gold production" and to "submit suggestions of sane and sound methods of relief" expresses the view that the return of normal conditions and the falling of prices are expected to stimulate gold production in the United States this year. In announcing this on the 2nd inst. the Washington dispatches stated that "consequently, it appears unlikely that the Committee will recommend any unusual measures to stimulate production when it makes its report in a week or two."

**SENATOR OWEN VIEWS CONCERNING FEDERAL  
RESERVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE BANK IN  
PUTTING DOLLAR AT PAR.**

The view that the high prices prevailing in Europe and the United States are due in part to expanded foreign paper currency is said to have been expressed by Robert L. Owen of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, after conferring with international financial authorities in Paris and in London. Senator Owen went abroad on Dec. 10 to undertake a study of banking conditions to enable him to gather data in support of his pending bill for the establishment of a Federal Reserve Foreign Exchange Bank. While in London Senator Owen conferred with Sir Brien Cokayne, Governor of the Bank of England; Reginald McKenna, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the leading officials of the English Treasury. He also conferred in Paris with the financial adviser of the American delegates and with Colonel House, Henry White and others. His observations, according to press advices from Paris Jan. 8 are summed up as follows:

The high prices in Great Britain and France are due not alone to high freights and short supplies, but in part to the greatly expanded currency, which, while nominally on a gold basis, is in reality based on Governmental credit and patriotism, British and French notes not really being available to get gold. Consequently, American dollars, exchangeable in America for gold, are buying in Great Britain and France paper currency not actually convertible in gold on demand and with a purchasing power much lower than in normal times.

In the meantime, however, Americans are paying about twice as much for what they get in Great Britain and France as in normal times. This will help to adjust the balance of trade and falls largely upon Americans travelling in and buying goods of Europe.

An international gold currency, actually convertible at all times in gold, is greatly needed by the world now. Great Britain is furnishing Russia with ruble notes redeemable in gold at London, which serves a very useful purpose in providing a stable means for buying and selling commodities in Russia, notwithstanding the fact that ruble notes are, in all human probability, not actually exchanged for gold in London.

America could furnish gold secured ruble notes very advantageously for American commerce, Russia safeguarding the notes by quick redemption in gold at a central point. Expanded paper money in Europe is indirectly raising prices in America. It is the desire of European statesmen to bring about a lowering of prices throughout the world. Of this America should take note.

To put the American dollar at actual par throughout the world and make the American gold dollar the measure of international contracts would be of vast importance to the future expansion of American foreign commerce. The mechanism to accomplish this can be afforded through reserve bank or through a Federal Reserve foreign bank devoted exclusively to foreign exchange and stabilizing the American dollar abroad.

**JEWELRY MARKING STANDARD FOR GOLD FILLED  
FINGER RINGS.**

It was announced on Jan. 4 that for the better protection of the purchasing public and on agreement with manufacturers, the Federal Trade Commission had induced all the principal makers of gold-filled, gold-plated, and good-shell finger rings to adopt standard labeling indicating exactly the proportion of gold used in every ring offered the public. The United States Bureau of Standards co-operated in working out the new branding. The following official statement regarding the proposed jewelry marking standard was issued by the Commission:

The Federal Trade Commission has had under investigation the methods of branding used by manufacturers of gold-shell, gold-filled, and gold-plated finger rings. It having been alleged that the methods in current use did not sufficiently protect the purchasing public. After consultation with the principal manufacturers, the Commission worked out, with the aid of the Bureau of Standards, a method for such branding which appeared would be adequate for the purpose intended. All the principal manufacturers of such rings located at the City of Providence, R. I., were called into conference and readily agreed to adopt the Commission's recommendations, and have bound themselves by written agreement with the Commission to use on gold-shell, gold-filled, or gold-plated finger rings no mark or method of branding itself indicative of gold value or wearing quality other than the following:

"The words 'gold shell' preceded by the designation of the alloy of gold used in the shell, which shall be preceded by a fraction designating the correct proportion of the weight of the shell to the weight of the entire ring; illustrated by '1-10 14-k. gold shell,' in which case 1-10 of the entire ring by weight is 14-k. gold and constitutes the outer shell."

The stipulation does not oblige the manufacturer to stamp the rings, but applies only in case they are stamped, and the taking effect of the stipulation is set for May 1 1919.

**SUPERVISION BY DIAMOND COMMITTEE OVER  
DIAMOND IMPORTS DISCONTINUED.**

The proposed discontinuance on Jan. 10 of the supervision exercised by the Diamond Committee over the importation of polished and rough diamonds, diamond dies and diamond tools, was announced by the War Trade Board on the 4th inst. The control by license continues, however, as indicated in the Board's announcement as follows:

The War Trade Board announces in a new ruling (W. T. B. R. 475) that the supervision heretofore exercised by the War Trade Board through the American Diamond Committee of New York over the importation of polished and rough diamonds, diamond dies, and diamond tools will be discontinued on Jan. 10 1919. The control of these commodities by license from the War Trade Board will still continue.

**PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF BUREAU OF  
MINES BY GREAT BRITAIN.**

The proposal for the establishment of a mine department for Great Britain is contained in a report to the British Minister of Munitions by Sir Lionel Phillips, late Comptroller of the Department for the Development of Mineral Resources in the United Kingdom. Sir Lionel recommends:

1. That the Government should in the public interest concern itself more actively than hitherto in the mining and mineral industries at home and in the Crown Colonies and Dependencies.

2. That for this purpose it is necessary to organize a Mines Department on suitable lines for the United Kingdom.

3. That in order to secure the full benefit of the Department at least three small qualified bodies acting as committees or commissioners should be appointed and they might be conveniently styled:

(a) The Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau—forming a link with the self-governing Dominions.

(b) The Mines and Minerals Commission—to watch and foster the interests of the Empire in the output and trade in mineral and metallic products.

(c) Commissioners authorized to take action in cases of improper exploitation of properties or unreasonable or prohibitive conditions imposed by landowners for royalties and wayleaves.

4. That a fund to be administered by the Mines Department and rendered as far as possible self-supporting should be provided for the purpose of undertaking experimental work in approved directions.

5. That profits spent upon the further development of the properties from which they were derived should be exempted from taxation.

6. That the provision of the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act of 1872 should be amended and extended where necessary in order to give effect to these recommendations.

In dealing with the establishment of a Mines Department the report says that one of the most effective means of countering the German plan for controlling a large part of the world's output would be State support to the metal trade on defined and well organized lines. The Minister of Munitions in a note states that he does not accept responsibility for the conclusions arrived at or for the expressions of opinion contained in the report, which must be regarded as a statement of the personal views of the Comptroller.

**ORGANIZATION OF BANKERS' AND SHIPPERS'  
INSURANCE COMPANY.**

The Bankers' & Shippers' Insurance Company has been organized in this city with the object of enlisting the co-operation of bankers, merchants and insurance interests in the development of the American Merchant Marine and American Commerce. The preliminary steps were taken by a group of interests, each underwriting one-fifth of the stock of the company. These underwriters were the Chase Securities Company, Guaranty Trust Company, Barber & Co., Willcox, Peck & Hughes and E. I. duPont de Nemours Company. Since then a number of other large interests have subscribed to the stock. In each case the subscription was required to be approved by the Organization Committee of the company, the purpose being to allow as stockholders only those who could be expected to contribute to the upbuilding of the company by reason of their financial and business connections. In other words, the company hopes, through its stockholders, to be able to command a share of desirable business and secure a preference on even terms. The company has been organized with a capital of \$1,000,000 and a surplus of \$1,500,000, the shares being sold at \$250 per share. The directors of the corporation named by the charter are as follows: Harold Stanley, Chairman board of directors, Chicago Junction Railway; Oswald Kirkby, Willcox, Peck & Hughes; Oakley Wood, Barber & Co.; John J. Watson, Jr.; Howard Bayne, Vice-President Columbia Trust Company; James Barber, Barber & Co.; J. J. Raskob, duPonts; Seward Prosser, President Bankers'



Trust Company; Charles E. Peck, President Willecox, Peck & Hughes; E. V. R. Thayer, President Chase National Bank; Charles H. Sabin, President Guaranty Trust Co.; Chellis A. Austin, President Mercantile Trust & Deposit Company; William G. Willecox, Vice-President Willecox, Peck & Hughes; Edward J. Barber, Barber & Co. On Dec. 31 the following were elected officers of the new company: Chairman of the Board, Eugene V. R. Thayer, President of the Chase National Bank; President, William G. Willecox, of Willecox, Peck & Hughes; Vice-Presidents, James Barber, of Barber & Co., and Harold Stanley, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Company; Treasurer, R. T. Marshall, of Willecox, Peck & Hughes; Secretary, Robert Van Iderstine.

When the company was organized in 1918, new incorporations required the approval of the Capital Issues Committee. This Committee in granting a license to the Bankers' & Shippers' Insurance Co., restricted their business for the time being, to marine insurance. It is anticipated, however, that this restriction will be removed and that when the company's plans have been further developed it will do the business of fire insurance as well as marine insurance. The company will appoint as underwriting managers and agents for its marine business the Maritime Underwriting Agency, Inc., a corporation closely affiliated with Willecox, Peck & Hughes, which will supersede the agency of Whist & Co. The company's plans are not yet fully developed, but it expects to start active business within the next few weeks.

An official statement relative to the new company says:

The purpose of this organization is well expressed by the following quotation from a recent report made by the Marine Insurance Consultation Committee to the United States Shipping Board:

"Marine insurance is universally recognized as an essential factor in the development of the American merchant marine and American commerce. American merchants and shipowners for many years past have been largely dependent on foreign insurance companies for such protection. During the last three years the American marine insurance market has greatly expanded in response to increased demands growing out of the war, and it is a matter of material importance that this enlarged market be preserved, fostered, stimulated and developed to the highest degree of efficiency in order to effectively co-operate in the restoration and extension of American commerce after the war."

One of the officers of the new company, in referring to its formation, was quoted in the "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 2 as saying:

The men composing the company, as will be seen, represent many very large business interests. They have banded themselves together for the purpose of advancing the commercial interests of the country. You will note that we have the three factors necessary—banking, insurance and shipping. With a great American merchant marine, there is going to be a wonderful expansion of American interests. Our exports and imports in connection with other countries must be built up and fostered by American capital. I guess it is the first attempt that has been made to form a coalition of such interests, and the manufacturers, shippers and bankers are pooling their interests to form a marine insurance company. The manufacturers will furnish the products to be exported, the steamship interests will supply the means of transportation, the banks will furnish the money needed for every stage of the transaction, and all three will furnish insurance protection while transporting the American product to foreign fields for consumption.

The matter of absorbing fire companies—that is to come later. I am not prepared to say that there are too many fire insurance companies in the field, but it has been thought by some of the fire companies that an amalgamation under the control of the Bankers' & Shippers' Insurance Co. would be justified. And it is for this purpose that we are soon to bring into existence the Marine Underwriting Agency. For the present the officers of the new company will be with Whist & Co., but after the organization of the Marine Underwriting Agency we shall have new and larger quarters.

**NEW YORK BAD CHECK LAW.**

In printing the text of the "bad check" law passed by the New York State Legislature in September, the New York Credit Men's Association in its Bulletin for December says:

The above law went into effect Sept. 1 1918, and while a copy of it was published in a former issue of our "Bulletin," the inquiries concerning its provisions have been so numerous that it is reprinted for further reference.

This law is a law of evidence. To give a bad check, that is, to obtain property in exchange for a check with intent to defraud, has long been a crime in this State; but in order to successfully prosecute such a case it was necessary to prove the intent to defraud and the knowledge on the part of the maker of the check that he had not sufficient funds on deposit with which to meet it. To prove intent requires that one prove what was in another's mind, and this is almost hopeless. Consequently, it has been possible to give bad checks with impunity. Under the present law, if after a check has been returned unpaid because the maker has not sufficient funds in or credit with the bank upon which it is drawn, the payee may give notice to the maker of the non-payment of the check and the reason therefor, and if the maker does not deposit with the drawee, that is, his bank, within ten days after receiving such notice, the amount due on the check, it shall be prima facie evidence of the maker's intent to defraud and of knowledge on his part that he did not have sufficient funds in or credit with his bank. It does not follow that every time a check is given and returned unpaid a crime has been committed. It may be that the maker did have sufficient funds when the check was given and had no intent to defraud, or it may be that the maker had arranged with the bank for credit which would have given him sufficient funds to meet the check, but that for reasons beyond the maker's control there were not sufficient moneys to meet the check when it was presented for payment.

Before beginning a prosecution on a bad check, one should therefore first inquire at the bank where the check was drawn as to what arrangement, if any, existed between the maker and the bank regarding the credit of the maker at the time the check was given.

While the law is silent on the question of what constitutes notice, it would not be wise to begin a prosecution without being able to prove notice, and therefore the notice should be in writing and should be either handed personally to the maker, or, if mailed, should be registered and a return receipt requested.

Numerous inquiries have been made as to whether checks given without the State of New York, or payable without the State of New York, or given within the State of New York for goods sold without the State of New York, would be covered by this law.

Such inquiries may be divided into four groups as follows:

1. Where a resident or non-resident delivers a check within the State of New York on a bank located within New York State.
2. Where a resident or non-resident delivers a check within the State of New York on a bank located without the State.
3. Where a resident or non-resident delivers a check outside of the State of New York on a bank located within the State of New York.
4. Where a resident or non-resident delivers a check outside of the State of New York on a bank located out of the State of New York.

In the first and second instances, the law applies irrespective of where the check was drawn.

In the third and fourth instances the law does not apply unless the check was drawn within New York State, in which case the Courts may hold that it does apply.

Not only does the law provide that the delivery of a check within this State with fraudulent intent is a crime, but also that the drawing of a check within this State with like intent is likewise a crime. It follows that if either the drawing or the delivery of the check occurs within the State of New York, a crime has been committed within the State by the person who either delivers it or draws it within the State; but if the person who drew the check and the person who delivered it are not the same, and either the drawing or delivery thereof was done within the State, the person who drew the check or delivered it without the State has committed no crime under the law of the State of New York.

The question has been raised, also, as to whether the law applies to a check given in payment of merchandise sold and delivered previous to the giving of the check. Opinion on this point is divided. Those who give a negative opinion contend that as nothing of value was parted with in exchange for the check, no injury has resulted to the person receiving the check and that consequently no crime has been committed. Until the Courts pass on this question, it must remain a mooted one.

Whatever may be the merit of the law, there is no question that as a preventive measure it has already proved very effective, and the members of the Credit Men's Association in this State, which had the bill drawn and urged its enactment into law, will unquestionably experience large benefits by reason of its existence.

The following is the text of the law:

**CHAPTER 314.**

An Act to Amend the Penal Law, in Relation to Obtaining Money by Fraudulent Check, Draft or Order.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The penal law is hereby amended by adding after section twelve hundred and ninety-two a new section to be section twelve hundred and ninety-two-a, to read as follows:

Sec. 1292-a. Obtaining money by fraudulent check, draft or order how punished. Any person who, with intent to defraud, shall make or draw or utter or deliver any check, draft or order for the payment of money upon any bank or other depository, knowing at the time of such making, drawing, uttering or delivering that the maker or drawer has not sufficient funds in or credit with such bank or other depository for the payment of such check, although no express representation is made in reference thereto, shall be guilty of attempted larceny, and if money or property is obtained from another thereby is guilty of larceny and punishable accordingly.

In any prosecution under this section as against the maker or drawer thereof, the making, drawing, uttering or delivering of a check, draft or order, payment of which is refused by the drawee because of lack of funds or credit, shall be prima facie evidence of intent to defraud and of knowledge of insufficient funds in or credit with such bank or other depository, unless such maker or drawer shall have paid the drawee thereof the amount due thereon, together with interest and protest fees, within ten days after receiving notice that such check, draft, or order has not been paid by the drawee.

The word "credit," as used herein, shall be construed to mean an arrangement or understanding with the bank or depository for the payment of such check, draft or order.

Sec. 2. Section twelve hundred and ninety-three of the penal law is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1293. Obtaining property by fraudulent order. A person who wilfully with intent to defraud, by color or aid of an order for the delivery of property, when such person knows that the drawer or maker thereof is not entitled to order the delivery of the property, although no express representation is made in reference thereto, obtains from another any property, is guilty of stealing the same and punishable accordingly.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect September first, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

**BOND TICKERS OF NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE IN OPERATION.**

The separate bond tickers of the New York Stock Exchange were in full operation for the first time on Jan. 2. Previously bond sales and quotations were reported on the same ticker with stock transactions. To quote from the New York "Evening Post" of Jan. 2:

Bond tickers which serve the offices of members of the Stock Exchange are operated by the Exchange's own company, the New York Quotation Co., while tickers in other places are controlled by the Western Union Telegraph Co.

The Stock Exchange management had long been working on a plan to install separate tickers for bonds and stocks, but the pressure of war business on the manufacturers of electrical appliances had made it impossible to obtain and install the new instruments before.

There are about 450 subscribers to stock tickers among Stock Exchange members, but not all of these subscribers have as yet installed bond tickers, which will carry not only bond transactions, but rulings and news regarding the business in bonds on the Exchange.

### EFFORTS OF STOCK EXCHANGE TO COMBAT STOCK SWINDLING.

Participation in a publicity campaign against the stock swindling evil has been urged upon the members of the New York Stock Exchange in notices issued this week through the Library Committee of the Exchange. Coincident with the issuance of the circular on Thursday of this week, H. G. S. Noble, President of the Exchange, said:

While legislation is being prepared by the Capital Issues Committee, in collaboration with the administration and other Governmental departments, the management of the Stock Exchange is apprehensive that before adequate protection is provided by law many investors may be irrevocably harmed. The action taken by the Exchange, it is believed, will be merely the opening wedge in a broad national campaign to expose stock swindling operations and in this way protect the security-buying public.

The following is the circular issued to the Stock Exchange houses:

All New York Stock Exchange houses who advertise in the public press are invited to join in a campaign of publicity to combat the growing stock swindling evil.

The utterances of both Secretaries McAdoo and Glass, and the report of the Capital Issues Committee, show a widespread exploitation by unscrupulous promoters of the millions of new Liberty Loan investors. The serious economic consequences of the situation, if uncontrolled, need no elaboration here. They should be sufficiently obvious to rally every responsible financial and industrial institution to support the Treasury Department and Capital Issues Committee in their efforts to suppress the evil.

Publicity and education are probably the most effective weapons that can be used against the stock swindler. As a first step in this direction it is now proposed that all Stock Exchange houses unite in a series of warnings to investors, through the medium of the public press. These warnings will be uniform. They will be supplied by the Committee on Library, and comprise a few words designed to appear at the bottom of regular advertisements without encroaching upon the advertisers' copy.

In signifying your intention to co-operate with the Stock Exchange in the publicity campaign above outlined, please use the appended form.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE,  
Committee on Library.  
January, 1919.

New York Stock Exchange,  
Committee on Library.

We agree to include in our advertising space, provided there is no encroachment on our copy, text to be supplied by the Committee on Library, in the publicity campaign for the suppression of the stock swindling evil.

Our advertising agents are \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed)

### REMOVAL OF MINIMUM PRICES BY TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

All minimum prices were eliminated by the Toronto Stock Exchange on Jan. 2, following a decision reached by a committee of the Exchange on Dec. 31 to remove such prices. An official announcement issued by the Exchange said:

The financial situation has shown such rapid improvement that it is felt that all restrictions to trading can now be removed.

The minimum list, adopted shortly before the inauguration of the 1917 Victory Loan, campaign, set a price below which stocks could not be traded in on the Exchange.

### WINNIPEG STOCK EXCHANGE RESUMES BUSINESS.

The Winnipeg Stock Exchange resumed trading on Jan. 2, after, according to the Montreal "Gazette", nearly four years of inactivity.

### OFFERING OF FARM LOAN BONDS OF FIRST JOINT STOCK LAND BANK OF CHICAGO.

King, Hoagland & Co., of Chicago, are offering \$1,000,000 5% Farm Loan bonds of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago at 102½ and interest, to yield 4½% to the optional period and 5% thereafter. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1918, are due Nov. 1 1938, and are optional on and after Nov. 1 1923. The principal and interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) are payable in gold or lawful currency at the bank of issue in Chicago. The bonds, which are in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, are in coupon form and are exchangeable for registered bonds, which in turn are exchangeable for coupon bonds. The bonds are instrumentalities of the United States Government and are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation. They are acceptable by the United States Government as security for Government deposits, to secure postal savings deposits, and are lawful investments for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction and control of the Federal Government. A circular issued by King, Hoagland & Co., also says:

The First Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago operates under Federal charter and Government supervision and may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as a financial agent of the Government and a depository of public funds. It is organized for the purpose of assisting in standardizing forms of investment based upon farm mortgage and of equalizing rates of interest on farm loans. The stockholders are liable for twice the par value of the stock owned by them, as in the case of national banks.

Under the law this bank must confine its loans to the State in which it is situated and one contiguous State. All of its loans are, therefore, made on farm lands in the rich corn belt of the States of Illinois and Iowa, evidenced by first mortgages upon the land and improvements thereon and are limited to one-half the value of the land and 20% of the insured improvements, such values to be determined by a Government appraiser.

The purchase by King, Hoagland & Co. of \$2,000,000 farm loan bonds of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago, was announced in these columns July 13 1918, page 124. It was stated at that time that the bank was empowered to issue bonds to the amount of \$3,750,000, and that of that amount \$750,000 had been disposed of early last year. The bank was organized in July 1917 with a capital of \$250,000.

### DECREASE IN CANADIAN SAVINGS DEPOSITS—BEARING ON VICTORY LOAN PAYMENTS.

Montreal press advices under date of Jan. 1 stated that the Canadian bank statement for November, showing a decrease of \$137,000,000 in savings deposits, seems to bear out unofficial statements to the effect that a large proportion of the second Victory Loan was paid in full at time of subscription. It is added:

In the case of the first Victory Loan, brought out in Nov. 1917, the effect of the flotation was not evident until the second month after subscriptions closed, as payment in full was not possible until the second installment date was reached. In January 1917 savings deposits registered a decrease of 95 millions; beginning with February, increases again became the order. As the bonds of the second Victory Loan could be paid for in full before subscriptions closed in November, the November statement, with its decline of 137 millions in savings deposits, would seem to have registered the major effect of the loan.

The November statement shows that current loans and discounts in Canada registered a record-breaking increase. An increase of \$60,000,000 in October has been followed by one of \$79,000,000 in November, and for the first time in about two years current loans are now in excess of the savings deposits, on which they are largely based.

Reasons for these enormous increases in credit advanced by the banks to business are probably contained in the high value of the year's output of agricultural products and a slower process of marketing than a year ago. The fact that the visible supply of wheat in Canada last week was 14,000,000 bushels, or more than 50% higher than a year ago, although this year's crop was the smaller, is of possible significance in this connection. Circulation, like current loans, also advanced to a new high level.

Another unusual change in the statement is an increase of close to \$12,000,000 in call loans in Canada.

### INCREASE IN SURPLUS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS—THAT OF NEW YORK RESERVE BANK REACHES 40%.

The fact that the surplus of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has risen to 40% of the capital (the amount of the surplus last Saturday was \$8,322,040, as compared with the capital of \$20,820,100) has occasioned more or less comment in the daily papers. As indicated in these columns Dec. 21 (page 2327), a bill is now pending in Congress to permit Federal Reserve banks to accumulate a surplus equal to 100% of their capital, instead of 40% as under existing law. With regard to the increase in the surplus of the various Reserve banks, the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 7 said:

The New York Federal Reserve Bank is the only institution of the twelve which has reached the 40% limit of surplus as a result of last year's earnings, although quite considerable additions to surplus accounts are shown by the other Federal Reserve banks. The statement of the combined Federal Reserve banks just issued is the first to be shown after institutions made up their profit and loss balances at the close of last year.

Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank made the second largest contribution to surplus account, its surplus now standing at 32.8% of capital. Chicago Reserve Bank now has surplus of 29.6%, and Richmond 28.4%.

Against the combined paid-in capital of the twelve Federal Reserve banks at the close of last year, \$80,792,000, a combined surplus of \$22,733,000 is shown, or 28.1% to capital.

As already pointed out, the Reserve banks were able to make these great additions to their surpluses by reason of the exceptional earnings last year through aiding in Government financing. This was an extraordinary period which will long be remembered in the history of the Federal Reserve system. It afforded an unusual opportunity for strengthening the system.

While the past year has proved extraordinary in the matter of earnings, it does not follow that the Federal Reserve banks will always be such great money makers. When the war financing is over, there will not be the same opportunities as have arisen in the last year or so. There will not be the same resort to the central institution by the member banks for rediscount. Especially will this be the case when business slows down.

Moreover, the Federal Reserve banks are not likely to have the bill market all to themselves as has been the case heretofore. The movement looking to the establishment of discount companies will make for greater competition and the part played by the central institutions in the open market will be secondary. In other words, they will be applied to for rediscounts less frequently than in the past, and more or less on emergencies. If the discount companies fulfill their proper function they will absorb the floating supply of bills.

It is in view of the extraordinary opportunity which the Federal Reserve banks are now experiencing, and the prospects facing them of "leaner" days, that it is now sought to have the Federal Reserve Act amended to allow the Reserve banks to build up their surpluses to 100% of paid-in capital, instead of the present limit of 40%. As a matter of fact, the larger surplus would be more consistent for reserve institutions of this kind.

With regard to the earnings of the Reserve banks, the "Wall Street Journal" yesterday said:

The New York Federal Reserve Bank's net earnings last year were close to 100% of capital, which is \$20,820,000. After passing \$7,672,000

to surplus account, increasing that item to the 40% limit, about \$10,000,000 was paid to the Government as a franchise tax.

PER CAPITA INCREASE IN SAVINGS DEPOSITS IN UNITED STATES DURING WAR.

An article dealing with the "Increase during the War in Per Capita Savings for the United States By States" has been prepared for the latest issue of the "Bulletin" of the American Institute of Banking.

In the fine work that the various chapters of the Institute have done in furthering thrift and increasing the savings deposits in the banks, there is a natural feeling of curiosity as to whether such efforts have been fruitful.

An increase in savings is best indicated by reducing the sum totals to a per capita basis. In this way we are able to determine the comparative thrift by savings of the various States and by groups of States.

Table with 4 columns: State/Region, Per Capita 1914, Per Capita 1918, Percentage Increase, Per Capita War Savings. Rows include New England States, Eastern States, Southern States, Middle West States, Western States, and Pacific States.

It may be observed that the per capita increase in the Eastern States during the past four years, where the volume of total savings is the greatest in the country, the increase per cent is the lowest or 10.7%.

For the purpose of comparison we also include the per capita war savings. Here the West and Middle West have also increased greater than the New England and Eastern States.

MILTON W. HARRISON.

PURCHASE OF FAHYS BUILDING BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York announced yesterday (Jan. 10) that it had entered into a contract with Joseph Fahys & Co., manufacturing jewelers, to purchase the Fahys Building, Nos. 52-54 Maiden Lane, and 29-31 Liberty Street.

This is a twelve-story fireproof office building, adjoining on the east the property acquired by the bank last summer. The area of this property is about 5,260 square feet and its acquisition gives the bank approximately 38,000 square feet.

The negotiations were conducted by Horace S. Ely & Co., representing the Federal Reserve Bank, and Charles F. Noyes Co., agents for the building.

White & Cass were the attorneys representing the bank and Osborne, Fleming & Whittlesey represented the sellers.

The bank has not decided upon the date for commencing the construction of its new building and as no plans for the new building have been prepared, no decision has been reached as to the method of treatment to be accorded the Fahys Building.

RESIGNATION OF ROLLA WELLS, GOVERNOR OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ST. LOUIS.

It was reported on Jan. 9 that Rolla Wells had resigned as Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

At a meeting of the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, on Jan. 8, Leslie R. Palmer, who was in December re-elected by the member banks of Group Three, George Foster Peabody, who has been reappointed by the Federal Reserve Board, and Charles Smith, of Oneonta, N. Y., who was recently elected as a Class A director to take the place of Franklin D. Locke, of Buffalo, whose term of office expired Dec. 31, became directors for a term of three years.

The complete roster of officers elected by the board this week: Benjamin Strong, Governor; William Woodward, Deputy Governor; Robert H. Treman, Deputy Governor; J. Herbert Case, Deputy Governor; James F. Curtis, Deputy Governor; Louis F. Butler, Deputy Governor; Laurence H. Hendricks, Cashier; Edwin R. Kennel, Mgr. of Investments; Joseph D. Higgins, Assistant Cashier; Arthur W. Gilbert, Assistant Cashier.

The board has continued James F. Curtis as counsel of the bank and appointed Howard M. Jefferson as Auditor and Dudley H. Barrows as Secretary of the board of directors.

AMERICAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO FURTHER INTERESTS OF MERCHANT MARINE.

Robert F. Maddox of Atlanta, Ga., President of the American Bankers' Association, has appointed a committee of fifteen prominent bankers to serve as a Committee on Commerce and Marine to further the interests of the merchant marine of the United States.

Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of Board Irving National Bank, New York, N. Y.

Charles H. Sabin, President Guaranty Trust Company, New York, N. Y.

John McHugh, Vice-President Mechanics' & Metals' National Bank, New York, N. Y.

Fred I. Kent, Vice-President Bankers' Trust Company, New York, N. Y.

Daniel G. Wing, President First National Bank, Boston, Mass.

Arthur Reynolds, Vice-President Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago, Ill.

William A. Law, President First National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.

F. O. Watts, President Third National Bank, St. Louis, Mo.

Charles A. Hinsch, President Fifth-Third National Bank, Cincinnati, O.  
 Thomas B. McAdams, Vice-President Merchants' National Bank, Richmond, Va.  
 John E. Bouden, Jr., President Whitney-Central National Bank, New Orleans, La.  
 James J. Fagan, Vice-President Crocker National Bank, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Robert N. Harper, President District National Bank, Washington, D. C.  
 John L. Hamilton, President American Guaranty Company, Columbus, O.

In announcing the appointment of the Committee the Association says:

This Committee will have a most important function to perform, for, while the resolution was passed by the Association nearly two months before the signing of the armistice, the size of the problem to be solved has in no wise diminished because of the ending of the war. The merchant marine placed in American grasp, as a result of the demands of war, rivals in tonnage the merchant fleet of Great Britain at the beginning of the war, while at the same time our industries in many lines have increased their productive capacity far beyond the peace demands of the country. Profitable use of this newly acquired instrumentality of transportation and of these new channels of production depends entirely in the opinion of the bankers, upon national recognition of the need for acquiring foreign markets for our products and of intelligently adapting American industries to meet the demands of such markets.

#### ADVANCES TO RAILROADS BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

In accordance with a decision reached by the War Finance Corporation and the Railroad Administration for the use of the Corporation's funds for making loans to the railroads under Government control, it was announced on Jan. 9 that the Corporation had up to that date advanced to the railroads a total of \$35,050,000. Advances were made to six roads, and the largest single loan was \$11,500,000 to the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul road, and the next largest \$9,700,000 to the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific line. Other loans were: Baltimore & Ohio, \$5,450,000; Southern, \$6,000,000; Illinois Central, \$1,500,000, and Central of Georgia, \$900,000.

#### VIEWS OF SECRETARY OF TREASURY GLASS ON MAKING STATE BANKS GOVERNMENT DEPOSITARIES.

A suggestion by J. A. Gray of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem, N. C., that State banks and trust companies be made general depositaries for Government funds meets with the approval of Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass in so far as temporary deposits are concerned. Secretary Glass has indicated his views with regard to the proposal in the following letter addressed to Senator Simmons:

I received your letter of Jan. 3, with the enclosed copy of a letter dated Dec. 27 1918 from James A. Gray, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Winston-Salem, N. C., suggesting that State banks and trust companies as well as national banks should be made general depositaries for Government funds. I am in favor of the extension after the war of the existing authority to make temporary deposits in State banks and trust companies as well as national banks of the proceeds of Government loans and income and profit taxes.

I should be opposed, however, to enlarging the class of permanent regular Government depositaries. It has been the policy of the Treasury ever since the creation of the Federal Reserve system not to increase the number of national bank depositaries, nor the amount of their deposits except in so far as absolutely necessitated by the Government's business. The concentration of the Government's balances in the Federal Reserve banks will be a real economy to the Government and in accordance with enlightened policy. There is no real need of regular Government depositaries, except in those relatively few places where the Government has to withdraw large amounts in cash to meet payrolls, &c.

On the other hand, the authority to make such temporary deposits as have been made during the period of the war with national and State banks and trust companies is very important, indeed, to prevent money stringency at moments when the receipts of the Government are large, and this authority should be continued. I contemplate submitting to you in due course appropriate legislation to that end.

#### FOURTH OFFERING OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES IN ANTICIPATION OF FIFTH LIBERTY LOAN.

Two new offerings of Treasury certificates of indebtedness, one in anticipation of the Fifth Liberty Loan and the other in anticipation of taxes, were announced by the Treasury Department on Jan. 8. The certificates in this week's offering which will be acceptable as payment for the coming Liberty Loan represent the fourth offering in anticipation of that loan. A minimum of \$600,000,000 is offered, the new certificates bearing date Jan. 16 and maturing June 17; they will carry 4½% interest; subscriptions will close Jan. 21. Concerning this week's offering Secretary of the Treasury Glass said:

The Treasury is announcing two series of Treasury certificates of indebtedness, one acceptable in payment of bond subscriptions and one acceptable in payment of taxes. Of course, both series are absolutely payable in cash if the owner does not elect to make use of them in payment for bonds or taxes. The Treasury's cash requirements are at their maxi-

imum. Ordinary disbursements for Monday, Jan. 6, were more than \$125,000,000, which is the largest amount of ordinary disbursements for any one day in our history. In reducing the minimum amount of bond certificates offered from \$750,000,000 to \$600,000,000 and offering at the same time a limited amount of tax certificates the Treasury hopes to meet its cash requirements and at the same time to reduce the amount of certificates sold directly to the banks.

While the offering of bond certificates will close on Jan. 21, no date is set for closing the issue of tax certificates. Tax certificates should make a broad appeal to those who have income and profits taxes to pay. Under the existing law, income and profits taxes are payable on June 15. An installment of such taxes is payable on June 15 under the pending revenue bill as passed by the Senate and it is believed the action of the Senate in this respect will be acquiesced in. Under pending revenue bill as passed by the House an installment of income and profits taxes is payable on May 15 and the certificates now offered would be available on that date if that date were adhered to in the law as finally enacted, so that, in any event, this issue of certificates should be conveniently available for the use of taxpayers. It is hoped that banks and trust companies will use their best efforts to further the sale of these certificates, thus enabling their customers to prepare in advance for the heavy tax payments and assisting the Government to meet its current requirements.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THIRD OFFERING OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES IN ANTICIPATION OF FIFTH LIBERTY LOAN.

The third offering of Treasury certificates of indebtedness issued in anticipation of the Fifth Liberty Loan were oversubscribed to the extent of \$1,684,500; the minimum amount offered was \$750,000,000, while the subscriptions aggregated \$751,684,500. The New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Philadelphia Federal Reserve districts, it is announced, oversubscribed their quotas, while the other districts fell slightly under. The results by Federal Reserve districts arranged in the order of the percentage of subscription of their quotas are as follows:

	Quota.	Subscriptions.
New York.....	\$254,000,000	\$300,977,500
Chicago.....	105,000,000	108,647,000
St. Louis.....	30,000,000	30,927,000
Minneapolis.....	26,000,000	26,500,000
Philadelphia.....	53,000,000	53,300,000
Cleveland.....	68,000,000	66,250,000
Boston.....	65,000,000	60,154,500
San Francisco.....	53,000,000	45,000,000
Richmond.....	26,000,000	19,571,000
Atlanta.....	22,000,000	15,265,500
Kansas City.....	30,000,000	19,050,500
Dallas.....	18,000,000	5,714,000
Treasury.....	-----	327,500
Total.....	\$750,000,000	\$751,684,500

Subscriptions to this issue were received up to the 7th inst.; the certificates, which bear 4½% interest, are dated Jan. 2 and are payable June 3. As noted above, a new offering (the fourth) of certificates of indebtedness, for a minimum amount of \$600,000,000, was announced this week; the minimum amount sought in the first offering was also \$600,000,000, as compared with \$500,000,000 in the second offering.

#### THIRD ISSUE OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES IN PAYMENT OF 1919 TAXES.

A new issue of Treasury certificates of indebtedness acceptable in payment of income and excess profits taxes next June was offered this week by the Treasury Department. This is the third offering of certificates in anticipation of this year's taxes; the second issue was dated Nov. 7 1918, and is due March 15 1919. They bear interest at 4½% against the 4%, which had obtained in the case of the first issue dated Aug. 20 1918 and payable July 13 1919. The present offering is for an indefinite amount; the new issue of certificates, which will bear 4½% interest, will be dated Jan. 16 and will mature June 17. In its announcement of Jan. 8 concerning the new tax certificates the Federal Reserve Bank of New York says:

The Treasury Department is simultaneously announcing two distinct series of Treasury certificates of indebtedness, one acceptable in payment on bond subscriptions, and one acceptable in payment of taxes. The following refers to the certificates acceptable in payment of taxes.

The Secretary of Treasury offers for subscriptions through the Federal Reserve banks at par and accrued interest a limited amount of Treasury certificates, known as Series T-2, dated Jan. 16 1919, payable June 17 1919, with interest at the rate of 4½% per annum. Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on Jan. 16 1919, or later allotment.

Certificates of this series will be accepted at par with an adjustment of accrued interest during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury in payment of income and profits taxes when payable at or within 60 days before the maturity of the certificates. Certificates of this series will not be accepted in payment on bond subscriptions.

Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series 4-F and 4-G maturing Jan. 16 and Jan. 30, respectively, and certificates carrying 4% interest of the tax series of 1919, maturing July 15, with all unmaturing interest coupons attached will be accepted at par with an adjustment of accrued interest in payment for any certificates at 4½% of the Series T-2 now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted.

**SECRETARY OF TREASURY GLASS CALLS UPON BANKERS TO OVERSUBSCRIBE TREASURY CERTIFICATES TO MEET WAR EXPENSES.**

In urging the bankers of the country to oversubscribe the current and future issues of Treasury certificates of indebtedness, Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass, in a telegram to the Governors of the Federal Reserve banks on Jan. 3 called attention to the bills which are pouring into the Treasury on account of war expenditures and stated that "the welfare of the people depends no less in peace than in war upon the maintenance of the Government's credit." The following is the telegram in full:

The actual cash outgo from the Treasury during the six months ended Dec. 31, excluding transactions in the principal of the public debt, was \$10,632,000,000. In the month of December alone such actual cash outgo was \$2,040,000,000. This is the highest figure ever reached during the period of the war.

America had almost reached the peak of production of war materials and supplies at the moment when the armistice was signed. Her unstinted effort in men and material undoubtedly had decisive effect in belating the war to an early conclusion. The bills are now pouring in which require the Government to pay the price of this great effort. The money paid to the Government creditors will find its way promptly back into the channels of commerce and trade and peaceful enterprise, and back into the deposits of the banks. The welfare of the people depends no less in peace than in war upon the maintenance of the Government's credit. We shall not shame ourselves in the eyes of our brave soldiers as they return from the battlefields of France by failure to support the credit of the country for which they were willing and ready to die.

The war is won; the war bills must be paid. The welfare and prosperity of this fair land of ours can only be preserved if the war expenditures of the Government, now at their maximum, are promptly and ungrudgingly provided. With entire confidence, I call upon the bankers of America to subscribe and oversubscribe the current issue of Treasury certificates and future issues, which must be made bi-weekly in accordance with the plan outlined in Secretary McAdoo's letter of Nov. 27.

**35,000 WOMEN RAISED \$94,303,600 IN NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT FOR FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN.**

Women workers, operating under the direction of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee, sold \$203,383,850 worth of Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds in the Second Federal Reserve District. This is shown by the report made public this week by the Committee. Throughout the district the policy of the Woman's Committee was to obtain a large number of subscriptions rather than a large amount of money. In the Metropolitan District the field was so thoroughly covered by the many organizations operating under the Central Committee that the Woman's Committee devoted itself largely to propaganda and to supplying trained workers to supplement the activities of the men workers. In parts of the district outside of New York City the women conducted a distinct campaign of their own. The success of this campaign is shown by the fact that the total number of individual subscriptions credited to the Woman's Committee is 583,000. Of these, only 21,000 were for amounts of more than \$500. Mrs. John T. Pratt was Chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee for the Second Federal Reserve District and also for New York State. Mrs. Courtlandt D. Barnes was Chairman for the Metropolitan District. There were more than 35,000 women workers throughout the district. They were organized into 1,861 local organizations. In the Metropolitan District the total raised was \$94,303,600. Most of the activities of the Woman's Committee were carried out through booths. The reports for the principal classes of booths for Manhattan follow:

Class—	Subscriptions.	No. Bonds Sold.
Department store.....	975,100	4,253
Hotel and restaurant.....	28,781,800	30,321
Office building.....	1,742,700	4,417
Features.....	9,843,100	29,087
Foreign language.....	888,550	843
Post office.....	449,300	3,517
Miscellaneous.....	44,836,200	76,385

The Theatre Committee reports a total of \$20,065,350 of subscriptions.

**PUBLIC URGED NOT TO SELL 1918 WAR SAVINGS STAMPS.**

Vernon Munroe, Assistant Director of Government Savings, on Jan. 7 issued a statement urging holders of 1918 War Savings Stamps to retain them until maturity in 1923, when they can be exchanged for their full face value. Mr. Munroe also explained the new issue of stamps for 1919. His statement was as follows:

The 1918 War Savings stamps, though no longer on sale, still have the same value as before, and no one should redeem them until due. Their maturity date is Jan. 1 1923.

The 1918 War Savings certificate does not need to be filled in order to have value. This is of interest because many people apparently think they should dispose of their War Savings stamps now for cash if their certificate has not got its full complement of twenty stamps.

The new War Savings stamp of the issue of 1919 has been reduced in size so that it is just half as large as the 1918 stamp. It is blue instead of

green and bears the face of Benjamin Franklin instead of George Washington.

The 1919 stamps may be purchased at any post office, bank, store or other authorized agency during the month of January at \$4 12. The price increases one cent a month until December, when it will be \$4 23. The new stamp comes due on Jan. 1 1924, in the sum of \$5. The increase in value represents about 4 1/4%, compounded quarterly.

It is a splendid investment, because if a holder is in need of money, he can take his stamps to the post office and in ten days receive what he paid for them, less one cent a month. It is the only security in the world which must increase in value.

Some people ask what to do with their half-filled Thrift cards. The answer is simple. The Thrift stamps are not changed, and all that they have to do is to complete their cards and use them to purchase new War Savings stamps of the issue of 1919.

The security is so good and the Government is so anxious to have the stamps widely distributed, that it will not allow any person to buy more than \$1,000 of each issue.

**RESIGNATION OF THOMAS B. LOVE AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY.**

In making known the resignation of Thomas B. Love as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury, gave out the following correspondence passing between himself and Mr. Love:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Washington, December 16 1918.

Hon. Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury:

My Dear Mr. Secretary—As I advised you to-day, and as I advised Mr. McAdoo immediately after the armistice was signed, I feel that it is imperative for me to return to private life as soon as I can be relieved conveniently.

I am sending you herewith my resignation, addressed to the President, effective upon the qualification of my successor, in order that it may be filed at such time as may be convenient to you, and I will be obliged if you can arrange for me to be relieved by Jan. 1.

I wish to take this opportunity of again expressing my sincere gratification at your appointment as Secretary of the Treasury, and my unqualified desire to be helpful in any way you may find possible at any time. I have thoroughly enjoyed the work I have been doing and am happy in it, and none but imperative considerations could induce me to abandon it.

Assuring you of my very high regard, I am,

Sincerely yours,

THOS. B. LOVE, Assistant Secretary.

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Washington, December 21 1918.

My Dear Judge Love—By direction of the President, your resignation as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, dated Dec. 16, is hereby accepted to take effect on the qualification of your successor. The resignation is accepted only because I am constrained to think, after our recent conversation concerning your health, that it would be unfair to further insist upon your remaining. My predecessor, Mr. McAdoo, has apprised me of the invaluable work which you have so faithfully performed as a member of the Treasury staff, and I very much wish that I could further avail myself of your services.

Trusting that rest and care may prove a sure restoration of health, believe me, with very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

CARTER GLASS.

Hon. Thomas B. Love, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

**WAR REVENUE BILL IN CONFERENCE.**

Conferences on the war revenue bill were not begun until Wednesday of this week (Jan. 8) instead of Monday as planned, owing to the absence from Washington of some of the conferees. At the close of their initial session the conferees announced that the agreements reached on the various sections would be made public each day. They also stated that their decisions as announced would be final and that protests would not be entertained. On the 8th the conferees agreed upon rates of surtaxes and normal taxes on individual incomes as levied by the Senate bill and upon the provision exempting State and municipal bonds from Federal taxation. It is pointed out in the New York "Times" that the income tax amendment accepted by the conferees on the 8th embraces a rate of 6% on the amount of net income up to \$4,000 for the calendar year 1918, and a rate of 12% for incomes above \$4,000, with deductions of \$2,000 for married men and \$1,000 for single men. After 1918 the rate is fixed at 4% on the first \$4,000 and 8% above that amount. The Senate surtax rates call for a tax of 1% on incomes from \$5,000 to \$6,000, the tax running up to 65% on incomes in excess of \$1,000,000. In the case of the House bill the rates (which are now displayed) range from 2% on incomes from \$5,000 to \$7,500, to 65% on incomes over \$5,000,000. On the 9th inst. the conferees on the part of the House agreed to the elimination of the 6% differential between divided and undivided profits in the case of corporate income tax, under the agreement reached by the conferees on that day a flat income tax of 12% will be paid by corporations on their 1918-19 earnings and 10% (instead of 8% as proposed by the Senate) thereafter. The conferees also adopted, substantially, the Senate provisions allowing deductions, in calculating corporation income taxes, of dividends received from other corporations. They also approved the Senate provision exempting so-called personal service corporations from the corporation tax rates, but added an amendment stipulating that where

50% or more of a corporation's income is derived from Government contracts, exemption cannot be claimed. The Senate receded from its amendment that income tax returns be made on the gross income basis of \$1,000 or more and agreed to the House provision that they be based on net income. The Senate provision for the payment of taxes in four installments, instead of 3 as proposed by the House, was agreed to by the House conferees. The Senate definition of dividends was also agreed to by the House conferees.

#### PRESIDENT WILSON'S REQUEST FOR \$100,000,000 TO RELIEVE FOOD NEEDS IN EUROPE.

A request by President Wilson for an immediate appropriation of \$100,000,000 for the purpose of providing foodstuffs for the populations of Europe outside of Germany was contained in a cablegram received by Secretary of the Treasury Glass under date of Jan. 2 and made public on the 5th inst. Upon its transmission to Congress on the 4th by Secretary Glass the House Appropriations Committee was called upon by Chairman Sherley to meet on the 6th to consider the request. The Committee's vote on the 6th approving the recommendation is said to have been "very close." The bill as agreed on by the Committee was reported to the House on the 7th. Only fourteen of the twenty-one members of the Committee were present at Monday's meeting and one of these is said to have refrained from voting. While no announcement has been made as to the Committee's stand, it is reported that the vote was 7 to 6, with Chairman Sherley casting the deciding vote. Some of those who are understood to have voiced opposition to the proposed legislation are said to have insisted that definite information should have been given as to the amount to be apportioned to the Allied countries. It is also stated that they were understood to have expressed doubt whether this country, in view of heavy war taxes and another loan next spring, would approve of the direct gift of any part of the money or be able to sustain added financial burdens. The motion to report the bill favorably was made by Representative Cannon, Republican. Representative Cox, Democrat, urged that an audit of expenditures be made mandatory, but his amendment striking out the provision requiring the audit only "where practicable" was lost, 6 to 5, three members not voting. As approved by the Committee the bill gives the President discretionary authority in the expenditure of the fund, which may be used as a revolving fund until next June 30, and provides that while food shall be given free to starving people unable to pay for it, "the expenditures shall be reimbursed so far as possible by the governments or sub-divisions thereof of the peoples to whom the relief is furnished.

On the 7th both the Senate and House evidenced their opposition to the measure. In the House consideration of it was blocked by Representative Moore who refused unanimous consent to take it up either on the 7th or 8th. Chairman Sherley, however, made known his intention to seek a special rule for its consideration on the 9th. On that day, however, the House Rules Committee, by a vote of 5 to 3, refused to report a rule for immediate consideration of the bill. It was stated yesterday that another effort to secure the right of way for the measure would be made to-day, the 11th. On the 7th also both Senators Borah and Smoot announced that they would oppose the measure unless more information regarding plans for the use of the money was obtainable. Senator Borah was quoted as saying:

If we have no more information than is given in the President's message I, for one, will not vote for the appropriation. We are entitled to know where this money is going, what peoples are to be fed, and the plans and methods of carrying out the project.

I shall not vote this \$100,000,000 if it is to be expended by Mr. Hoover in the manner he expended funds in this country. I'm not willing to vote on generalizations. We must have detailed facts.

President Wilson in his appeal states that "the situation is one of extreme urgency for foodstuffs must be placed in certain localities within the next 15 to 30 days if human life and order are to be preserved." He also states that the food shipments from the United States to Europe during the next seven months will be likely to exceed \$1,500,000,000. The following is his message:

The President's appeal was made public by Mr. Shirley in the exact form in which it was laid before him by Secretary Glass as follows:

Cablegram from the President received Jan. 2 1919.  
Secretary of State, Washington.

For the Secretary of the Treasury from the President.

Extended investigation and consideration of food situation in certain parts of Europe disclose that especially the urban populations in certain areas are not only facing absolute starvation during the coming winter,

but that many of these people are unable to find immediately resources with which to purchase their food.

These regions have been so subjected to destruction by war, not only of their foodstuffs, but of their financial resources and their power of production and export, that they are utterly incapable of finding any resources that can be converted into international exchange for food purchase. While the Secretary of the Treasury can accept obligations of certain Governments, and through these measures their situations can be cared for temporarily, there are still other areas through Eastern and Southern Europe where such arrangements cannot be made. This applies more particularly to the liberated peoples of Austria, Turkey, Poland and Western Russia. In these countries freedom and government will slowly emerge from chaos and require our every assistance.

The total shipments of foodstuffs from the United States to all parts of Europe during the next seven months will be likely to exceed \$1,500,000,000 and from our abundance we can surely afford to offer succor to these countries destitute of resources or credit. The minimum sums upon which this work can be carried on for the next six months in the countries above mentioned will amount to at least \$100,000,000 for such services and supplies as we can render, and even this sum contemplates the finding of resources by so much of the population as can do so and much assistance as can be given by the Allied Governments. The high misison of the American people to find a remedy for starvation and absolute anarchy renders it necessary that we should undertake the most liberal assistance to these destitute regions.

The situation is one of extreme urgency, for foodstuffs must be placed in certain localities within the next fifteen to thirty days if human life and order are to be preserved. I, therefore, request that you should ask Congress to make available to me an immediate appropriation of \$100,000,000 for the broad purpose of providing foodstuffs and other urgent supplies, for the transportation, distribution, and administration thereof to such population of Europe, outside of Germany, as may be determined upon by me from time to time as necessary.

I wish to appeal to the great sense of charity and good will of the American people toward the suffering, and to place this act upon a primarily humanitarian basis of the first magnitude. While the sum of money is in itself large, it is so small compared with the expenditures we have undertaken in the hopeless lettering the world, that it becomes a mere pittance compared to the results that will be obtained from it, and the lasting effect that will remain in the United States through an act of such broad humanity and statesmanlike influence.

#### HERBERT HOOVER MADE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ORGANIZATION—FINANCIAL PROBLEM INVOLVED.

In accordance with plans which it was announced in November were under consideration, Herbert Hoover has been named as Director-General of an International Relief Organization to feed Allied, neutral and enemy people. Mr. Hoover has been appointed to the post by President Wilson. Norman Davis, formerly on the staff of Oscar T. Crosby, Special Commissioner of Finance for the United States in Europe, will serve as Mr. Hoover's assistant. Announcement of the President's appointments were made on Jan. 3 by the American Peace Commission, which states that he acted under the advice of the Allied Governments that the United States take the lead in directing the relief measures. It is further announced that two representatives of each Government will be named to secure the co-ordination of food, finances and shipping resources in the solution of the problems connected with the relief. The following is the statement issued by the Commission:

Upon President Wilson's arrival the results of the investigations of the United States and Allied Government officials into the food situation of the liberated countries, neutral and enemy, were laid before him. Since his arrival, in addition to his discussion with the representatives of Great Britain, France and Italy respecting the general peace settlement, he had been advised with regard to the conferences held between the Governments concerning the methods of organization for the relief of these populations.

The Allies and the United States are in agreement that relief must be furnished and that the working out of relief of this character on a large scale necessitates unity of direction similar in character to that of the method successful in the French and British command in the operations of the Allies on land and sea respectively.

The Allied Governments had advised the President that they desired that the United States should take the lead in the organization and administration of relief. Under this arrangement between the United States and the Allied countries there are being appointed two representatives of each Government to secure the co-operation of food, finances and shipping resources in the solution of the problems connected with the relief.

The President has appointed Mr. Herbert Hoover and Mr. Norman Davis as the two American representatives in the council, and Mr. Hoover will act as Director-General of the undertaking. The French Government has appointed M. Clementel, Minister of Commerce, and M. Vilgrain, Minister of Food, as their representatives. The British and Italian representatives have not as yet been announced. The President has asked Mr. Hoover to call the first meeting of the Council as quickly as the delegates are named.

A statement issued at the same time by Mr. Hoover told not only of the need of providing food for 125,000,000 persons in the liberated territories, but of the broad economic problem involved. We quote his statement herewith:

Since my arrival in Europe I have been co-operating with the officials of the Allied Governments in an investigation of the food situation, more particularly in the liberated regions. We have made some investigation of conditions in Germany, but are not yet prepared to come to any definite conclusions.

The population of Germany certainly has enough stocks of food to carry on for a while, with the exception of fat supplies, which are undoubtedly very short and are developing some condition of disease and a great deal of social discontent.

The determination of conditions and measures necessary to relieve the liberated territories, however, must be our first concern. These territories comprise Belgium, Northern France, Trentino, Serbia, Montenegro, Rumania, Szecho-Slovakia, Jugo-Slavia, Poland and Finland, and the

Baltic States of Russia, and Armenia and Syria, comprising altogether populations aggregating probably 125,000,000 persons.

Under enemy occupation and devastation, their native production has greatly diminished and the stocks of food that they have managed to retain from last harvest will soon be exhausted, more particularly in case of town populations, because the peasants have learned bitterly enough in war to secrete enough to take care of themselves.

In order that there should be no delay in providing food during the period of investigation and the creation of an organization by co-operation between our War Department and the Food Administration, we have dispatched to date approximately 150,000 tons of food to various ports in Europe. Some of this food is now being issued, and, in addition, the steady stream of 10,000 tons a month is being maltrated into Belgium and Northern France.

In the meantime we have, in co-operation with the Allies, sent commissions in to these various countries to study transportation and to endeavor to set up financial arrangements. The transportation problem is one of extreme difficulty because of the general demoralization of railways and rolling stock all over this area. Rumania, for instance, has under 100 locomotives, and Poland has probably not over 250 locomotives. So that even after landing of foodstuffs at seaports we are in further difficulties as to inland distribution.

In numerous places we have had to make provision for distribution with motor trucks, as in the case of Belgium and Northern France, and we will probably need to put in motor truck services in other localities.

One of the most difficult problems involved in the whole matter is that of finance. Our farmers and manufacturers must be paid for their food supplies. Those liberated regions which have been engaged in war against Germany, such as Belgium, Serbia and Rumania, have been given from time to time loans by the United States Government with which to purchase food, and as a military measure it is vitally necessary that these populations should be continuously fed in order to save the necessity of further military action by the United States. These loans are being continued in some special instances and, in fact, amount to selling our food on credit.

On the other hand, large areas exist, such as liberated Poland and some of the former States where our governments are unable under present legislation to make any loans. Furthermore, in some of these areas the governments have so disintegrated that it is difficult to set up any financial circle for lack of government. These people are all looking with hope to the United States for salvation from starvation. It is a matter beyond private charity; yet, if they are to be saved, and if there is any hope of them building up for themselves freedom and stability of government, it becomes either a matter of practical charity or long-time credits from the United States.

At the present moment we are in the extremely difficult position of having foodstuffs in the neighborhood of certain peoples who rely on America, but we are unable to deliver this food, except such as we can allow from the \$5,000,000 placed at our disposal from present private funds and such other food as the Allies can advance from their own stocks.

There is a broad economic problem involved in European feeding during the next six or seven months, which includes some of the Allied Governments as well as the liberated territories. It is impossible to conceive, considering the destruction they have undergone, that they can again return to the production of commodities which they can exchange for our foodstuffs in time to prevent starvation. Nor have they gold or American securities left. They must have credit.

Most of these are able and willing to give some form of obligation of future payment, and it is hardly up to us to stand by and say because they will not produce gold or American railway securities, or foreign exchange, of which they have none, that we are going to allow them to starve when we have a sufficient surplus of food to prevent the loss of life. Our merchants simply cannot furnish credit nor give away food in these volumes. It is a government function.

It is also of the greatest possible political importance, for if we are to prevent anarchy, and if we are to hope that the world will return to some form of orderly government, if we are to secure establishment of governments with which we can make peace, we must somehow provide a food supply. Therefore, our financial problem in handling relief may be resolved into three categories.

First, we can, no doubt, sell to Germany and to some of the Allies and neutrals who are able to and must pay in equitable and receivable securities in some form for the food that they require as a commercial transaction.

Second, the liberated areas and some of the Allied countries to which the United States can temporarily extend loans under its present legislation.

Third, peoples who must have assistance in a large way from the American people in a manner which cannot be provided for under any of the present available funds.

The Allied Governments have expressed willingness to join in the provision of foodstuffs and financial help for these areas, but their situation today, as every day, depends to a large degree upon the finance and supplies from the United States. We anticipate fewer difficulties with overseas transportation than with other items in hand.

It appears to the Allies and ourselves only just that, inasmuch as a large part of the difficulties of the liberated territories are due to the ruthless action of German arms, the Germans should be called upon to provide ships to transport food supplies to these areas, and it will certainly be made a condition of the allowance of any food supplies to Germany that their ships shall be ultimately turned over to carry food for all the liberated territories.

The outstanding fact in the physical, moral and political salvation of the liberated peoples is credit. The people of the United States have offered the lives of millions of their best manhood in the cause of human salvage, which is the kernel of democracy. But they knew historically how to fight and die for principle. They have now to learn the practical value of this new factor of credits. It is not a mysterious thing, but it does require calm and shrewd financial leadership.

This we have, inside and outside of Congress. If its interest is awakened in time the United States can finish its job splendidly and can banish the spectre of Bolshevism, which to-day attempts to lure the distressed peoples into such hopeless misery and anarchy. Bolshevism spreads like a disease. It must run its course of destruction and is no respecter of national borders.

#### HERBERT HOOVER IN CALLING UPON BELGIUM RELIEF COMMISSION FOR CONTINUED HELP TELLS OF NEEDS OF FRANCE.

In reporting that the work of relief and rehabilitation in France will fall more heavily on the Commission for Relief in Belgium than was expected, Herbert Hoover in a cable message received by the Commission at its headquarters

in Washington on Jan. 1 stated that the destruction wrought by the German army is so complete that the relief work will now include not only food and clothing but housing over a considerable area. Since Jan. 1 1915, the Commission for Relief in Belgium has transported food and clothing to the occupied territory of northern France. These supplies were distributed through a French agency, the "Comite Francais," made up of representatives from various towns and districts. The French Government, it is stated, is supplying some food from France to the Relief Commission, and imports required from the United States amount to about 30,000,000 pounds per month. The total food shipments from America for Belgium and northern France amount to over \$30,000,000 a month in value. Mr. Hoover's cablegram said in part:

The Commission for Relief in Belgium had hoped to surrender the task of relief of northern France to the French Government immediately upon the German retreat. It has been found impossible, however, for the French Government to undertake the food supply of this area for some months to come, and upon the urgent request of that Government, the Commission has decided to continue.

After the four-year paralysis of wholesale and retail business with the destruction of the principal towns and shops, these trades have disappeared, and the people are to-day dependent upon a ration issued directly to them, just as before the German evacuation. Until transport and trade can be rehabilitated, the present system must go on, for the French distribution is done by the trades. These arrangements necessitate some reorganization of the relief work and its entire separation from Belgium.

Twenty members of the Commission for Relief in Belgium who joined the American army as officers have been released by General Pershing to undertake this work.

Transportation connections with the region are maintained through Dunidrik and through one Belgian canal still operating, supplemented by motor trucks originally installed by the armies and now being gradually taken over by the Commission for Relief in Belgium.

The population of this area at the moment of the retreat was about 1,500,000, there being also about 700,000 refugees in Belgium who are returning and some 500,000 refugees in France, all of whom are anxious to return to their native soil.

The destruction of some twenty principal towns and literally hundreds of villages renders the return of these refugees a stupendous problem. Every effort is being made to restrain them from going back until some systematic provision for shelter can be completed, but they evade all official urgings and the roads are a continuous procession of these pitiable bodies. Thousands of them reach their villages to find every vestige of shelter destroyed, and finally wander into the villages further back from the acute battle area, which are themselves already overcrowded to a heart-breaking degree.

In order to remedy this situation to some extent, the Commission for Relief in Belgium has obtained the services of 150 volunteers from the American Navy and is taking over a large amount of second-hand barrack material from the Navy and Army. These barracks are in course of erection adjacent to the destroyed villages, under the superintendence of the Navy volunteers.

A large amount of boots and shoes and warm clothing has been taken over from the quartermaster's supplies, and these are being distributed to the people. The French Government is endeavoring to obtain some cattle from Switzerland and horses from the various armies, which, together with the meagre supply of agricultural implements, may enable the population to get in some portion of next year's crops in such of these areas as are not too badly destroyed by battle.

The entire industrial life of the region has been destroyed by the Germans. There is scarcely a single factory that can be operated without a very large portion of new equipment. The coal mines are totally destroyed, and the network of railways in this region has been rendered almost hopeless of reconstruction for many months.

The German method of destruction was to bend every single rail by exploding a hand grenade under it, rendering it useless for all time. The Grand Canal du Nord, which connects this section of France with the Belgian canal system and is the natural entrepot for goods for Antwerp or Rotterdam, was itself practically the fighting line for months and is so badly destroyed that it will take fully a year for its complete reconstruction.

The relief is based upon the allowance of food to the value of about thirty-five cents per day to the destitute, those having any resources of employment being required to pay. The whole extent of destitution is not yet known, but appears to be fully 60% of the people.

#### FRENCH DECREE REMOVING FOOD RESTRICTIONS.

With the signing of a decree on Jan. 4 by Victor Boret, the French Food Minister, abrogating fixed prices upon condensed milk, tapioca, macaroni and similar products, as well as on eggs, rice and beans, a warning was added, according to a Paris cablegram appearing in the New York "Sun" that any abuse of the privileges would lead to the reimposition of fixed prices. The restaurants, under the new ruling, it is said, are no longer restricted as to hours for serving meals or menu or prices charged. They may now serve cheese, butter, milk and cream. The price list, however, must still be posted outside of eating houses.

#### HERBERT HOOVER ON ENFORCED CURRENCY CIRCULATION IN BELGIUM—OTHER EFFECT OF DESTRUCTION BY GERMANY.

In telling what had been gleaned in a survey of conditions in Belgium which he had undertaken with William B. Poland, European Director of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, Herbert Hoover in a cablegram received at Washington Dec. 25 stated that "one of the great difficulties of the Belgians lies in the enforced currency circulation imposed upon them by the Germans." He added:

This currency runs into millions of paper money and presents an extremely difficult financial problem to the Government.

The Belgian Government is rapidly taking hold, the Belgian manufacturers are engaged everywhere in the rehabilitation of their works so far as materials are available and the spirit of Belgium was never better than today. The Belgians are resolved to find a solution of their manifold difficulties with as little assistance as possible from the outside. They are, of course, dependent upon continued Government financial advances for the provision of imports pending German indemnity and the reconstruction of their export business.

Mr. Hoover's statement relative to the destruction in Belgium by the Germans also said:

Together with Mr. Poland, European Director of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, I have now completed a survey of the entire Belgian situation as disclosed by the evacuation. The work of the American relief officials in Europe during the last month has been beyond all praise, because they have followed up the retreating army with distributions by one means or another, and there has been no break in the food supply at any point.

Prior to the armistice the German army had completely destroyed a zone of railroads and canals some twenty miles wide extending entirely across Belgium. After the armistice there was comparatively little destruction of transportation to the rear of this zone, and with the rapid rehabilitation of transportation facilities across this zone of destruction the problem of distribution of food and of reconstruction can be undertaken with much less difficulty than at present.

The Germans in their final retreat removed but little of the relief supplies. Their action toward the native harvests and cattle in their withdrawal differs widely in different areas. They started to take all remaining hogs from the western part of Belgium, except those hidden by the peasants in underground caves. After the armistice, however, and with the demoralization of the German army in its final retreat, many of these beasts were abandoned or sold by soldiers to the peasants further back, and in practical results there appears to have been no widespread cattle stealing in the retreat, although during the four years of occupation there has been a great diminution, probably over one-half, in the total number of cattle and hogs. It can be said almost literally that horses have disappeared out of Belgium, there probably not being 15% of the original animals left.

Investigation proves that industrial and residential destruction in Belgium varies greatly in different localities, and with different industries. For instance, out of the steel furnaces in Belgium thirty-five or forty have been deliberately destroyed by the Germans in their determination to end the Belgian steel industry. Many of the textile mills have been put out of commission, either through deliberate destruction and removal of machinery, or by removal of the copper and brass parts and electric motors. Some of the textile mills of the more antiquated type of equipment apparently did not appeal to the Germans, and they can be gotten into action at an early date. The Germans seem to have focused themselves on the modern equipments.

The glass industry has been but little interfered with, and the stern promise of retribution by President Wilson seems to have saved the coal industry except for very few mines, although actual explosives and wires were laid in place for the destruction of a large number of the mines. The President's warning seems to have created a sudden change of heart.

There are some 300,000 French refugees in Belgium, driven out of northern France by the Germans. They have been cared for out of the measure stores of the Belgians and by the Commission for Relief in Belgium. They are, however, like homing pigeons in their resolve to return to their native villages.

As there is no transportation, the roads southward into France are a continuous stream of these pitiful groups of men, women and children, pulling their carts and trudging through the cold and wind toward their destroyed homes. Everything is being done that is humanly possible, but in the present state of demoralization, with moving armies, the necessity of using every truck and horse with which to feed the population, their plight is heartbreaking. They refuse all persuasion to wait in the crowded Belgian villages until their affairs can be organized.

The Americans of the Relief Commission are working night and day providing shelter stations, clothing and food for them, but like many other human miseries in Europe to-day there is no solution to the suffering that must go on.

On the basis of Mr. Hoover's report the Food Administration announced on Dec. 25 that thereafter 180,000 tons of supplies, including clothing, would be shipped to Belgium each month. Besides the 340,000 tons already on charter to the Commission, the enlarged program calls for 160,000 additional tons, and application for the additional tonnage has been made to the Shipping Board.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD ADMINISTRATION BY BELGIUM.

In still another report covering Belgium and northern France Herbert Hoover, as Chairman of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, announces the establishment of a Food Administration by the Belgian Government. In part his message, made public at Washington Dec. 28, says:

During the German occupation there was an effective control not only of distribution by the Commission for Relief in Belgium, but also of the native food supply, and with the retreat and demoralization in transport and Government before the re-establishment of the Belgian Government, there ensued a period when there was little control over foodstuffs. This breaking down of the rationing control in such commodities as meats, butter, &c., has resulted on the whole in the very limited supply of such foodstuffs gravitating toward the rich through the fearful rise in prices.

The Belgian Government has established a Food Administration, and these problems are being taken in hand just as rapidly as possible under the conditions. In the meantime it is possible with sufficient money to buy almost any kind of food in Belgium. For instance, meat is \$2 a pound, eggs \$1 each, and butter \$2 50 a pound. Supplies are, of course, available to any one who can pay these prices.

This gives an appearance to the casual observer of sufficiency of food, but the fact is that over one-half the population of Belgium to-day has an income under \$4 a week per family, and they, of course, are not participating in these kinds of food, but are practically dependent upon the distribution of controlled imports by the Commission for Relief in Belgium.

An examination of the population proves that the shipments of food by the Commission for Relief in Belgium during the last four years have brought this people through their ordeal without irreparable damage to the national health. There exists among certain classes under-nutrition but continued supplies of food will rapidly rectify this.

There has been a considerable spread of tuberculosis as a result of this under-nutrition, but the Belgian authorities believe that this can be stamped out without great loss provided adequate supplies of food arrive.

Prior to the evacuation something like 3,500,000 people were destitute and were dependent, not only on the ration of imported commodities from the Relief Commission but on further supplemental rations through the soup kitchens throughout Belgium. The energy of the Belgian people in getting back to work is rapidly diminishing the number of people in the soup lines, until to-day they probably do not exceed two million people, and it is hoped that within another month this will be diminished to not more than a million.

It is a point of fact that there has been no loss of life by starvation among the 10,000,000 people of Belgium and northern France. Poland and Serbia, also under German occupation, have lost one-fourth of their people. The difference was the Commission for Relief in Belgium, which has shipped to these stricken people in the last four years more than four and a quarter million tons of food, costing \$600,000,000.

My survey of the rest of Europe, the Baltic States, and Poland is not complete, but sufficient evidence is at hand to show that before next harvest relief of an unprecedented character must be extended if the remaining population is to be maintained in any semblance of health, and beyond the financial and transportation arrangements which I am now negotiating, it is almost inevitable that our people will be called upon to contribute liberally.

#### HERBERT HOOVER ON FOOD NEEDS OF VIENNA AND RUMANIA.

A cablegram received from Herbert Hoover at Washington on Dec. 31 in announcing the arrival at Trieste of the first cargo of foodstuffs shipped through the co-operation of the War Department and the Food Administration, referred to the dangerous situation which had developed in Vienna; he announced that representatives of the Viennese municipalities had reported that food supplies for the 2,000,000 people in the city would last not more than ten days and Mr. Hoover added that advices indicated that unless foodstuffs could be furnished for the city it would be impossible to maintain order. Mr. Hoover's statement follows:

The first cargo of foodstuffs shipped through the co-operation of the War Department and Food Administration has arrived at Trieste, and other cargoes should arrive at Cattaro and other points on the Adriatic Sea in the next three days. These supplies are intended for Serbia and the territory recently amalgamated with Serbia in Bosnia and Montenegro, where the distress is very acute. The only connection is by railroad from the Adriatic Sea, the Bulgarians having destroyed the railroad from Saloniki, Greece, beyond the possibility of repair inside of four months.

Col. McIntosh has already arrived in Trieste, Austria. Col. Atwood and staff left Jan. 1 for Ragusa en route for Belgrade, leaving representatives at Cattaro and other points. Dr. Vernon Kellogg, Col. Grové and Hugh Gibson leave Berne to-night by special train for Warsaw, by way of Vienna, to take charge of relief measures which it is hoped to develop for Poland.

A commission representing the American, French, British and Italian Governments, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Alonzo Taylor, with the assistance of Captain T. T. C. Gregory of the United States Army, is leaving to-night for Vienna in response to representations as to the dangerous situation which has developed in that city. The representatives of the Viennese municipalities now at Berne state that food supplies for the 2,000,000 people in the city of Vienna will not last for more than ten days. Owing to the disorganization of railroads in Austria and the separating of Hungary and Czechoslovakia, Vienna is practically cut off from any supplies.

So far the Bolsheviks have been kept under control in Vienna, but advices indicate that unless foodstuffs can be furnished for the city it will be impossible to maintain order. The Swiss Government is proposing to forward at once about a week's supply for the city, but the situation in Switzerland will not permit of their giving more than a few days' relief.

The American and Allied Ministers in Rumania have telegraphed to their respective Governments that, after investigating, they are convinced that the food supply of Rumania will not last for more than another thirty days, and that immediate steps for relief must be taken if the country is not to be submerged by Bolshevism. Methods of relief are under consideration, but present extreme difficulties. The railroads of Rumania are largely broken down. There is a great deal of port destruction, and there is no bunker coal in the Black Sea, except what can be borrowed from the Allied navies. Further, Rumania is entirely without funds to pay for food.

Cable advices from Amsterdam on Jan. 5 stated that Secretary Bauer of the Foreign Ministry, had, according to a Vienna message, told members of the Inter-Allied Food Commission that the maintenance of order in Austria is closely connected with the maintenance of the supply of coal and food. To quote from the cables:

The Secretary, in describing the causes and effects of the scarcity of provisions and fuel, emphasized this point.

Secretary Seerdick of the Public Works Department described the coal situation as very bad, while several municipal experts reported on food conditions. The chief municipal physician painted for the Commission a dark picture of the mortality from under-nourishment and also gave details of the decrease in births from this cause.

According to press dispatches from Washington Dec. 28 the Swiss Government on that day began the shipment of more than 1,000 tons of foodstuffs to Vienna for the relief of the civil population with the co-operation of Dr. Alonzo Taylor, Herbert Hoover's representative in Southern Europe. Word to this effect was received by cable by Dr. Hans Sulzer, the Swiss Minister. It was added that this emergency shipment consisted of 600 tons of flour, 400 tons



of rice and 60 tons of milk and chocolate. To make it up the Swiss population sacrificed a part of its own food card.

**APPOINTMENTS BY FOOD ADMINISTRATION OF DIRECTOR OF RELIEF FOR SERBIA AND MISSION TO POLAND.**

On Dec. 22 Food Administrator Hoover made known the appointment, in accordance with resolutions of the Associated Governments to adopt energetic steps in relief work, of Col. Wood, to be Director of Relief for Serbia and Jugo-Slavia on behalf of the U. S. Food Administration. It was stated that Col. Wood, with a staff of six officers, would leave at once for Belgrade and other points in the territory under his jurisdiction. It was further said that the Allied countries would send representatives to participate in the work. It was also stated that Col. McIntosh of the United States Army would leave immediately for Trieste to take charge of the supply bases and would co-operate with Col. Wood and the Allied representatives in charge of the distributions in Serbia, Herzegovina and Montenegro. At the same time it was made known that the Food Administration was dispatching a mission to Poland, composed of Col. Grove of the American Army, Dr. Vernon C. Kellogg, former Director of the Commission for the Relief of Belgium, and Hugh Gibson, former First Secretary of the American Embassy in London. Missions to this region were likewise being dispatched by the British and French Governments. Additional missions are being organized for Rumania.

**HERBERT HOOVER'S EMPHATIC REFUSAL TO DISCUSS GERMAN FOOD NEEDS WITH BARON VON DER LAUCKEN AND DR. RIETH.**

In announcing that Food Administrator Hoover had refused in emphatic terms to discuss German food conditions with Baron von der Laucken and Dr. Rieth, who had sought a meeting with Mr. Hoover, Washington press dispatches on Dec. 27 gave the following account of Mr. Hoover's dismissal of their overtures:

A message from Paris said these two German officials, who were prominent in the German administration of Belgium, wired from Berlin to Rotterdam to Walter Lyman Brown, Director of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, that they had been appointed by the German Government to negotiate with Mr. Hoover for food supplies and that they desired him to advise them when and where he would meet them.

In answer to the request for a conference Mr. Hoover sent this message: "You can describe two and a half years of arrogance toward ourselves and cruelty to the Belgians in any language you may select, and tell the pair personally to go to hell, with my compliments. If I do have to deal with Germans it will not be with that pair."

**HERBERT HOOVER'S PLANS REGARDING GERMANY.**

Paris cablegrams of Jan. 3 had the following to say regarding Food Administrator Hoover's plans as to Germany:

In discussing the food situation in Germany, Mr. Hoover said that the United States has thirty-eight officers traveling through that country conducting an investigation. He said that he had received from officers of Entente nations reports stating that the supply of fats presented the chief trouble. As yet reports are not sufficiently complete for a definite statement of the German position, but he thinks that immediate relief will probably not be imperative. In any event, he indicated that Germany must wait until the other sufferers are fed.

In exchange for the use of German shipping, Germany will gradually be allowed to have food, Mr. Hoover said, adding that the United States will grant to Germany the use of freight tonnage equivalent to the passenger tonnage required to transport American troops home. Mr. Hoover said that two shiploads of food are now en route to Finland and that several cargoes are on the way to Rotterdam to be distributed by rail to Poland and the Baltic provinces as soon as financial arrangements have been completed.

**DEATH OF DAVID LUBIN WHO PROPOSED CREATION OF INTERNATIONAL RESERVE BOARD.**

David Lubin, of California, founder of the International Institute of Agriculture, and its American representative in Rome, died in that city on the 1st inst. of pneumonia. Reports and other data on world crops and imports and exports are issued by the Institute. According to the New York "Times" of Jan. 3 the treaty providing for the Institute was ratified by 53 nations; the Institute has, the "Times" states, an annual income of \$60,000 from the Italian Government. Mr. Lubin was born in 1841 and was formerly President of the California Museum Association of Sacramento. His proposal for the creation of an International Reserve Board on the basis of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington was referred to in these columns June 29 and July 6 last.

**WITHDRAWAL OF CANADIAN TRADE RESTRICTIONS**

The Montreal "Gazette" announced on Dec. 28 that Mr. G. T. Milne, Imperial Trade Commissioner in Canada and Newfoundland, had received from the Imperial Depart-

ment of Overseas Trade in London the following cable dispatch relating to the withdrawal of restrictions against the shipment of certain commodities:

Since the armistice was signed many restrictions on commerce have been withdrawn, while in the case of those which remain licenses are being granted much more freely than previously. Particulars regarding these relaxations will be published weekly in the "Board of Trade Journal," the official organ of the Imperial Government for notices regarding trade.

Orders placed during the war period now have good prospects of being executed, and arrangements for new business should be made without delay.

The following relaxations in particular should be noted:

1. Permits to manufacture and priority certificates in connection therewith are no longer necessary.
2. Firms are at liberty to accept civil or commercial orders for immediate execution, thus freeing the engineering industry, among others, for commercial work.
3. All the principal kinds of raw materials may now be used for the commercial manufacture of goods for export, but these raw materials themselves may not be exported in certain cases without licenses. Among these to which this condition applies are the following: Aluminum, antimony, brass, copper, iron, lead, nickel, spelter or zinc, steel, tin.

In general, restrictions on the export of manufactured goods have been removed, while they have been retained in the case of raw materials.

The following list indicates the most important items, the export of which was formerly prohibited to all countries, but are now permitted to be exported to any part of the British Empire:

- Articles of aluminum.
- Articles—manufactures of asbestos.
- Belting, cotton—including beltting impregnated with balata or rubber.
- Bicycles—complete.
- Bicycle tires and parts.
- Boots and shoes (except children's with soles or uppers of leather).
- Brooms.
- Brushes (except tooth brushes).
- Copper—and manufactures of—except wire bars, plates, rods, sheets, ships, tube.
- Galvanized sheets—corrugated or flat.
- Grindstones.
- Glass for optical instruments.
- Hand tools for agriculture.
- Hollowware, domestic—of iron or steel plate.
- Iron and steel rivets, nuts and screws.
- Iron and steel wire cloth.
- Incandescent mantles and rings.
- Jute, cordage and twine, padding and webbing, twist and piece goods.
- Linoleum.
- Magnesite and magnesite bricks.
- Magnetos and parts.
- Nails (wire).
- Photographic materials.
- Rubber manufactures—except surgical gloves.
- Surgical bandages and dressings.
- Steel sheets (black).
- Tools (small).
- Wagons and carts—and parts.
- Wool and hair—manufactures of—not to include raw wool or yarns.

Certain factors will continue to hamper the export trade, notably (1) shortage of labor till the army is demobilized; (2) shortage of tonnage; (3) the need for reorganization of plant in certain industries before resuming normal work, but it is considered that the effect of these factors will diminish greatly in a few months.

**SERIOUS FOOD CONDITIONS IN HOLLAND—AMERICAN OPPORTUNITIES.**

Something as to the conditions existing in Holland, particularly with regard to foodstuffs is revealed in a letter received by A. B. Leach & Co. from F. Wachter, Jr., Managing Director of the Rotterdam-Canada Mortgage Company of Rotterdam. A. O. Corbin, Manager of the firm's Foreign Department, in making public Mr. Wachter's letter states that one object of the letter is to give an idea as to the volume of business that can be done in Holland by the United States during the reconstruction period. Mr. Corbin gives the contents of Mr. Wachter's letter as follows:

"In the first place," he writes, "there is here a scarcity of foodstuffs of which you cannot form the faintest idea. Everything is being distributed against vouchers. We are having here about twenty various kinds of voucher-cards, which contain separate voucher tickets and each week the papers publish which sort of tickets is ruling that week."

"We get each day 200 grammes bread, that is, four small slices. We get four kilograms of potatoes per week, one-fifth of one liter of milk per day, and one-fourth pound of butter per week. Once each fortnight we get one-half ounce oatmeal, which, however, we cannot prepare properly for lack of milk. Not that we are not feeling in good health, but one gets tired much sooner than in former times—endurance has diminished."

Mr. Wachter cites a loss of weight by a friend of his of 15 kilograms, by himself of some 10 kilograms, and his wife about the same, and he says that this loss of weight is general.

For the working class, he points out, the situation is far worse. Prices, he says, are beyond description, so that it means starvation for those who cannot dispose of some money. "The consequence is that the working class looks very weak, and mortality has greatly increased."

"I am dictating this letter whilst walking on a pair of boots with soles made of old tires," he writes, "because no leather for shoes is obtainable. The sale of boots and shoes has been stopped. All people are wearing suits which are turned (reversed), because nothing new is for sale."

With regard to Holland having allowed foodstuffs to go to the Germans, Mr. Wachter says, "It is my firm conviction that everything has been done that could reasonably be expected, and that the quantity which has passed the frontier was a mere fraction of a drop in the sea of wants that had to be supplied in Holland." The soldier patrols had instructions to shoot every smuggler, and the order has been effectually carried out, he points out, and says that he has heard from a reliable source that since August 1914, not less than 620 persons had been shot when trying to escape.

"The line of business you Americans can do here is indicated by the above," Mr. Wachter concludes. "In the first line is the need of food-

stuffs and all the plain necessities of life such as clothes, shoes and similar things."

"It is fully appreciated over here that the lead of the world has passed from Europe to America, and I am fully convinced that your powerful business men will fully take advantage of what the circumstances are offering you at present."

#### NORWAY TO HAVE MEATLESS, DAYS.

According to cablegrams from Christiania Jan. 7 it is reported that the Norwegian Food Commission will soon issue a decree establishing three meatless days a week in hotels and restaurants.

#### SIMPLIFIED FORM OF LICENSE FOR EXPORTATIONS TO GREECE.

The War Trade Board has announced that a simplified procedure has been adopted, effective Jan. 1 1919, for the consideration of applications for licenses to export commodities to Greece. War Trade Board ruling No. 84, issued Mar. 23 1918, is hereby withdrawn. The Board's announcement says:

Exporters desiring to obtain licenses for shipments to Greece should file applications with the War Trade Board, Washington, D. C., or any of its branch offices, on Form X, to which there should be attached such supplemental information sheets as may be required by the rules and regulations of the War Trade Board to be used in connection with the shipment of certain commodities.

No other supplemental information sheets will be required, as it will no longer be necessary to forward the particulars of the application to the War Trade Board representative abroad.

Licenses hereafter granted for shipments to Greece, as well as those heretofore issued, which contain an expiration date of Nov. 15 1918, or later, shall be valid until used or revoked, and may be used for shipments to Greece either by direct shipment or otherwise, and without restrictions as to the flag under which the same is carried.

#### LICENSE OF FRUIT GROWERS REVOKED BY U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION—BUTCHERS PUNISHED.

It was announced in the "Official Bulletin" of Dec. 30 that the U. S. Food Administration had revoked the license of the Oklahoma Fruit & Melon Growers' Association of Chickasha, Okla., for an unlimited period. The Food Administration is quoted as saying:

The Association, dealers in fresh fruits and vegetables, car-lot shippers of potatoes, distributors of cottonseed and farmers' stock peanuts, refused to appear for a hearing allowed them to show cause why their license to deal in licensed food commodities should not be revoked for having refused to unload a car of perishables. The rejection occurred before the recent withdrawal of rules relating to fresh fruits and perishables.

Splitting brokerage commissions with the Emery Food Co., to whom it was selling food products, cost the Virginia Cannery Exchange, Roanoke, Va., its license to deal in food commodities, according to an announcement made by the U. S. Food Administration on Dec. 20. The Food Administration said:

The Roanoke firm acts as a brokerage merchant for fresh fruit, vegetables and canned tomatoes.

At a hearing held by the United States Food Administration it was shown that the Exchange had violated, on more than one occasion, the rules and regulations prohibiting splitting commission or brokerage fees.

This revocation is the first for violations for these particular rules and regulations and remains effective for ten days from Dec. 10.

Fifty-eight retail butchers from various parts of Greater New York who had been convicted of profiteering by the local Food Administration, were compelled on Oct. 18 to donate a total of \$5,825 to the Red Cross; in addition, the convicted dealers agreed to refund the amount of overcharges to customers wherever possible, and to post a notice in their stores explaining why they made the refund, and a pledge to abide by the regulations of the Food Administration in future.

The fifty-eight butchers represented the first of a contingent of 234 against whom complaints were made that they sold lamb to customers at a profit in excess of that "suggested" by the Federal Food Board. It was brought out at the hearing that some of the butchers who had been paying from 21 cents to 22 cents a pound for lamb during the first week in October were charging prices to consumers which showed a profit in some cases of more than 23 cents a pound. In practically every case the butchers admitted that the margins of profit allowed by the Food Board were fair, although some of them said they had never seen the list of fair prices issued by the Board.

Some butchers took the position that, though guilty of profiteering, it was unfair to expect them to pay out in refunds and contributions to war charities more than the actual amount taken in excess profits. This impression was corrected by John Mitchell, Chairman of the Federal Food Board, who made the following statement:

Anyone who has taken advantage of war conditions to enrich himself cannot expect the authorities are going to give him a clean bill of health because he refunds the amount he has unjustly taken. If a man picks another man's pockets it is not adjudication to the defense if he simply returns to the victim the money he stole from him.

Since it became known that the Food Board intended to proceed against butchers whose books showed evidence of profiteering, retail prices are said to have taken a sudden drop in hundreds of retail shops throughout the city. The Food Board has now adopted the plan of mailing each week to all retail dealers in the city a list of "suggested" prices of certain staple commodities and meats, so that in future no dealer will be able to plead ignorance of what the Board considers a fair price.

#### REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION OF RAW WOOLS.

The removal of all restrictions, effective Jan. 10, on the importation of raw wool and wool tops, noils, yarns and waste from all non-enemy countries was announced by the War Trade Board on Jan. 8. This, it is announced, obviates the necessity of importers giving to the Government an option to purchase imported wools at fixed prices. It will permit the unrestricted importation from Argentina, Uruguay, and South Africa of wools for private account. Heretofore imports of wool from these countries were confined to those consigned to the Quartermaster-General. It will still be necessary for importers to apply for and secure licenses for the importation of these commodities, but such licenses will be issued freely for shipments from all non-enemy countries where no element of enemy trade is present. When the armistice was signed there were in the hands of the Quartermaster-General large stocks of wool estimated to be adequate to clothe the army on a war basis for six months. These are now being sold gradually at auction to meet the requirements of the textile industries, the proceeds being covered into the Treasury as a salvage to the nation, made possible by the cessation of hostilities. The action of the Board, it was stated, is one of the larger steps in re-opening the usual channels of trade. The Board's action was taken at the suggestion of the Purchase, Storage, and Traffic Division of the General Staff, which stated that so far as the interests of the War Department are concerned, "there is no reason why the wool market should not be re-established on a free, competitive basis."

#### GENERAL IMPORT LICENSE ON CANADIAN FURS.

Under date of Jan. 4 the War Trade Board announced that a general import license, to be known as P. B. F. No. 30, has been issued covering the importation from Canada of raw furs of Canadian origin when consigned to Funsten Bros. & Co., Geo. B. Herzig Co., Inc., Joseph Ullman, Inc., or to such other firms as may enter into an appropriate agreement with the War Trade Board. This agreement is substantially that, in consideration of the issuance of the general license, the license firm agrees to report the receipt of shipments of furs under such general license, which may not be of Canadian origin, and to hold the same subject to the disposition of the War Trade Board.

#### TEXTILE ALLIANCE EXPORT CORPORATION FORMED UNDER WEBB LAW.

The Textile Alliance Export Corporation has been formed in New York under the authority conferred in the Webb law for the purpose of facilitating "the exportation of cotton, wool, flax, silk and other textiles from the United States to foreign countries." The new concern has been organized under the laws of New York State with a capital of \$100,000 of 7% cumulative preferred stock, without voting power, and 100 shares of common stock without par value. The common stock is owned in equal parts by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants, the American Association of Woolen and Worsted Manufacturers, the National Council of Cotton Manufacturers and the National Association of Wool Manufacturers; the ownership of the common stock carries voting power and control of the corporation. At a meeting on the 3rd inst. John R. Munn of the American Woolen Company was elected President of the new export corporation; Frederick K. Rupprecht has been made First Vice-President; F. A. Fleisch, Second Vice-President and General Manager; R. M. Johnson, Assistant Treasurer of the corporation, and W. C. Bates, Secretary. A statement with regard to the organization of the new corporation says:

After four years of restrictive production there is believed to be a shortage of clothing in Europe and that the products of American textile machinery

ery will be required to help meet the demand. Normally, the American textile industry supplied less than our domestic requirements. Production capacity has not materially increased during the last four years, and in order to co-ordinate and stabilize both the American and European markets this organization, representing the industry, has been incorporated.

It is proposed to appoint representatives in the principal markets of Europe, and the services of the association will be offered to the organized relief commissions of Belgium and other countries.

The directors of the corporation are representative men of the cotton and woolen trade, and their names are as follows: William H. Baldwin, Cornelius N. Bliss, Bertram B. Borden, Elisha P. Cronkhite, S. F. Drubben, Henry W. Howe, Manton B. Metcalf, G. H. Milliken, John R. Munn, George Nichols, J. Harper Poor, Frederick K. Rupprecht, Lorenzo Semple, J. P. Stevens, Ridley Watts, Malcolm D. Whitman.

Messrs. Borden, Milliken, Munn, Rupprecht, Stevens, Watts and Whitman are the incorporators. The purposes of the corporation are outlined as follows in its certificate of incorporation:

(a) To facilitate the exportation of cotton, wool, flax, silk and other textiles from the United States to foreign countries and to engage solely in export trade in accordance with the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to Promote Export Trade and for Other Purposes," approved April 10 1918, commonly known as the Webb Act, and any acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto and any and all lawful orders and regulations of the Federal Trade Commission thereunder.

(b) To enable this corporation to co-operate and make agreements with other individuals, partnerships, associations and corporations for the sole purpose of engaging in export trade and perform such acts as may be necessary or desirable in the course of export trade in cotton, wool, flax, silk and other textiles from the United States to foreign countries in accordance with and within the meaning of the terms of the Webb Act hereinabove referred to.

(c) To engage in said export trade as principal or as the agent, broker, consignee or factor of others in respect of the acquisition, transportation, shipment, purchase, sale, contracting for, dealing in, trade and commerce in, or other disposition of the textiles aforesaid.

(d) To investigate commercial conditions in foreign nations and elsewhere affecting cotton, wool, flax, silk and other textiles in connection with export trade in said textiles.

(e) To buy or otherwise acquire, hold, lease, sell, exchange, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of, any property, real, or personal, rights, franchises or good will which the purposes of the corporation shall require, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by law; to borrow or raise money for the purposes of the corporation, to secure the same and any interest thereon, to mortgage and charge all or any part of the property of the corporation, and to issue, sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of its notes, bonds, debentures, and other evidences of indebtedness, and to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, warrants and other negotiable or transferable instruments, and to make, purchase or otherwise acquire, deal in and carry out any contracts for or in relation to any of the purposes of this corporation that may be lawful subject to the restrictions or limitations imposed by law to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, own, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, exchange or otherwise dispose of, the shares of the capital stock, bonds, obligations or other securities or evidence of indebtedness of other corporations, domestic or foreign.

(f) All of the powers and purposes of this corporation shall in all respects be subject to, governed by and not inconsistent with the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to Promote Export Trade and for Other Purposes," approved April 10 1918, commonly known as the Webb Act, and any acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, and any and all lawful orders and regulations of the Federal Trade Commission thereunder.

(g) In general, to do any and all things and exercise any and all powers which may now or hereafter be lawful for the corporation to do or exercise under and in pursuant of the Business Corporations Law of the State of New York or any other law that may be now or hereafter applicable to the corporation.

(h) This corporation is not organized primarily for profit and no dividends shall be declared upon its common stock; and the board of directors, after providing a reasonable fund to assure payment of dividends upon its preferred stock and for its necessary and reasonable expenses, operation and maintenance, shall have power by a vote of two-thirds of all of the members of the board to make such appropriations out of its surplus funds for any organized philanthropies or for the purpose of the development of export trade as the board of directors in its discretion shall see fit.

The certificate of incorporation also provides:

No preferred or common stockholder shall be entitled to subscribe for, purchase or receive any part of any new or additional issue of stock.

From time to time the preferred stock and the common stock may be increased according to law and may be issued in such amounts and proportions as shall be determined by the board of directors. The holders of preferred stock shall not be entitled to vote in any proceedings at any meeting of stockholders of the corporation, except as otherwise expressly provided by statute. The holders of the common stock shall be entitled at any meeting of stockholders of the corporation to one vote in person or by proxy for each share of common stock standing in their names upon the books of the corporation. The holders of the common stock shall not be entitled to any dividends thereupon or to any part in the distribution of the assets of the corporation.

#### CHANGE IN NAME OF EXPORT ORGANIZATION FORMED BY STEEL PRODUCERS.

The name of the new company formed by independent steel producers under the Webb Law, to further the export trade of American steel interests, has been changed from the North American Steel Products Corporation to the Consolidated Steel Corporation; the change, it is understood, was made because the name conflicted with that of another corporation. As announced in our issue of Dec. 28, page 2433, E. A. S. Clarke, President of the Lackawanna Steel Co., is President of the new steel export corporation. The names of the other officers were made known on the 7th inst.; these officers are: Vice-President, H. H. Barbour, formerly Vice-President of the Lackawanna Steel Co.; Secretary and Comptroller, L. W. Hesselman, formerly Comptroller of the Lackawanna Steel Co.; Treasurer, A. Van Winkle;

Traffic Manager, William Heyman, formerly Foreign Freight Agent of the Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR. As previously announced, the new corporation will be the exclusive agency for exporting the merchant iron and steel products of the following companies: Bethlehem Steel Co., Brier Hill Steel Co., Lackawanna Steel Co., Lukens Steel Co., Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co., Republic Iron & Steel Co., Sharon Steel Hoop Co., Trumbull Steel Co., Whitaker-Glessner Co. and Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. All of the foregoing will be represented on the board of the Consolidated Steel Corporation, the directors of which include: E. G. Grace, President of the Bethlehem Steel Co.; William A. Thomas, President of the Brier Hill Steel Co.; A. F. Huston, President of the Lukens Steel Co.; A. C. Dinkey, President of the Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co.; John A. Topping, President of the Republic Iron & Steel Co.; S. P. Ker, President of the Sharon Steel Hoop Co.; Jonathan Warner, President of the Trumbull Steel Co.; Andrew Glass, President of the Whitaker-Glessner Co., and James A. Campbell, President of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.

The corporation this week opened offices in the City Investing Building, 165 Broadway.

#### BAN PLACED ON COPPER BY FRANCE AND ITALY.

The following is taken from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 7:

France and Italy have placed a ban on copper imports, due, it is believed, to the large accumulation of metal in those countries.

According to a representative of one of the largest sellers in this country, the embargoes on metal importations into France and Italy have been in force for almost a year.

When French or Italian consumers need metal, he added, and have to purchase it in the United States, they buy it here just like any other foreign purchaser and arrange for its shipment abroad through French and Italian commissions.

Leading sellers say the ban on metal imports into France and Italy has been unduly magnified. On the other hand, some copper authorities say it is a very unsatisfactory situation and indicates that these two countries will not be big buyers of copper for a long time to come, and can afford to wait until the export price of the metal in this country works materially lower.

#### EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION TO COMBAT LABOR DEMANDS—QUESTION OF MAINTENANCE OF WAGES.

An "appeal to reason" directed to all workers was made by the Allied Building Trades Association, organized in Atlantic City on Jan. 4 to meet, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger," the crisis created by the demands of plumbers, tin-smiths and electricians for a \$7 working day of eight hours and double time for overtime. In making the appeal the new organization declares that an advance in the cost of labor at this time will virtually stop all building. The Association, it is learned from the "Ledger," asserts that any increase in the price of labor is unwarranted at this time for the following reasons.

First. Property owners are waiting for lower costs before going ahead with building operations.

Second. Building materials already have shown a considerable decline in prices, in some cases as much as 25%, and we believe that any increase at this time on cost of labor will stop virtually all building and result in less net amount of wages received by all mechanics.

Third. Food products have recently shown a tendency to decline as anticipated. We believe that an increase in wages under present conditions is against public interest.

The "Ledger" also says:

The new employers' union, which is prepared to fight to the limit if necessary, indorses the action of the master plumbers, master electricians and sheet and metal employers in refusing to grant any increase in wages at this time. One reason for the employers' positive stand is a report that bricklayers are preparing to demand an \$8 working day and that the other trades will follow suit.

The charter members of the Employers' Union include: Edward L. Bader, Republican County Leader and General Contractor; Hubert Somers, John Murtland, Charles Eisle, John Sykes, A. B. Bowen, Frank Walsh, John Roberts, W. L. Ridgway, P. G. Hannum, R. R. Albertson, Samuel C. Clark, John H. Moore, Samuel H. Headley and Warren Somers, representing all of the large building materials' establishments and contracting interests in the city.

The statement that large employers will make an effort to maintain the present standard of wages was attributed to H. A. Wheeler, President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce upon his return to Chicago from the East on Dec. 15. Mr. Wheeler was quoted as saying:

I rather look for a decrease in wages when the cost of living is lowered, but not until then, and then it will mean nothing, as relatively wages will continue to be as high as now.

At the readjustment convention in Newark on Dec. 11, called by the State Manufacturers' Council, a resolution is said to have been adopted pledging the members of the Council not to reduce wages until the purchasing power of

the dollar increases. The resolution further expressed the view that wages should be last to be affected in the readjustment of business conditions. Provision for the appointment of a permanent industrial commission was made at the meeting—the commission to be composed of five manufacturers, five bankers, five representatives of public utility interests, five agricultural delegates, five labor union men and five representatives of the railroad brotherhood. According to the New York "Tribune," these men are to meet "from time to time" and formulate a definite policy for the industrial and economic betterment of the State.

The statement that no reduction in wages can be expected for a number of years, because the demand for labor will exceed the country's supply, was made to the House Rules Committee by Secretary of Labor Wilson on Dec. 11. He appeared to urge the completion of legislation to provide useful and necessary public work for discharged soldiers and industrial workers. The Secretary thought it would be only for a brief period, if at all, that the Government would have to provide employment, but that the precaution should be taken. He suggested extensive work on highways, rivers and harbors and public buildings, under new appropriation bills being framed by House committees.

#### WAR CONTRACTORS ORGANIZE TO SECURE PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.

At a meeting of contractors engaged on Government war work, held at Cleveland, O., on Jan. 3, an organization was formed to be known as the Association of Manufacturers of War material, for the purpose of protecting the interests of manufacturers affected by the refusal of Comptroller Warwick of the Treasury Department to authorize the Secretary of War to make settlements with contractors holding informal or unsigned contracts. Resolutions were passed by the meeting, urging prompt passage by Congress of appropriate legislation to facilitate a settlement, and calling attention to the serious results to business and labor interests of the present situation. The meeting went on record as favoring the Dent bill, prepared by Secretary Baker and which passed the House on the 9th inst., by a vote of 270 to 30, authorizing the Secretary of War to proceed with the settlement of unfinished contracts and placing all necessary power in his hands. The resolutions adopted at the Cleveland meeting were given as follows in the "Plain Dealer" of Jan. 4:

*Whereas*, In view of the war emergency, the manufacturers of the United States furnished the War Department with materials and facilities imperatively required for the prosecution of the war, without waiting, in many cases, for formal contracts; and

*Whereas*, The Comptroller of the Treasury is unable to make payments on such informal contracts, even though their good faith is unchallenged and

*Whereas*, Prime contractors cannot safely pay their sub-contractors until the Government has checked up and approved the sub-contractors' accounts; and

*Whereas*, Delay in settlement of the Government's obligations to the manufacturers threatens industrial disaster and consequent wide spread unemployment of labor;

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this meeting of manufacturers that Congress should immediately pass the Dent bill, with such amendments as may be needed to meet the present situation, legalizing the payment, through the present Government organizations of the obligations of the United States, entered into in good faith by its accredited agents; and

*Resolved*, That the Claims Board should be instructed by the Secretary of War to take steps immediately to check the claims of sub-contractors; and

*Resolved*, That payment on account should be immediately made of such amounts, if any, as may clearly appear to be due.

The contractors unanimously went on record as opposed to the plan of Senator Hitchcock, legalizing the contracts in question but placing adjustment of the obligations in the hands of a "non-interested commission." The manufacturers contended the Hitchcock method would interminably delay settlement of their claims, since they would have to be passed on by a commission wholly unfamiliar with the situation. On the other hand, present Governmental agencies, they maintained, are fully conversant with the facts and could act with promptitude.

Speakers at the meeting pointed out the serious situation in which many manufacturers at present found themselves and predicted that unless some solution was found that would quickly release the capital now tied up in Government contracts, many bankruptcies and widespread unemployment would result. In addition to bringing direct pressure to bear upon Senators and Representatives, manufacturers were urged to enlist the aid of labor organizations to influence Congress, since the interests of labor are also involved in an early settlement.

The Senate Military Committee on January 3 rejected Secretary Baker's recommendations for legislation to vali-

date informal contracts and ordered favorably reported a bill by Senator Hitchcock, legalizing such contracts but placing adjustment in the hands of a "non-interested" commission of three persons to be appointed by the President. The Hitchcock bill was outlined as follows in Washington advices to the New York "Tribune" on Jan. 3:

The Senate Military Affairs Committee purposes to validate only the claims of manufacturers, thus eliminating commitments relating to real estate, and insists that such contracts must be of a nature authorized by Congress and made in good faith. The commission to be appointed under the bill is then to proceed to deal with the settlement of all the validated transactions in the following manner:

It will consider each case and make its award. If the award is satisfactory to the contractor the case is thus finally disposed of. If it is not, 75% of the amount of the award is forthwith to be paid over to the contractor, who is then at liberty to pursue his contention further in the Court of Claims.

The Commission is to consist of one representative of the War Department, one representative of the Department of Justice and one representative of business interests. Each member is to receive a salary of \$10,000 a year, and the life of the Commission is limited to one year.

The reason advanced by the Committee for rejecting Mr. Baker's plan was that it was feared that an adjustment of these informal contracts by army officers would result in many arbitrary and unfair decisions.

Some of the real estate transactions are considered so irregular that it would be unwise to include them in the relief measure, as there is no haste with regard to them and no hardship.

During the debate on the Dent bill in the House on Jan. 8 Mr. Dent, Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, read a letter from Assistant Secretary Crowell, saying that the total obligations and disbursements of the War Department from the declaration of war to Dec. 1 amounted to \$15,381,125,058. This, Mr. Crowell explained, included money sent to the American Expeditionary Force, but not its expenditures or obligations. Department expenditures in the United States were \$9,757,228,468 up to Oct. 31, he said. The letter continued:

Suspension in whole or part has been directed as of Dec. 26 on outstanding obligations in the United States in the sum of \$5,078,259,724. A recent cable states that the outstanding obligations of the American Expeditionary Force on Nov. 11 amounted to \$1,183,130,000, and that \$73,634,000 has been paid on account on these obligations up to Dec. 10, and that notification of cancellation had at that time been given as to \$350,663,000.

Approximately 6,600 informal contracts aggregating \$1,675,000,000 and 8,000 foreign contracts also for large amounts are involved in the situation.

With regard to the present status of war contracts, the "Wall Street Journal" for Jan. 3 in pointing out the difference between the "cancellation" and the "suspension" of a contract, said:

The Ordnance Department is not, except in very few instances, "cancelling" contracts for munitions and other war supplies. The word "cancel" in this connection is a misnomer, an authority points out, and adds that a misunderstanding of the situation may cause losses to contractors running possibly into the billions.

Since the armistice the Ordnance Department has been sending out "suspension" orders, which technically and legally are entirely different.

When a contract between the Ordnance Department and a manufacturer is canceled it is absolutely annulled, the matter passes out of the hands of Ordnance officials and the contractor becomes unable to arrange any adjustment, there being no longer any contract to adjust. His only recourse is to the Treasury Department through the Court of Claims, and that only for material actually supplied. Once the matter is before the Court of Claims the contractor may eventually collect, but he will be fortunate if a decision is arrived at in the next twenty years.

When a contract is suspended, however, a supplemental agreement may be added, in the interest of the United States Government, and made part of the contract. Under this supplemental agreement payment may be made for all deliveries and compensation agreed on and paid for work in progress before the contract is wound up. Failure of contractors to agree to a suspension of their contracts may, it is pointed out, force their cancellation.

For this reason, contractors in their own interest, should not confound the two expressions.

#### PAYMENTS OF A BILLION AND A HALF TO MEN IN UNITED STATES ARMY SINCE APRIL 6 1917.

A total of \$1,577,331,670 is announced as having been paid to the officers and enlisted men of the United States Army since April 6 1917. Announcement of this was made in a statement issued by the Director of Finance of the Army on Jan. 3, which we quote in part herewith:

Since April 6 1917 there has been paid to the officers and enlisted men of the United States Army \$1,577,331,669 70. To this should be added \$116,782,994 81 paid in family allowances by the Treasury Department, making a total of \$1,694,114,664 51 paid to officers and soldiers and to soldiers' families up to date. It is estimated that it will require \$1,257,941,091 52 to pay officers and soldiers for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 30 1919, and if the Dent bill providing an extra month's pay for discharged officers and men becomes a law, there will be added \$153,000,000 to the grand total, making the sum of \$3,105,055,666 03 paid out to officers, soldiers and soldiers' families since April 6 1917, without taking into account the amount for family allowances which will be paid to enlisted men's dependents between now and June 30 1919.

This money for the most part has been paid in cash to individuals, and has been disbursed in the United States, France, England, Italy, Porto Rico, the Canal Zone, Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, China, Siberia, Archangel, and at the capital of every country in the world except enemy countries, and we possibly will soon be paying troops there.

The statement that pay of the army has been disbursed at the capital of all these countries is due to the fact that every military attaché is an acting quartermaster, and as such pays all United States Army personnel connected with his office.

From Dec. 1 to Dec. 21 1918, 500,000 enlisted men were discharged from the army, and were paid in full without delay. This operation comprehended such factors as clothing money due, longevity pay, foreign-service pay, allotments to the Bureau of War-Risk Insurance, and allotments through the War Department system, all of which must be prorated, travel allowances, charges against the soldier for lost property, and many other matters requiring consideration under law and regulations. The final pay roll of a soldier, because of the requirements of law, Treasury Department decisions and regulations, is an intricate financial problem.

The payment of troops overseas presented entirely new difficulties, the restrictions of law and regulations being further complicated by war conditions that relegated the matter of pay to the rear. It was impossible to pay troops in action, and the troops were not thinking of pay. When American troops arrived overseas they were hurried to the front and their baggage containing their records followed them when transportation was available. Then began rapid movements and consequently frequent separation at every point. In some cases organization commanders and their commands had records and baggage. In one or two cases trains proceeding toward the front were destroyed by aerial bombs, causing the destruction of baggage and records of troops.

To meet this condition an attempt was made to provide enlisted men with pay cards and pay books, so that if wounded or separated from their commands they would be able to establish their identity and secure their pay. The pay cards were available in July and the pay books were issued in November, but few of the casuals, wounded and sick, who have heretofore arrived from overseas, have either pay cards and pay books. In some cases without doubt the soldier when going into actual conflict, as is the American soldier's custom, stripped himself of everything that did not contribute directly to the task before him, and left his papers with the rest of the discard.

Another phase of the situation that affected many of the casuals who have arrived in this country without records of any kind was the brigading of American troops with Belgian, French, British, and Italian organizations. Many hundreds of thousands of troops were moved between darkness and dawn, and it was vitally necessary to have a concentration of men at a given point, and in the teeth of a furious attack records were forgotten. When a man was wounded he was evacuated through Belgian, British, French, or Italian hospitals, and from there to the seaboard, and from there, as soon as he could be moved, to a transport and back home, while his records might be back near the front line, under control of officers and men who were marching all night and fighting all day.

Few soldiers arrive here who have not been given partial pay before leaving France. Immediately on their arrival in this country they are given a partial payment on the soldier's own statement as to the status of his account. Most soldiers have insurance premiums due and allotments on the Treasury Department that support family allowances, and in making partial payments without supporting papers great risk is necessarily run, but the finance officers are making these payments all over the country and cheerfully shouldering the financial risk and accountability, so that the men from over there, who have faced the discomforts of the trenches and the perils of the front, shall have some money for their use.

The final payment marks the actual separation of the men from the service, and for an overpayment there is no recourse. The soldier has due him accrued pay perhaps for several prior months, less partial payments made during those prior months. He is entitled to 3 1/2 cents per mile to the place of his induction into the service, he has possibly deposits and interest due him, while from this total must be deducted his insurance premium, the pro rata share of his allotment on the Treasury Department to support his family allowance, the settlement of his allotment through the War Department for his Liberty bond subscription or for other purposes, while there are other allowances and possibly other charges which enter into his complicated account.

There is no authority of law for either the partial payments nor these final payments on the statement of the enlisted men, and Congress has been asked by the Secretary of War to sanction this procedure by necessary legislation. Many of the casuals now arriving are provided with pay books which contain in some cases enough of the soldier's military history to enable payment to be made. Whenever report is received in Washington that casuals have arrived at a hospital who have pay due them for any prior period, a finance officer is immediately ordered there to make a settlement of the account. At each of the ports of debarkation in this country finance officers with sufficient force await the arrivals of casuals in order to pay them something on account. Occasionally the condition of patients is such that payment cannot be made, but in the majority of cases payment is made, and no casual or other enlisted men from overseas who has a legitimate claim for pay need go without funds.

bulletin boards and early editions and selling this bodily, or after rewriting, to defendant's customers.

The District Court granted the preliminary injunction sought by the Associated Press under the first and second headings, but refused a preliminary injunction to restrain taking news from bulletin boards and early editions. The District Court was satisfied that this constituted unfair trade, but as the legal question was declared to be "one of first impression," decided that the allowance of an injunction on the third point should await an appeal.

The Circuit Court of Appeals sustained the injunction order of the lower court so far as it went, and on appeal by the Associated Press ordered a modification of the lower court's order, remanding the case, with directions to issue an injunction also against any bodily taking of the words or substance of Associated Press news until its commercial value has passed away.

The Supreme Court has now affirmed the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals. The question argued before the Supreme Court was whether the International News Service might lawfully be restrained from appropriating news of the Associated Press taken from bulletins or early editions. The Associated Press argued before the higher court that this practice violated its property right in news and constituted unfair practice in business. The Supreme Court decided to go into the whole matter of the merits of the question whether there is any property right in news, whether, if there is such a property right, it survives the instant of publication in the first newspaper, and whether the appropriation for commercial use of matter taken from bulletin boards or early editions constituted unfair competition in trade. In part, the majority opinion said:

In considering the general question of property in news matter, it is necessary to recognize its dual character, distinguishing between the substance of the information and the particular form or collocation of words in which the writer has communicated it.

No doubt news articles often possess a literary quality and are the subject of literary property at the common law. Nor do we question that such an article as a literary production is the subject of copyright by the terms of the act as it now stands. . . . But the news element—the information respecting current events contained in the literary production—is not the creation of the writer, but is a report of matters that ordinarily are public facts, it is the history of the day. It is not to be supposed that the framers of the Constitution, when they empowered Congress "to promote the progress of science and useful arts by securing the limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries" intended to confer upon one who might happen to be the first to report a historic event the exclusive right for any period to spread the knowledge of it.

We need spend no time, however, upon the general question of property in news matter at common law, or the application of the Copyright Act, since it seems to us the case must turn upon the question of unfair competition in business. And, in our opinion, this does not depend upon any general right of property analogous to the common law right of the proprietor of an unpublished work to prevent its publication without his consent nor is it foreclosed by showing that the benefits of the Copyright Act have been waived. We are dealing here, not with restrictions upon publication, but with the very facilities and processes of publication.

The peculiar value of news is in the spreading of it while it is fresh, and it is evident that a valuable property interest in the news as news cannot be maintained by keeping it secret. Besides, except for matters improperly disclosed, or published in breach of trust or confidence, or in violation of law, none of which is involved in this branch of the case, the news of current events may be regarded as common property.

What we are concerned with is the business of making known the news to the world, in which both parties to the present suit are engaged. That business consists in maintaining a prompt, sure, steady and reliable service, designed to place the daily events of the world at the breakfast table of the millions at a price that, while of trifling moment to each reader, is sufficient in the aggregate to afford compensation for the cost of gathering and distributing it, with the added profit so necessary as an incentive to effective action in the commercial world.

The service thus performed for newspaper readers is not only innocent, but extremely useful in itself, and indubitably constitutes a legitimate business. The parties are competitors in this field, and, on fundamental principles, applicable here as elsewhere, when the rights or privileges of the one are liable to conflict with those of the other, each party is under a duty so to conduct its own business as not unnecessarily or unfairly to injure that of the other.

Obviously the question of what is unfair competition in business must be determined with particular reference to the character and circumstances of the business. The question here is not so much the rights of either party as against the public, but their rights as between themselves. And, although we may and do assume that neither party has any remaining property interest as against the public in uncopied news matter after the moment of its first publication, it by no means follows that there is no remaining property interest in it as between themselves. For to both of them alike news matter, however little susceptible of ownership or dominion in the absolute sense, is stock in trade, to be gathered at the cost of enterprise, organization, skill, labor, and money, and to be distributed and sold to those who will pay money for it, as for any other merchandise.

Regarding the news, therefore, as but the material out of which both parties are seeking to make profits at the same time and in the same field, we hardly can fail to recognize that for this purpose and as between them it must be regarded as quasi property, irrespective of the rights of either as against the public.

In order to sustain the jurisdiction of equity over the controversy, we need not affirm any general and absolute property in the news as such. The rule that a court of equity concerns itself only in the protection of property rights treats any civil right of a pecuniary nature as a property right, and the right to acquire property by honest labor or the conduct of a lawful business is as much entitled to protection as the right to guard property already acquired. It is this right that furnishes the basis of the jurisdiction in the ordinary case of unfair competition.

ASSOCIATED PRESS UPHELD IN NEWS PIRATING CASE.

Property rights in news gathered for purposes of publication were upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court in an important decision handed down on Dec. 23 in the case of the Associated Press against the International News Service. The decision was reached by a 5 to 3 vote, the majority opinion, delivered by Justice Pitney, being concurred in by Justices Holmes and McKenna, in a separate opinion differing only in a few details from the majority opinion. There was a dissenting opinion by Justice Brandeis, holding that there is no property right in news under present laws.

The case came before the Supreme Court on appeal from a decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals, which in turn had upheld a preliminary injunction granted by the District Court. The bill of complaint in the lower court was filed by the Associated Press to restrain the International News Service from pirating the news of the Associated Press. It was contended that the news of the complainant was pirated in three ways: First, by bribing employees of newspapers published by Associated Press members to furnish Associated Press news to the International News Service; second, by inducing Associated Press members to violate the by-laws of the Associated Press so as to permit the International News Service to obtain Associated Press news before publication, and third, by copying Associated Press news from

Not only do the acquisition and transmission of news require elaborate organization and a large expenditure of money, skill and effort; not only has it an exchange value to the gatherer, dependent chiefly upon its novelty and freshness, the regularity of the service, its reputed reliability and thoroughness, and its adaptability to the public needs, but also, as is evident, the news has an exchange value to one who can misappropriate it.

The peculiar features of the case arise from the fact that, while novelty and freshness form so important an element in the success of the business, the very processes of distribution and publication necessarily occupy a good deal of time. Complainant's service as well as defendant's, is a daily service to daily newspapers. Most of the foreign news reaches this country at the Atlantic seaboard, principally at the City of New York, and because of this, and of time differentials due to the earth's rotation, the distribution of news matter throughout the country is principally from East to West; and, since in speed the telegraph and telephone easily outstrip the rotation of the earth, it is a simple matter for defendant to take complainant's news from bulletins or early editions of complainant's members in the Eastern cities, and, at the mere cost of telegraphic transmission, cause it to be published in Western papers issued at least as early as those served by complainant. Besides this and irrespective of time differentials, irregularities in telegraphic transmission on different lines and the normal consumption of time in printing and distributing the newspaper result in permitting pirated news to be placed in the hands of defendant's readers sometimes simultaneously with the service of competing Associated Press papers, occasionally earlier.

Defendant insists that when, with the sanction and approval of complainant and as a result of the use of its news for the very purpose for which it is distributed a portion of the complainant's members communicate it to the general public by posting it on bulletin boards so that all may read, or by issuing it to newspapers and distributing it indiscriminately, complainant no longer has the right to control the use to be made of it; that when it thus reaches the light of day it becomes the common possession of all to whom it is accessible, and that any purchaser of a newspaper has the right to communicate the intelligence which it contains to anybody and for any purpose, even for the purpose of selling it for profit to newspapers published for profit in competition with complainant's members.

The fault in the reasoning lies in applying as a test the right of the complainant as against the public, instead of considering the rights of complainant and defendant, competitors in business, as between themselves. The right of the purchaser of a single newspaper to spread knowledge of its contents gratuitously, for any legitimate purpose, not unreasonably interfering with complainant's right to make merchandise of it, may be admitted, but to transmit that news for commercial use, in competition with complainant—which is what defendant has done and seeks to justify—is a very different matter. In doing this, defendant, by its very act, admits that it is taking material that has been acquired by complainant as the result of organization and the expenditure of labor, skill and money, and which is salable by complainant for money, and that defendant, in appropriating it and selling it as its own, is endeavoring to reap where it has not sown, and, by disposing of it to newspapers that are competitors of complainant's members, is appropriating to itself the harvest of those who have sown.

Stripped of all disguises, the process amounts to an unauthorized interference with the normal operation of complainant's legitimate business precisely at the point where the profit is to be reaped, in order to divert a material portion of the profit from those who have earned it to those who have not, with special advantage to defendant in the competition, because of the fact that it is not burdened with any part of the expense of gathering the news. The transaction speaks for itself, and a court of equity ought not to hesitate long in characterizing it as unfair competition in business.

The contention that the news is abandoned to the public for all purposes when published in the first newspaper is declared to be untenable, the decision on this point saying:

Abandonment is a question of intent, and the entire organization of the Associated Press negatives such a purpose. The cost of the service would be prohibitive if the reward were to be so limited. No single newspaper, no small group of newspapers could sustain the expenditure. Indeed, it is one of the most obvious results of defendant's theory that, by permitting indiscriminate publication by anybody and everybody, for purposes of profit, in competition with the news gatherer, it would render publication profitless or so little profitable as in effect to cut off the service by rendering the cost prohibitive in comparison with the return.

The practical needs and requirements of the business are reflected in complainant's by-laws, which have been referred to. Their effect is that publication by each member must be deemed, not by any means an abandonment of news to the world for any and all purposes, but a publication for limited purposes; for the benefit of the readers of the bulletin or the newspaper as such; not for the purpose of making merchandise of it as news, with the result of depriving complainant's other members of their reasonable opportunity to obtain just returns for their expenditures.

It is to be observed that the view we adopt does not result in giving to complainant the right to monopolize either the gathering or the distribution of the news, or, without complying with the Copyright Act, to prevent the reproduction of its news articles, but only postpones participation by complainant's competitor in the processes of distribution and reproduction of news that it has not gathered and only to the extent necessary to prevent that competitor from reaping the fruits of complainant's efforts and expenditure, to the partial exclusion of complainant and in violation of the principle that underlies the maxim *sic utero tuo*.

In regard to the complainant's criticism that the terms of the injunction granted by the lower Court are in some respects indefinite, the majority opinion called attention to the practical difficulties in the way, and said:

There is some criticism of the injunction that was directed by the District Court upon the going down of the mandate from the Circuit Court of Appeals. In brief, it restrains any taking or gainfully using of the complainant's news, either bodily or in substance, from bulletins issued by the complainant or any of its members, or from editions of their newspapers, until its commercial value as news to the complainant and all of its members has passed away.

The part complained of is the clause we have italicized, but if this be indefinite, it is no more so than the criticism. Perhaps it would be better that the terms of the injunction be made specific, and so framed as to confine the restraint to an extent consistent with the reasonable protection of complainant's newspapers, each in its own area and for a specified time after its publication, against the competitive use of pirated news by defendant's customers. But the case presents practical difficulties, and we have not the materials, either in the way of a definite suggestion of amendment, or in the way of proofs, upon which to frame a specific injunction; hence, while not expressing approval of the form adopted by the District Court, we decline to modify it at this preliminary stage of the case, and will leave that Court to deal with the matter upon appropriate application made to it for the purpose.

The opinion by Justice Holmes, concurred in by Justice McKenna, declares that "when an uncopyrighted combination of words is published there is no general right to forbid other people repeating them," but agrees with the majority opinion that the "pirating" of news gathered for publication is to be condemned on the ground of unfair trade. The opinion continues:

If a given person is to be prohibited from making the use of words that his neighbors are free to make, some other ground must be found. One such ground is vaguely expressed in the phrase unfair trade. This means that the words are repeated by a competitor in business in such a way as to convey a misrepresentation that materially injures the person who first used them by appropriating credit of some kind which the first user has earned. The ordinary case is a representation by device, appearance or other indirection, that the defendant's goods come from the plaintiff. But the only reason why it is actionable to make such a representation is that it tends to give the defendant an advantage in his competition with the plaintiff, and that it is thought undesirable that an advantage should be gained in that way. Apart from that, the defendant may use such unpatented devices and uncopyrighted combinations of words as he likes.

The ordinary case, I say, is paining off the defendant's product as the plaintiff's but the same evil may follow from the opposite falsehood—from saying, whether in words or by implication, that the plaintiff's product is the defendant's, and that, it seems to me, is what has happened here.

Fresh news is got only by enterprise and expense. To produce such news as it is produced by the defendant represents by implication that it has been acquired by the defendant's enterprise and at its expense. When it comes from one of the great news collecting agencies like the Associated Press, the source generally is indicated, plainly importing that credit and that such a representation is implied may be inferred with some confidence from the unwillingness of the defendant to give the credit and tell the truth.

If the plaintiff produces the news at the same time that the defendant does, the defendant's presentation impliedly denies to the plaintiff the credit of collecting the facts and assumes that credit to the defendant. If the plaintiff is later in Western cities, it naturally will be supposed to have obtained its information from the defendant.

The falsehood is a little more subtle, the injury a little more indirect, than in ordinary cases of unfair trade, but I think that the principle that condemns the one condemns the other. It is a question of how strong an infusion of fraud is necessary to turn a flavor into a poison. The dose seems to me strong enough here to need a remedy from the law. But, in my view, the only ground of complaint that can be recognized without legislation is the implied misstatement. It can be corrected by stating the truth, and a suitable acknowledgment of the source is all that the plaintiff can require. I think that, within the limits recognized by the decision of the court the defendant should be enjoined from publishing news obtained from the Associated Press for — hours after publication by the plaintiff, unless it gives express credit to the Associated Press, the number of hours and the form of acknowledgment to be settled by the District Court.

The dissenting opinion by Justice Brandeis takes the position that there is no property in news under present laws. While admitting the injustice of using without compensation news gathered by another's enterprise, he holds that to give relief against such injustice would require "the making of a new rule in an analogy to existing ones." The opinion continues:

The rule for which the plaintiff contends would effect an important extension of property rights and a corresponding curtailment of the free use of knowledge and ideas, and the facts of this admonish us of the danger involved in recognizing such a property right in news without imposing upon news gatherers corresponding obligations.

Courts are ill equipped to make the investigations which should precede a determination of the limitations which should be set upon any property right in news or of the circumstances under which news gathered by a private agency should be deemed affected with a public interest. Courts would be powerless to prescribe the detailed regulations essential to full enjoyment of the rights conferred or to introduce the machinery required for enforcement of such regulations. Considerations such as these should lead us to decline to establish a new rule of law in the effort to redress a newly disclosed wrong, although the propriety of some remedy appears to be clear.

Justice Brandeis declared "a general publication is effective to dedicate literary property to the public, regardless of the actual intent of its owner" and concluded:

Plaintiff further contended that defendant's practice constitutes unfair competition, because there is "appropriation without cost to itself of values created by" the plaintiff, and it is upon this ground that the decision of this court appears to be based. To appropriate and use for profit knowledge and ideas produced by other men, without making compensation or even acknowledgment, may be inconsistent with a finer sense of propriety, but, with the exceptions indicated above, the law has heretofore sanctioned the practice. Such taking and gainful use of a product of another which for reasons of public policy the law has refused to endow with the attributes of property does not become unlawful because the product happens to have been taken from a rival and is used in competition with him.

#### PROPOSAL THAT UNITED STATES PURCHASE LOWER CALIFORNIA FROM MEXICO.

By the terms of a resolution introduced in the Senate on Jan. 2 by Senator Ashurst of Arizona, the President is called upon to open negotiations with Mexico for the purchase of Lower California and a strip of the Mexican State of Sonora connecting Arizona with Lower California. The Sonora territory included in the proposal is in excess of 10,000 square miles in extent; it extends southward from the international boundary to latitude 31 degrees 20 minutes north, and contains some of the most important mining properties in Mexico.

One of the reasons advanced by Senator Ashurst for acquiring Lower California was to secure the United States against the possible acquisition of Magdalena Bay by Japan.

### PROPOSED COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AMERICAN CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES IN MEXICO.

At the same time that he introduced a resolution proposing the acquisition of Lower California by the United States, Senator Ashurst of Arizona on Jan. 2 introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a commission of general officers of the army, one of whom should be the Inspector-General, to investigate the claims of American citizens for damages to life and property perpetrated by outlaws and the soldiers of the successive Mexican de facto Governments since Dec. 1 1912.

Both resolutions were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, of which Senator Ashurst is a member.

### HENRY FORD TO CONTEST NEWBERRY'S ELECTION TO SENATE.

In a petition filed with Vice-President Marshall and laid before the Senate on Jan. 6 Henry Ford, Democratic candidate for United States Senator, who was defeated on the face of returns by Truman H. Newberry, Republican, gave formal notice of a contest of the Senate seat and asked for a recount of the ballots. Excessive use of money in Newberry's campaign, intimidation of voters, improper rejection of ballots, "flagrant violation" of Michigan election laws, and many other charges were made by Mr. Ford in his petition. The petition was referred to the Privileges and Elections Committee, after being ordered printed. The Committee recently voted against an investigation of the Michigan election, a majority holding that the present Senate had no jurisdiction over the membership of the next Senate.

"Upon a fair and lawful recount of the ballots at said election, your petitioner would be decided to be duly and lawfully elected Senator from Michigan," the petition stated. Expenditures of \$176,000 by the Newberry primary campaign committee were admitted, the petition stated, adding that "upon information and belief, it could be proved that Newberry procured the appointment and selection of the committee and was directly responsible for all its acts, and that he was in constant communication with it and its members and knew of and approved its large expenditure of moneys and participated in its work." The petition set forth that nearly all of the 2,200 election precinct boards were composed wholly of Republicans, including intense partisans of Mr. Newberry. Mr. Ford also alleged that at least 10,000 ballots were unlawfully counted for his opponent and that many ballots cast for him were unlawfully rejected by the election boards. The Senate, Mr. Ford said, was the only body, under Michigan laws, which could control a recount and require the ballots to be preserved.

Preliminary steps to obtain a recount of the votes cast in the Senatorial election in Michigan last November were recently taken in the United States District Courts for the Western and Eastern Districts of Michigan. Orders were obtained calling upon clerks of cities, villages and townships to show cause why they should not be enjoined from destroying the ballots. According to the official report of the State Canvassing Board, Newberry defeated Ford by 7,567 votes.

Considerable importance is lent to the Ford contest in view of the fact that the Republican majority in the next Senate is so slender—49 Republicans against 47 Democrats. Should Ford eventually be seated, the result would be a tie. Although Ford ran as a candidate on the Democratic ticket, he also contested for the Republican nomination against Commander Newberry, but was beaten by a wide margin. It was in this primary election that the Ford managers allege the improper use of large sums of money; the Newberry committee admitted spending \$176,000. Mr. Ford, who became a candidate at the personal request of President Wilson, publicly announced that he would not spend a cent on the election, but the Newberry backers claim that \$60,000 was raised and spent in behalf of Ford's candidacy. Press advices from Detroit are to the effect that the Republicans are preparing counter charges against Ford, and will fight against a recount.

### CONGRESSMAN-ELECT BERGER AND OTHER SOCIALIST LEADERS CONVICTED OF DISLOYALTY.

Victor L. Berger, the only Socialist elected to Congress, last fall, editor of the Milwaukee "Leader," and one of the most prominent leaders of the Socialist Party, was declared

guilty by a jury in the Federal Court at Chicago on Jan. 8 of sedition and disloyalty under the Espionage Act. Along with Berger four other Socialist leaders were convicted—Adolph Germer, National Secretary of the Socialist Party; William F. Kruse, National Secretary of the Young People's Socialist League; J. Louis Engdahl, editor of the "American Socialist," official organ of the party; and Irwin St. John Tucker, Protestant Episcopal rector and former newspaper man. Berger's conviction, if sustained, will bar him from Congress, and all five defendants are liable to imprisonment up to twenty years and fines of from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The defendants were released on \$10,000 bail each pending an application for a new trial. Sentence was withheld by Judge Landis until that time.

The trial of the Socialist leaders has been under way since Dec. 9 and has involved the whole official attitude of the American Socialist Party toward the war. Berger himself is of Austrian birth, having come to this country when about 20 years of age. He made no effort to deny his opposition to the United States entering the war, but denied being a pro-German, and in answer to questions hotly denounced the German Socialists of the Schiedemann type as traitors to Socialist principles. His opposition to the war, he said, was on the ground that all wars were "capitalistic" in origin, and he claimed to be acting throughout in accordance with Socialist principles. It was largely through Berger's influence that the Socialist Party adopted the notorious "St. Louis resolution," denouncing the entry of the United States into the war and calling on the working classes to oppose the Government by "mass action." As a result of the adoption of that resolution many prominent Socialists left the party, and were followed in their action by thousands of other members.

The evidence against Berger and the other Socialist leaders showed a consistent attitude of hostility to the Government, with efforts to hamper the draft and encourage desertion. As a result of this attitude both the "American Socialist" and the "Milwaukee Leader" were at one time barred from the mails. The trial before Judge Landis resolved itself at length into an effort by the Socialists to convince the jury that the Socialist position was the right one, and before the verdict was rendered counsel for the defense expressed confidence that they had succeeded. Following his conviction Berger was quoted as saying:

I am completely surprised. I am no more guilty of this crime than the Judge on the bench. I have lived in accordance with these principles for thirty-seven years, and now I must suffer for them.

Germer made no statement except that the verdict was "a shocking surprise." The others "had nothing to say."

A. L. Hendee, of Waukeegan, foreman of the jury, said the jury was unanimous in deciding that the proclamation and war program of the Socialist Party, as passed in St. Louis, was a traitorous document. He continued:

We paid more attention to the documentary evidence than to the testimony. We were unanimous in declaring the "proclamation and war program" of the Socialist Party, passed at St. Louis, to be a traitorous document. Such gross and scurrilous pamphlets as "The Price We Pay" and "Why We Should Fight," as well as the strong anti-war editorials in Berger's newspaper, The Milwaukee "Leader," and the printed propaganda urging opposition to the draft, convicted the defendants on their faces.

The fact that the armistice has been signed cut no figure in our deliberations. The documentary evidence showed that these men had deliberately, in wartime, set out to hinder the nation and help the enemy and had broken laws well known to them. We could see nothing innocent in their intent.

### FRENCH CASUALTIES 4,762,800.

Casualties in the French Army, excluding colonial troops, up to Nov. 1 were 4,762,800, according to official figures made public at Washington on Jan. 8 by the French High Commission to correct conflicting reports hitherto published. Men killed in action or dead of wounds numbered 1,028,000, and to this total must be added 299,000 listed as missing and given up for lost, making a total of 1,327,000. The number of wounded was 3,000,000, with 435,000 listed as prisoners. Three-fourths of the wounded have recovered, either entirely or at least to such an extent as to be fit to work again.

Slightly less than 700,000 are absolutely unable to work and have been pensioned. To these figures must be added those who will come back from prison camps in Germany unfit for work. The French Government estimates that the total number of unfit and pensioned may finally be between 800,000 and 900,000 men.

The losses among native troops coming from French colonies or protectorates were 42,500 killed or died of wounds, with 15,000 missing and very probably dead. The number pensioned after wounds or illness was 44,000, to

which must be added those of the 3,500 held as prisoners of war who will have to be pensioned. The Commission's statement added:

If one considers only the losses among French citizens and compares their number to the population of France, about 38,000,000, and to the number of men mobilized, about 7,500,000, one sees that the total killed or dead of wounds, missing, and unfit for work was between 5 and 6% of the French population and between 26 and 30% of the men mobilized.

With the issue of the foregoing official figures of French losses, the death toll of the principal belligerents has been estimated at the enormous total of over six and a half million men, as follows:

British	706,726
French	1,327,000
American	58,078
Italian	500,000
Russian	1,700,000
German	1,600,000
Austro-Hungarian	800,000
	6,691,804

To these must be added the war losses of Japan, Serbia, Belgium, Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria. And to these again the millions of civilian lives lost as a result of famine, pestilence and hardship, the victims of Turkish massacres in Armenia, &c.

#### 202 U-BOATS TAKEN OR SUNK BY ALLIES IN WAR.

The Allies destroyed or captured 202 German submarines during the war, according to London dispatches on Jan. 4. In addition to these, fourteen German submarines were destroyed by the Germans themselves—ten in the Adriatic and four off Flanders. Seven others were interned in neutral countries. The dispatch said further:

The surrender of German submarines is not yet complete. The number already brought into British ports is 122. There are at least fifty-eight still to be surrendered.

One hundred and seventy more were found under construction when the Inter-Allied Naval Commission visited Germany to make arrangements for the carrying out of the terms of the armistice, according to newspapers here. These U-boats also will be turned over to the Allies.

Germany's newest battleship, the Baden, will be surrendered at a British port within a few days in accordance with the terms of the armistice.

#### REMOVAL OF WAR TIME RESTRICTION ON REGISTRATION OF CABLE ADDRESSES.

The removal of the war-time prohibition on the registration of abbreviated cable address was announced by the Navy Department at Washington on Dec. 28. The announcement said:

Effective Jan. 1 1919 any person or firm in the United States or its possessions who does not already possess a registered cable address will be permitted to register one such address for use in cablegrams addressed to the registrant. Requests for registration should be made direct to the telegraph or cable companies.

In addition, United States Cable Censorship, which has not recognized addresses registered on or after Jan. 1 1917, will now permit their use, and Great Britain and France have eliminated the restrictions on the use of addresses registered on or after July 1 1914. In future all registered addresses, irrespective of date of registration, may be used in cablegrams from countries with which the use of registered address is permitted.

No change has been made by any of the censorships concerned in the existing rules as to the countries with which the use of a registered address is not permitted. The principal regulations now effective on this point demand the use of plain language, as opposed to registered, address in cablegrams to or from neutral European countries or their possessions and in cablegrams to, from, or transiting through Italy or Italian possessions.

The existing rule that only one registered address be used by one person or firm is maintained.

The Commercial Cable Company in making a similar announcement on the same date said:

Effective Jan. 1 any person or firm in the United States or its possessions who does not already possess a registered cable address will be permitted to register one such address with the telegraph and cable companies for use in cablegrams addressed to the registrant. Effective the same date, restrictions on the use of cable addresses registered since July 1 1914 and prohibition of the use of cable addresses registered since Jan. 1 1917, are removed.

All registered addresses, irrespective of the date of registration, may be used in cablegrams from countries with which the use of registered address is permitted.

#### CABLEGRAM CONFIRMATIONS NO LONGER IN PLAIN WORDING.

The United States Censorship Board announced, under date of Dec. 20, that the instructions theretofore issued that all confirmations of cablegrams should be in plain language had been revoked and the original freedom of action of cable users in this regard restored. Also that the voluntary transmission of cable confirmations in envelopes, separate from other correspondence, need not be continued.

#### GEORGE CREEL ON CENSORSHIP OF CABLES.

Commenting on reports in Congress and the press of the United States as to Governmental control over the cable transmission of press dispatches, George Creel, Chairman of the Committee on Public Information, was quoted in

cable advices, dated Paris Jan. 1, and received by the daily press in this country on the 5th inst. as saying:

The only rationing done is by the cable companies themselves. They are unable to handle all the business which is coming their way.

#### The Paris advices added:

In amplifying his statement, cabled previously, that he wished to have nothing to do with the representatives of the press after reaching Europe, Mr. Creel recalled the fact that before departing from Washington he said would have no connection with the work of the American newspaper correspondents in Europe.

"This still stands," he continued. "My sole contact has been personal and co-operative."

Mr. Creel said he was closing the offices in Europe of the Committee on Public Information and winding up its affairs.

"Our remaining task," he added, "is to bring the new Balkan States into quick contact with American thought and purpose. The whole world is acquainted with the ideas of President Wilson and the American democracy, but we have had no opportunity, owing to war conditions, to disseminate American opinion into these new countries.

"When that work is done I am through. That will be about the middle of February. I intend to return to the United States at about that time and am going back to writing along the same social and political lines that I did years ago."

Reports on Dec. 25 that Mr. Creel had resigned as Chairman of the Committee on Public Information, were denied by him at Paris on Dec. 28. The New York "Tribune" in advices from its Washington Bureau on Dec. 26 in stating that information concerning the reported resignation was lacking at the White House, quoted one of his associates on the Committee as saying:

If the report is true that Mr. Creel has resigned I have heard nothing about it. It is probable that he is returning to this country, as he recently authorized the closing of the New York office of the Foreign News Bureau on Dec. 31, and his return is probably for the purpose of closing up the Washington office. He has a good working organization in Paris, headed by Maximilian Foster, and his presence in Europe is no longer essential, and perhaps he is returning to wind up the Committee's activities here.

In announcing the discontinuance on Nov. 14 of the voluntary press censorship following the signing of the armistice, Mr. Creel said:

It has been agreed that there is no further necessity for the operation of the volunteer censorship under which the press has guarded from the enemy the military policies, plans and troop movements of the United States. The agreement may be considered as no longer binding, and the card carrying the requests of the Government is herewith canceled. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy and all others concerned with the direction of America's war efforts joined in sincere acknowledgment of the debt of gratitude owing to the press of the United States for the honorable discharge of a high responsibility. Without force of law and under no larger compulsion than their own patriotism, the overwhelming majority of newspapers have given unflinching obedience to every desire of the Government in all matters of military secrecy, carrying through successfully a tremendous experiment in honor and trust.

Final steps toward the removal of all censorship restrictions on the publication of the movement of commercial shipping were taken by the Navy Department on Nov. 21, when port authorities were notified that ship news reporters might thereafter board incoming vessels as in peace times, and the Treasury Department was advised that collectors of the port might release news of the movements of commercial shipping thereafter without restriction. Only movements of war vessels, transports and supply vessels directly under naval jurisdiction, it was stated, need be withheld.

According to Paris cablegrams of Dec. 25 a complete statement on the subject of the press censorship during the peace conference has been made public by Admiral Benson in the form of a report presented by him to Lieutenant-Commander George Barr Baker, who has been delegated to make arrangements with the British and French authorities looking to a relaxation of press censorship on dispatches going to America. The report is said to state in part:

All cables from American correspondents in France go to the French censorship bureau, where they are stamped without reading.

They are then handed to the American army censor, who glances through them quickly for statements regarding the military forces purporting to be facts which might cause false hopes or cause irritation between the American and Allied armies.

If no such references are contained in the cables the dispatches are quickly marked "passed."

Confirming the above as to French action a copyrighted cable dispatch to the New York "Tribune" from Paris, dated Dec. 26, gave the following details of the lifting of the French censorship on all U. S. cablegrams:

According to an arrangement concluded with the French Censorship Bureau, no telegrams to American newspapers are liable to excisions or suppression, except by American and English military censorship authorities. French censorship officials have agreed to lift the censorship on the express request that care be used in wording cables for abroad.

The new arrangement provides that American press messages, although passing through the hands of French officials, shall be stamped "passed" and not read by them. The messages are then given to the American censors for inspection on the following points: Casualties, army morale, demobilization and troop movements, as well as other statements about military forces, purporting to be facts, which might raise false hopes or cause irritation. The cables will immediately be passed if these subjects are not touched upon.

The British military censors will also pass messages before these are dispatched. It is believed in official quarters here that the fact that the American and British authorities have taken upon themselves the responsibility of passing American press cables will result in passing matter that might otherwise be subjected to delay as doubtful.



*INTERCHANGE OF FACILITIES BETWEEN OCEAN CABLE AND WIRELESS PLANTS ORDERED BY POSTMASTER-GENERAL BURLESON.*

An order authorizing the interchange of facilities between the ocean cable companies and the wireless telegraph plants, in so far as the Government's own communications with Europe are concerned, was issued by Postmaster-General Burleson on Jan. 4. The order states that if cables are loaded beyond capacity cable companies receiving them will place same with radio for transmission. The issuance of the order was followed by a request to Secretaries Baker and Daniels to instruct military and naval officers abroad to observe its injunctions with a view to relieving the strain on the cables besides facilitating the service. The following is Postmaster-General Burleson's order:

Beginning to day, all Government cable messages addressed to Europe, unless specially stamped "Not to be sent by radio," may be routed by the cable companies by wireless. All Government cable messages not of a confidential character may be transmitted by wireless. If cables are loaded beyond their capacity, cable companies receiving them will place same with radio for transmission. Cable messages falling within this class will be promptly filed for transmission at the Government Radio Office, Eighteenth and B streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

As soon as restrictions are removed by naval censors code messages will be received and transmitted at both the Atlantic and Pacific cable offices.

With regard to the order John W. Griggs, President of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America and former Attorney-General of the United States, was reported in the New York "Times" of Jan. 5 as saying, over the telephone from his home in Paterson, that the Marconi company would not be affected in any way by the action of the Government in making use of the company's wireless stations for the transmission of messages filed for transmission by cable. The "Times" also quoted him as follows:

The Government took over all of our stations—those at New Brunswick, which we put up to work with England; at Cape Cod, which we put up to work with the Scandinavian countries, and at San Francisco, which we put up to work with Hawaii and Japan—almost immediately the United States declared war on Germany. I assume that the Government will hold our properties until the war is over, and that will be when the President proclaims it to be over. Therefore, so far as we are concerned, the Government is in control of our properties, and it can do what it pleases in the way of operating them.

The wireless stations have been in control of the Navy Department, and, so far as I know, they still are. I have no information that Secretary Daniels has released our properties to Postmaster General Burleson to operate in conjunction with the telegraph, telephone and cable companies; but if he has we are still under Government control, and so long as we are one Cabinet officer for a boss suits us as well as another. Both the Secretary of the Navy and the Postmaster General are very keen about Government ownership of public utilities and maybe they have decided to pool issues on the wireless.

But I do not wonder that the Postmaster General has found that he must have some assistance for the limping cables. When we were operating our properties, we were sending messages by wireless to Japan and getting replies back in two hours. My information is that, on account of the congestion, it takes seven days now to send a message to Japan and get the reply back in San Francisco. Maybe it's a good thing for the public that the Postmaster General has found an accommodating colleague in the Secretary of the Navy. But, so far as we officially are concerned, we know and deal only with the Secretary of the Navy.

*ADDITIONAL STATES RATIFY NATIONAL PROHIBITION AMENDMENT.*

Michigan, Colorado, Oklahoma, Ohio, Tennessee, Idaho and Maine are the latest States to ratify the national prohibition amendment. In the Michigan Senate the resolution was adopted unanimously, but in the House 3 negative votes to 88 affirmative were cast. The Maine Senate also adopted the resolution unanimously with the House voting 125 to 22 for the amendment. On Jan. 8 Illinois and West Virginia Senate voted for the amendment.

Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and other Western State Legislatures are to act soon on the amendment. The New York Legislature began its consideration of the bill on Jan. 8.

Altogether 22 States have ratified the prohibition amendment thus far. These States are: Mississippi, Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Dakota, Maryland, Montana, Texas, Delaware, South Dakota, Massachusetts, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan, Colorado, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Idaho, Maine and Florida. Thirty-six States must ratify the amendment before the nation goes dry and with this in view representatives of the distillers of the country are organizing in Chicago for a fight to the finish in the highest courts of the country. It is understood that resolutions adopted by distillers at a meeting held in Chicago on Jan. 7 declared that the time had come for members of the industry to make "a most determined resistance to such revolutionary methods," referring to the war prohibition law and the proposed Federal Constitutional amendment. Action was taken to vest the

liquor fight in a committee and Levy Mayer of Chicago was appointed chief counsel.

It is said to be the plan to allow the Government to make the first move by charging a violation after July 1 and on the prosecution thereof the liquor interest will wage its fight. The resolutions adopted stated that there were 500 distilleries in the country, with an aggregate investment of at least \$1,000,000,000, that the industry actually antedated the Constitution adopted in 1789 and that the business "has heretofore been recognized, encouraged and protected by the United States Government itself."

It was further asserted that constitutional lawyers of eminence have given their opinions that the proposed amendment "is inherently vicious and destroys the basic rights of local self-government, which are the corner stone upon which our Constitution and the whole theory and structure of our Government rests."

*OUTLINE BY T. DE WITT CUYLER OF RAILWAY EXECUTIVES PLAN FOR GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF RAILROADS.*

In enunciating the principles which should be incorporated in a plan providing for Government regulation of railroads, Thomas De Witt Cuyler, Chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, told the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce on Jan. 9 that "private ownership, management and operation of the American railways should, as a matter of national policy, be continued." The principles which the railroads think should be embodied in remedial legislation by Congress in connection with the return of the railroads to private operation were formulated by the Association's Standing Committee at their Philadelphia conferences Dec. 10 to 15, and were unanimously adopted at the meeting of the member roads held in that city last Sunday, Jan. 5. At the latter meeting at which 92% of the mileage of the country was represented, a committee of six was appointed to appear before the Senate committee this week and lay before it the Association's suggestions. Those appointed to the committee were Mr. Cuyler, of the Pennsylvania R. R.; Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the Association; Howard Elliott, President of the Northern Pacific Railway; Julius Kruttschnitt, President of the Southern Pacific; Samuel Rea, President of the Pennsylvania R. R.; and Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. At the conclusion of the Jan. 5 meeting Mr. Cuyler gave out the following statement:

The Association of Railway Executives, representing 92% of the railroad mileage of the country, adopted a set of principles that it believes ought to form the foundation of the national legislation necessary for the readjustment of the railroads to peace conditions. These principles are the result not only of almost continuous conferences among the executives since the conclusion of the war, but of their earnest efforts over a period of several years to work out a permanent solution of the railroad problem that would guarantee for the future the adequate development of our national transportation system.

Throughout our conference we have kept uppermost in mind the fact, now universally recognized, that transportation is essentially a public service, and that the public interest must be paramount in any proposed plan worthy of serious consideration. The railroads will urge that legislation be enacted as soon as compatible with the public interest. They will urge against such a prolongation of the period of uncertainty as has been proposed by the Director General of Railroads, and, in their definite suggestions as to the form of legislation, they will favor the legislation, under future private operation, of a large part of the measures taken by the Government Railroad Administration during the war to co-ordinate and unify railroad facilities.

In response to the invitation of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, which is now considering railroad legislation, representatives of our association will appear before the committee during the coming week, publicly to present the views of the railroads. It is our earnest hope and belief that out of the present discussion, in which representatives of all interests will be heard by Congress, there will soon come constructive legislation in the public interests that will mark the dawn of a new era in American transportation.

While conceding that the power of regulation of the instrumentalities of Interstate Commerce, including rates, State and Interstate, should be exclusively in the hands of the national Government, the Association contends that "these national functions should be administered through Governmental machinery or agencies responsive to the needs of and convenient to the people of the several States; it further contends that State commissions should not be interfered with by the Federal Act except so far as necessary to carry out purposes specifically indicated in the plan submitted by Mr. Cuyler. He also stated that the Interstate Commerce Commission should be relieved from its executive and administrative duties, except as to Federal valuation and as to accounting, and should act as a quasi-judicial body clothed with authority to pass upon all questions concerning the reasonableness and adequacy of rates and concerning discriminations coming before it on com-

plaint of any party interested. The creation of a Department of Transportation is proposed in the Association's plan, the head of the Department to be known as the Secretary of Transportation, who it is urged, should be a member of the President's Cabinet, and be vested with certain powers indicated by Mr. Cuyler. The division of the United States into regions and the appointment for each region of a Regional Commission, which should be a board of primary jurisdiction, is also proposed in the Association's plan. Among other things Mr. Cuyler said:

A system of Federal incorporation should be adopted into which should be brought all railroad corporations engaged in inter State or foreign commerce. Such system should be compulsory and not elective. It should preserve to corporations reincorporating under it, not only all of their contract rights and other assets of all sorts, but also (except as to any feature contrary to an Act of Congress) their existing charter powers, and they should also possess the general powers conferred upon all corporations organized under the Federal Act. The system of incorporation should provide a means of consolidation and merger for existing corporations engaged in inter State or foreign commerce, with the necessary power of condemnation; provided the Secretary of Transportation finds that such consolidation or merger is not contrary to the public interest and approves the same.

The Association plan in full as presented by Mr. Cuyler follows:

The fundamental and essential purpose to be accomplished is to furnish the public with safe, efficient and adequate transportation at the lowest cost consistent with such service, and with due regard to the just interests of the owners and employees, and also adequate to the nation's needs even in times of great national emergency or peril.

It should be realized that the commerce to be provided for, whether in peace or war, is not essentially, or in large part, local, but is in its most important and controlling aspect inter State and continental. Manifestly any system which is adopted should be adequate to deal with and supply local needs as well as to meet the larger purposes referred to, and consequently it is necessary to consider whether instrumentalities of commerce whose principal functions and importance are inter State and continental should in matters affecting their capacity to serve on equal terms the entire public, be subjected to many local authorities or to an authority representing all localities.

The interests of the whole people demand, that, in any plan or policy which is adopted, provision shall be made:

(a) For adequate service and facilities to meet not only the present requirements but the growing and expanding needs of our population and of our domestic and foreign commerce.

(b) For new and additional construction when justified by public convenience and necessity and for the elimination and prevention of waste in unnecessary and injudicious construction.

(c) For the proper co-ordination of the carriers' lines, facilities and organizations and for the consolidation thereof under proper limitations whenever necessary in the public interest to meet and provide for the reasonable demands of our domestic and foreign commerce.

(d) For the prompt and orderly co-ordination of the lines, facilities and organizations of all carriers into a unified and continental system whenever required in the public interest, because of extraordinary national emergency or peril.

(e) For a rate structure which will provide sufficient revenues and create sufficient credit to accomplish these purposes.

To this end, the following principles should be adopted:

1. Private ownership, management and operation of the American railways should, as a matter of national policy, be continued.

2. The power of regulation of the instrumentalities of inter State commerce, as to all things substantially affecting them, including all rates, State and inter State, should be exclusively in the hands of the national Government; but these national functions should be administered through governmental machinery or agencies responsive to the needs of and convenient to the people of the several States to the extent and the manner hereinafter suggested. State commissions should not be interfered with by the Federal Act except so far as necessary to carry out the purposes herein mentioned.

3. The Inter State Commerce Commission, which has heretofore been the sole Federal agency provided by law to deal with such matters should be relieved from its executive and administrative duties, except as to Federal valuation and as to accounting, and should act as a quasi judicial body clothed with authority to pass upon all questions concerning the reasonableness and adequacy of rates and concerning discriminations coming before it on complaint of any party interested, or referred to it as hereinafter provided.

4. A Department of Transportation should be created, the head of which should be known as the Secretary of Transportation. He should be a member of the President's Cabinet and should be vested with the following powers and duties:

(a) To carefully observe the transportation needs and transportation facilities of the country, and, by suggestion and co-operation with the carriers, and, by recommendations from time to time to the Inter State Commerce Commission in respect to the necessity for rates and revenues adequate to provide and maintain the proper service and to create the credit required to meet the needs of the public for facilities, while at the same time protecting the just interests of employees, of owners, of shippers and of the traveling public, to endeavor to insure the provisions of adequate transportation facilities for the real transportation needs of each situation. He should be charged with the responsibility of recommending from time to time to the President such measures and policies as in his opinion would promote the interests of the public and the adequacy of the transportation service;

(b) If he find that a carrier is at any time so congested or otherwise unable to properly handle its traffic, he should have power to distribute such traffic over other lines and routes on such terms as between the several carriers as he may find to be just and reasonable under the circumstances, subject in respect to such terms to appeal to the Inter State Commerce Commission;

(c) If he find it to be practicable and in the public interest, he should have power, in the event of the failure of the interested carriers to agree, to require the use of the terminals of any carrier by another or other carriers on such terms as he may fix as reasonable and just, subject to the right of appeal of any interested carrier to the Inter State Commerce Commission;

(d) In cases of serious national emergency, he should have power to direct that, during the continuance of such emergency, the carriers should co-ordinate their facilities and operations and operate their properties as a unified national system on such terms as he may find to be just and

reasonable in the public interest. Proper provision should be made for just compensation to any carrier injured thereby;

(e) If he find it necessary in order to provide adequately for the movement of traffic, he should have power to require any carrier to distribute its cars to other lines on such terms as he may deem just, subject as to such terms to an appeal to the Inter State Commerce Commission.

(f) He should have power to require any carrier to distribute its cars among its patrons in accordance with their needs and the public interest in the same manner and to the same extent as the Inter State Commerce Commission is now by law authorized to do.

5. No new or branch lines of railroad or large and expensive terminals should be constructed unless a certificate of public convenience and necessity is first obtained from the Secretary of Transportation.

6. The executive and administrative functions of the Inter State Commerce Commission, except as to accounting and as to Federal valuation of railroad properties, should be transferred to the Secretary of Transportation.

7. The carriers should have the power to initiate rates, schedules of which should be filed with the Inter State Commerce Commission, with the Secretary of Transportation and with the State commissions of the States in which the rates are applicable and through which the carrier operates; and, if not suspended as hereinafter provided, such rates should become effective thirty days after the same have been so filed, unless a shorter period is in special cases authorized by the Secretary of Transportation.

It should be made the duty of the Secretary of Transportation to promptly consider the new rates so brought to his attention, and he shall either:

(a) Approve the same, giving his reasons for such approval or

(b) Permit the rates to go into effect without his specific approval or disapproval, or

(c) Disapprove the same, giving his reasons therefor.

In case he disapproves any rate or fails to specifically approve or disapprove it, he may suspend it for a period not exceeding sixty days and refer the same to the Inter State Commerce Commission for consideration and determination.

8. The statute itself should provide the rule of ratemaking, and should require that rates be not only what has been called reasonable, but adequate and sufficient to enable the carriers to provide safe, adequate and sufficient service, to protect existing investment and to attract the new capital necessary in the public interest, and, to that end, the statute should, among other things, specifically provide that the level of rates must properly reflect the cost of wages and all other expenses incident to the furnishing of transportation.

9. Rates, whether approved or disapproved by the Secretary of Transportation may by complaint be brought before the Inter State Commerce Commission for consideration, which should have power to pass upon the reasonableness and adequacy thereof, subject to the statutory rule in regard to rate making, and, in any proceedings before it in respect to rates, the Commission should give due consideration to any recommendations in respect thereto made to it by the Secretary of Transportation. Rates approved by the Secretary of Transportation should be presumed to be reasonable and proper until found otherwise by the Commission.

10. In any proceedings before it in respect to rates the Inter State Commerce Commission should have the power to prescribe minimum as well as maximum rates and to determine the relation of rates and differentials whenever necessary or appropriate to establish or maintain a rate structure or a relation or differential found by it to be just and proper.

11. The statute should provide that existing rates, put into effect by the Director General of Railroads should be continued in effect until changed by the Inter State Commerce Commission as provided by law, or as provided in paragraph 7 hereof.

12. Any carrier should be given the right to complain of rates of another carrier in the same manner and to the same extent as a shipper might do.

13. The Inter State Commerce Commission, in order that matters within its jurisdiction may be dealt with more promptly and satisfactorily and with a fuller appreciation of all the circumstances and local conditions, should be directed to divide the United States into such number of regions as it may deem wise, and certify the number of regions and their boundaries to the President, who should appoint for each region a Regional Commission, which should be a board of primary jurisdiction, consisting of one member for each of the States embraced therein. The Regional Commissions should have authority to hear and determine all complaints in respect of matters within the jurisdiction of the Inter State Commerce Commission arising in their respective regions and to make reports thereon to the Inter State Commerce Commission, such reports during a fixed period to be subject to exceptions by any of the parties, as in the case of reports by masters in chancery. If no exception is filed within the time limited and it is not otherwise ordered by the Inter State Commerce Commission, the orders and findings of the Regional Commissions should automatically go into effect. If there are exceptions, or the Inter State Commerce Commission considers the issues involved of sufficient importance to so order, a hearing should be had before it on such exceptions, or on the matters made subject to reconsideration by order of the Commission, and the order of the Commission should have the same effect as now provided by law in respect to its orders.

14. Express rates should be dealt with in the same manner as freight rates. Contracts between express companies and railroad companies for division of express earnings should not become effective until approved by the Secretary of Transportation.

15. Section 10 of the Clayton Act should be so modified as not to unduly hamper the proper transaction of business.

16. Existing laws should be so far modified as to authorize upon approval by the Secretary of Transportation as being in the public interest:

(a) Acquisition by a carrier engaged in inter State commerce of the properties, stocks or securities of another or other carriers; or consolidations and mergers of such carriers;

(b) Agreements between carriers engaged in inter-State commerce in respect to rates and practices;

(c) The pooling of cars and other transportation facilities;

(d) The division of earnings in connection with the elimination of unnecessary train service.

All such agreements and arrangements should be filed with the Inter State Commerce Commission and with the commissions of the several States whose traffic is affected as well as with the Secretary of Transportation and be open to public inspection.

17. Continuity and regularity of transportation are absolutely essential to the public. Both the capital invested and the labor employed in transportation are therefore engaged in a business vitally affecting the public interest, and by engaging therein assume the implied obligation not unreasonably to impair or interrupt the movement of trains. Questions of wages and working conditions affecting individual railroads should be settled, if possible, by officers of the railroads and representatives of the employees. A board should be constituted, under the Secretary of Transportation, on which the employees, the employers and the public, should have equal representation, with the duty and authority to investigate

and report to the Secretary of Transportation on the merits of any controversy, which the parties are unable to adjust, arising in the railroad or other transportation service, either in regard to wages or in regard to conditions of service; and, pending such investigation and report and for a reasonable time thereafter, there should be no lockout by the carriers and no concerted action on the part of employees which would have the effect of interfering with or interrupting the orderly movement of the United States mail or inter State or foreign commerce. The scale of wages and the expense incident to any change in the conditions of service recommended in the report of such board, if put into effect, should be accepted and recognized in the making of rates, as a legitimate expense of transportation.

18. Provision should be made for the funding by the United States of indebtedness of carriers to it growing out of Federal control.

19. There should be in the Federal Government the exclusive governmental power to supervise and authorize the issue of securities by railroad carriers engaged in inter State or foreign commerce or by holding companies controlling any such carrier.

20. A system of Federal incorporation should be adopted into which should be brought all railroad corporations engaged in inter State or foreign commerce. Such system should be compulsory and not elective. It should preserve to corporations reincorporating under it, not only all of their contract rights and other assets of all sorts, but also (except as to any feature contrary to an Act of Congress) their existing charter powers, and they should also possess the general powers conferred upon all corporations organized under the Federal Act. The system of incorporation should provide a means of consolidation and merger for existing corporations engaged in inter State or foreign commerce, with the necessary power of condemnation; provided the Secretary of Transportation finds that such consolidation or merger is not contrary to the public interest and approves the same.

Mr. Cuyler also read into the record a copy of his telephone message of Dec. 12 1918, informing the Railroad Administration of the Association's opposition to Mr. McAdoo's proposed five-year extension of Federal control. This message was delivered to Walker H. Hines, Assistant Director-General and is as follows:

As a result of our interview with Mr. McAdoo on Monday, I laid before the Standing Committee of the Association of Railway Executives, the statement made by Mr. McAdoo that day as to the possibility of the early return of the roads or in lieu thereof the possibility of extending the term of Federal control for a period of five years. In view of Mr. McAdoo's letter to the Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Committees of the Senate and House, I assume that Mr. McAdoo does not wish a further conference on the subject with the gentlemen who were present at that meeting.

The executives have very fully considered the suggestion of Mr. McAdoo as to the extension of the term and have come to the conclusion that in view of the time still remaining for Federal control, it is unnecessary now to extend the time. They felt that the period of twenty-one months after the formal proclamation of peace should furnish ample time for the consideration and adoption of any plan that might be a wise one for the railroads and the country.

In the last paragraph of the President's admirable statement as to the railroad problem he used the following language:

"The one conclusion that I am ready to state with confidence is that it would be a dis-service alike to the country and to the owners of the railroads to return to the old conditions unmodified. Those are conditions of restraint without development. There is nothing affirmative or helpful about them. What the country chiefly needs is that all these means of transportation should be developed—its railways, its waterways, its highways and its countryside roads. Some new element of policy is therefore necessary—necessary for the service of the public; necessary for the release of credit to those who are administering the railways; necessary for the protection of their security holders. The old policy may be changed much or little but surely it cannot always be left as it was. I hope that the Congress will have a complete and impartial study of the whole problem instituted at once and prosecuted as rapidly as possible."

With these expressions, the railway executives are in entire accord. They are now devoting themselves to this serious problem and hope to evolve a plan that may commend itself to the owners of the roads, the security holders, the Government and the public at large, recognizing a close relationship with the Government, which will be a protection alike to the public and the owners and the security holders of the properties and their employees.

This cannot be done in a day but we are extremely hopeful that a constructive plan based on sound general principles may be submitted at early day either to the present Congress for their consideration or to the Sixty-sixth Congress.

We would urge upon the Director-General the importance, in conformity with the President's statement, of giving Congress time to consider plans for the future, and that any return of the roads may be deferred until at least this opportunity has been afforded. We cannot help but urge upon the Director-General the great disaster that in our judgment would ensue, both to the owners of the roads, the security holders and the public at large, if the roads should be returned, until time had been given to fully consider these problems.

It would seem that the President had this distinctly in mind in the words uttered by him.

The executives, of course, desire to act in entire harmony with the Director-General and to aid him, as they have in the past, in every way, in carrying forward the work of the railroads under Federal administration, and they hope that the position taken by them may commend itself to his judgment.

We annex herewith the names of those comprising the Standing Committee of the Association of Railway Executives:

- Thomas De Witt Cuyler, Chairman.
- S. T. Bledsoe, General Counsel, Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System.
- W. R. Cole, President Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry. Co.
- A. J. Earling, Chairman Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Co.
- Howard Elliott, President Northern Pacific Ry. Co.
- B. M. Felton, President Chicago Great Western RR. Co.
- A. H. Harris, Vice-President New York Central Lines.
- Charles Hayden, President Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co.
- B. M. Hyser, Vice-President Chicago & North Western Ry. Co.
- L. E. Johnson, President Norfolk & Western Ry. Co.
- Howard G. Kelley, President Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee Ry. Co.
- Detroit Grand Trunk Western Ry. Co., Atl. & St. Lawrence RR. Co.
- Julius Kruttschnitt, President Southern Pacific Co.
- E. E. Loomis, President Lehigh Valley RR. Co.
- L. F. Loree, President Delaware & Hudson Co.
- Wm. Church Osborn, President Texas & Pacific Ry. Co.

- Chas. A. Peabody, President Illinois Central RR. Co.
- Samuel Rea, President Pennsylvania RR. Co.
- Bird M. Robinson, President American Short Line RR. Association.
- W. L. Ross, Receiver Toledo St. Louis & Western RR. Co.
- Henry Ruhlender, President and Chairman St. Louis-San Fran. Ry. Co.
- Frank Trumbull, President Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co.
- F. D. Underwood, President Erie RR. Co.
- H. Walters, Chairman Atlantic Coast Line RR. Co.
- Daniel Willard President Baltimore & Ohio RR. Co.

S. DAVIES WARFIELD REGARDING RAILROAD SECURITIES ASSOCIATION'S PLANS—  
J. J. MITCHELL'S VIEWS.

A special dispatch from Chicago on Jan. 8 announced that S. Davies Warfield of Baltimore, President of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, and of the Continental Trust Company of that city, had been in Chicago since Monday in consultation with the Executive Committee of the National Industrial Traffic League in connection with plans for the return of the railroads to private operation. As a result of these conferences it is understood he has adopted many suggestions made by the Committee. Mr. Warfield was also in consultation with John S. Miller, of the law firm of Miller, Starr, Brown, Packard & Peckham, who is one of the Advisory Counsel of the Securities Association, together with ex-Senator Elihu Root, John G. Milburn, New York, Hugh L. Bond, Jr., Baltimore, and Forney Johnston, Birmingham, Ala. He conferred with Luther M. Walter, of General Counsel of the Association, and of the firm of Borders, Walter & Burchmore; also with John J. Mitchell, President of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, who is Vice-President of the Securities Association. Asked regarding Mr. Mitchell having been quoted as in favor of Government ownership, Mr. Warfield said: "The intentions of Mr. Mitchell at the time were misunderstood; he is no more in favor of Government ownership than I am. Being told that Director-General McAdoo had resigned and would immediately return the railroads to their owners, Mr. Mitchell simply stated: 'If this takes place without remedial legislation, the financial chaos would be disastrous and I would prefer Government ownership.'" The National Industrial Traffic League is of national scope and represents through constituent membership leagues and others over 250,000 shippers of the country. The Executive Committee, which has been in session here since Monday, is composed of members of traffic bodies located throughout the country. Before leaving for the East, when asked regarding the Securities Association's plans, Mr. Warfield said:

The National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities represents in membership over \$5,000,000,000 of the \$17,000,000,000 railroad securities in the hands of the public. When you consider that one-fourth of the total investments of the great life insurance companies are composed of railroad securities; that over 30,000,000 unduplicated life insurance policies are outstanding; that every life insured has, therefore, one-fourth of the provision made after death invested in railroad securities; that 50,000,000 people, nearly one-half the country's population, have a financial interest in the railroads, you can form an idea of how important becomes the methods under which these properties are to be returned to their owners. The responsibility of Congress in providing for this large proportion of our population, together with the business interests of the country, is very great. Unless the railroads are returned under safe and sane methods, the credit structure of the country will not stand the strain and all business will suffer accordingly. Our membership includes nearly all the life insurance companies, and directly represents over 25,000,000 of the 50,000,000 investors in railroad securities. These include depositors in mutual savings banks, holders of life policies, individuals, trustees of estates, universities, colleges and fiduciary institutions.

The Executive Committee of the Securities Association has been working on plans for the return of the railroads that shall be fair to all alike. The interests of the shippers and the security owners are largely identical. Without adequate railroad facilities the business of the country halts; without the co-operation of the shippers a fair and adequate return cannot be had on railroad investment to afford facilities and service essential to business success. My visit to Chicago is in connection with the policy adopted by our Association to co-operate with and ask in return the co-operation of the shipping interests in plans for the return of the railroads. Conferences have also taken place in Washington and elsewhere with representatives of the shippers and others from various sections of the country. We are gratified at the evidence of desire to co-operate for the general good. Unless we are tolerant of the views and interests of all, and a spirit of "Live and Let Live" during these days of reconstruction prevails we shall not have learned the lesson for which the blood of millions of men has been shed. The conferences with the Executive Committee of the National Industrial Traffic League have been productive of gratifying results. We shall adopt many of the suggestions made.

Mr. Warfield said that the plans of the Association, now nearing completion, would shortly be presented to the Senate Committee now holding hearings at Washington.

G. M. Freer of Cincinnati and President of the Traffic League is quoted as saying on the 7th:

The Executive Committee of the League is appreciative of the co-operative spirit shown by Mr. Warfield in the several days conferences with our committee and our members, and good results must necessarily come of it. This is the first time the owners of the railroad properties have extended hands to the shippers and it cannot fail to produce good results. I think it can be said that the shippers of the country realize, and the

war has emphasized it, that unless the railroads are given reasonable return on the investment in them and on the money required to give the shippers additional facilities and service in proportion to the increase in their business, we suffer as much as those who own the railroads. We are considering the whole subject; the purpose of Mr. Warfield and those of our Committee are not far apart. The League will send representatives to Washington to present its views to the Senate Committee.

It is understood that the Committee of the Traffic League is opposed to the compulsory Federal incorporation of the railroads and also to the creation of a single political Governmental head for the control of the railroads.

#### SENATOR CUMMINS'S PROPOSALS RESPECTING RAILROAD CONTROL.

It was made known by Senator Cummins of Iowa on Jan. 8 that a resolution taking from the President authority to return the roads at will would be presented to Congress shortly as a means of insuring that Congress would have time to consider suitable railroad legislation before the lines were returned to private management. This announcement came from Senator Cummins after Inter-State Commerce Commissioner Clark had told the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee that most of the members of the Commission believed the President should be deprived of this power. Commissioners C. C. McChord and Robert W. Woolley dissent from the opinion expressed by Commissioner Clark in regard to depriving the President of his discretionary authority, it was stated. Senator McLean of Connecticut is said to have pointed out that legislation to revoke the President's power to turn back the properties immediately would be difficult to get through Congress, emphasizing the possibility of an Executive veto. Also, Senator McLean said, the Administration apparently has engaged in "propaganda" in behalf of Mr. McAdoo's five-year extension program. With regard to Senator Cummins's proposals the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 7 said:

Government ownership of railroads, the railroads to be leased to private operating companies, was advocated by Senator Cummins, Iowa, Republican. He will be Chairman of the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee after March 4.

His plan provides for: (1) Government ownership; (2) leasing of roads under strict terms to private concerns; (3) maintenance of a dozen or so competing lines to operate with unified terminals; (4) Cabinet officers or Government railroad administrators, or possibly a small board to direct operations; (5) issue of capital stock to cover equipment by Government at guaranteed return of probably 4½%; (6) operating capital to be supplied by lease with larger return in proportion to efficiency of management.

Senator Cummins will urge that Congress enact legislations along this line. He is now waiting for the Inter-State Commerce Committee to complete its hearings on the railroad question before he finally settles on several important details in his plan.

Under the Cummins plan, the Government would issue all securities—stocks and bonds—at a guaranteed maximum return of 4½% probably. Operating companies leasing the roads would supply the working capital necessary to do business. This money would bring a higher return, based largely on the efficiency with which the company ran the road. Lessees would be allowed all returns up to a set figure, 6 to 7% for instance, and above that an increasing proportion of excess return would go to the Government. On profits over 7%, say ¼%, would go to the Government, and on profits of over 8% the Government's share would be ½%. The figures, Senator Cummins explained, are only to illustrate his idea and are not necessarily those which should be adopted.

"This would give individual concerns a chance to make returns in proportion to their efficiency and would provide a stimulus for private enterprise," he said. "There should be no trouble in disposing of capital stock, for not only would the taxing power of the Government be behind it, but the earning capacity of the railroads as well.

"What we want is to combine the advantages of Government ownership and private initiative," Cummins said. "I think we can get this by letting the Government own the railroads and leasing them to operating companies at a guaranteed return."

Cummins explained that competing systems must be organized through the same territory and he is opposed to a regional grouping, as suggested by retiring Director-General McAdoo.

"A dozen or more competing systems should be laid out," he said. "These should operate with unified terminals and consolidated ticket agencies, but they should be essentially competitive lines and not laid out on a regional basis.

"Restrictions as to operation could be incorporated in the lease—and in fact this would be the surest way of enforcing Government control.

"To adjust rate disputes we would still have the Inter-State Commerce Commission. It might be advisable to have some one such as a Cabinet head or a Government railroad director to administer the plan. But that is a detail I have not reached a conclusion on. Between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 could be saved yearly by the lower interest on invested capital which the Government-owned stock would pay."

While Senator Cummins believes it is too late at this session to get a permanent solution of the railroad situation, he may introduce some measure based on his general plan after the Inter-State Commerce Committee completes its hearings. He is hopeful that a special session will be called early when the railroad question can be disposed of.

#### VIEW'S OF INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION ON CONTROL OF RAILROADS.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission's view that the railroads should be returned to private management within a "reasonable period" to allow for preparations and readjustments and under "broadened, extended and amplified Governmental regulation," was made known to the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee by Commissioner Edgar

E. Clark on the 7th inst. during the course of the committee's hearing on the question of proposed legislation affecting the railroads. The Commission opposed indefinite continuance of Government ownership or operation of railroads at this time and outlined a plan for legislation which would permit elimination of unnecessary competition, pooling of facilities, Government prescription of maximum and minimum rates and standards of service, Government direction of railroad extensions and financing, and direct co-operation between Federal and State regulatory bodies. Commissioner Woolley dissented in part, advocating Director-General McAdoo's proposal that Government control be extended for five years to provide a test period. The Inter-State Commerce Commission's suggestions were the first alternative to Mr. McAdoo's extension plan to be received by the Senate Committee. As indicated in another item, the plan proposed by the Railway Executives' Association and outlined to the Senate Committee on the 9th inst., advocates unified private management of the railroads with public control exercised by a Secretary of Transportation and a reorganized Inter-State Commerce Commission with regional divisions acting as a court of last resort in rate disputes. The Inter-State Commerce Commission in its statement to the Senate Committee referred to a Federal body to exercise public control over the railroads, but did not indicate whether this was to be the Commission itself or some other agency. The statement of the Commission as presented to the Senate by Commissioner Clark said:

Considering and weighing as best we can all of the arguments for and against the different plans, we are led to the conviction that with the adoption of appropriate provisions and safeguards for regulation under private ownership it would not be wise or best at this time to assume Government ownership or operation of the railways of the country.

The Commission construed the twenty-one months' period intervening between the signing of the peace treaty and the return to private ownership, as provided in the present law, as affording an opportunity for "readjustment or preparation" before the roads were turned back by the Government. Its statement said:

The law provides that Federal control shall not continue beyond twenty-one months after the promulgation of a treaty of peace. The wisdom of thus providing a reasonable period after the passing of the imperative necessities of our Government in actual prosecution of warfare, within which to readjust or make preparations for readjustment of traffic conditions and to round out or prepare financial arrangements, is hardly open to question. Carriers' properties formerly composing a system are now under the jurisdiction of two or more regional directors or Federal managers, the current of traffic has in some instances been materially changed, and financial complications exist. Comparatively few contracts for compensation have been perfected between the transportation companies and the Government. Our expression in favor of a return to private ownership and operation is, therefore, not to be understood as favoring a return of the properties in a precipitate way. A reasonable period of readjustment or preparation should be afforded and reasonable notice should be given that upon a given date the properties will be restored to their owners. Manifestly, from a social standpoint, as well as from the standpoint of the nature of the employment and because of the great importance to the public, as well as to the railroads, of loyal and devoted service on the part of the employees, the railroad employees should be adequately compensated.

The Commission stated that in the event of a "continuance of the policy of private ownership and operation under Government regulation" legislation should be enacted in connection with:

1. "Revision of limitations upon united or co-operative activities among common carriers by rail and water," because much of the competition is now wasteful.
2. Emancipation of railway operation from financial dictation. Part of this recommendation reads: "A transportation line operating by virtue of a public grant, and upon which the industrial, commercial, and social life of communities depends, should not be a football of speculation," and the Commissioners suggest extending the Clayton Act so far as it affects interlocking directorates.
3. Regulation of issues of securities.
4. Establishment of a relationship between Federal and State authority which "will eliminate the twilight zone of jurisdiction."
5. Restrictions governing the treatment of competitive as compared with non-competitive traffic.
6. Forming pools for equipment.
7. Liberalizing the use of terminal facilities.
8. Limitations within which common carrier facilities and services may be furnished by shippers or receivers of freight.

The Commission's report also reiterated its recommendations made last year, that the Presidential power to merge lines during war or peace should be continued, that railway construction should be limited to necessity and that inland waterways should be developed and co-ordinated with railroads.

Commissioner Clark, answering questions by Senators, explained that in defining "reasonable rates" to provide adequate return to railroads would take into consideration invested capital of the roads. He said the Commission had no thought that Congress would require several years to act on the suggested legislation of the commission plan.

"One man control" of railroads, urged by Director-General McAdoo, was opposed by Mr. Clark. "The Commission does not think this a desirable plan," he said. "The Director-General expressed the opinion that one man makes up his mind more quickly than several. We think that several minds studying a question in an effort to bring conflicting

ideas into harmony are more likely to make a correct decision." Defending the Inter-State Commerce Commission against recurrent charges that the credit of the railroads has been destroyed by the "niggardly attitude" of the Commission in rate decisions, Mr. Clark is said to have presented a table showing railroad earnings, divisions, stock, debt and invested capital between 1906 and 1916. This showed that dividends increased gradually from 6.03% in 1906 to 6.48% in 1916.

Although dissenting from the recommendation for return to private management, Commissioner Woolley presented recommendations for additional regulation in the event they were returned, including the proposal that the Inter-State Commerce Commission be authorized to adjust rates and employment conditions. Railroads also should be required, he said, to set aside fixed portions of their incomes for depreciation. Among the reasons presented by Mr. Woolley in support of the proposed extension of Government control were these:

Railroads would have difficulty financing themselves privately within the next few years; the so-called "weak sisters" among railroads would be thrown into receiverships on return to private control; other public utilities would be forced into financial difficulty if many railroads were to collapse financially; a new system of rate-making, based on terminal charges plus straight mileage, should be put into effect, and this could be done only under Government management.

In his further testimony on the 8th, Commissioner Clark said the Commission, with the exception of Commissioner Woolley, believed that one year was sufficient time for the extension of Federal control over the railroads. He declared that the right to withdraw the roads from Federal management and turn them back should be taken away from the President and that Congress should settle this question by setting a definite date for such action. The Commissioner said he believed private management more economical than Government control. When questioned as Senator Pomerene as to what would be the disadvantages of returning the roads at once, Commissioner Clark, according to the New York "Times," said:

The roads would not be able to continue immediately, under private management, some of the advantages we all admit have been accomplished under Federal control. There would be a great disturbance of financial arrangements, and so on. It is most desirable that the reforms be provided before control is relinquished.

Concretely, if I had my way, Congress would set a definite date when Federal control should cease, and the roads would be returned back. Then all this uncertainty and disturbance to morale that we hear so much about would be done away with.

The "Times" also says:

Commissioner Clark remarked that he thought the Government would have to pay some of the cost of Federal control.

"I don't think we will ever come out with enough earnings to pay expenses," he said. "It seems to me a very proper part of our war expenses."

"The Inter-State Commerce Commission would not put that cost on the shippers," said Senator Cummins. "It may be that this coming cost is one of the reasons why Mr. McAdoo wants to continue Federal control. The cost this year is about \$140,000,000, and next year how much no one can tell."

The Government, Mr. Clark said, is obligated to pay annually to railroads under Government control \$929,086,992. This, it was pointed out, is somewhat more than the estimate of the Railroad Administration, which recently advised the Committee that the annual Government obligation was less than \$900,000,000.

#### FURTHER VIEWS OF W. G. McADOO ON CONTROL OF RAILROADS.

The presentation before the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee on Jan. 3 of the contentions of Director-General of Railroads McAdoo in support of his recommendation that a five-year extension of Government control of the railroads were referred to at length in these columns a week ago, page 34. It was noted therein that Mr. McAdoo estimated the Government's loss in operating the railroads this year at \$136,000,000. On Jan. 9 the "Wall Street Journal" reported that Mr. McAdoo had sent to Chairman Smith of the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee a correction of his estimate of the deficit between the net earnings of railroads under Federal control for 1918 and the compensation payable to the owning corporations for the same period. The Director-General's letter to Chairman Smith, and that of G. H. Parker to Assistant Director-General Walker D. Hines, on which the correction is based, were published in the paper referred to. We quote here only the letter of Mr. Parker:

Dear Sir—Last week by your direction I completed the best estimate that was then capable of being made of operating income for the Class I

railroads under control of the Director-General for the year 1918, basing the estimate upon the returns then available for the ten months ending with October 1918. This estimate showed that the operating income would fall short by about \$136,000,000 of meeting the standard return for the year 1918.

This week the returns for the month of November have become available to a large extent (although not yet completely) and they indicate that the operating income for the month of November will be less by about \$28,000,000 than the amount which we were able to estimate last week.

This falling off is accounted for by a falling off in business resulting in a decrease in revenues to the extent of \$6,000,000 and by an increase in expenses (due almost wholly to increased wages, including back pay) of \$22,000,000.

On the basis of the November figures and on the basis of the operations for the ten months ending with October is now seems reasonable to estimate that the operating income for the year 1918 will fall short of paying the standard return by about \$196,000,000.

#### OTTO H. KAHN'S VIEWS ON GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF RAILROADS.

In outlining his views on the continuance of Government operation of the railroads for five years, Otto H. Kahn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., states that from the National point of view he considers Government ownership and operation "as gravely and far-reachingly detrimental—socially, economically and politically." Among other things he notes that "any one who will study the universal experience of railroading under Government operation in other democratic countries, . . . is bound to realize that Government ownership and operation should not be introduced in this country, unless there is a real necessity for it." Mr. Kahn also takes occasion to state that "if Government operation is continued for five years a situation will have been created financially and otherwise which, I believe, inevitably means permanent Government operation, or which means at the very least that the return to private management could only be accomplished after a period of turmoil, distress, bitterness, and heavy loss, and in the face of immense difficulties." Remedial legislation, Mr. Kahn contends, can be had just as well within two years as within five years. We give Mr. Kahn's views herewith as expressed in a letter to Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, Chairman of the Association of Railway Executives; although the letter bears date Dec. 20, it was not made public until Monday of this week:

December 20 1918.

T. De Witt Cuyler, Esq., Commercial Trust Building, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Dear Mr. Cuyler—In response to your suggestion that I state my views on the proposal for making Government operation of railroads definite for a term of five years, I beg to say:

1. From the point of view of the monetary interest of the investor in railroad securities, the prospect of Government ownership and operation, which would relieve him of risk and make his income stable and secure, may be attractive. In fact, I know that several large holders of railroad stocks and bonds are in favor of that course, because they believe it to be advantageous to the maintenance of the value of their investments.

From the national point of view, however, I consider Government ownership and operation as gravely and far-reachingly detrimental—socially, economically and politically. It is incompatible with our system and methods of government and with the genius of American institutions.

It would mean lessened efficiency, and lead to stagnation and retrogression. It would mean the setting up of a huge bureaucratic machine, political wire-pulling and log-rolling, largely increased cost to the merchant and farmer, indeed, largely increased cost all round, and many other evils. Any one who will study the universal experience of railroading under Government operation in other democratic countries, subject to the frequent administrative changes necessarily incident to free government, or who will compare the excellence and progressiveness of our privately managed telephone service, for instance, with the indifference and utter lack of progress of our postal service under Democratic as well as Republic administration, or will reflect upon the causes for the apparently incurable shortcomings of our municipal governments, is bound, it seems to me, to realize that Government ownership and operation should not be introduced in this country unless there is a real necessity for it.

There is, however, no such necessity whatever. We are in the fortunate situation of being able, through constructive legislation providing among other things for strong, but not strangling, Government regulation and supervision, to correct such shortcomings in the system and methods of private railroad management as experience has disclosed, and to secure for the public practically all the tangible advantages which are claimed in favor of Government operation, without depriving the nation of the inestimable advantage of private initiative and enterprise and competitive service.

2. If Government operation is continued for five years, a situation will have been created financially and otherwise which, I believe, inevitably means permanent Government operation, or which means at the very least that the return to private management could only be accomplished after a period of turmoil, distress, bitterness and heavy loss, and in the face of immense difficulties.

3. Legislation to correct the shortcomings and inequities of the present railroad situation and to establish a system of railroading, advantageous to the public and fair to the railroads, offers no problem of excessive difficulty. Such legislation can be had—if at all—within two years just as well as within five years. In fact, it is more likely to be obtained within the shorter than within the longer period.

4. To return the railroads to private management, especially after the grave changes which Governmental administration has wrought in their status, without adequate legislation would lead to serious financial and economic disturbances, affecting the entire structure of national credit.

5. I know of no compelling reason of public policy for returning the railroads to private management in the immediate future. To take this step without such compelling reason and without first having given Congress an adequate opportunity to legislate, would place the whole burden of responsibility for the resulting disturbance and national damage upon the Administration—a burden so heavy that I cannot but feel any Government and any party would shrink from assuming it.

6. If the President, as suggested in Mr. Jacob H. Schiff's recent telegram to the Director-General of Railroads, were to announce that in accordance with the provisions of the existing law he will return the railroads to private management, that he will do so as soon as appropriate remedial and reformatory legislation has been enacted, but that he will do so in any event with or without such legislation on January 1st, 1921, then the public, the railroads, and Congress will be under definite notice, and if in the face of such notice no appropriate legislation is enacted before January 1, 1921, the responsibility for the resulting consequences will rest where it properly belongs.

Incidentally, this would have the advantage of preventing the railroad question from becoming an acute political issue in the presidential campaign of 1920. That question involves not a political but an economic and business problem, and ought to be treated as such "sine ira et studio." It is not now, and it is to be hoped that it may not become a party question, as between our two great political parties.

Yours truly,

(Signed) OTTO H. KAHN.

#### DIRECTOR-GENERAL McADOO UPHOLDS VALIDITY OF INTRA-STATE RATES FIXED BY RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

In a statement issued by him on the 6th inst. with regard to litigation begun by several States to question the validity of rates initiated by him, Director-General of Railroads McAdoo declares that orders of State Commissions prescribing Intra-State rates other than those initiated by him or injunctions forbidding the application of initiated rates to State shipments cannot be observed as to railroads under Federal control. The following is the Director-General's statement:

Director General McAdoo, when his attention was called to-day to the fact that several States have begun litigation drawing in question the validity of rates initiated by him under the Federal Control Act so far as they apply to intra State traffic, said he regretted that the issue should be raised and a contest precipitated between State and Federal authority, but that he was acting under the law of Congress as the President's representative, and could not subject himself, in that capacity, to the jurisdiction of courts or commissions beyond the provisions of the law.

Considering the purpose for which the statute was enacted, and the extent to which it would be defeated by a division of authority, as well as the terms of the statute itself, there can, in his opinion, be no reasonable doubt that the intention is that during the period of Federal control rates may be initiated to apply to both Intra State and Inter State business, and that complaints of such rates are exclusively within the jurisdiction of the Inter State Commerce Commission, which can be relied upon to do justice to all interests. Any other construction of the statute might have been fatal to the prosecution of the war, and would now result in creating an indefensible discrimination between Inter State transportation charges and State charges, and serious curtailment of the revenue which the Railroad Administration must have in order to perform the duties placed upon it by Congress.

The Director-General pointed to the fact that the correctness of this position seems to be conceded in many of the States, where no question is made as to the power vested in the President to initiate rates applicable to Intra-State business and as to those rates being beyond the jurisdiction of the State authorities.

He expressed the hope that the States which have brought suits based upon the opposing contention may for the present at least hold them in abeyance. If such suits are pressed, he said, the Government, although it desires to give the most respectful consideration to the views of the State authorities, has no alternative except to proceed upon the theory that the action of the President's representative in establishing rates is not within the jurisdiction of either State commissions or court, and that orders prescribing rates instead of those which have been initiated, and injunctions forbidding the application of the initiated rates to State shipments cannot be observed as to railroads under Federal control.

If the Government is compelled to engage in a legal contest no other position can be taken, and there is no other course that will protect the general public interest.

Aside from the provisions of the Statute which empower the President to initiate rates without distinction as to Inter-State and Intra-State traffic, he said that he could not conceive that any State would be placed at a practical disadvantage inasmuch as if any such rates are deemed unreasonable or unjust the State itself, or the commission of the State, or any citizen of the State, is free to file a complaint before the Inter-State Commerce Commission and have it determined in the light of all of the facts. He reiterated that his concern is not because of any misgiving as to the power of the President under the Federal Control Act, but because of his aversion to the United States Government being forced into a contest with any of the States about these matters.

#### PHILADELPHIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OPPOSES GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF RAILROADS.

A statement protesting against Government ownership of public utilities was issued on Dec. 28 by the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. The Committee states that:

The chief objection to Government operation of the railroads, whether direct, as at present, or under a form of "modified" private control, is that it tends to limit initiative and to circumscribe the development of communities. The extension of Government control for the five-year period simply postpones the era of readjustment and complicates the ultimate settlement of the problem.

The Philadelphia "Press" of Dec. 29 from which the above is taken also quoted as follows from the Committee statement:

The committee believes the theory and practice of Government ownership of public utilities is at variance with the principles of democracy as established in this country. The committee believes, further, that railroads, telegraph and telephone systems, and all other interests which primarily serve the public, either as individuals or as communities, will function best when under private management and control. It is regarded as axiomatic that normal conditions of competition will produce more efficient service than will Governmental operation, with its attendant

handicap of political control. The committee believes this is so, even under the most favorable and well-meaning administration of that control.

Four plans have been suggested tentatively by the National Administration for the future; three of them by the President and one by the Director-General of Railroads. The first of these is the restoration of conditions of the pre-war period; the second, operation by the Government, and, perhaps, Government ownership; the third, a "modified" private control, and the fourth, suggested by the Director-General, of Government operation under an amended Act for a period of five years.

All parties to the agreement concur that the relinquishment of the railroads by the Government without remedial legislation is open to serious objection.

As stated, Government ownership is held to be inadvisable and indefensible.

As business, finance and industry are seeking in all ways possible to readjust conditions on a peace basis, it is imperative, for the best interests of all concerned, that the railroads be returned to private management and control as soon as it is possible to enact the necessary legislation. If the present Congress fails to perform this enactment it is essential that the President convene an extra session for this purpose. Immediately after this enactment the railroads should be restored to their owners.

As the Inter-State Commerce Commission has established itself in public confidence, such remedial legislation should provide enlarged supervisory powers for the abatement of discriminations to be placed in the hands of this commission. Federal rate regulations, under Congressional enactment, should be provided so that a designated body would be created to consider future traffic requirements and, subject to review by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, fix rates sufficient to yield sufficient revenue for such future development and for the proper maintenance of railroad credit.

Under independent operation, there should be such restrictive control as to secure the economical use of existing facilities and to eliminate duplication of service. A carefully nurtured co-operation between carriers should be encouraged by legislation which will sanction combinations of carriers when necessary to afford improved service to the public.

#### RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION EXTENDS ORDER ALLOWING PASSES IN EXCHANGE FOR ADVERTISING.

An order authorizing the renewal for this year of contracts between railroads and newspapers for the exchange of Intra-State railroad transportation for advertising was issued by the United States Railroad Administration on Dec. 31. Under the form of contract newspapers cannot charge for the railroad advertising more than their usual commercial rates and the railroads must compute the value of transportation on the basis of the normal tariff fare for one way tickets. The following is the order:

December 31 1918.

Supplement No. 2 to General Order No. 6.

On Jan. 28 1918 General Order No. 6 was issued prohibiting the issuance of free transportation, except as authorized by the Act of Congress approved Feb. 4 1887, and amendments thereto.

Question having arisen as to the application of said order to contracts between the carriers and newspaper publishers, providing for an exchange of Intra-State railroad transportation for advertising, the order was supplemented on March 26 1918 to permit the continuance of such contracts to the end of the present calendar year. The authority to renew such contracts to cover the legitimate advertising requirements of the carriers, where not repugnant to State requirements, is hereby extended for the year 1919. Contracts executed under this authority shall provide:

1. That the rates charged thereunder by the newspaper publishers shall not exceed their usual commercial rates.
2. That the value of the transportation provided by the carriers shall be computed upon the basis of the normal tariff fare for one-way tickets.

#### INCREASED WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF FEDERAL CONTROLLED TELEGRAPH LINES.

Wage increases for all employees of all departments of the telegraph systems under Government control, except employees at "non-functional" offices were announced by Postmaster-General Burleson on Dec. 31. Those in continuous service for not less than six months not more than a year and a half receive an increase of 5%, while those in continuous service more than a year and a half are granted a 10% increase. No increase, the announcement says, shall serve to advance any individual salary to more than \$200 a month, or to apply in cases to any extent where its application would result in an increase of more than \$35 a month since Jan. 1 1918. Employees at non-functional offices are to be paid regular salary ratings for hour's work in excess of eight up to a maximum of 10 hours a day. For extra service in excess of 10 hours, time-and-a-half is to be paid. Sunday work is to be paid at the regular rates. The following is the announcement made by Postmaster-General Burleson:

On and after Jan. 1 1919 the salaries of all employees of all departments of the telegraph systems under Government control except at nonfunctional offices shall be increased as follows:

Employees who on Jan. 1 1919 had been in the service continuously for six months and not more than one and a half years, 5%.

Employees who on Jan. 1 1919 had been in the service continuously for more than one and a half years, 10%.

These percentage increases shall not apply to premium rates nor to premium earnings. The increases as above to be reckoned on the salaries in effect as of Dec. 31 1918.

No increase shall serve to advance any individual salary to more than \$200 per month, or to apply in cases or to any extent where its application would result in an increase of more than \$35 per month since Jan. 1 1918.

No increase in the traffic department forces to increase any individual salary classified below beyond the limit set out therein as a maximum monthly rating; and additional amounts will be added to individual salary

rates where the percentage increase above does not raise the salary to the minimum monthly rating specified for the particular classification:

	Max-Minimum	Min-Minimum	Max-Minimum		
Assistant chief operator.....	\$200	\$90	Automatic supervisor.....	125	75
Wire chief.....	200	90	Telephone supervisor.....	125	75
Night wire chief.....	190	90	Morse operators.....	160	70
Late night wire chief.....	190	90	Multiplex and printer operators.....	105	55
Assistant wire chief.....	185	90	C. N. D. keyboard operators.....	105	55
Testboard attendant.....	175	90	Telephone operators.....	105	55
Automatic chiefs.....	185	90	Route clerks.....	100	40
Automatic attendants.....	175	70	Tube clerks.....	100	40
Repeater chief.....	185	90	Service clerks.....	100	50
Repeater attendants.....	175	90	File clerks.....	100	50
Equipment chiefs.....	175	90	Office messengers, T. & R.....	90	40
Equipment attendants.....	150	60	Claim clerks.....	100	50
Typewriter attendants.....	100	50	Time clerks.....	100	50
Dynamo and battery attendants.....	110	60	Statistical clerks.....	100	50
Janitors.....	75	25	Clerks (not otherwise classified).....	100	50
Elevator men.....	75	25	Chief clerks.....	150	90
Morse supervisor.....	175	90	T. & R. clerks.....	100	50
C. N. D. supervisor.....	175	90			

Increases are not to be regarded as applying to those whose regular occupation is with other concerns and whose occupation with the telegraph companies is classed as "other employment employees."

Employees at nonfunctional offices to be paid at their regular salary rating for hours worked in excess of 8 up to a maximum of 10 hours per day. For extra service in excess of 10 hours per day, time and a half to be paid.

Whenever the increased compensation of nonfunctional employees with respect of time worked in excess of 8 but not in excess of 10 hours per day is less than the amount he or she would receive at the percentage increase for his or her class provided for functional office employees, the basic compensation shall be increased to an amount sufficient to make up the difference.

Employees who are engaged on Sunday shall be paid at the regular rates of compensation described above or be granted compensatory time during the following week, as he or she may elect.

The above increases shall not apply to employees known as messengers.

The above increases are made after a careful investigation of a petition filed by the employees of one of the telegraph companies through its officers, who recommended that certain increases be made. The Department feels that the telegraph employees are entitled to an increase, but revenue conditions at this time would not justify these increases hereby authorized unless by a careful plan of elimination of waste incident to duplication and by effecting other economies, which will not impair the efficiency of the service the revenue conditions can be made to meet such increases. Believing that this can be done, the order for such increases is accordingly issued.

A. S. BURLESON, Postmaster-General.

**FURTHER ADJUSTMENT IN WAGE SCHEDULE OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.**

A further change in the increased wage schedule promulgated in November in behalf of railroad telegraphers was announced on Dec. 30 by Director-General of Railroads McAdoo, retroactive to Oct. 1. Under the previous order, referred to in our issue of Nov. 23, page 1978, and Nov. 30, page 2066, the basis for calculating increased pay, was made by dividing the rate in effect Jan. 1 by the number of working days in the year, which included holidays and Sundays. The new order eliminates Sundays and holidays, and makes the divisor 306. To this new basis is added the advance of 13 cents an hour above the rate prevailing Jan. 1 1918, provided for in the order of Nov. 16. The supplementary order provides for payment on the eight-hour basis, with over-time at the rate of time-and-a-half. This overtime rate, however, does not apply to work on Sundays and holidays, for which nevertheless additional payment will be received. Vacation periods, with pay, are eliminated, and in lieu thereof an additional increase in the hourly rate of two cents is granted, which provision is to apply on all railroads, irrespective of former practices. Director-General McAdoo states that "this order will go far toward eliminating Sunday and holiday work wherever practicable, and toward reducing such work, where it cannot be eliminated, to the fewest number of hours." The new order applies to station agents, but excepts agents whose duties are purely supervisory and those at small non-telegraphic stations. Dissatisfaction over the increases quoted in November by Director-General McAdoo was expressed by telegraphers of various roads throughout the country following the announcement of the award, and in Chicago on Nov. 26, a vote favoring a strike of telegraphers on all roads in the United States and Canada was cast by the general chairmen and secretaries of the fifty-one divisions of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers in Western and Middle Western States. On the 23rd of that month 500 members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, employed on the Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, Western Maryland, Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac and Washington Terminal railroads met at Baltimore and threatened to strike unless their demands were acceded to. The telegrapher throughout the country are said to have declared that conditions were not improved under the November order; they demanded, it is stated, pay on an hourly basis, with a minimum of 60 cents an hour, with time-and-a-half for overtime Sundays and holidays, instead of payment on a monthly basis, and they requested the return to them of the two-day holidays a month with pay which they claimed was cut out when changes were made some months ago in the schedule of pay and hours.

The resolutions of the Baltimore division declared that "the wages and working conditions provided for by Supplement 10 to General Order 28 are not only insufficient to cover the present cost of living, but take away many rights gained through years of organized efforts and the medium of mediation and arbitration." It was stated that the action was taken by the employees themselves, that the meetings were called by the local chairmen in the different cities, and that none of the national officers had anything to do with them.

On Nov. 30 Director-General McAdoo addressed the following telegram to H. B. Perham, President of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers regarding the right of the telegraphers to appeal where dissatisfaction arose:

Telegrams received from individual members of your organization indicate that they do not understand that when a wage order affecting all employees of a class is thought to be detrimental to certain employees of this class, a rule has been established whereby the representative of that class are privileged to again appear before the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions and present the claim of such individuals. Other classes of employees have already availed themselves of this privilege. It would be unfortunate if you did not communicate to the men you represent that they have this privilege and suggest to them that their claims should be submitted to the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions, which will give them prompt consideration.

**PRESIDENT WILSON'S VISIT TO ITALY.**

President Wilson returned to Paris from Italy Tuesday morning (Jan. 7), after five days crowded with events, during the course of which he visited Rome, Genoa, Milan and Turin, and received everywhere the most enthusiastic welcome. The warmth and genuineness of the purely popular greeting accorded the American President was commented upon in all the press dispatches, and the President in turn took full advantage of the numerous opportunities presented to emphasize the peace principles associated with his name. He again declared, as in his Manchester address last week, that a "balance of power" was not sufficient to maintain peace. Speaking before the Italian Chamber of Deputies, he declared that there is only one thing that holds nations together, if you exclude force, and that is friendship. "Therefore our task at Paris is to organize the friendship of the world—to see to it that all the moral forces that make for right and justice and liberty are united and are given a vital organization to which the peoples of the world will readily and gladly respond." And speaking in this spirit, the President declared that the Balkan peoples should be independent. The distinguishing fact in this war, he said, was that great empires held together by force and intrigue had gone to pieces. Now the bonds were broken, and "what we are going to provide is a new cement to hold the people together." The solution is not to be found in a new balance of power, but in "a new international psychology," in which the world's desire to do justice, to establish friendliness, and make peace rest upon right, shall be organized through "a thoroughly united League of Nations." The President did not deny the difficulty of the task, but declared that "the only use of an obstacle is to be overcome," and that he had found among the leaders of France, England and Italy an atmosphere friendly to the proposal. The significance of the President's remarks was heightened by the tense situation created by the conflicting claims of Italy and the new Jugo-Slav State to the Eastern Adriatic coast. The Italian Deputies received the President's remarks about the Balkan situation in silence, although they enthusiastically applauded his references to the League of Nations. Throughout his visit in Italy, however, the President received numerous delegations from organizations and societies, giving assurance of their support of his peace principles, and the tremendous ovations accorded by the people of the different cities he visited are declared to have convinced President Wilson that the people of Italy as a whole will support the League of Nations idea.

President Wilson and his party arrived at Rome on Friday morning Jan. 3. He was received at the station by King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena, members of the Government and representatives of the local authorities. The program of the day included a luncheon with Queen Mother Margherita, a reception by the Parliament, and a State dinner with the King, which followed the visit to the President of a deputation from the Quirinal. In the evening the citizenship of Rome was conferred upon the American Executive. In Parliament a joint reception was tendered the President by members of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies. The function was an impressive one. The large and distinguished gathering gave the President an

ovation. The President's address to the legislators, referred to above, will be found in full elsewhere. The President's speech was constantly interrupted by outbursts of applause, and when he ended the demonstration of approval lasted until he passed through the exit of the building. Representatives of the press were received by President Wilson at the Quirinal in the afternoon. The editors in chief of thirty leading newspapers of Italy were in the party.

On Saturday (Jan. 4) Mr. Wilson paid a brief visit to the Vatican, where he was received by the Pope and by Cardinal Casparri, the Papal Secretary of State. The President conversed with the Pope for about twenty minutes. The Pope presented to the President a handsome mosaic reproducing Guido Reni's famous picture of St. Peter. The mosaic was made in the Vatican grounds by the ancient mosaic factory of the Vatican and is a yard square. It has been valued, it is said, at \$40,000. Cardinal Gasparri presented to President Wilson two copies of the modification of the cannon law compiled by himself. One copy is bound in white parchment and contains an autographed dedication to President Wilson. The other is in red leather and bears the following autograph: "Homage to Princeton University from Pietro Cardinal Gasparri, Vatican, Rome."

President Wilson was made a member of the Royal Academy of Sciences on Saturday morning at a brilliant ceremony attended by the King and Queen, the diplomatic corps, and many distinguished Italian officials and scientists. This was followed by an official luncheon given by American Ambassador Page, attended by King Victor, Queen Helena, members of the Cabinet and court officials. A visit to the ancient Roman Forum and other points of interest was made in the afternoon. After a farewell visit to the Italian King and Queen in the evening, the Presidential party left Rome for Genoa, where they arrived at 8 o'clock the next morning. A heavy downpour of rain marred the ceremonies here, but the President paid visits to the monuments of Columbus and Mazzini, making brief addresses at each place. Milan was reached in the afternoon and the populace turned out in force to welcome the American President. The freedom of the city was conferred upon Mr. Wilson at the City Hall. In replying to the address of the Mayor, the President took occasion to pay a tribute to the part played by the working classes in the war and their attitude toward peace. Later he repeated the same sentiments in a speech at Turin. Speaking at Milan he said:

May I not say to you as the representative of this great city that it is impossible for me to put into words the impressions I have received to-day. The overwhelming welcome, the spontaneous welcome, so evidently coming from the heart, has been profoundly moving to me, Sir, and I have not failed to see the significance of that welcome. You have yourself referred to it.

I am as keenly aware, I believe, Sir, as anybody can be that the social structure rests upon the great working classes of the world, and that those working classes in several countries of the world have by their consciousness of community of interest, by their consciousness of community of spirit, done perhaps more than any other influence has to establish a world opinion which is not of a nation, which is not of a continent, but is the opinion, one might say, of mankind; and I am aware, Sir, that those of us now charged with the very great and serious responsibility of concluding peace must think, act and confer in the presence of this opinion—that we are not masters of the fortunes of any nation, but are the servants of mankind; that it is not our privilege to follow special interests, but it is our manifest duty to study only the general interest.

This is a solemn thing, Sir, and here in Milan, where I know so much of the pulse of international sympathy beats, I am glad to stand up and say that I believe that that pulse beats also in my own veins, and that I am not thinking of a particular settlement.

I am very much touched to-day, Sir, to receive at the hands of wounded soldiers a memorial in favor of a League of Nations, and to be told by them that it was that they had fought for—not merely to win this war, but to secure something beyond, some guarantee of justice, some equilibrium for the world as a whole, which would make it certain that they would never have to fight a war like this again.

This is an added obligation upon us who make peace. We cannot merely sign a treaty of peace and go home with a clear conscience. We must do something more. We must add so far as we can the security which suffering men everywhere demand.

And when I speak of suffering men I think also of suffering women. I know that, splendid as have been the achievements of your armies and tremendous as have been the sacrifices which they have made and great the glory which they have achieved, the real hard pressure of the burden came upon the women at home, whose men had gone to the front, and who were willing to have them stay there until the battle was fought out. And I have heard from your Minister of Food the story how, for days together, there would be no bread. And when they know that there was no bread, the spirit of the people did not flag.

I take off my hat to the great people of Italy and tell them that my admiration is merged into friendship and affection. It is in this spirit that I receive your courtesy, Sir, and thank you from the bottom of my heart for this unprecedented reception, which I have received at the hands of your generous people.

At Milan the President received many delegations which called to pay their respects and to assure President Wilson of their support of his peace principles.

The President's Italian visit ended at Turin, where he received the same tremendous ovation that marked his entire trip. He delivered five speeches during the course

of the day, in all of which he emphasized the close relations existing between Italy and the United States.

Many beautiful and valuable gifts were showered upon the President and Mrs. Wilson by the Italian cities they visited, taking the form of reproductions, in several cases in gold or silver, of famous works of art.

#### TEXT OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S ADDRESS TO THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT.

President Wilson's address delivered in Rome on Jan. 3 at the reception tendered by the Italian Senators and Deputies, was as follows:

Your Majesty and Mr. President of the Chamber: You are bestowing upon me an unprecedented honor, which I accept because I believe that it is extended to me as the representative of the great people for whom I speak. And I am going to take this first opportunity to say how entirely the heart of the American people has been with the great people of Italy.

We have seemed, no doubt, indifferent at times, to look from a great distance, but our hearts have never been far away. All sorts of ties have long bound the people of our America to the people of Italy, and when the people of the United States, knowing this people, have witnessed its sufferings, its sacrifices, its heroic actions upon the battlefield, and its heroic endurance at home—its steadfast endurance at home touching us more nearly to the quick even than its heroic action on the battlefield—we have been bound by a new tie of profound admiration.

Then, back of it all, and through it all, running like the golden thread that wove it together, was our knowledge that the people of Italy had gone into this war for the same exalted principle of right and justice that moved our own people. And so I welcome this opportunity of conveying to you the heartfelt greetings of the people of the United States.

But we cannot stand in the shadow of this war without knowing there are things which are in some senses more difficult than those we have undertaken, because, while it is easy to speak of right and justice, it is sometimes difficult to work them out in practice, and there will be required a purity of motives and disinterestedness of object which the world has never witnessed before in the councils of nations.

It is for that reason that it seems to me you will forgive me if I lay some of the elements of the new situation before you for a moment. The distinguishing fact of this war is that great empires have gone to pieces. And the characteristics of those empires are that they held different peoples reluctantly together under the coercion of force and the guidance of intrigue.

The great difficulty among such States as those of the Balkans has been that they were always accessible to secret influence; that they were always being penetrated by intrigue of some sort or another, that north of them lay disturbed populations which were held together not by sympathy and friendship, but by the coercive force of a military power.

Now the intrigue is checked, and the bonds are broken, and what we are going to provide is a new cement to hold the people together. They have not been accustomed to being independent. They must now be independent.

I am sure that you recognize the principle as I do—that it is not our privilege to say what sort of a government they should set up. But we are friends of those people, and it is our duty as their friends to see to it that some kind of protection is thrown around them—something supplied which will hold them together.

There is only one thing that holds nations together, if you exclude force, and that is friendship and good-will. The only thing that binds men together is friendship, and by the same token the only thing that binds nations together is friendship. Therefore our task at Paris is to organize the friendship of the world—to see to it that all the moral forces that make for right and justice and liberty are united and are given a vital organization to which the peoples of the world will readily and gladly respond.

In other words, our task is no less colossal than this: To set up a new international psychology; to have a new real atmosphere. I am happy to say that, in my dealings with the distinguished gentlemen who lead your nation, and those who lead France and England, I feel that atmosphere gathering, that desire to do justice, that desire to establish friendliness, that desire to make peace rest upon right; and with this common purpose no obstacles need be formidable.

The only use of an obstacle is to be overcome. All that an obstacle does with brave men is not to frighten them, but to challenge them. So that it ought to be our pride to overcome everything that stands in the way.

We know that there cannot be another balance of power. That has been tried and found wanting for the best of all reasons that it does not stay balanced inside itself, and a weight which does not hold together cannot constitute a make-weight in the affairs of men.

Therefore there must be something substituted for the balance of power, and I am happy to find everywhere in the air of these great nations the conception that that thing must be a thoroughly united League of Nations.

What men once considered theoretical and idealistic turns out to be practical and necessary. We stand at the opening of a new age in which a new statesmanship will, I am confident, lift mankind to new levels of endeavor and achievement.

#### ITALIAN KING, WELCOMING WILSON, ENDORSES LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

President Wilson was welcomed formally to Italy by King Victor at an official dinner at the Quirinal on Jan. 3. In his address the Italian King paid a warm tribute to America and declared that "Italy is preparing herself to co-operate" in the establishment of a League of Nations. The King's speech in full follows:

You, yourself, Mr. President, have become our welcome and pleasing guest only to-day, but in the conscience of our people your personality already for a long time has inscribed itself in an ineffaceable way. It is that which in itself gathers all the powers which go to stimulate a will bent on liberty and justice, and gives inspiration toward the highest conception of the destinies of humanity.

The enthusiastic salutations which have accompanied your passage through the streets of Rome to-day are attestations of the sentiments of admiration and recognition that your own name and labor and the name and labor of the United States stir in the Italian people. The principles in which you in magnificent synthesis have summed up the ideal reasons of the war for liberty find resonance in Italian hearts.

The best traditions of Italian culture, the liveliest currents of our national thoughts, have constantly aimed at the same ideal goal, toward the es-



establishment of the international peace for which you have with tenacious faith stood. Already before the vicissitudes of war and the fraternity of armies had established to-day's admirable communion of intentions and purposes between our two countries, legions of our workers had emigrated to your great Republic. They had knitted America and Italy together with strong cords of relationship, and these became reinforced by the spiritual affinity between both peoples, who had a common faith in the virtue of free political Government.

When Italy entered into the war, a breath, a precursor of the American soul, penetrated into the rank and file of our army through the means of our workers who returned to the Fatherland from America and brought into Italy an echo of their second patria. So, correspondingly, the Italian soul vibrated in the hearts of our emigrants enrolled under your banners when the American nation, under your guidance, threw itself into the fight against the common enemy.

It was natural that your visit, swayed with a most earnest desire, should now give form and expression almost tangible to this fervid agreement of spirits, to this happy communion of intentions and of ideals, forming themselves between the two peoples, which are employed in a union always more intimate and a co-operation always more cordial in the face of the grave duties imposed by the common victory. Italy, having now gathered to her own bosom those brothers so long sorrowing under foreign oppression, and having reconquered the confines which alone can give her security and true independence, is preparing herself to co-operate with you in the most cordial manner to reach the most practical means for drawing into a single circle the civilized nations, for the purpose of creating in the supreme form of a League of Nations the conditions most fitted to safeguard and protect each one's rights.

Italy and America entered together into the war through a rare act of will; they were moved by the purpose to concur with all their energies in an effort to prevent the domination of the cult of force in the world; they were moved by the purpose to reaffirm in the scale of human values the principles of liberty and justice. They entered into war to conquer the powers of war. Their accomplishment is still unfinished, and the common work must still be developed with firm faith and with tenacious constancy for the purpose of effecting the security of peace.

I lift my glass, Mr. President, in your honor and in honor of Mrs. Wilson, whose gentle presence adds charm to your visit; I drink to the prosperity and to the continued and increasing prestige of the great American nation.

In his reply President Wilson said:

Your Majesty, I have been very much touched by the generous terms of the address you have just read. I feel it would be difficult for me to make a worthy reply, and yet if I could speak simply the things that are in my heart I am sure they could constitute an adequate reply.

I had occasion at the Parliament this afternoon to speak of the strong sympathy that had sprung up between the United States and Italy during the terrible years of the war, but perhaps here I can speak more intimately and say how sincerely the people of the United States had admired your own course and your own constant association with the armies of Italy, and the gracious and generous and serving association of her Majesty, the Queen.

It has been a matter of pride with us that so many Italians, so many men of Latin origin, were in our own armies and associated with their brethren in Italy itself in the great enterprise of freedom. These are no small matters, and they complete that process of the welding together of the sympathies of nations which has been going on so long between our people.

The Italians in the United States have excited a particular degree of admiration. They, I believe, are the only people of a given nationality who have been careful to organize themselves to see that their compatriots coming to America were from month to month and year to year guided to places in industries most suitable to their previous habits. No other nationality has taken such pains as that, and in serving their fellow-countrymen they have served the United States, because these people have found places where they would be most useful, and would most immediately earn their own living and add to the prosperity of the country itself.

In every way we have been happy in our association at home and abroad with the people of this great State. I was saying playfully to Premier Orlando and Baron Sonnino this afternoon that in trying to put the people of the world under their proper sovereignties we would not be willing to part with the Italians in the United States because we too much value the contribution that they have made, not only to the industry of the United States, but to its thought and to many elements of its life.

This is, therefore, a very welcome occasion upon which to express a feeling that goes very deep. I was touched the other day to have an Italian, a very plain man, say to me that we had helped to feed Italy during the war, and it went to my heart because we had been able to do so little. It was necessary for us to use our tonnage so exclusively for the handling of troops and of the supplies that had to follow them from the United States that we could not do half as much as it was our desire to do to supply grain to this country, or coal, or any of the supplies which it so much needed during the progress of the war.

And, knowing as we did in this indirect way the needs of the country, you will not wonder that we were moved by its steadfastness. My heart goes out to the little poor families all over this great kingdom who stood the brunt and the strain of the war and gave their men gladly to make other men free and other women and other children free. These are the people and many like them to whom, after all, we owe the glory of this great achievement, and I want to join with you, for I am sure of joining with you, in expressing my profound sympathy not only, but my very profound admiration as well.

It is my privilege and honor to propose the health of his Majesty the King and her Majesty the Queen and long prosperity to Italy.

#### PREMIER CLEMENCEAU CLINGS TO "BALANCE OF POWER"—BACKS ENGLAND'S SEA POLICY.

After several days of excited debate in the French Chamber, precipitated by Socialist attempts to force the Clemenceau Government to declare its peace policy, Premier Clemenceau on Dec. 29 received an overwhelming vote of confidence, following a suggestion to the Chamber of Deputies that "if it intended to dispense with his leadership, now was the time to do it." The Deputies upheld the policy laid down by Premier Clemenceau by a vote of 380 to 134, only the Socialists dissenting. Great significance is attached to this result, because during the debate the French Premier expressed views in regard to the peace terms widely divergent from those advocated by President Wilson. M. Clemenceau

declared his adherence to the "old system of alliances known as the balance of power," although he indicated that he was not opposed to the formation of a League of Nations. He also announced that he would support the English view of the freedom of the seas, and declared that President Wilson approved of his attitude in that respect. Premier Clemenceau said his conversations with President Wilson had been profitable, "although," he added, "I should not be telling the truth if I said I had always been in agreement with him on all points." In summing up his argument for full confidence and the exercise of patience by the Chamber, the Premier, as quoted in Associated Press dispatches, dated Dec. 30, declared:

"There will be claims to be set forth and others which will have to be given up. If I mounted the rostrum to elaborate the subject I would be the worst Premier in Europe. That does not mean we are not working hard to prepare a line of action for the peace congress."

Replying to charges made by Albert Thomas, Socialist leader, that he had kept the Chamber without information, Premier Clemenceau said:

"The question of peace is a tremendous problem. It is one of the most difficult questions ever submitted to the nation at any time. In a few days a conference of delegates will meet in Paris which will settle the fate of nations in all parts of the world.

"People say, 'Premier Lloyd George has spoken, President Wilson has spoken, but you have said nothing.' I have given explanations whenever you have asked me. But it isn't because Mr. Lloyd George has spoken or because Mr. Wilson has arrived from America with elevated thoughts that I am obliged to explain myself and keep running to the speaker's rostrum.

"France was in an especially difficult situation. It was the country nearest Germany. America was far away and took her time to come into the war. England came at once at the call of Mr. Asquith. We suffered and fought; our men were mowed down and our towns and villages were destroyed.

"There is an old system which appears condemned to-day, and to which I do not fear to say that I remain faithful at this moment. Countries have organized the defense of their frontiers with the necessary elements and the balances of powers."

Great disorder broke out in the Chamber at this point and Pierre Prizon, a Socialist Deputy, exclaimed: "This is the system which has gone into bankruptcy."

Premier Clemenceau continued, saying: "This system appears to be condemned by some very high authorities. Nevertheless, I will remark that if such a balance had preceded the war—that if America, England, France and Italy had got together in declaring that whoever attacked one of them must expect to see the three others take up the common defense"—

The Premier was interrupted here by applause and disorder in the Chamber, but later resumed:

"There is in this system of alliances, which I do not renounce, I say it most distinctly, my guiding thought at the conference—if your body permits me to go there—and I believe that nothing should separate after the war the four great Powers that the war has united. To this extent I will make all sacrifices."

"I have been reproached with deceiving President Wilson. I do not understand why. I have made it a rule not to question him, but to let him develop his views. That is what he did. President Wilson, to whom certain persons, in the interest of their parties, attribute intentions which perhaps, are not his, has opened his mind and has inspired respect through his simple speech and the nobility of it.

"President Wilson said to me: 'I will try to convince you, but perhaps you will convince me.'

"You know that reservations have been made on the question of freedom of the seas. Premier Lloyd George said to me one day: 'You will admit that without the British fleet you could not have continued the war.' I answered in the affirmative. The British Premier then asked me if I was disposed to do anything in opposition to British ideas on the freedom of the seas. I answered in the negative. Concerning this question President Wilson said to me:

"I approve of what you said. What I have to offer the Allied Governments will change in no way your answer to Premier Lloyd George."

Prior to the Premier's address, Foreign Minister Pichon made a categorical reply to various interpellations as to the Government's foreign policy made by Marcel Cachin, Socialist, and other Deputies. In this statement M. Pichon declared that the French Government did not desire annexations, "but reserves the right to fix the Alsace-Lorraine frontiers to guard against future attack." It developed in the course of the debate that the question of annexing the Saare Basin had been contemplated, and M. Franklin-Bouillon strongly advocated taking back from Prussia "the mines of the Saare that she stole from us in 1815, as she stole Alsace-Lorraine from us in 1870." In his answer to the Socialist interpellations, Foreign Minister Pichon also declared that intervention in Russia was inevitable. M. Pichon's answers in detail were as follows:

First. That the Government was in accord that the utmost publicity should be given to the peace conference, thus replying to the interpellation of the Socialist Deputy, Marcel Cachin, of last Friday when he asked Premier Clemenceau to state whether secret diplomacy would be abandoned in the peace conference and the discussion given all publicity.

Second. That the French Government has adopted the principle of a League of Nations and is now busy working toward its effective realization, thus replying to the interpellation of the Socialist, M. Bracke.

Third. That the Government does not desire any annexation, but reserves the right to fix the Alsace-Lorraine frontiers, to guard against future attack, thus replying to M. Franklin-Bouillon.

Fourth. That the Government does not think that the question of diplomatic representation of the Vatican arises at the present moment.

Fifth. That intervention in Russia is inevitable.

The statement by M. Pichon aroused a veritable storm of opposition from the Socialists with charges that "the war is beginning all over again."

The press dispatches gave the following additional details:

Upon Russian intervention, M. Pichon explained, reading from instructions issued by Premier Clemenceau to the general commanding, that such intervention was not offensive for the time being, but defensive, in order to prevent the Bolsheviks from invading Ukraine, the Caucasus and Western Siberia. In the future an offensive intervention might be necessary in order to destroy Bolshevism. Such an operation must be carried out by Russian troops, of which 100,000 were at present ready at Odessa.

In the course of his speech M. Pichon, arguing the necessity for intervention in Russia, related details of the brutal execution of the whole Imperial Russian family. The members of the Emperor's family were placed as prisoners in a small room and jabbed with bayonets throughout the night. The next morning revolver shots ended their misery.

This information, said M. Pichon, had been received through Prince Lvoff, the former Russian Premier, while he was on a visit to Paris recently.

While M. Pichon was reading M. Clemenceau's instructions pandemonium broke loose on the Socialist bench.

"The war is beginning anew," they shouted. M. Deschanel, President of the Chamber, threatened to have one of the most unruly of the Socialist members ejected. M. Pichon weathered the storm calmly.

In the discussions to-day M. Franklin Bouillon said the question of Alsace-Lorraine and of the Saare Basin, according to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, formed one problem for settlement.

"It cannot be admitted," said he, "that we should not take back the mines of the Saare that Prussia stole from us in 1815, as she stole Alsace-Lorraine in 1871. On the other hand, the commission is opposed to the making of men citizens against their will."

The speaker declared that the committee was unanimous that the land on the left bank of the Rhine must be used no more for enemy concentrations against France.

"Not a soldier nor fort must remain on the left bank of the Rhine or in a zone forty kilometers from the right bank," he said.

In our issue of Dec. 28 (page 2442) we gave the substance of a Paris dispatch, dated Dec. 25, to the effect that the Allied Governments had decided against further intervention in Russia. The statement by M. Pichon would seem to contradict that impression. On this point advises under date of Dec. 28 said:

Marcel Cachin, a Socialist Deputy, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies, declared that Foreign Minister Pichon had said the Entente had decided not to send a military expedition to intervene in Russia. Upon this M. Pichon rose and denied making such a statement.

"I never said that intervention had been abandoned," declared the Foreign Minister, "but that the Government had not considered it under the conditions described by the press."

American delegates to the Peace Conference have given much consideration to the question of the policy to be pursued towards Russia, but it is understood have reached no decision. The general tendency among the French and English newspapers and officials favoring intervention is to suggest that the Americans undertake the task, as their forces are fresh. This view, however, appears to find no favor with the American delegates.

The dispatch further stated:

General Franchet d'Esperey, Commander of the Allied Armies in the Near East, has been summoned to Paris to confer over the situation along the Black Sea coast and in the Balkans. The General's coming is awaited with interest, as his advice is expected to affect vitally the policy of the Entente toward Russia. With Allied forces in Odessa, Sebastopol, and Novorodskoe, attention is being attracted to the activities in the Black Sea region.

In spite of the apparent divergence of French and American views on the most important subject to come before the Peace Conference—the League of Nations—Stephen Pichon, French Foreign Minister, declared on Dec. 30 in an Associated Press interview that exchanges of view which have taken place had proved "the complete accord regarding the meaning and purpose of their duty for the accomplishment of which we have gathered." The interview follows:

"You asked me in what spirit the French Government is preparing to participate in the peace negotiations. It is agreeable and easy for me to reply that the ideal which sustained us during the war is guiding us effectively on the eve of peace. This defines our policy.

"We have been attacked. We want security. We have been despoiled. We want restitution. We have been devastated. We want reparation.

"But that which we asked for ourselves, we demand for all, and hence are closely in accord with President Wilson. We intend that peace, in erasing the effects of the German crime, shall bring to all peoples the certainty that this crime will not be renewed."

M. Pichon, while apparently fatigued from the eighteen hours' session in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, made these statements with great energy:

"In order to achieve this," he continued, "the world must be constituted on a new basis. The basic points you know. President Wilson has expressed them; we have adhered to them.

"Rumors of suspicious origin have attempted in the last two weeks to lead one to the belief that notable differences existed between the Allies on the conception of peace. In order to dispel doubts and to bring forth the truth, I cannot do better than to appropriate the words spoken in London by your President, and to declare that the exchanges of views which have just taken place between him and the Allied Governments have proved the complete accord regarding the meaning and purpose of their duty for the accomplishment of which we have gathered.

"Together we have saved the world's democracy, together we will establish laws which will record in peace the immortal principles for which our soldiers died. The voices from the grave dictate our duty to the living, and we are jointly and wholeheartedly ready to fulfill it."

On this same point a member of the American peace delegation was quoted as follows in Paris dispatches dated Jan. 2:

"The principal object which Colonel E. M. House had in view in going to see President Wilson this morning was to tell him the result of a conference which he had had the evening before with Premier Clemenceau," said a member of the American delegation to the peace congress to a representa-

tive of the "Petit Journal," according to an article in that newspaper this morning.

The newspaper quoted the American as adding that Secretary Balfour and Colonel House found themselves in agreement on the subject discussed (presumably covering that touched upon in Colonel House's talk with Premier Clemenceau), and that their opinion "as well as that of all the American representatives, is identical and that England and the United States are in agreement." The American is said to have declared:

"In a word, we American delegates are convinced, as a result of these conversations, that nothing in Premier Clemenceau's attitude can justify an apprehension of any marked differences between the great Powers of the Entente and the United States, and we believe that the divergences now existing will be easily smoothed over."

#### HOW SWITZERLAND HANDLED A RAILWAY STRIKE.

On Nov. 11 last the Swiss declared a general strike with a political aim, and the railway employees participated, on an order by the Executive Committee of Olten. This order was issued without consulting those most directly interested.

The Federal Council immediately took severe measures to put a stop to the movement, particularly decreeing general mobilization. The text of the proclamations addressed by the Federal Council to the employees and workmen of the Confederation, which have just been received by the Bureau of Railway News and Statistics, Chicago, are of interest as showing how the Government of the little republic handled a serious emergency. Translated, they follow:

*Appeal of the Swiss Federal Council to the Officers, Employees and Workmen, to Keep Them From Taking Part in the Strike.*

"A general strike has been decided upon by the Executive Committee at Olten and must begin immediately. Certain federations of the employees of the Confederation seem to wish to join in this general cessation of work.

"We are compelled to admit that in these serious and dangerous times some officers, employees and workmen are abandoning their posts. In entering the service of the State you have contracted some duties toward it from which you cannot lightly free yourselves. You are bound to the State by a bond of fidelity which you break by such action. For all society concentrated in the State, you must fulfil your duties surely and faithfully. On you depends the economic life of society.

"Consequently both the committees and the individual members of these federations who compel the employees and workmen of the Confederation to stop work are committing a crime against society. He who follows such incitations is equally guilty. We recall you all to your duty and make you responsible for all consequences which contempt of this duty would bring about.

"All those who have thought it good to join in the general strike are asked to take up their work again within twenty-four hours. Whoever does not follow this injunction will be punished."

Berne, Nov. 11 1918.

In the name of the Swiss Federal Council.

(Signed) CALONDER, President; SCHATZMANN, Chancellor.

*Appeal of the Federal Council to the Swiss People Not to Participate in the Strike.*

"Dear and Faithful Countrymen: Three days have hardly passed and we find ourselves obliged to address you a second time.

"The Executive Committee of Olten has replied to the measures we determined upon in the highest interests of the country, and which we made known to you in our first proclamation, by the proclamation of a general strike. This strike, which has already commenced in the Canton of Zurich, will extend over the entire country at midnight.

"This general strike puts the life of the whole people in danger. We have decided this very morning to mobilize again the infantry of the first division and of two mountain brigades to protect public order and tranquillity, and to call the Federal Assembly in special session to-morrow, Tuesday, at 11 o'clock.

"At the same time we have decided upon an ordinance against any attempts on the interior safety of the Confederation. This ordinance places the officers, employees and workmen of the military administration, Federal and local, as well as those of the administration of transportation, under military law. It declares also that participation of the personnel of the State in a strike constitutes a crime.

"The Committee of Olten threateningly formulates political and social reforms. We placed ourselves, in our first proclamation, on the side of social reform. Nothing could make us abandon this determination, but we oppose any reform movement which must be accomplished by a revolution, that is to say outside of constitutional and legal methods. We are against all violence. We will prevent that in any case.

"Dear and faithful comrades, you are citizens of a free democracy. Your institutions and your laws furnish the means of realizing by your own will all progress and innovations in the social order as in the political. Do not allow our dear Switzerland to endure the convulsions of anarchy! You have safeguarded her by your vigilance in the terrible hours when war rumbled around us; you will save her by your resolution and courage in this hour of internal conflict.

"May God protect the country!"

The Council's firm attitude caused the strike to be abandoned.

#### SECRETARY OF LABOR WILSON'S RECOMMENDATION FOR FARM LANDS FOR SOLDIERS.

As a solution of the many problems arising from demobilization Secretary of Labor Wilson in his annual report made public on Dec. 12 recommended the colonization by returned soldiers and sailors of large tracts of land under the direction and with the aid of the Federal Government. In the opinion of Secretary Wilson the Government should establish and equip individual farms which would be linked into community groups. To solve the labor problems arising from reconstruction, Mr. Wilson recommended the continuation of the labor adjustment agency of the National War Labor Board. Agreements have been effected between

labor and employers through this agency, the report said, by which certain principles have been placed above further dispute. Agricultural areas should be purchased by the Federal Government and added to the public domain to provide land for the carrying out of the proposed colonization program for returned members of the military forces the report asserted. It is proposed that administration of the program be directed by a board consisting of the heads of the Agriculture, Interior and Labor Departments. Legislation needed to carry out the plan, Secretary Wilson believes, should include these provisions:

The possibility of commercialized speculation must be eliminated. Colonists must be given access, not only to land, but to farms; not to the bare soil, but to fully equipped agricultural plants ready to operate. The farms themselves must be welded together into genuine communities, by provision for roads, schools and markets, under the general supervision of the Federal Government.

Arrangements have been completed, the report announced, to care for demobilized men who do not care to take up farm work so far as possible through the United States Employment Service, a branch of the Department. The employment service recruited for war industries during the year 1,800,593 workmen.

#### N. A. SMYTH ON DANGER IN UNEMPLOYMENT.

A diagnosis of the labor situation and a discussion of what may be expected during the next few months was offered by Nathan A. Smyth, Assistant Director-General of the U. S. Employment Service, in an address in New York City on Dec. 7 before the Labor Reconstruction Conference, under the auspices of the Academy of Political Science. In part Mr. Smyth said:

Demobilization is upon us with a rush, at the beginning of the winter weather when outdoor jobs are few. Dominating considerations of economy make the most prompt possible curtailment in production of equipment and munitions of war a necessity. Under a wise policy as to cancellations, as much opportunity as the urgency of the situation permits is being given by the army to the manufacturers of war goods to shade off into peace production. Plants having no peace time value are being closed gradually. Nevertheless, during the next three months, millions of war workers will have to find new jobs. Up to date, reports from all over the country indicate that the industrial transition, if not complicated by the demobilization of soldiers, can be accomplished speedily without serious and protracted unemployment.

For reasons the adequacy of which I am not in a position to discuss or determine, it has been found necessary to start the demobilization of soldiers at once and to plan to push it with the utmost possible speed. Soldiers are being discharged by the thousands daily, on the basis of military units with no reference to whether or not they are now needed in industry. In the units whose demobilization is postponed are thousands more for whom positions are open and whose return to civilian life would expedite the return of the nation to a normal busy industrial basis. An entering wedge has been inserted, under which individuals now especially needed can get back; but this procedure at present is the exception rather than the rule and the vast bulk of discharges is of men released without regard to industrial conditions. Among those turned out will be thousands of farm workers, released when jobs on the farms are few; seeking employment in industries where it may prove hard to withdraw them when the sap begins to run. The drift away from the farm will inevitably be intensified by midwinter demobilization.

The soldiers let go are being mustered out on a few days' notice, with no advance of pay, given in money the cost of transportation to their homes, free to buy tickets wherever they please. Already they are turning up in the cities, improvident, "broke," away from home, without work, applicants for civilian relief. Many of them don't yet want work. Many others are unwilling to undertake the "day labor" jobs, which alone they can find. There is every prospect, that unless remedial measures are promptly taken the sight of stranded, workless, moneyless soldiers will be common throughout the land.

The obvious first thing to do is to help the discharged soldiers to get work. To this end the U. S. Employment Service has taken steps to set up everywhere Central Bureaus for Returning Soldiers and Sailors under the co-operating management in each community of all organizations ready to help. At each such bureau it is proposed to centre all information as to positions available; to pool the opportunities so that individual soldiers and every society, labor union, or other organization may utilize the whole field of community opportunities for work. Through its inter-community and inter-State clearance system and uniform records the U. S. Employment Service can make surpluses of jobs in one place available for men applying where work is lacking. The whole national system of local Councils of Defense has undertaken to assist and supplement the work of 1,500 Community Labor Boards set up as a war measure by the U. S. Employment Service in effecting such community co-operation. Promises of the assistance of such great national organizations as the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., National Catholic War Board and the Jewish Welfare Board has been secured. Labor unions are co-operating. Churches, both English and foreign speaking, are eager to help. The organization everywhere of such co-operating bureaus to help the soldier find a job is not only assured; it is already being rapidly effected. Their efficiency will be a question of local organizing capacity; a full measure of success in most places can hopefully be counted on.

By and large the Employment Service and co-operating agencies are dealing, as it were, only with symptoms. They enable the man to find the open job with greater expedition. That is all. They don't create jobs.

The great danger in the coming four months is that there won't be jobs enough to go around; that unemployment will come with attendant misery and social unrest at a time when anarchistic tendencies are contagious. Let us hope that this situation will not arise, but let us guard against it.

The remedy of building public works is not available on a large scale until spring. The farms will not call urgently for men till frost thaws out. Building cannot for a season be resumed to any great extent. Chiefly must we look to our manufacturers to carry the burden. But they are hesitant. Taxes are not yet determined. The cost of money is high and credit timid for a while. The prices of raw material and labor is high. The producer hopes that they will fall and manifests a tendency to wait

(all they do. To meet each of these deterrent features is an immediate national task.

Settlement of taxation uncertainties will receive prompt Congressional action. Extension of credit awaits the co-operation and courage of the banks. The hope that prices of material and labor will soon go down is in my judgment based on a failure to consider certain obvious facts.

Fundamentally the manufacturer awaiting lower costs is banking on a surplus of labor. A surplus during the next few months seems likely. It is a danger to guard against. That we may face after that period and for considerable time thereafter a shortage of labor, is even more probable. From Aug. 1 1910 to Aug. 1 1914, 2,862,624 male immigrants above the ages of 16 were absorbed into the normal industrial life of this country. From Aug. 1 1914 to Aug. 1 1918 only 581,339 came within our border.

Thus we have to-day a deficit of more than 2,281,000. In addition we must contemplate that an average of about a million men will remain in our army for about a year. About half a million will stay in our newly built shipyards.

On the other hand, we have discovered in many places an indication of a widespread purpose among Europeans in this country to go back as soon as they can. An abnormally high emigration is in sight. Any great inflow of immigrants during the next year does not seem likely. Where is there then any possibility of a surplus of labor and reduced wages unless our industries are palsied and fail to respond with vigor to the unprecedented opportunities which await us?

Consideration of a patriotism which must not flare out with the end of war should urge the manufacturer to get his wheels moving with the utmost speed, even if there be a remote chance of lower costs.

A further duty rests on us all. The labor must realize the uncertainties which cause the employer to hesitate. Management must learn to see labor's problem—realize what it will mean if wages drop before the cost of living. Each must refrain from taking advantage of the weakness of the other. Thus, in united understanding can we work together to a triumphant solution of the problem of reconstruction.

#### RESIGNATION OF HENRY BRUERE AS FEDERAL DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYMENT.

Henry Bruere has resigned as Federal Director of the United States Employment Service for the State of New York, his resignation taking effect on Jan. 1. He will remain connected with the service as Chairman of the State Advisory Board and will continue active participation in the work of the service in that capacity. On the day of his resignation Mr. Bruere stated that the pressure of other duties compelled him to relinquish part of his work with the service, which he originally intended to assume only for the duration of the war. His successor as executive head of the service is Dr. George W. Kirehwey, formerly Assistant Federal Director for the State. In assuming his new duties Dr. Kirehwey said:

The peace task now confronting the United States Employment Service is no less important than the war task recently brought to a close. To the Service has been committed the duty of reinstating in industrial life not only the demobilized forces of the nation, but the workers who are being released from the war industries as well.

For this work the Service has enlisted the co-operation of the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Welfare Board, the War Camp Community Service and many other welfare organizations that have generously and patriotically tendered their services. It now appeals for the wholehearted support of employers of labor throughout the State, without whose co-operation its work cannot hope to be effective.

Mr. Bruere became head of the service for this State on Oct. 15, succeeding Henry B. Sawre, who returned to his duties as a member of the State Industrial Commission. Dr. Kirehwey joined the service at about the same time. He was formerly Dean of the Columbia Law School.

The United States Employment Service for the State of New York in an announcement, issued on the 1st inst. concerning applications for work by discharged soldiers, said:

Applications from discharged soldiers and sailors for clerical positions are flooding the local bureaus of the United States Employment Service. Approximately 60% of the applications received during the last week have been for inside work, including clerks, salesmen, office help, shipping clerks, bookkeepers, accountants and the like.

The bureau at 22 East 22nd Street reported yesterday (Dec. 31) that out of 81 service men registered, 30 applied for work of this character. The same ratio holds good in most of the other bureaus throughout the city, of which there are thirty in operation at the present time. The Service is experiencing difficulty in placing these men in the numbers in which they are applying. Employers who need this class of workers are urged to communicate their requirements to the nearest bureau, giving the qualifications of the men wanted, salary, hours and other details.

The Employment Service is emphasizing the need for farm workers and has made the bureau at 15 Pearl street the headquarters for all farm labor.

#### MAJOR GEN. GORGAS TO HEAD EXPEDITION OF ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION TO FIGHT YELLOW FEVER IN SOUTH AMERICA.

According to an announcement said to have been made in Chicago on Dec. 13 by Dr. George E. Vincent, President of the Rockefeller Foundation Major General William C. Gorgas, until recently Surgeon General of the United States Army, will soon head an expedition of scientists to Central and South America to conquer yellow fever. This is in furtherance of plans of the Foundation, after diverting its activities for four years to war relief and army welfare work, to resume its work of combatting disease. Gen. Gorgas will be accompanied by five noted experts. The organization will also launch a campaign to wipe out the plague in China and other countries of Asia.

### AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN BUENOS AIRES.

A cablegram received by the Department of Commerce at Washington, under date of Dec. 19, from Commercial Attache Robert S. Barrett, at Buenos Aires, says:

American Chamber of Commerce, succeeding American Commercial Club was organized Dec. 18 under most favorable conditions, starting with 85 members, who contributed 60,000 pesos as an initial fund in addition to annual dues of 240 pesos each. Handsome central quarters have been secured, and a capable permanent secretary has been employed. The new organization is prepared to give information and advice to American manufacturers, to consider arbitration questions, and to assist in developing trade.

### F. C. WALCOTT IN CHARGE OF POLAND RELIEF WORK.

F. C. Walcott, Vice-President of Bonbright & Co., who has been associated with Herbert Hoover, now Director of European Relief, in the work of the United States Food Administration, is leaving for Europe to take charge under Mr. Hoover of the relief work for Poland. Mr. Walcott is planning to meet William P. Bonbright, President of Bonbright & Co., in Paris. Mr. Bonbright has just had conferred on him by the French Government the title of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor in recognition of financial services rendered that country during the war. Mr. Walcott during the war made extensive studies of the food situation in Poland and conducted negotiations with the German Government with a view to arranging for assistance to the country from the United States, which was then a neutral. These negotiations, however, did not result in the desired arrangement being made.

### ALEXANDER KERENSKY'S APPEAL ON BEHALF OF RUSSIA.

The following, emanating from London, appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 11:

Alexander Kerensky, former Russian Premier, declared in a copyright interview with the United Press that Great Britain and France are opposing the unification of Russia, because it would restore her to her former international position. He appealed to America to prevent the "exploitation" of Russia.

"England and France are seeking to impose another Brest-Litovsk upon Russia," said Kerensky.

(The treaty by which the Bolsheviks betrayed Russia to Germany was signed at Brest-Litovsk.)

"I ask America, as paralyzed Russia's true friend, to protect her from exploitation by her former allies.

"Russia fought three years for the Allies. It was due to her that America had time to prepare and administer the knockout blow. Now the Allies ought to deal honestly with Russia.

"When the Russian people, despite the Brest-Litovsk treaty, were continuing their fight, they called upon the Allies for military aid. This help rapidly developed into an organized attempt to exploit Russia's wealth, and cut off Russia from Europe by a barrier of tiny quasi-independent States. Thus, they are completing the treaty of Brest-Litovsk, which Germany began.

"The peace conference ought to guarantee the integrity of Russian territory, as it was before Brest-Litovsk, affording the opportunity for a real solution of her problems. This could be brought about by the formation of a confederation like America, of all the Russian States.

"This is not an unrealizable dream. The Bolsheviks control about a fourth of Russia proper and a sixth of Siberia, on the basis of population. The balance is composed of independent States, which have thrown off the Bolsheviks' authority.

"I believe it is possible to call a general election for a constituent assembly, to include delegates from every part of Russia. England and France oppose this because it would restore Russia to her former international position. They opposed my going to America in September, because they did not want America to know the truth about Russia.

"The victorious Allies are forgetting their idealistic war aims. England and France already have agreed on the division of their spheres of influence in disintegrated Russia.

"If three men are fighting a brigand and one of them is knocked out, the others, who continue to whip him, ought to help their comrade to his feet, instead of robbing his pockets.

"I appeal to America to remember the good side of Russia's part in the war, as well as the unfortunate. Perhaps President Wilson's presence at the peace conference will prevent any brigandage."

### NORWAY'S CLAIMS AGAINST UNITED STATES FOR REQUISITIONED SHIPS.

Representatives of the Norwegian Shipping Association met in conference with Edward N. Hurley of the United States Shipping Board in London on Jan. 6 to discuss questions involving the payment by the United States for ships requisitioned shortly after the latter entered the war. According to London cablegrams of the 6th, the Norwegian representatives say \$50,000,000 is involved. The cablegrams also state:

The Norwegian claims are virtually the same as those already presented at Washington. It is understood the chief differences are over the payment for ships under construction or contracted for. In some instances, the Norwegians claim, the value of the ships was more than that actually shown on the face of the contracts, for they argue that at the time the ships were taken over the market value was much higher than when the builders began work on them.

### LLOYD GEORGE DECLARES AMERICA AND ENGLAND WILL WORK IN COMPLETE HARMONY.

In an interview with American newspaper men on Dec. 28, Premier Lloyd George declared, according to press advices from London, that the conferences with President Wilson had brought about an agreement on general principles. The Premier added that he felt assured that matters which had been agreed upon between America and England would prove of the greatest assistance in the work of the Peace Congress. The dispatch continued:

Practically an understanding had already been reached between the Entente Powers regarding the admission of the various nations to the Peace Conference itself, said the Premier. In his conferences in Paris with the Premiers of France and Italy President Wilson had become fully acquainted with their views, and he had now also acquired a knowledge of the British standpoint.

"And," continued the Premier, "I feel assured that all these powers are in accord on the basic principles of the peace which will come before the conference. At any rate, it will be certain that America and England will be found working in complete harmony in the conference."

The Premier said that owing to the elections it had not been possible to organize the British delegation to the Peace Congress, but he would now proceed immediately. At present only two members of the delegation had been selected—himself and Foreign Secretary Balfour. Mr. Bonar Law, he said, could not attend, as the Chancellor was the Government leader in Commons.

The newspaper men were received after a long conference which the Premier and Secretary Balfour had with President Wilson.

Mr. Balfour, in receiving the correspondents this afternoon, said that President Wilson's visit to England had been not only a spectacular success but also that it had gone to the hearts of the British people. It would have international results, he said, of the largest importance to the whole world.

### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

The sales of bank stock at the Stock Exchange this week aggregate 27 shares. No bank or trust company stocks were sold at auction.

Shares.	BANK—New York.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
27	Commerce, National Bank of.	205	207	207	Jan. 1910—201

James A. Stillman has been elected Chairman of the board of directors of the National City Company of this city.

The Chemical National Bank of this city announces that, in lieu of the bonus system which had previously been in effect for its employees, the bank would, beginning Jan. 1, be operated on a profit-sharing plan, whereby its employees, to a certain extent, will share in the bank's earnings.

The Bankers Trust Company has opened a thoroughly organized bond department, and expects to deal actively in Government bonds and in high-grade municipal, rail, utility and industrial securities. While it offers no prophecy for the immediate future, it is confident that the trend in the longer maturities is decidedly upward.

The history of prices during the war is summarized in two charts prepared by the service department, National Bank of Commerce in New York. Stocks dropped sharply under heavy European selling at the outbreak of the war, recovering in 1915 and rising largely because of the boom in "war stocks" to a high point in October of 1915, at which time there had been practically no rise in commodities. The three months July, August and September of 1916 represent the only period when the movement of stocks and commodities was at all closely parallel. Beginning with November of 1916, stocks fell heavily, while commodities rose, and with stocks, bonds and real estate also fell. It is pointed out that the early rise in stocks was due to the enormous European war supply purchases, with the resulting high profits of corporations. The decline in stocks represents in part the cutting into profits by rising costs and taxes; while the declines in stocks, bonds and real estate are all, in considerable part, explained by the growing scarcity of capital and the rising long-time interest rate on investments. A summary adds:

Beginning with November, 1916, when the two curves began their radical divergent movement, we may characterize the course of prices as follows: (1) A great rise in goods and services for immediate use, owing to the scarcities brought on by the pressure of the war; (2) a great decline in long-time income-bearers, as governments and peoples sacrificed everything they could command in the future in order to purchase the vitally necessary present goods; (3) a marked rise in the long-time interest rate on investments which is again significant of the emphasis on the present and the discount on the future.

These three changes are merely different aspects of the one underlying fact. The stock curve goes down for the same reason that the commodity price curve goes up. The rise in stocks in the later months of 1918 represents, of course, the discounting of coming peace.

J. P. Morgan, accompanied by Mrs. Morgan, sailed for Europe on the 5th inst. on the *Mauretania*. This is Mr. Morgan's first trip abroad in two years. It is understood

that he will be gone about two months and that he will visit both France and England. Dwight W. Morrow of J. P. Morgan & Co. who had been in Europe serving in an advisory capacity for the Allied Maritime Councils, returned last week.

At the annual dinner of Group VIII of the New York State Bankers Association to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria on Monday evening next, Jan. 13, Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass will be one of the speakers.

The increase of \$750,000 in the capital of the East River National Bank of this city, raising it from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000, has been approved by the Comptroller of the Currency. Action toward enlarging the capital was taken by the stockholders on Dec. 4.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the New York Trust Company, held Jan. 8 1919, the following trustees were elected to serve for a term of three years:

Mortimer N. Buckner, Arthur J. Cumcock, Samuel H. Fisher, Benjamin S. Guinness, Walter Jennings, Darwin P. Kingsley, John C. McCall, Ogden L. Mills, Edmund D. Randolph and Dean Sage.

Milton Ferguson has been elected a trustee of the Central Union Trust Company of this city for the class of 1922. Other retiring trustees have been re-elected.

Total resources of \$775,493,531 25 are shown by the financial statement of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York as of Dec. 31 1918, which has just been issued. Deposits on that date totalled \$583,786,091 46. Comparison of these figures with those of Dec. 31 1917, shows an increase of \$114,748,235 21, in resources and of \$49,504,115 96 in deposits. In January 1915 when Charles H. Sabin became President of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York its total resources were somewhat over \$29,000,000 and its total deposits a little over \$211,000,000.

Captain Robert Dollar, of San Francisco, was on Jan. 7 elected a director of the Asia Banking Corporation, whose New York offices are at 66 Liberty Street. Among the stockholders of the Corporation are the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, the Bankers Trust Co., the Mercantile Bank of the Americas, the Anglo and London Paris National Bank of San Francisco, the First National Bank of Portland, Ore., and the National Bank of Commerce of Seattle, Wash. Branches of the Corporation in the Far East will be opened at Shanghai, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow, Harbin and Vladivostok.

At a meeting of the directors of the Mercantile Bank of the Americas of New York on Thursday R. S. Hecht, recently elected President of the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company of New Orleans was made a director. Mr. Hecht takes the place on the Mercantile Bank of the Americas' directorate of John J. Gannon, who formerly represented the interests of the Hibernia Bank in this institution.

W. S. Kies, Vice-President of the American International Corporation sails to-day (Jan. 11) for South America on an extended trip, for the purpose of studying business, financial and trade conditions in the principal countries of that continent. Mr. Kies will be gone three and one-half months.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Equitable Trust Company of Boston on January 15, the question of increasing the capital from \$200,000 to \$500,000 will be acted upon.

The First National Bank of Boston is sending two of its senior officers to Australia and the Far East to establish further banking connections. C. F. Weed, Vice-President of the bank, and D. A. de Menocal, Vice-President of the First National Corporation, will leave Boston about the 20th of this month, sailing from San Francisco directly to Australia. After a few weeks in Australia, to be spent principally in Sidney and Melbourne, they will go to China and then return by the way of Japan. Boston merchants are showing a keen interest in this trip. Mr. Weed and Mr. Menocal have already had many matters for inquiry submitted to them. They had planned to be absent about four months, but if these inquiries multiply the trip may take longer.

The First National Bank of Hartford, Conn., announces the death of Charles D. Riley, which occurred on Jan. 5. Mr. Riley had been connected with the bank for fifty-two years. He was Cashier at the time of his death and had served the bank in that capacity since January 1887.

The issuance of the \$1,000,000 of additional stock by the Corn Exchange National Bank of Philadelphia, whereby the capital is increased from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 has been approved by the Comptroller of the Currency. As indicated in our issue of Dec. 21 the new stock was offered to stockholders of record Dec. 17 at \$200 per share.

William P. Gest, President of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Philadelphia on Dec. 23 announced that the directors of the company had authorized the formation of what is to be known as the "Philadelphia Foundation" or community trust to dispose of income of trust funds devised for public purposes. The proposed foundation, we understand, will have a committee consisting of five members, one appointed by the Senior Judge of the U. S. District Court, one by the President Judge of the Orphans' Court, one by the Governor of the State and two by the Fidelity Trust Co., which as trustee will receive and administer all funds. The purpose of the foundation is to broaden the administrative services and to prevent stagnation if some object provided for in a will shall become obsolete. The "Philadelphia Foundation," it is stated, possesses some features which are absent in similar funds created in other cities, providing, as it does, that a donor or testator may declare the trusts upon which the "Foundation" is to hold the fund bequeathed. The scope is wider than the usual community trust, as it includes not only the city of Philadelphia, but covers the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and therefore it very appropriately provides for the appointment by the Governor of the State of one of the members of the committee. A very essential clause has been added in the provision that is made for the amendment of any of the terms of the "Foundation" which may be found necessary in future years, the trustee being authorized to apply to the proper courts under certain regulations to have such alterations made in the trusts as may be found to be necessary. Testators and other donors may designate particular gifts as memorial funds of either persons or events. This is a feature which hitherto, it is claimed, has not been present in the plans which have been used in other cities. The Fidelity Trust Co. either as agent, treasurer or trustee represents more than forty charitable trusts, among which are the Children's Play Grounds provided in the will of Richard Smith, and the First Free Law Library.

William H. Ritter has been elected director of the Industrial Trust, Title & Savings Co. of Philadelphia. Mr. Ritter is also President of the P. J. Ritter Conserve Co.

Charles A. Kunkel, President of the Mechanics' Trust Co. of Harrisburg, Pa., died on Jan. 1 of heart disease. Mr. Kunkel was born at Shippensburg, Pa., seventy-two years ago. His banking career began in Harrisburg when he entered the private bank of his uncle, J. C. Bomberger. Later, in conjunction with his brother, the late Samuel Kunkel, he reorganized the institution. Mr. Kunkel was a member of the American Bankers' Association and a former President of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association.

The Comptroller of the Currency has approved an increase of \$50,000 in the capital of the First National Bank of Huntingdon, Pa., raising the amount from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

On Dec. 31, William H. Fawcett, heretofore a Paying Teller of the Peoples National Bank of Pittsburgh, was elected an Assistant Cashier of the institution. Mr. Fawcett has been with the bank since 1901. At the same meeting of the directors, \$1,000,000 was transferred from undivided profits account and placed to the credit of surplus fund, making the latter \$2,000,000. The capital of the Peoples National Bank is \$1,000,000 with deposits aggregating \$27,000,000.

Clarence R. Evans has been elected President of the American Bank, Baltimore, Md., filling the vacancy caused by the death of the late President, William Schwarz. A. Lee

Gough, Assistant Cashier, has been elected Cashier, succeeding Mr. Evans.

George C. Jenkins has resigned as a director of the Merchants-Mechanics First National Bank of Baltimore. Mr. Jenkins, who is eighty-two years of age, has served the institution continuously for thirty-seven years, he having been a member of the board of directors of the Mechanics Bank before it consolidated with the Merchants Bank many years ago. Notwithstanding his advanced age, Mr. Jenkins is still active in the business affairs of Baltimore and is a director of many corporations.

The Fourth National Bank of Dayton, Ohio, (capital \$600,000) has been placed in voluntary liquidation following the absorption of its business by the Dayton Savings & Trust Co.

An announcement made by the Union Trust Co. of Chicago last week relative to the retirement of Vice-President F. L. Wilk, said:

As the bank approaches its fiftieth anniversary, it faces each year the retirement of one or more of its most valued officers who have earned release from active service. Mr. Frederick L. Wilk, Vice-President, the close associate and adviser of my father and myself, having completed forty-seven years of active service with great credit to himself and the bank, and filling the many positions that lie between messenger and Vice-President, will retire on Dec. 31. In recognition of his long service Mr. Wilk will participate for life in the bank's pension fund, besides which the directors have voted him a substantial honorarium. Mr. Wilk will continue to have a desk in the office of the Union Trust Co., where he will be pleased to see his friends as of old.

In making its donation to the fund of the "Good Fellows," a local St. Paul organization formed to supervise the work of providing food, clothing and other necessities for the needy poor of that city at Christmas time, the First National Bank of St. Paul made a unique selection. "Prince Hoover," grand champion steer at the South St. Paul Baby Beef Show of December 1918 was purchased by one of the bank's representatives and was offered in lieu of a cash donation. The steer was raised by Irvin M. McKay, a boy sixteen years of age, residing at Delhi, Minnesota. At the time of purchase, "Prince Hoover" was a yearling weighing 920 pounds. Young McKay derived \$322 from the sale of the animal to the bank, in addition to prize money awarded, amounting to \$105. At the close of the Baby Beef Show the steer was taken to the home of its new owners and was formally introduced to Cyrus P. Brown, President of the institution, at his desk. After five days of ceaseless and untiring solicitation among the Christmas throngs in the business district of the city, "The Prince," accompanied by a corps of human assistants, succeeded in realizing \$900 on his flesh, hide, horns and hoofs. This amount was turned over to the "Good Fellows" by the First National Bank of St. Paul.

The National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis announces that W. L. Hemingway, until recently President of the Mercantile Trust Co. of Little Rock, Ark., has been elected a Vice-President of the bank; he will assume his new duties March 1. Mr. Hemingway is thirty-eight years of age, a graduate of the Vanderbilt University of Nashville, and a trustee of that institution. He is a member of the Executive Council of the American Bankers' Association and served as Chairman of the Arkansas organization of the Liberty Loan Association during the last three campaigns.

An addition of \$600,000 to the capital of the Virginia National Bank of Petersburg, Va., changing it from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000, has been approved by the Comptroller of the Currency.

Robert J. Lowry, President of the Lowry National Bank of Atlanta, and President of the American Bankers' Association in 1896-97, died on the 8th inst. Mr. Lowry was born in Greenville, Tenn., in 1840. He engaged in the banking business in Atlanta in 1865, later becoming a member of the firm of W. M. & R. J. Lowry, the former being his father. In 1887 he became President of the Lowry Banking Co., which was subsequently nationalized as the Lowry National Bank. He had also been President of the Atlanta Home Insurance Co. and trustee of the New York Life Insurance Co. He served in the Atlanta Council for two terms, was President of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and trustee of the McKinley National Memorial Association.

Arrangements were perfected on Dec. 31 whereby the Merchants' National Bank (capital \$500,000) of Savannah, Ga., went into voluntary liquidation and its business and assets were taken over by the Citizens & Southern Bank (capital \$1,000,000) of that city. The consolidated institution began business Jan. 2. Under the merger plan, the shareholders of the Merchants' National will receive about \$140 per share for their stock with the possibility of realizing more than that amount. In regard to the absorption of the Merchants' National, the "Savannah News" in its issue of Jan. 1 said in part:

With the liquidation of the Merchants' National Bank, one of the oldest and most honorable banking institutions in the State passes out of existence. Originally known as the Marine Bank of Savannah, the Merchants' has had a proud history extending over a long period. When the Civil War broke out the available funds of the bank were shipped to Baring Bros., London, where they were kept in safety until the war ended, when they were brought back and restored. By judicious investments a large fund was accumulated from which the bank commenced to pay off all its notes of issue. This continued until a sufficient time had elapsed for every one to present for payment such of the bank notes as were outstanding. After a reasonable time application was made to the court and permission obtained to divide the assets among the stockholders. This was accordingly done, each stockholder receiving \$29.20 on a par value of \$50. This most creditable showing was very favorably commented on by the public. It was the only bank in the State that had the proud distinction of paying off its debts and leaving something for its stockholders.

The capital of the Citizens & Southern Bank remains at \$1,000,000; it has surplus and undivided profits of \$1,206,252. The officers of the bank are:

Mills B. Lane, President.	Geo. C. Freeman, Asst. to President.
Horace A. Crane, Vice-President.	I. S. Ferguson, Cashier.
Gordon L. Groover, Vice-President.	W. B. Spann Jr., Asst. Cashier.
Wm. Murphey, Vice-President.	E. W. Cubbedge Jr., Asst. Cashier.

With a view to meeting the future requirements of its growing business, the Merchants Bank of Canada recently purchased the Fraser Building on St. James Street, Montreal, which adjoins the head office of the bank, for a sum said to be in the neighborhood of \$350,000, or at the rate of \$40 per square foot. At the expiration of the leases of the present occupants of the building, we understand, remodelling of the structure will be commenced to suit the needs of the bank.

The stockholders of the Union Bank of Canada (head office Winnipeg) on the 8th inst. approved the proposal to increase the bank's capital from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000 by the issuance of 30,000 new shares. The directors have voted to increase the dividend rate from 9 to 10%. The bank's total assets are \$153,181,451, an increase of \$9,769,524 within one year. At the annual meeting of the stockholders on the 8th H. B. Shaw, General Manager, gave, for the first time, the name of the new banking corporation which has been formed by the Union Bank and the National Park Bank of New York, for the development of trade with the Orient. This will be known as the Park Union Overseas Banking Corporation. Representatives of the institutions concerned sail from San Francisco for Yokohama on Friday, where the office will be opened. A definite statement was made by Mr. Galt in his address, that other parts of the Far East would be reached with offices at a later date.

On Jan. 9 the Royal Bank of Canada (head office, Montreal) announced that it would issue \$2,000,000 capital stock at \$150 per share to stockholders of record Jan. 8. Branches are to be opened by the bank at Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires and Montevideo for the extension and development of Canadian trade.

Stephen L. Jones has become Manager of the London (England) branch of the Dominion Bank (head office, Toronto), succeeding J. Haydn Horsey, who died recently. Mr. Jones entered the bank in 1887 and has filled many important posts; he had been Assistant Manager of the London branch since March 1912.

#### TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

UNFILED ORDERS OF STEEL CORPORATION.—The United States Steel Corporation yesterday (Jan. 10) issued its regular monthly statement showing unfiled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations, as of Dec. 31 1918, to the amount of 7,379,152 tons. This is a decline of 745,511 tons from the November 1918 total. Compared with the unfiled tonnage of December 1917 the current total shows a falling off of 2,002,566 tons. The latest figures are the smallest reported since Nov. 30 1915.

In the following we give comparisons with the previous months:

Tons.		Tons.		Tons.	
1918.	1917.	1918.	1917.	1918.	1917.
Dec. 31 1918..	7,370,152	Feb. 29 1918..	8,568,966	April 30 1918..	6,978,762
Nov. 30 1918..	8,124,063	Jan. 31 1918..	7,922,767	Mar. 31 1918..	7,488,056
Oct. 31 1918..	8,353,298	Dec. 31 1917..	7,806,322	Feb. 28 1918..	7,658,714
Sept. 30 1918..	8,297,005	Nov. 30 1917..	7,189,489	Jan. 31 1918..	7,827,365
Aug. 31 1918..	8,759,042	Oct. 31 1917..	6,165,452	Dec. 31 1917..	7,862,383
July 31 1918..	8,918,806	Sept. 30 1917..	5,317,618	Nov. 30 1917..	7,594,381
June 30 1918..	8,337,623	Aug. 31 1917..	4,908,455	Oct. 31 1917..	6,551,507
May 31 1918..	8,337,623	July 31 1917..	4,928,540	Sept. 30 1917..	6,163,375
April 30 1918..	8,741,882	June 30 1917..	4,678,196	Aug. 31 1917..	5,957,073
Mar. 31 1918..	9,056,404	May 31 1917..	4,264,598	July 31 1917..	5,807,349
Feb. 28 1918..	9,288,453	April 30 1917..	4,162,344	June 30 1917..	5,750,936
Jan. 31 1918..	9,477,803	Mar. 31 1917..	4,255,749	May 31 1917..	5,664,885
Dec. 31 1917..	9,381,718	Feb. 28 1917..	4,345,371	April 30 1917..	5,464,201
Nov. 30 1917..	8,897,106	Jan. 31 1917..	4,248,571	Mar. 31 1917..	5,304,841
Oct. 31 1917..	9,009,675	Dec. 31 1916..	3,536,643	Feb. 29 1917..	5,454,201
Sept. 30 1917..	9,833,477	Nov. 30 1916..	3,324,592	Jan. 31 1917..	5,379,721
Aug. 31 1917..	10,407,049	Oct. 31 1916..	3,461,097	Dec. 31 1916..	5,084,705
July 31 1917..	10,844,164	Sept. 30 1916..	3,787,067	Nov. 30 1916..	4,141,958
June 30 1917..	11,383,287	Aug. 31 1916..	4,158,689	Oct. 31 1916..	3,694,327
May 31 1917..	11,886,591	July 31 1916..	4,032,867	Sept. 30 1916..	3,611,315
April 30 1917..	12,183,083	June 30 1916..	3,998,100	Aug. 31 1916..	3,605,985
Mar. 31 1917..	11,711,644	May 31 1916..	4,277,068	July 31 1916..	3,584,088
Feb. 28 1917..	11,576,697	April 30 1916..	4,653,825	June 30 1916..	3,381,087
Jan. 31 1917..	11,474,054	Mar. 31 1916..	5,026,440	May 31 1916..	3,113,154
Dec. 31 1916..	11,547,256	Feb. 28 1916..	4,613,680	April 30 1916..	3,218,700
Nov. 30 1916..	11,058,542	Jan. 31 1916..	4,282,108	Mar. 31 1916..	3,447,301
Oct. 31 1916..	11,015,260	Dec. 31 1915..	4,396,347	Feb. 28 1916..	3,400,543
Sept. 30 1916..	9,522,684	Nov. 30 1915..	4,513,767	Jan. 31 1916..	3,110,919
Aug. 31 1916..	9,660,337	Oct. 31 1915..	5,003,788	Dec. 31 1915..	2,740,413
July 31 1916..	9,593,592	Sept. 30 1915..	5,225,488	Nov. 30 1915..	2,871,949
June 30 1916..	9,640,458	Aug. 31 1915..	5,399,366	Oct. 31 1915..	3,148,106
May 31 1916..	9,937,798	July 31 1915..	5,807,317	Sept. 30 1915..	3,357,128
April 30 1916..	9,829,551	June 30 1915..	6,324,332	Aug. 31 1915..	3,970,931
Mar. 31 1916..	9,331,001	May 31 1915..		July 31 1915..	

Mo. (000s omitted)	Merchandise.		Gold.		Silver.	
	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.
1918.	3,610,652	1,274,751	1,335,901	17,987	10,153	7,834
1917.	2,345,350	1,171,740	1,173,810	164,811	57,223	107,588
1916.	2,478,787	901,705	1,577,082	61,413	340,390	278,977
1915.	1,493,556	740,951	732,602	11,954	201,617	234,963
1914.	821,148	993,703	127,445	138,511	22,538	115,076
1913.	1,084,640	728,984	355,552	17,451	30,722	113,231

f Excess of imports.

TREASURY CASH AND CURRENT LIABILITIES.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Dec. 31 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the U. S. Treasury for Dec. 31.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	
GOLD	
Assets—	
Gold coin	775,502,510 83
Gold bullion	1,770,536,923 24
Total	2,546,039,434 07
Liabilities—	
Gold certificates outstanding	885,315,064 00
Gold settlement fund	
Fed. Reserve Board	1,333,487,507 60
Gold reserve	152,979,025 63
Avail. gold in gen'l fund	174,259,836 84
Total	2,546,039,434 07

Note.—Reserved against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,803,107 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.

SILVER DOLLARS.	
Assets—	
Silver dollars	317,577,548 00
Total	317,577,548 00
Liabilities—	
Silver certificates outstanding	264,817,940 00
Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding	1,803,107 00
Available silver dollars in general fund	50,956,501 00
Total	317,577,548 00

GENERAL FUND.	
Assets—	
Avail. gold (see above)	174,259,836 84
Avail. silver dollars (see above)	50,956,501 00
United States notes	34,528,148 00
Federal Reserve notes	2,808,297 00
Fed. Res. bank notes	27,125,083 71
Cert. checks on banks	18,852 90
Subsidiary silver coin	3,331,153 12
Minor coin	735,995 49
Silver bullion	12,200,441 32
Unclassified (unsorted currency, &c.)	8,413,017 45
Deposits in Fed'l Land banks	830,000 00
Deposits in Federal Reserve banks	157,101,682 93
Deposits in Special Depositories account of sales of Liberty bonds and certificates of indebtedness	652,061,000 00
Deposits in Foreign Depositories	
To credit of Treasurer United States	181,749,217 30
Deposits in nat. banks	46,736,770 45
To credit of Treas. U. S.	8,917,283 28
To credit of other Government officers	
Deposits in Philippine treasury	6,188,149 17
To credit Treas. U. S.	2,025,571 75
To credit other Government officers	
Total	1,378,956,316 71

\*The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$2,206,620,976 04. Book credits for which obligations of foreign Governments are held by the United States amount to \$244,554,036.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913 deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made under the Acts mentioned a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$39,651,522.

† The available cash in Federal Reserve banks, in accordance with telegraphic reports received, was \$28,261,000. The difference is due to not disbursements in transit and in process of examination.

‡ Excess of credits.

TREASURY CURRENCY HOLDINGS.—The following compilation, made up from the daily Government statements, shows the currency holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of October, November and December 1918, and January 1919:

Holdings in Sub-Treasuries	Oct. 1 1918.	Nov. 1 1918.	Dec. 1 1918.	Jan. 1 1919.
Net gold coin and bullion	277,628,415	303,339,350	314,698,100	327,238,862
Net silver coin and bullion	44,206,482	48,326,073	50,855,823	63,162,942
Net United States notes	2,271,404	7,493,225	8,894,558	8,900,115
Net national bank notes	20,989,885	20,600,397	19,638,905	27,125,084
Net Fed. Reserve notes	35,370,746	32,590,428	32,069,081	34,528,148
Net Fed. Res. bank notes	224,505	1,010,839	1,462,368	2,868,297
Net subsidiary silver	5,991,787	3,874,521	3,488,477	4,231,183
Minor coin, &c.	4,694,951	4,059,112	3,800,243	9,167,806
Total cash in Sub-Treasuries	400,378,275	420,734,025	435,507,561	476,322,467
Less gold reserve fund	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026
Cash balance in Sub-Treasuries	247,399,249	267,754,999	282,528,535	323,343,441
Dep. in special depositories				
Account certs. of Indebt Liberty Loan deposits	606,076,000	1,078,763,000	748,481,000	652,061,000
Cash in Fed. Res. banks	260,914,615	23,514,093	422,957,083	157,104,883
Cash in Fed. Land banks	830,000	830,000	830,000	830,000
Cash in national banks				
To credit Treas. U. S.	45,924,083	45,617,137	46,568,698	46,736,771
To credit disb. officers	7,855,632	7,544,520	6,185,466	8,917,283
Total	63,779,615	53,161,657	52,754,163	55,654,054
Cash in Philippine Islands	9,372,293	8,863,603	10,492,162	8,213,721
Dep's. in Foreign Depts.	1,267,837	71,933,792	171,684,310	181,749,217
Net cash in banks, Sub-Treasuries	1,180,539,609	2,104,820,114	1,689,877,253	1,378,956,316
Deduct current liabilities	230,181,730	259,080,122	275,180,486	298,900,009
Available cash balance	950,357,879	1,845,739,992	1,414,716,767	1,080,056,307

\* Includes Jan. 1 \$12,206,441 silver bullion and \$9,167,865 84 minor coin, &c., not included in statement "Stock of Money."

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR NOVEMBER.

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

FOREIGN TRADE MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. (In the following tables three epherals (0000) are in all cases omitted.)

	Exports.			Imports.		
	1918.	1917.	1916.	1918.	1917.	1916.
January	\$504,797	\$513,325	\$330,086	\$233,942	\$241,794	\$184,251
February	411,362	467,948	401,784	207,715	199,480	193,935
March	523,900	553,986	410,742	242,162	270,267	213,590
April	500,443	529,928	308,569	278,981	253,936	218,236
May	550,225	549,674	474,804	322,533	280,727	229,189
June	483,799	573,467	404,086	260,350	308,623	245,795
July	507,463	573,758	444,714	241,878	225,926	182,723
August	527,062	488,656	510,167	273,003	267,856	199,316
September	550,396	454,507	514,924	202,917	236,197	164,030
October	502,655	542,101	492,514	240,765	281,237	175,659
November	523,172	487,328	516,167	251,008	220,535	176,963
December		600,135	523,234		227,911	204,334
Total	\$6,233,513	\$5,482,641		\$2,952,468	\$2,391,636	

	Exports.			Imports.		
	1918.	1917.	1916.	1918.	1917.	1916.
January	\$3,746	\$20,720	\$10,213	\$4,404	\$58,926	\$15,008
February	5,084	32,068	13,685	2,549	103,766	6,018
March	2,809	17,920	10,774	1,912	139,499	9,776
April	3,560	16,965	11,503	2,746	32,372	6,122
May	3,590	57,699	11,919	6,621	52,262	27,322
June	2,704	67,184	8,512	31,592	91,339	122,755
July	7,200	69,052	9,395	2,977	27,304	62,108
August	3,277	46,049	11,750	1,555	18,692	41,239
September	2,284	31,333	6,849	7,611	11,472	92,562
October	2,178	11,154	7,054	1,470	4,150	97,509
November	3,048	7,223	26,335	1,920	2,900	46,973
December		4,538	27,974		17,066	158,620
Total	\$371,834	\$155,793		\$552,454	\$685,990	

	Exports.			Imports.		
	1918.	1917.	1916.	1918.	1917.	1916.
January	\$6,023	\$5,887	\$4,636	\$5,998	\$3,346	\$1,852
February	6,519	7,094	4,947	4,449	2,478	2,396
March	13,432	5,556	5,748	6,903	2,977	2,880
April	12,261	4,353	4,856	5,081	2,376	2,176
May	40,381	6,272	6,212	7,298	4,741	2,725
June	8,606	5,965	4,644	5,361	2,235	3,183
July	40,686	6,538	4,336	5,220	3,420	2,426
August	20,549	7,564	5,816	7,257	5,681	2,517
September	10,340	10,465	6,330	7,179	5,796	2,880
October	32,037	6,983	6,016	6,766	6,050	2,892
November	7,159	4,789	7,847	5,490	6,088	2,583
December		10,125	9,008		6,158	3,653
Total	\$84,131	\$70,595		\$53,341	\$32,263	

EXCESS OF EXPORTS OR IMPORTS.

	Merchandise.			Gold.			Silver.		
	1918.	1917.	1916.	1918.	1917.	1918.	1917.	1916.	
Jan.	+270,855	+371,531	+145,085	-558	-38,206	+630	+2,541		
Feb.	+203,647	+263,168	+207,349	+2,535	-81,698	+2,070	+5,216		
March	+250,738	+253,729	+187,152	+8,916	-121,379	+6,469	+2,579		

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:

Table with columns for London, Jan. 4, Jan. 6, Jan. 7, Jan. 8, Jan. 9, Jan. 10. Rows include Silver, Consols, British, French Renten, French War Loan.

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

Table with columns for Silver in N. Y., per oz., etc. for Jan. 10 1/4, 10 1/4, 10 1/4, 10 1/4, 10 1/4.

Clearings by Telegraph—Sales of Stocks, Bonds, &c.

The subjoined table, covering clearings for the current account of the length of the other tables is crowded out once a month. The figures are received by telegraph from other leading cities.

Table with columns for Clearings—Returns by Telegraph, Week ending January 11, 1919, 1918, Per Cent. Rows include New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Kansas City, St. Louis, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Baltimore, New Orleans.

Other Western and Southern Clearings brought forward from first page:

Table with columns for December, 1918, 1917, Inc. or Dec., Inc. or Dec. Rows include Kansas City, Minneapolis, Omaha, St. Paul, Denver, St. Joseph, Des Moines, Sioux City, Wichita, Duluth, Lincoln, Topeka, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Fargo, Sioux Falls, Helena, Colo. Springs, Pueblo, Waterloo, Aberdeen, Billings, Fremont, Hastings, Joplin, Grand Forks, Iowa City, Lawrence, Lewistown, Kan. C'y, Kan. Oktoosh.

Table with columns for Clearings at—, 1919, 1918, Inc. or Dec., 1917, 1916. Rows include Kansas City, Minneapolis, Omaha, St. Paul, Denver, St. Joseph, Duluth, Des Moines, Sioux City, Wichita, Lincoln, Topeka, Cedar Rapids, Fargo, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Fremont, Waterloo, Helena, Billings, Hastings, Aberdeen, Total oth. West, Total Southern.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings of the Canadian banks for the month of December 1918 show an increase over the same months of 1917 of 38.6%, and for the twelve months the gain reaches 9.2%.

Table with columns for Clearings at—, December, 1918, 1917, Inc. or Dec., Twelve Months, 1918, 1917, Inc. or Dec. Rows include Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Quebec, Halifax, Hamilton, Calgary, St. John, London, Victoria, Edmonton, Regina, Brandon, Lethbridge, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Brantford, Peterbor'g, New W'm'r, Med. Hat, Sherbrooke, Kitchener.

The clearings for the week ending Jan. 2 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1918, show an increase in the aggregate of 22%.

Table with columns for Clearings at—, Week ending January 2, 1919, 1918, Inc. or Dec., 1917, 1916. Rows include Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa, Quebec, Halifax, Hamilton, St. John, Victoria, London, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Brandon, Lethbridge, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Fort Williams, New Westminster, Medicine Hat, Peterborough, Sherbrooke, Kitchener, Total Canada.

\* Figures for late months of 1918 estimated. No returns obtainable except bank transactions.



Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 186.—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 with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, Indianapolis, and weekly totals for 1918-19, 1917-18, and 1916-17.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Jan. 4 1919 follow:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include New York, Port Arthur, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Boston, and weekly totals for 1919, 1918, and since Jan. 1 1919.

\* 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. 4 are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from—, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, Peas. Rows include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans, Pt. Arthur, Tex., and weekly totals for 1918 and since Jan. 1 1919.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1918 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns show Week Jan. 4 1919 and Since July 1 1918. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Colonies, Other countries, and weekly totals for 1918.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Jan. 4 1919 and since July 1 1918 and 1917 are shown in the following:

Table with columns: Exports, Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns show 1918-19 and a 1917-18. Further sub-columns show Week Jan. 4 and Since July 1. Rows include North Amer., Russia, Danube, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countries, and weekly totals for 1918 and a Revised 1917-18.

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

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns show United Kingdom, Continent, Total. Further sub-columns show Bushels. Rows include Jan. 4 1919, Dec. 28 1918, Jan. 5 1918, and Jan. 6 1917.

GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES.—Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury, we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for December 1918

and 1917 and for the six months of the fiscal years 1918-19 and 1917-18.

Table with columns: Receipts, Dec. 1918, Dec. 1917, 6 Mos. 1918, 6 Mos. 1917. Rows include Ordinary Customs, Internal Revenue, Income & exc. prof. tax, Miscellaneous, Miscellaneous revenue, Total, Panama Canal, Tolls, Public Debt, First Liberty Loan bonds, Second Lib. Loan bonds, Third Lib. Loan bonds, Fourth Lib. Loan bonds, Certifs. of Indebtedness, War sav. & thrift stamps, Postal Savings bonds, Deposits for purchase of One-Year Treas. Notes, Deposits for retirement of national bank notes and Fed. Res. bank notes, Grand total receipts.

Disbursements. Ordinary— Checks and warrants paid (less balances repaid, &c.), Int. on public debt paid, Total, Special— Panama Canal: Checks paid (less balances repaid, &c.), Purchase of obligations of foreign Governments, Purchase of Federal Farm Loan bonds, Principal, Accrued interest, Total, Public Debt— Bonds, int.-bearing notes, and certificates retired, One-year Treas. notes redeemed (Sec. 18, Fed. Res. Act, approved Dec. 23 1913), Nat. bank notes and Fed. Res. bank notes retired (Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913), Total.

Total 2,322,923,829 1,435,929,478 8,229,405,727 3,092,419,383

Grand total disbursements 4,293,899,685 2,541,141,337 18,861,553,315 8,294,228,298

Excess of total receipts over total disbursements 334,660,460 1,014,357,917 504,950,544 314,457,708

\* Receipts and disbursements for June reaching the Treasury in July are included.

BANK NOTES—CHANGES IN TOTALS OF, AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, &c.—We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefore:

Table with columns: 1917-18, Bonds and Legal Tenders on Deposit for—, Circulation Afloat Under—. Sub-columns show Bonds, Legal Tenders, Total. Rows include Dec. 31 1918, Nov. 30 1918, Oct. 31 1918, Sept. 30 1918, Aug. 31 1918, July 31 1918, June 30 1918, May 31 1918, Apr. 30 1918, Mar. 31 1918, Feb. 28 1918, Jan. 31 1918, Dec. 31 1917.

\$128,143,530 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding Jan. 1, of which \$127,449,000 covered by bonds and \$694,530 by lawful money.

The following show the amount of each class of U. S. bonds held against national bank circulation and to secure public moneys held in national bank depositories on Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Bonds on Deposit Dec. 31 1918, U. S. Bonds Held Dec. 31 to Secure—, On deposit to secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes, On deposit to secure National Bank Notes, Total Held. Rows include 2s, U. S. Consols of 1930, 4s, U. S. Loan of 1925, 2s, U. S. Panama of 1936, 2s, U. S. Panama of 1938, 2s, U. S. One-year Certifs. of Indebt., 3s, U. S. One-year Treasury Notes, Totals.

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal-tender deposits Dec. 1 and Jan. 1 and their increase or decrease during the month December.

Table with columns: National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—, Amount afloat Dec. 1 1918, Net amount issued during December, Amount of bank notes afloat Jan. 1 1919, Legal-Tender Notes—, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Dec. 1 1918, Net amount of bank notes retired in December, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Jan. 1 1919.

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 shares with columns for Shares, Stocks, Per cent., and Price. Includes items like American Trading, American Frading, Virginia Consolidated, etc.

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

Table listing various stocks and shares with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Price. Includes items like National Shawmut Bank, Bay State Nat. Bk., etc.

By Messrs. Millett, Roe & Hagen, Boston:

Table listing various stocks and shares with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Price. Includes items like Bates Manufacturing, Nashua Mfg., etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing various stocks and shares with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Price. Includes items like Philadelphia Bourse, Penn National Bank, etc.

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

Table titled 'APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTER' showing bank names and capital amounts. Includes The Liberty National Bank of Pawhuska, Okla., etc.

Table titled 'INCREASES OF CAPITAL APPROVED' showing bank names and capital increase amounts. Includes The East River National Bank of the City of New York, N. Y., etc.

Table titled 'CONSOLIDATION' showing bank names and capital amounts. Includes The Citizens National Bank of Louisville, Ky., and the Union National Bank of Louisville.

Table titled 'VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS' showing bank names and capital amounts. Includes The Marine National Bank of Buffalo, N. Y., etc.

Table titled 'DIVIDENDS' showing bank names, dividend percentages, and dates. Includes Alabama Great Southern, etc.

Large table titled 'DIVIDENDS' with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed. Includes various railroad and utility companies like Alabama Great Southern, etc.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
<b>Miscellaneous (Continued).</b>				<b>Miscellaneous (Continued).</b>			
Alliance Realty (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Massachusetts Gas Cos., common (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Allis-Chalmers Mfg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Massachusetts Lighting Cos., pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Prof. (extra acct. accumulated divs.)	8 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Mexican Telegraph (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Amer. Agric. Ch., com. (qu.) (No. 29)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23a	Miam Copper (quar.) (No. 26)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Preferred (quar.) (No. 53)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23a	Middle Steel & Ordnance (quar.) (No. 9)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
American Beet Sugar, common (quar.)	2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a	Midwest Refining (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Amer. Beet Sugar, pref. (quar.) (No. 70)	9 1/2	April 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a	Mohawk Mining (quar.)	\$2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
American Cicle, common (quar.)	1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18	Montreal Telegraph (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 15
American Cigar, common (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Morris Plan Co.	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Amer. Gas & Elec., pref. (qu.) (No. 48)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Mt. Vernon-Woodberry Mills, Inc., pref.	3 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
American Glue, preferred	*4	Feb. 1	*Jan. 21 to Feb. 3	Mountain States Teleg. & Teleg. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
American Ice, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Nash Motors, common	\$10	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Am. La France Fire Eng., Inc., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 8	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Amer. Laundry Machinery, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 5 to Jan. 15	National Aniline & Chemical	8 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
American Light & Trac., com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 16 to Jan. 26	Preferred (account accumulated divs.)	8 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Common (payable in common stock)	7 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 16 to Jan. 26	National Biscuit, com. (quar.) (No. 82)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 16 to Jan. 26	Nat. Cloak & Suit, com. (qu.) (No. 8)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8a
American Locomotive, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a	National Fuel Gas (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Amer. Rolling Mill, common (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	National Oil, pref. (quar.)	20c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a
Common (extra)	25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	National Paper & Type, com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Common (payable in common stock)	*5	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a	Northern States Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a
Amer. Seedling Machine, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	New England Power, pref. (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	New Jersey Zinc (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a
American Shipbuilding, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	New York Dock, common (No. 1)	4 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Common (extra)	2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Preferred	2 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
American Telephone & Telegraph (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	New York Transit (quar.)	4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
American Type Founders, com. (quar.)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Niagara Falls Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Nipissing Mines, Ltd. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 20	Jan. 1 to Jan. 17
American Woolen, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 17 to Dec. 29	Extra	25c	Jan. 20	Jan. 1 to Jan. 17
Common (payable in Liberty Ln. bds.)	45c	Feb. 1	Dec. 17 to Dec. 29	Northern Ontario Light & Power, pref.	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 17 to Dec. 29	Ohio Brass, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Anaconda Copper Mining (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 24	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a	Ohio Fuel Supply (quar.)	62 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Anglo-American Oil, Ltd.	15	Jan. 15	Holders of coup. No. 16	Extra (payable in Liberty Ln. bds.)	450c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Atlas Powder, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Oklahoma Natural Gas (quar.)	50c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a
Bartholomew & Spindler	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Extra	22 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 27a	Otis Elevator, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Barrett Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Bell Telephone of Canada (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Pacific Coast Co., common (quar.)	1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 25a
Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Partial preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 25a
Broken Shoe, Inc., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Paicific Teleg. & Teleg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 15
Bush Terminal, common	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Pennants, Limited, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Common (payable in common stock)	7 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Preferred	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Penn Traffic	7 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Canada Cement, Ltd., com. (quar.) (No. 1)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Extra	2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Canadian Fairbanks-Morse, pf. (No. 27)	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Carlson Steel, common (quar.)	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Pierce-Arrow Motor Car, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Common (extra)	74	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 26	Pittsburgh Coal of Penn., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
First preferred	8	July 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 26	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Second preferred (annual)	6	July 30	Holders of rec. July 26	Pittsburgh Coal of N. J., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Central Coal & Coke, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Pittsburgh Oil & Gas (quar.)	*2 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Pole Engineering & Machine (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
Central Foundry, ordinary pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Prarie Oil & Gas (quar.)	*8	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
First preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Extra	*5	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Central Illinois Pub. Service, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Prarie Pipe Line (quar.)	3	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Central Leather, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Procter & Gamble, preferred (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a
Chicago Warrington & Franklin Coal, com.	5	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Public Service Co. of No. Ill., com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23a	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Chicago & C. S. S. Co., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23a	Public Utilities Co., Indiana, pref.	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
Colorado Power, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Pureco Mfg., common (quar.)	*25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Commonwealth-Edison (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Quaker Oats, common (quar.)	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Commonwealth Gas & Elec. Cos., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Common (extra)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Consumers Company, preferred	*3 1/2	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 10	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Continental Motors Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 29 to Jan. 15	Remington Associates (No. 32)	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a
Corn Products Refg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Republic Iron & Steel, com. (qu.) (No. 9)	*7 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Costen & Co., com. (qu.) (No. 6)	12 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 11 to Feb. 2	Sapulla Refining (quar.)	12 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Crocker-Wheeler Co., com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Securities Company	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Shattuck-Arizona Copper Co. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Cuba Co., preferred	*3 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Smith (Howard) Paper Mills, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor, preferred	3 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Southern California Edison, 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Delaware Lark & West. Coal (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Southern N. E. Telephone (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Detroit Edison (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Standard Underground Cable (quar.)	*3	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 4
Detroit Iron & Steel, common	25c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5 to Jan. 15	Steel Co. of Canada, com. (qu.) (No. 8)	*3	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 4
Preferred	17 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 5 to Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.) (No. 30)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Ditallies Securities Corporation (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 18	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Stetson (J. B.) Co., common	*15	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Extra	1 1/2	Jan. 18	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Preferred	*4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Dominion Coal, pref. (quar.) (No. 53)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11	Superior Steel, common	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Dominion Iron & Trac., Ltd., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 20 to Dec. 31	First and second preferred (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 16 to Feb. 1	Swift International (Compania Swift Internacional) (No. 1)	\$1.20	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Dominion Textile, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Tobacco Prod., com. (pay. in com. stk.)	107	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
duPont (E. I.) de Nem. & Co. deb. stk. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Tenneco & Williams Steel Forg., com. (qu.)	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Eastern Steel, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Ticket Tobacco, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Edison Elec. Ill., Boston (qu.) (No. 119)	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Union Natural Gas (quar.) (No. 62)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Electrical Securities Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 24a	Union Oil of Calif. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 18	Jan. 9 to Jan. 15
Electrical Utilities Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6	Extra	*1	Jan. 18	Jan. 9 to Jan. 15
Electric Bond & Share, common (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	United Alloy Steel (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	United Cigar Stores of Amer., com. (qu.)	2 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Elk Basin Petroleum (quar.)	12 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	United Coal Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Jan. 16 to Jan. 25
Emerson Brantingham, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18	United Drug, first pref. (quar.) (No. 12)	8 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Eureka Pipe Line (quar.)	2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	United Fruit (quar.) (No. 78)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Fairbanks Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	United Gas & Electric Co., preferred	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Fairbanks Co., 2nd pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	United Gas Improvement (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Firestone Tire & Rubber, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	United Paper Board, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a
General Chemical, common (extra)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	U. S. Glass (quar.)	*1	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 18
General Electric (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	U. S. Industrial Alcohol, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 18	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Extra (payable in stock)	2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 7a	U. S. Rubber, 1st pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a
General Motors Corp., common (quar.)	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	U. S. Smelt., Refg. & Min., com. (qu.)	87 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	87 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 12 to Jan. 14
Debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	United States Worsted, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a
General Petroleum Corp., com. (monthly)	1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Extra	25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a
Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	\$2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 30	Va. Carolina Chem., com. (qu.) (No. 46)	1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Globe-Warner Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.) (No. 93)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Goodrich (B. F.) Co., common (quar.)	1	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a	Victor Talking Machine, common (qu.)	5	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 5
Granby Cons. M., S. & Power, Ltd. (qu.)	2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a	Warner (Chas.) Co. of Del., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 23	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Harbison-Walker Refract., com. (extra)	6	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 23	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Harbison-Walker Refract., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Western Power Corp., preferred (quar.)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Hercules Powder, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Feb. 6 to Feb. 15	Western States Gas & Elec., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Holly Sugar Corp., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Western Union Teleg. (quar.) (No. 199)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Homestake Mining (monthly)	*50c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	\$1.75	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Howe Sound Co. (quar.)	*5c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg., com. (qu.)	87 1/2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Illinois Northern Utilities, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2						

**Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.**—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the Member Banks. Definitions of the different items contained in the statement were given in the weekly statement issued under date of Dec. 14 1917 and which was published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 2523.

**STATEMENT SHOWING PRINCIPAL RESOURCE AND LIABILITY ITEMS OF MEMBER BANKS LOCATED IN CENTRAL RESERVE AND OTHER SELECTED CITIES AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 27 1918.**

Reduction in some volume of U. S. securities, principally Liberty bonds on hand, also considerable withdrawals of Government deposits, are indicated by the Board's weekly statement showing condition on Dec. 27 1918 of 758 member banks in leading cities.

Holdings of United States bonds, other than circulation bonds, declined 39.6 millions, notwithstanding a slight increase in these holdings reported by the New York City banks, the decrease reflecting somewhat the amount of bonds taken over by subscribing customers. Treasury certificates on hand at all reporting banks show a reduction of 7.6 millions and an even larger decrease at banks in central reserve cities. Loans secured by U. S. war obligations went up about 2 millions, Chicago member banks reporting much larger increases.

Total U. S. war obligations and loans secured by such obligations figure among the assets of reporting member banks to the extent of 3,053.9 millions as against 3,100.1 millions the week before. All other loans and investments increased 13.6 millions, an increase of 62.4 millions shown for the New York City banks being largely offset by reductions under this head at other reporting banks. Of the total loans and investments the combined share of U. S. war obligations and "war paper" was 22.4%, as against 22.7% the week before. For the New York City banks this share shows a decline from 26.7 to 26.4%.

Government deposits declined during the week about 150.5 millions, the New York City banks alone reporting net withdrawals of 80.5 millions of Government funds. Other net demand deposits show a reduction of 4.8 millions, while time deposits indicate a gain of 30.2 millions. Reserve balances with the Federal Reserve banks declined 31.7 millions, of which 19.9 millions represents the decrease for the New York City banks. Cash in vault shows an almost equal gain of 30.6 millions, largely outside New York City.

For all reporting banks the ratio of deposits to investments, mainly because of the considerable withdrawals of Government deposits, shows a decline from 80.3 to 79.4%. For the New York City banks, owing both to the decrease in Government deposits and the simultaneous increase in total loans and investments, this ratio shows a much larger decline from 91.7 to 89.1%. The ratio of combined reserve balances and cash to deposits shows a rise from 15.3 to 15.5% for all reporting banks, and from 16.4 to 16.5% for the central reserve city banks. "Excess reserves" of all reporting banks work out at \$72,833,000 as against 105 millions the week before. For the central reserve city banks a decline of this item from 68.1 to 51.2 millions is noted.

**1. Data for all reporting banks in each district. Two ciphers (00) omitted.**

Member Banks.	Boston.	New York.	Phladel.	Cleveland.	Richm'd.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks...	44	107	56	84	81	45	101	32	35	75	45	53	758
U.S. bonds to secure circulat'n	14,352.0	50,397.0	11,497.0	42,913.0	24,313.0	15,465.0	18,980.0	17,554.0	6,419.0	13,610.0	17,929.0	34,756.0	268,185.0
Other U. S. bonds, including Liberty bonds	22,649.0	326,007.0	41,551.0	90,818.0	56,737.0	43,145.0	111,696.0	40,665.0	12,533.0	29,355.0	21,403.0	36,246.0	832,715.0
U. S. certifs. of indebtedness	68,182.0	451,901.0	63,378.0	60,543.0	34,781.0	38,354.0	107,804.0	23,289.0	14,968.0	26,809.0	12,598.0	60,845.0	953,452.0
Total U. S. securities	105,083.0	823,305.0	106,426.0	194,274.0	115,831.0	96,964.0	238,480.0	81,958.0	33,930.0	69,784.0	51,930.0	131,847.0	2,054,352.0
Loans sec. by U. S. bonds, &c.	102,300.0	692,496.0	137,618.0	102,132.0	43,188.0	21,058.0	329,400.0	1,386,135.0	369,684.0	242,437.0	459,704.0	181,439.0	548,920.0
All other loans & investments	748,934.0	4,108,701.0	619,529.0	936,975.0	391,933.0	329,400.0	168,505.0	37,108.0	24,031.0	45,701.0	15,105.0	51,281.0	1,245,251.0
Reserve bal. with F. R. Bank	66,298.0	644,973.0	63,129.0	78,916.0	34,783.0	30,342.0	72,931.0	15,177.0	10,834.0	18,302.0	12,283.0	27,214.0	434,816.0
Cash in vault	29,209.0	142,148.0	26,612.0	41,407.0	22,607.0	16,972.0	39,225.0	280,116.0	215,669.0	301,910.0	146,694.0	429,587.0	9,917,088.0
Net demand deposits	669,860.0	4,657,866.0	629,478.0	759,579.0	337,756.0	339,286.0	1,123,285.0	280,116.0	215,669.0	301,910.0	146,694.0	429,587.0	9,917,088.0
Time deposits	105,385.0	245,119.0	18,972.0	229,226.0	60,653.0	95,151.0	390,225.0	72,997.0	48,772.0	60,297.0	25,571.0	129,788.0	1,481,556.0
Government deposits	39,613.0	215,995.0	31,235.0	36,699.0	19,457.0	16,394.0	53,007.0	15,793.0	9,835.0	16,955.0	9,220.0	9,756.0	473,962.0

**2. Data for banks in each Central Reserve City, banks in all other Reserve cities and other reporting banks.**

Two ciphers (00) omitted.	New York.		Chicago.		St. Louis.		Total Central Res. Cities.		Other Reserve Cities.		Country Banks.		Total.	
	Dec. 27.	Dec. 20.	Dec. 27.	Dec. 27.	Dec. 27.	Dec. 20.	Dec. 27.	Dec. 20.	Dec. 27.	Dec. 20.	Dec. 27.	Dec. 20.	Dec. 27.	Dec. 20.
Number of reporting banks...	65	65	44	14	123	123	470	470	165	165	758	758	268,185.0	267,825.0
U.S. bonds to secure circulat'n	36,333.0	36,333.0	1,119.0	10,554.0	48,006.0	48,007.0	172,649.0	173,004.0	47,530.0	46,814.0	268,185.0	267,825.0	268,185.0	267,825.0
Other U. S. bonds, including Liberty bonds	273,793.0	272,281.0	50,235.0	30,238.0	354,266.0	357,239.0	390,787.0	426,244.0	87,662.0	88,785.0	832,715.0	832,715.0	832,715.0	832,715.0
U. S. certifs. of indebtedness	428,127.0	429,917.0	48,495.0	17,739.0	492,361.0	500,384.0	398,283.0	400,329.0	62,808.0	60,340.0	953,452.0	953,452.0	953,452.0	953,452.0
Total U. S. securities	736,253.0	738,531.0	99,849.0	58,531.0	894,633.0	905,650.0	961,719.0	969,577.0	198,000.0	195,039.0	2,054,352.0	2,054,352.0	2,054,352.0	2,054,352.0
Loans sec. by U. S. bonds, &c.	636,247.0	635,009.0	50,317.0	19,828.0	706,592.0	706,592.0	4,027,967.0	4,027,967.0	880,317.0	881,044.0	1,267,742.0	1,267,742.0	1,267,742.0	1,267,742.0
All other loans & investments	3,695,537.0	3,633,090.0	851,458.0	201,502.0	4,295,357.0	4,756,676.0	4,027,967.0	4,027,967.0	1,460,521.0	1,460,521.0	10,298,241.0	10,298,241.0	10,298,241.0	10,298,241.0
Reserve bal. with F. R. Bank	607,475.0	627,395.0	111,374.0	27,973.0	174,550.0	166,662.0	436,410.0	451,050.0	62,019.0	62,208.0	1,245,251.0	1,245,251.0	1,245,251.0	1,245,251.0
Cash in vault	122,572.0	119,149.0	43,411.0	8,579.0	174,550.0	166,662.0	436,410.0	451,050.0	62,019.0	62,208.0	1,245,251.0	1,245,251.0	1,245,251.0	1,245,251.0
Net demand deposits	4,275,519.0	4,273,793.0	782,823.0	202,530.0	5,260,872.0	5,261,556.0	3,937,422.0	3,938,402.0	718,792.0	721,942.0	9,917,088.0	9,917,088.0	9,917,088.0	9,917,088.0
Time deposits	180,411.0	187,746.0	147,800.0	53,708.0	390,119.0	387,059.0	838,998.0	873,246.0	202,439.0	191,011.0	1,481,556.0	1,481,556.0	1,481,556.0	1,481,556.0
Government deposits	197,354.0	277,322.0	30,294.0	12,626.0	240,174.0	324,871.0	201,971.0	254,630.0	31,817.0	44,951.0	473,962.0	473,962.0	473,962.0	473,962.0
Ratio of U. S. war securities and war paper to total loans and investments, per cent.	26.4	26.7	14.0	19.9	24.2	24.6	20.9	21.3	19.9	20.1	22.4	22.7		

**The Federal Reserve Banks.**—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Jan. 4:

Liquidation in some volume of total investments and considerable reduction in the volume of circulating Federal Reserve notes are indicated in the Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business Jan. 3 1919.

**INVESTMENTS.**—An increase of 14.9 millions in the amount of "war paper" goes hand in hand with a reduction of 157.6 millions in the amount of U. S. short-term securities, the latter figure representing largely the amount of temporary Treasury certificates redeemed by the Government during the week. Other discounts and acceptances on hand show substantial reductions, causing a decrease of 43.2 millions in total earning assets.

**DEPOSITS.**—Government deposits show an increase of about 28 millions. Members' reserve deposits increased 15.6 millions, while net deposits, because of the larger "float" carried by the banks, show the much smaller increase of 6.9 millions.

**RESERVES.**—Gold reserves show a gain of 2.1 millions, while total cash reserves increased by 7.4 millions. The banks' reserve percentage because of this increase and the simultaneous decrease in note liability shows an increase from 50.0 to 51.2%.

**NOTE CIRCULATION.**—Federal Reserve agents report an increase of 10.4 millions in circulation, indicating a considerable return movement of notes to the banks of issue. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation increased during the week from 117.1 to 120.3 millions.

**CAPITAL AND SURPLUS.**—As a result largely of further gains in membership the banks' paid-in capital shows an increase of \$11,000. Chicago reporting the largest gain under this head. The banks' combined surplus, following the close of books on Dec. 31 of the past year, increased from 1.1 to 22.7 millions and constitutes at present about 28% of the banks' paid-in capital.

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 seven preceding weeks, together with those of the corresponding week of last year, 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.

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.**—The week statement issued by the bank subdivides some certain items that are included under a more general classification in the statement prepared at Washington. Thus, "Other deposits, &c." as of Jan. 3, consisted of "Foreign Government deposits," \$95,412,600; "Non-member bank deposits," \$3,896,586; and "Due to War Finance Corporation" \$4,687,311.

**COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 3 1919.**

	Jan. 3 1919.	Dec. 27 1918.	Dec. 20 1918.	Dec. 13 1918.	Dec. 6 1918.	Nov. 29 1918.	Nov. 22 1918.	Nov. 15 1918.	Jan. 4 1918.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>									
Gold coin and certificates	338,717,000	337,365,000	335,141,000	336,516,000	353,308,000	370,938,000	371,498,000	375,327,000	480,672,000
Gold settlement fund, F. R. Board	398,997,000	374,758,000	461,309,000	487,593,000	429,491,000	395,202,000	435,893,000	433,885,000	338,687,000
Gold with foreign agencies	5,829,000	5,829,000	5,829,000	5,829,000	5,829,000	5,829,000	5,829,000	5,829,000	52,590,000
Total gold held by banks	743,543,000	717,952,000	802,279,000	829,914,000	788,628,000	772,059,000	813,219,000	815,241,000	871,259,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	1,263,883,000	1,288,309,000	1,194,228,000	1,167,771,000	1,207,377,000	1,216,541,000	1,168,917,000	1,166,679,000	797,191,000
Gold redemption fund	85,768,000	84,013,000	82,421,000	80,821,000	78,496,000	76,613,000	78,129,000	74,957,000	19,270,000
Total gold reserves	2,093,694,000	2,090,274,000	2,078,928,000	2,078,505,000	2,067,401,000	2,065,213,000	2,060,265,000	2,056,777,000	1,687,726,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	60,960,000	55,945,000	54,636,000	55,788,000	53,966,000	55,168,000	55,992,000	53,039,000	45,510,000
Total reserves	2,154,654,000	2,146,219,000	2,133,564,000	2,134,293,000	2,121,367,000	2,120,381,000	2,116,257,000	2,109,816,000	1,733,936,000
Bills (discounted)									
Secured by Govt. war obligations	1,545,274,000	1,400,371,000	1,299,324,000	1,483,849,000	1,467,322,000	1,412,511,000	1,281,245,000	1,358,416,000	286,156,000
All other	234,590,000	302,567,000	305,778,000	365,614,000	396,462,000	402,684,000	428,190,000	439,392,000	339,657,000
Bills bought in open market	290,269,000	308,673,000	340,765,000	366,594,000	371,406,000	375,341,000	368,784,000	377,877,000	271,338,000
Total bills on hand	2,120,133,000	2,009,611,000	1,947,067,000	2,216,057,000	2,235,190,000	2,190,536,000	2,078,219,000	2,175,685,000	897,151,000
U. S. Govt. long-term securities	29,224,000	28,809,000	28,850,000	29,189,000	29,198,000	29,132,000	29,134,000	29,478,000	51,167,000
U. S. Govt. short-term securities	125,063,000	283,677,000	325,073,000	111,477,000	105,606,000	92,664,000	148,180,000	93,449,000	92,088,000
All other earning assets	13,000	13,000	16,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	28,000	5,167,000
Total earning assets	2,275,033,000	2,318,170,000	2,301,066,000	2,356,750,000	2,370,019,000	2,312,359,000	2,255,560,000	2,298,840,000	1,045,543,000
Uncollected items (deduct from gross deposits)	823,079,000	759,698,000	826,831,000	719,591,000	650,039,000	736,328,000	819,010,000	717,785,000	347,251,000
5% retemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes	6,265,000	5,988,000	5,880,000	5,506,000	4,844,000	4,621,000	4,525,000	4,008,000	537,000
All other resources	30,337,000	22,005,000	20,793,000	18,824,000	22,440,000	21,309,000	24,175,000	18,169,000	537,000
Total resources	5,288,368,000	5,251,900,000	5,288,134,000	5,234,934,000	5,168,709,000	5,194,983,000	5,219,527,000	5,148,418,000	3,126,898,000

\* Includes amount formerly shown against items due from or due to other Federal Reserve banks net.

Table of Liabilities for Federal Reserve Banks, showing various categories like Capital paid in, Surplus, Government deposits, and Total gross deposits across multiple dates from Jan 3 1919 to Jan 4 1919.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 3 1919

Table showing the weekly statement of resources and liabilities for each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco) as of Jan 3 1919.

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 3 1919.

Table showing the statement of Federal Reserve Agents' accounts at the close of business on Jan 3 1919, detailing Federal Reserve notes, surplus, and other assets.

Statement of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.—The following detailed statement shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Jan. 4. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of totals, actual figures at end of the week are also given.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURN.

Main financial statement table with columns for Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Gold, Legal Tenders, Silver, National Bank and Federal Reserve Notes, Reserve with Legal Depositaries, Additional Deposits with Legal Depositaries, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, and National Bank Circulation. Includes sub-sections for State Banks and Trust Companies.

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$181,285,000. b U. S. deposits deducted, \$215,440,000.

STATEMENTS OF RESERVE POSITION.

Table showing Reserve Position with columns for Averages and Actual Figures. Actual figures are broken down by Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositaries, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve, Inc. or Dec. from Previous Week, and similar categories.

\* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.

a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Jan. 4, \$3,949,230; Dec. 28, \$3,991,320; Dec. 21, \$4,166,710; Dec. 14, \$4,203,690.

b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Jan. 4, \$4,159,850; Dec. 28, \$3,953,460; Dec. 21, \$4,040,610; Dec. 14, \$4,200,660.

c Amount of cash in vault, which is no longer counted as reserve for members of the Federal Reserve Bank, was as follows:

Jan. 4, \$111,469,000; Dec. 28, \$110,401,000; Dec. 21, \$107,915,000; Dec. 14, \$107,855,000.

d Amounts of cash in vaults, which is no longer counted as reserve for members of the Federal Reserve Bank, was as follows:

Jan. 4, \$112,253,000; Dec. 28, \$113,270,000; Dec. 21, \$109,832,000; Dec. 14, \$104,289,000.

The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City *not in the Clearing House*, as follows:

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

(Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)		Differences from	
Jan. 4.		previous week.	
Loans and Investments.....	\$710,892,500	Inc.	\$762,000
Specie.....	8,405,000	Inc.	241,000
Currenty and bank notes.....	16,245,300	Dec.	331,200
Deposits with the F. R. Bank of New York.....	65,629,100	Inc.	5,193,200
Total deposits.....	788,894,900	Inc.	30,751,800
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchanges and U. S. deposits.....	696,558,400	Inc.	10,522,700
Reserve on deposits.....	\$153,971,300	Inc.	30,644,400
Percentage of reserve, 24%.			

**RESERVE.**

State Banks		Trust Companies		
Cash in vaults.....	\$17,226,300	12.94%	\$73,054,000	14.37%
Deposits in banks and trust eos.....	11,861,900	8.91%	51,829,100	10.20%
Total.....	\$29,088,200	21.85%	\$124,883,100	24.57%

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

**COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK. (Two ciphers omitted.)**

Week Ended—	Loans and Investments	Demand Deposits	Specie	Legal Tenders	Total Cash in Vault	Reserve in Depositories
Sept. 7.....	\$5,249,106.5	\$4,475,183.9	\$70,700.1	\$87,712.1	\$158,412.2	\$583,554.8
Sept. 14.....	5,233,177.2	4,418,249.8	71,038.6	88,345.3	159,383.9	554,898.2
Sept. 21.....	5,294,283.0	4,427,043.3	70,472.1	96,532.8	167,004.9	571,118.2
Sept. 28.....	5,296,960.1	4,450,212.9	70,816.0	94,823.1	165,439.1	567,573.3
Oct. 5.....	5,373,198.8	4,537,675.4	69,970.7	91,434.6	161,405.3	537,014.3
Oct. 12.....	5,413,056.8	4,455,747.0	69,765.2	85,264.7	155,019.9	574,142.4
Oct. 19.....	5,386,267.9	4,487,756.5	70,376.0	92,445.8	162,821.8	580,295.4
Oct. 26.....	5,457,805.1	4,520,463.6	71,255.2	94,750.5	166,005.7	619,305.3
Nov. 2.....	5,499,400.2	4,394,815.8	69,692.6	85,425.1	155,117.7	585,223.6
Nov. 9.....	5,471,164.4	4,430,932.2	68,979.4	89,755.9	158,735.3	591,280.8
Nov. 16.....	5,489,226.0	4,515,346.9	69,440.7	91,559.5	161,000.2	610,910.4
Nov. 23.....	5,470,203.8	4,511,208.2	69,250.9	92,303.2	161,553.8	603,681.3
Nov. 30.....	5,360,177.9	4,449,150.6	68,759.7	93,400.6	162,160.3	602,957.6
Dec. 7.....	5,330,133.6	4,458,973.9	67,037.7	89,940.6	156,978.3	592,551.4
Dec. 14.....	5,384,107.7	4,527,415.1	66,311.3	93,272.8	159,584.1	602,623.6
Dec. 21.....	5,373,134.6	4,592,634.0	65,076.3	93,695.1	158,771.4	617,263.4
Dec. 28.....	5,378,736.5	4,587,455.7	67,193.9	96,364.4	163,558.3	574,321.6
Jan. 4.....	5,416,990.5	4,650,393.4	68,390.9	101,977.4	170,368.3	632,301.0

\* Included with "Legal Tenders" are national bank notes and Fed. Reserve notes held by State banks and trust eos., but not those held by Fed. Reserve members.

In addition to the returns of "State banks and trust companies in New York City *not in the Clearing House*," furnished by the State Banking Department, the Department also presents a statement covering all the institutions of this class in the City of New York.

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

The provisions of the law governing the reserve requirements of State banking institutions as amended May 22 1917 were published in the "Chronicle" May 19 1917 (V. 104, p. 1975). The regulations relating to calculating the amount of deposits and what deductions are permitted in the computation of the reserves were given in the "Chronicle" April 4 1914 (V. 98, p. 1045).

**STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN NEW YORK CITY.**

Week Ended Jan. 4.	State Banks		Trust Companies	
	Jan. 4 1919.	Differences from previous week.	Jan. 4 1919.	Differences from previous week.
Capital as of Nov. 1.	\$24,100,000	-----	\$99,550,000	-----
Surplus as of Nov. 1.	42,973,000	-----	169,723,000	-----
Loans & Investments	513,634,000	Inc. 8,061,900	1,941,054,400	Dec. 584,343,900
Specie	9,265,300	Inc. 98,600	13,092,200	Dec. 131,300
Currenty & bk. notes	28,477,400	Dec. 1,617,800	21,874,300	Inc. 1,361,000
Deposits with the F. R. Bank of N. Y.	46,390,100	Inc. 1,692,000	203,708,200	Inc. 16,724,900
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchanges and U. S. deposits	630,038,400	Inc. 35,382,400	1,922,669,900	Inc. 68,024,300
Reserve on deposits	102,732,800	Inc. 373,700	314,201,200	Inc. 42,607,300
P. C. reserve to dep.	21.8	Dec. 0.3%	19.8	Inc. 2.1%

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

**BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.**

	Jan. 4 1919.	Changes from previous week.	Dec. 28 1918.	Dec. 21 1918.
Circulation.....	\$4,748,000	Inc. 9,600	\$4,739,000	\$4,737,000
Loans, disc'ts & investments	517,092,000	Dec. 5,420,000	522,512,000	531,195,000
Individual deposits, incl. U. S.	444,299,000	Inc. 6,010,000	438,383,000	442,232,000
Due to banks	117,590,000	Inc. 6,337,000	111,253,000	115,706,000
Time deposits	13,378,000	Dec. 301,000	13,679,000	13,492,000
Exchanges for Clear. House	24,256,000	Inc. 4,622,000	19,734,000	16,094,000
Due from other banks	76,426,000	Inc. 6,247,000	70,179,000	71,669,000
Cash in bank & in F. R. Bank	67,478,000	Inc. 4,750,000	62,728,000	68,560,000
Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank	20,958,000	Inc. 4,611,000	16,345,000	21,198,000

**Philadelphia Banks.**—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending Jan. 4, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is as follows. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve system are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve system the reserve required is 15% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Week ending Jan. 4 1919.			Dec. 28 1918.	Dec. 21 1918.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Cos.	Total		
Capital.....	\$28,475.0	\$3,000.0	\$31,475.0	\$31,475.0	\$31,475.0
Surplus and profits.....	77,390.0	7,542.0	84,932.0	84,824.0	84,829.0
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	715,090.0	25,944.0	741,034.0	738,318.0	739,145.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	32,323.0	704.0	33,027.0	35,537.0	35,039.0
Due from banks.....	123,845.0	10.0	123,855.0	116,569.0	121,312.0
Bank deposits.....	156,890.0	244.0	157,134.0	157,218.0	155,940.0
Individual deposits.....	474,745.0	17,209.0	491,954.0	473,024.0	475,003.0
Time deposits.....	4,674.0	-----	4,674.0	4,708.0	4,818.0
Total deposits.....	636,309.0	17,453.0	653,762.0	634,950.0	616,116.0
U. S. deposits (not included)	-----	-----	25,722.0	28,298.0	32,033.0
Res'v with Fed. Res. Bank	50,890.0	-----	50,890.0	49,732.0	52,187.0
Res'v with legal depositories	-----	2,980.0	2,980.0	2,752.0	2,451.0
Cash in vaults.....	19,390.0	896.0	20,286.0	19,921.0	18,695.0
Total reserve & cash held:	70,280.0	3,876.0	74,156.0	72,405.0	73,333.0
Reserve required.....	\$7,764.0*	2,310.0	\$10,074.0	\$9,748.0	\$9,371.0
Excess res. & cash in vault	22,525.0	1,366.0	23,891.0	22,757.0	23,962.0

\* Cash in vault is not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve bank members.

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

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

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS. * Week ending Jan. 4 1919.	Net Profits.		Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Gold.	Legal Tenders.	Silver.	National Bank & Federal Reserve Notes.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Additional Deposits with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.	National Bank Circulation.
	Capital.	Profits.										
<b>Members of Federal Reserve Bank.</b>												
Battery Park National Bank.	\$1,500,000	\$1,549,200	\$11,920,000	16,000	22,000	35,000	118,000	1,355,000	99,000	7,462,000	68,000	193,000
Columbia Bank.....	1,000,000	651,200	14,112,000	14,000	-----	327,000	303,000	1,467,000	684,000	13,193,000	395,000	-----
Mutual Bank.....	200,000	196,500	8,104,000	1,000	13,000	133,000	119,000	1,217,000	413,000	8,513,000	253,000	-----
New Netherland Bank.....	200,000	196,500	4,333,000	3,000	10,000	93,000	324,000	780,000	421,000	4,954,000	83,000	-----
W. R. Grace & Co.'s Bank.....	500,000	757,100	7,097,000	4,000	5,000	-----	-----	1,119,000	-----	5,325,000	570,000	-----
Yorkville Bank.....	200,000	609,100	8,735,000	5,000	-----	-----	-----	512,000	-----	4,992,000	3,000,000	-----
First Nat'l Bank, Brooklyn.....	300,000	663,100	7,676,000	7,000	6,000	57,000	200,000	627,000	448,000	5,985,000	499,000	296,000
National City Bank, Brooklyn.....	300,000	595,000	6,292,000	5,000	30,000	48,000	178,000	580,000	517,000	5,459,000	452,000	120,000
First Nat'l Bank, Jersey City	400,000	1,325,800	10,120,000	80,000	126,000	89,000	422,000	1,179,000	3,955,000	7,503,000	-----	400,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,600,000</b>	<b>6,895,000</b>	<b>78,579,000</b>	<b>135,000</b>	<b>211,000</b>	<b>830,000</b>	<b>1,897,000</b>	<b>9,263,000</b>	<b>7,049,000</b>	<b>63,586,000</b>	<b>6,220,000</b>	<b>1,009,000</b>
<b>State Banks.</b>												
<i>Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank.</i>												
Bank of Washington Heights.	100,000	469,500	2,406,000	70,000	-----	45,000	145,000	133,000	22,000	2,221,000	-----	-----
Colonial Bank.....	500,000	1,088,400	10,363,000	217,000	226,000	474,000	423,000	678,000	442,000	11,152,000	-----	-----
International Bank.....	500,000	198,500	5,486,000	155,000	14,000	69,000	354,000	293,000	11,000	4,877,000	622,000	-----
Mechanics' Bank, Brooklyn.....	1,600,000	865,700	24,097,000	109,000	288,000	601,000	1,048,000	1,882,000	-----	25,200,000	42,000	-----
North Side Bank, Brooklyn.....	200,000	226,600	4,662,000	24,000	19,000	112,000	268,000	236,000	418,000	4,302,000	319,000	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,900,000</b>	<b>2,849,000</b>	<b>47,014,000</b>	<b>575,000</b>	<b>647,000</b>	<b>1,292,000</b>	<b>2,226,000</b>	<b>3,222,000</b>	<b>893,000</b>	<b>47,762,000</b>	<b>984,000</b>	-----
<b>Trust Companies.</b>												
<i>Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank.</i>												
Hamilton Trust Co., Brooklyn	500,000	1,039,700	7,854,000	316,000	11,000	14,000	12,000	255,000	342,000	5,103,000	1,179,000	-----
Mechanics Trust Co., Bayonne	200,000	377,900	8,490,000	13,000	12,000	75,000	225,000	496,000	-----	5,153,000	3,734,000	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>1,408,000</b>	<b>16,344,000</b>	<b>329,000</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>89,000</b>	<b>237,000</b>	<b>751,000</b>	<b>342,000</b>	<b>10,256,000</b>	<b>4,913,000</b>	-----
<b>Grand aggregate</b>	<b>8,200,000</b>	<b>11,152,600</b>	<b>141,937,000</b>	<b>1,039,000</b>	<b>781,000</b>	<b>2,220,000</b>	<b>4,360,000</b>	<b>13,236,000</b>	<b>8,284,000</b>	<b>121,594,000</b>	<b>12,117,000</b>	<b>1,009,000</b>
Comparison previous week.....		+653,000	+8,000	-----	-79,000	-133,000	+240,000	+78,000	+927,000	+2,885,000	+148,000	+4,000
Excess reserve.....	\$250,340	Decrease										
Grand aggregate Dec. 28.....	\$8,200,000	11,152,600	141,284,000	1,031,000	860,000	2,353,000	4,120,000	13,158,000	7,357,			

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Jan. 10 1919.

**The Money Market and Financial Situation.**—The most important matter affecting the security markets, and therefore much discussed in Wall Street this week, has been the serious and complicated railway situation. For a solution of this problem two sets of suggestions have been outlined and submitted to the Senate Committee, one by the association of railway managers and another by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

An interesting feature of these plans is that both are opposed to the Director-General's recommendation that the Government retain control of the roads for a period of five years. Needless to say there is a universal hope that out of the present efforts a satisfactory plan for the future of the roads may evolve.

Other news of the week of more or less interest include a report of reduced copper production, which is doubtless owing to the fact that the metal is being quoted below the recent Government price of 26 cents, and that the output of iron and steel is in some cases now only 60% of capacity, in other cases 80 to 90%. The same report states, however, that the output during December was about 320,000 tons in excess of that for the same period in 1917, which shows that the total capacity increased largely under the pressure of a war time demand.

A prominent feature of the Bank of England's weekly report is an increase of its percentage of reserve to 17 1/4. Last week it was 11 3/4.

The local money market has been easier with the supply of funds abundant and rates somewhat lower than of late.

**Foreign Exchange.**—Sterling exchange was quiet and featureless, with demand bills closing a small fraction lower for the week. The Continental exchanges, so far as the belligerents are concerned, were steady, but neutral exchange showed some irregularity and finished weak, although in no case were changes in rates important.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 7/32 @ 4 7/32 for sixty days, 4 7/32 @ 4 7/32 for checks and 4 7/32 @ 4 7/32 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 7/32 @ 4 7/32; sixty days, 4 7/32 @ 4 7/32; ninety days, 4 7/32 @ 4 7/32, and documents for payment (sixty days), 4 7/32 @ 4 7/32. Cotton for payment, 4 7/32 @ 4 7/32, and grain for payment, 4 7/32 @ 4 7/32.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5 1/2 @ 5 1/2 for long and 5 1/2 @ 5 1/2 for short. German bankers' marks were not quoted. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 41 11-16 @ 41 1/2 for long and 42 1-16 @ 42 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 25.98; week's range, 25.97 1/2; high and 25.98 1/2, low.

The rate for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Sterling Actual—			
	Sixty Days.	Checks.	Cables.
High for the week	4 7/32	4 7/32 1/2	4 7/6 9-16
Low for the week	4 7/32	4 7/32 1/2	4 7/6 5
Paris Bankers' Francs—			
High for the week	5 1/2	5 45/32	5 44/32
Low for the week	5 1/2	5 45/32	5 44/32
Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—			
High for the week	42 1-16	42 1/2	42 3/16
Low for the week	41 3/4	42 1-16	42 3-16

**Domestic Exchange.**—Chicago, par. Boston, par. St. Louis, 25 @ 15c. per \$1,000 discount. San Francisco, par. Montreal, 320.6250 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

**State and Railroad Bonds.**—Sales of State bonds at the Board include \$5,000 N. Y. Canal 4 1/2 @ 106 3/4 and \$23,000 Virginia 6s deferred trust receipts at 69 to 71.

The general bond market has fallen back into a state of inactivity and in a majority of cases prices are again lower. This movement has generally been limited to a fraction of a point, however. By far the most active issues were the local tractions, and these, too, were the notably strong features. Inter-Met. 4 1/2 recovered nearly a point of their recent decline, and B. R. T. and Interboro followed more or less closely. Reading 4s also recovered a part of their last month's loss, and U. S. Steel moved back to their previous better record. On the other hand, Balt. & Ohio, N. Y. Cent. and South. Pac. declined a point or more within the week.

**United States Bonds.**—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to the Liberty Loan issues at the following prices: 3 1/2 @ 99.50 to 99.70; 1st 4s at 92.80 to 93.06; 2d 4s at 92.70 to 93.08; 1st 4 1/2 @ 96.32 to 96.50; 2d 4 1/2 @ 95 to 95.32; 3d 4 1/2 @ 96 to 96.30; and 4th 4 1/2 @ 95.46 to 95.72. For to-day's prices of all the different issues and for week's range see third page following.

**Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.**—The market for shares has been exceptionally dull and the tendency of prices has generally been towards a lower level. The daily transactions averaged only a trifle more than 400,000 shares with the maximum less than 500,000. To-day's market was simply a repetition of previous records, except that the volume of business was somewhat larger than the average.

The closing quotations show that only St. Paul, of the railway list, has made a fractional net gain during the week. Over against this movement is Reading down 2 1/2 points, Canadian Pacific down 2 3/8, New Haven down 1 1/2, Union Pacific down 1 1/2 and the remainder of the list an average of about a point lower.

The above record seems tame, however, when compared with the speculative industrials. Mexican Petroleum has lost 8 points, Royal Dutch 6, Inter. Mer. Mar. pfd. 5 1/2, U. S. Steel 4 3/4, Am. Smelt. & Ref. 4 1/2 and Atlantic G. & W. I. 3, while Studebaker is the only stock in this group which shows a net gain, it closing fractionally higher.

For daily volume of business see page 161.

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

STOCKS.	Week ending Jan. 10.	Range for Week.				Range for Year 1918.			
		Lowest.		Highest.		Lowest.	Highest.		
		Shares.	\$ per share.	Shares.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.		
Adams Express	100	400	48 1/2	Jan 10	50	Jan 10	45	Dec 30	Jan
Alvay Rubber rights	100	2,300	1 1/2	Jan 4	1 1/2	Jan 8	1	Dec 1	Dec
American Express	100	500	90	Jan 9	95	Jan 10	77 1/2	Dec 9	Nov
Am Sunat Tob pref	100	200	93	Jan 6	94 1/2	Jan 6	81	Jan 10	June
Assets Realization	10	100	1 1/2	Jan 10	1 1/2	Jan 10	1 1/2	Dec 2 1/2	Nov
Assoe Dry Goods	100	7,700	17 1/2	Jan 6	24 1/2	Jan 9	12	May 18 1/2	Dec
First preferred	100	200	61 1/2	Jan 9	63	Jan 10	51	May 6	Dec
Associated Oil	100	1,400	70 1/2	Jan 7	73 1/2	Jan 10	54	Apr 7	Oct
Atlanta Birm & Atl.	100	200	8	Jan 10	8	Jan 10	5	Dec 10 1/2	June
Barrett, preferred	100	100	110 1/2	Jan 8	110 1/2	Jan 8	99 1/2	June 10 1/2	Dec
Batoplas Mining	20	300	1 1/2	Jan 9	1 1/2	Jan 9	1	Jan 2	Nov
Beth Steel, pref	100	100	8 1/2	Jan 9	8 1/2	Jan 10	84	Dec 9 1/2	Sept
Bklyn Union Gas	100	400	80	Jan 4	82	Jan 4	78	Aug 9 1/2	Nov
Brushwell Term	100	2,100	9	Jan 9	10 1/2	Jan 9	6 1/2	Jan 18 1/2	June
Butterick	100	100	17 1/2	Jan 9	17 1/2	Jan 9	7 1/2	May 18 1/2	Nov
Calumet & Arizona	10	100	61 1/2	Jan 6	61 1/2	Jan 6	61	Dec 7	May
Case (J D) pref	100	400	92 1/2	Jan 6	93 1/2	Jan 10	73	Jan 9 1/2	Dec
Cent & So Am Teleg	100	23,107	Jan 8	115	Jan 10	102	Oct 110	Mar	
Chic St P M & Om.	100	300	82	Jan 7	82	Jan 7	69	Sept 82	Dec
Preferred	100	50,112	Jan 6	112	Jan 6	110	Dec 110	Dec	
Cluett, Peabody & Co	100	400	64	Jan 4	65	Jan 4	45	Jan 65	Nov
Preferred	100	200	103 1/2	Jan 7	103 1/2	Jan 7	95	Jan 105	Nov
Computing-Tab-Rec	100	100	37 1/2	Jan 4	37 1/2	Jan 4	30	Jan 39	July
Cons Interstate Call	10	100	8 1/2	Jan 6	8 1/2	Jan 6	7 1/2	Sept 13	June
Cross-Wells Insur	25	300	58 1/2	Jan 9	59	Jan 4	44	Feb 60	Dec
Cuban-Amer Sugar	100	1,000	150	Jan 8	160	Jan 9	136	Aug 162	Jan
Deere & Co pref	100	600	95 1/2	Jan 6	96	Jan 9	90	June 96	Feb
Detroit Edison rights	100	3,840	3 1/2	Jan 8	3 1/2	Jan 7	2	Jan 3 1/2	Nov
Elk Horn Coal	50	100	29 1/2	Jan 8	29 1/2	Jan 8	27	Jan 31 1/2	Nov
Federal M & S pref	100	200	37 1/2	Jan 10	38 1/2	Jan 4	22	Jan 44 1/2	Oct
Fisher Body Corp no par	100	200	38 1/2	Jan 8	39	Jan 8	20	Jan 43	June
General Chemical	100	190	170	Jan 7	170	Jan 7	165	Jan 185	Aug
General Clear Inc	100	200	103	Jan 4	103 1/2	Jan 4	94	Jan 108	Oct
Preferred	100	200	103	Jan 4	103 1/2	Jan 4	94	Jan 108	Oct
General Motors rights	100	14,900	1 1/2	Jan 7	2 1/2	Jan 7	2 1/2	Mar 3 1/2	Dec
Gulf Mob & N pref	100	100	33	Jan 4	33	Jan 4	27	Mar 35 1/2	Dec
Hartman Corp	100	400	54 1/2	Jan 8	55	Jan 9	37	Mar 55	Dec
Int Harv (new) pref	100	200	116	Jan 6	116 1/2	Jan 7	107	Oct 114 1/2	Dec
Iowa Central	100	200	3 1/2	Jan 8	3 1/2	Jan 8	2 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	Nov
Jewel Tea Inc	100	600	23 1/2	Jan 7	23 1/2	Jan 6	27	Dec 40 1/2	Nov
Preferred	100	200	88	Jan 6	89	Jan 7	88	Apr 97 1/2	Jan
Kelly-Springfield pf 100	100	100	90 1/2	Jan 9	90 1/2	Jan 9	76 1/2	Feb 90 1/2	Dec
Kresge (S S) Co	100	100	108	Jan 6	108	Jan 6	83	June 105	Nov
Liggett & Myers	100	200	108 1/2	Jan 6	108 1/2	Jan 6	100	Jan 110	Dec
Preferred	100	200	108 1/2	Jan 6	108 1/2	Jan 6	100	Jan 110	Dec
General Motors 1st pref	100	200	94 1/2	Jan 10	95	Jan 10	82 1/2	Jan 94	Nov
Lorillard (P)	100	999	162	Jan 8	168	Jan 9	144 1/2	Aug 200	Mar
Manhat (Elec) Ry go 100	100	515	81 1/2	Jan 4	84 1/2	Jan 10	80	Dec 100 1/2	Dec
May Dept Stores	100	2,600	60	Jan 4	65	Jan 9	47	Jan 63 1/2	Dec
Preferred	100	200	104	Jan 7	104	Jan 8	98	Oct 104	Dec
Michigan Central	100	10	92	Jan 9	92	Jan 9	80 1/2	Feb 95	June
M St P & S S Marle	100	400	90	Jan 4	90	Jan 6	80 1/2	Jan 97 1/2	Nov
National Acm	50	400	30 1/2	Jan 6	31 1/2	Jan 7	25 1/2	Jan 23	May
Nat'l Biscuit	100	400	111 1/2	Jan 9	113	Jan 10	90	Aug 110 1/2	Dec
Preferred	100	300	117	Jan 6	120	Jan 6	108 1/2	Sept 114	Mar
Nat Cloak & Suit pf 100	100	100	104	Jan 8	104	Jan 8	80	Jan 104	Dec
N Y Chic & St Louis	100	100	30	Jan 7	30	Jan 7	13 1/2	Oct 34	Nov
New York Dock	100	500	25 1/2	Jan 9	26 1/2	Jan 4	18 1/2	Jan 27	May
Preferred	100	100	48	Jan 7	48	Jan 7	42	Jan 48 1/2	Dec
Norfolk Southern	100	300	17 1/2	Jan 9	18 1/2	Jan 6	14	Nov 21 1/2	Dec
Norfolk & West rights	100	32,200	3 1/2	Jan 8	3 1/2	Jan 7	3 1/2	Dec 1 1/2	Dec
Nova Scotia S & C	100	1,650	54	Jan 6	55	Jan 10	52 1/2	Dec 70	Aug
Ohio Fuel Supply	25	400	44 1/2	Jan 7	44 1/2	Jan 8	40	Oct 46 1/2	June
Oklahoma Pref & Ref	5	22,400	9 1/2	Jan 10	10 1/2	Jan 10	8	Dec 9 1/2	Aug
Owens Bottle Mach	25	300	47 1/2	Jan 8	48 1/2	Jan 10	44	Dec 70 1/2	Aug
Peoria & Eastern	100	100	7 1/2	Jan 8	7 1/2	Jan 8	6 1/2	Apr 6 1/2	Nov
Pitts Cin C & St L	100	200	45 1/2	Jan 8	48	Jan 9	25 1/2	Apr 35 1/2	Nov
Pond Creek Coal	10	200	13 1/2	Jan 10	14	Jan 10	15	Nov 20	June
St L San Fran pref A 100	100	100	27	Jan 9	27	Jan 9	21	Apr 33 1/2	Nov
Savage Arns Corp	100	300	58	Jan 6	61 1/2	Jan 8	51 1/2	Dec 80 1/2	May
So Porto Rice Sugar	100	200	140	Jan 9	140	Jan 9	120	Sept 163	Jan
Standard Mill pref	100	100	88	Jan 7	88	Jan 7	80	Jan 89	Jan
Stewart-Warner	100	100	87	Jan 10	87	Jan 10	80	Dec 80	Dec
Stromb Car of Am no par	100	2,440	36 1/2	Jan 10	37 1/2	Jan 10	25	Oct 25	Dec
Stutz Motor Car no par	100	800	49 1/2	Jan 6	51	Jan 7	37	Oct 55	Dec
Texas Co rights	100	15,878	16 1/2	Jan 7	17 1/2	Jan 9	14 1/2	Dec 17 1/2	Dec
Tex Pac Land Trust	100	2,050	18 1/2	Jan 4	20	Jan 9	13 1/2	Jan 13	Dec
Third Avenue Ry	100	1,300	43 1/2	Jan 7	45	Jan 9	37	Dec 41 1/2	Jan
Tillwater Oil	100	200	215	Jan 9	215	Jan 9	178	Jan 215	Dec
Underwood	100	1,100	115	Jan 8	122	Jan 10	100	Apr 112	Dec
United Drug	100	2,250	90 1/2	Jan 6	95	Jan 7	69	June 90 1/2	Dec
First preferred	50	500	50 1/2	Jan 8	51 1/2	Jan 8	46	Jan 50 1/2	Nov
Secout preferred	100	200	94	Jan 9	94	Jan 9	77	June 85 1/2	Dec
U S Realty & Impt.	100	700	19	Jan 6	24 1/2	Jan 9	8	Mar 26	Oct
Vulcan Dredging	100	100	12	Jan 6	12	Jan 6	7 1/2	Apr 10 1/2	Dec
Wells, Fargo Express	100	400	66	Jan 7	75	Jan 10	63 1/2	Sept 83 1/2	Jan

**Outside Market.**—Business on the "curb" quieted down considerably this week. Even speculation in the oil shares was on a reduced scale, such activity as there was being confined to a few issues. Keystone Tire & Rubber com. was by far the most heavily traded in, transactions here being on an extensive scale. A gain of over 13 points to 57 1/2 was recorded, the close to-day being at 55 1/2. Intercontinental Rubber was also prominent, and after a loss of 3 1/2 points to 11, jumped to 17 1/2, the final figure to-day being 17. Swift International, "w. i.," in which trading began this week, was also conspicuous, advancing over 3 points to 48, with a subsequent reaction to 46 1/2. General Asphalt com., after a loss of half a point to 39 1/2, moved up to 49 1/2 and ends the week at the high figure. National Ice & Coal, formerly Burns Bros. Ice Corp., sold up from 49 to 54 1/2 and at 54 finally. United Motors advanced from 34 1/2 to 35 1/2 and finished to-day at 35 1/2. Of the Standard Oil issues, Prairie Oil & Gas lost 20 points to 630 and sold to-day at 640. Standard Oil of N. J., after an early decline from 688 to 677, moved up to 724. Standard Oil of N. Y. gained about 15 points to 330, reacting finally to 323. Union Tank Line was conspicuous for an advance from 107 to 123, while Vacuum Oil improved from 400 to 437, but fell back to 421. Changes in the other oil shares were for the most part narrow



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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week Shares	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Year 1918.		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1917	
Saturday Jan. 4.	Monday Jan. 6.	Tuesday Jan. 7.	Wednesday Jan. 8.	Thursday Jan. 9.	Friday Jan. 10.		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.		
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share		\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share	\$ per share		
93 9/32	92 9/32	92 9/32	92 9/32	92 9/32	92 9/32	2,000	Ath Topeka & Santa Fe..100	81 Mar'23	99 1/2 Nov'12	75 Dec	107 1/2 Jan	
88 1/4	88 1/4	88 1/4	88 1/4	88 1/4	88 1/4	1,100	Do prof.....100	80 Jan'30	92 1/2 Nov'12	75 Dec	100 1/2 Feb	
100 1/4	99 1/4	98 1/2	99	98 1/2	98 1/2	300	Atlantic Coast Line RR..100	89 1/2 Apr'22	109 Nov'20	279 1/2 Dec	118 Jan	
49 1/2	50	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	6,200	Baltimore & Ohio.....100	48 1/2 Dec'31	62 Nov'12	38 1/2 Dec	86 Jan	
56 1/2	56 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	500	Do prof.....100	53 Apr'25	64 1/2 Nov'13	48 1/2 Dec	76 1/2 Jan	
219 1/2	234 1/2	234 1/2	234 1/2	234 1/2	234 1/2	46,700	Brooklyn Rapid Transit..100	25 1/2 Dec'26	48 1/2 Jan 2	36 Dec	82 Jan	
159 1/4	160 1/4	158 1/4	158 1/4	158 1/4	158 1/4	1,900	Canadian Pacific.....100	135 Mar'25	174 1/2 Oct'14	120 Dec	167 1/2 Mar	
56 1/4	57 1/4	56 1/4	56 1/4	56 1/4	56 1/4	2,700	Chesapeake & Ohio.....100	48 1/2 Jan'15	62 1/2 Nov'12	42 Nov	65 1/2 Jan	
84 1/4	84 1/4	83 1/4	83 1/4	83 1/4	83 1/4	530	Chicago Great Western..100	8 Apr 9	11 Nov'12	6 Dec	14 1/2 Jan	
26 1/2	27 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	200	Do prof.....100	19 1/2 Apr 9	32 Nov'12	17 1/2 Dec	41 1/2 Jan	
39 1/4	40 1/4	39 1/4	39 1/4	39 1/4	39 1/4	8,900	Chicago Mtlw & St Paul..100	37 1/2 Apr'22	54 1/2 Sept 7	35 Nov	92 Jan	
72 1/4	74 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	3,600	Do prof.....100	66 1/2 Apr'11	86 1/2 Nov'12	62 1/2 Dec	125 1/2 Jan	
96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	1,300	Chicago & Northwestern..100	89 1/2 Mar'25	107 Nov 9	85 Dec	124 1/2 Jan	
133 1/4	133 1/4	131 1/4	131 1/4	132 1/4	132 1/4	210	Do prof.....100	125 1/2 Jul'15	137 Jan'29	137 1/2 Dec	174 1/2 Feb	
26 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	4,900	Chic Rock Isl & Pac temp etc.	18 Apr'23	32 1/2 Nov'12	16 Dec	38 1/2 Jun	
70 1/4	70 1/4	70 1/4	70 1/4	70 1/4	70 1/4	200	7 1/2 prof temp etc.....100	59 1/2 Jan'15	88 Nov'12	44 Dec	84 1/2 Apr	
66 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	485	Do prof temp etc.....100	46 Jan'15	75 Nov'12	35 1/2 Dec	71 Apr	
35 3/8	35 3/8	35 3/8	35 3/8	35 3/8	35 3/8	100	Clev Cln Chls & St Louis..100	28 Feb'21	40 Nov 8	24 Nov	51 Jan	
68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	100	Do prof.....100	58 1/2 May 7	70 Nov'22	61 1/2 Dec	80 Jan	
81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	100	Colorado & Southern.....100	18 Apr'22	27 1/2 Nov'12	18 Nov	30 Jan	
54 1/4	54 1/4	54 1/4	54 1/4	54 1/4	54 1/4	100	Do 1st pref.....100	47 Apr 5	54 Nov'12	44 1/2 Nov	57 1/2 Jan	
40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	100	Do 2d pref.....100	40 Apr 4	48 Dec'10	41 Apr	45 Mar	
103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	300	Delaware & Hudson.....100	100 1/2 Apr'11	110 1/2 Nov'12	87 Nov	151 1/2 Jan	
180 1/4	185 1/4	172 1/4	185 1/4	175 1/4	180 1/4	109	Delaware Lack & Western..100	160 Apr'17	185 Sept 4	167 1/2 Dec	238 Mar	
31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	200	Denver & Rio Grande.....100	2 1/2 Jan 4	7 Nov'21	5 Dec	17 Jan	
17 1/4	17 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	1,300	Do prof.....100	5 Apr'23	15 1/2 Jan 2	9 1/2 Dec	41 Jan	
28 1/4	28 1/4	27 1/4	27 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	7,200	Erie.....100	14 Apr'17	23 1/2 Nov'12	13 1/2 Dec	34 1/2 Jan	
20 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	1,500	Do 1st pref.....100	23 1/2 Jan'16	36 1/2 Nov'12	15 1/2 Dec	49 1/2 Jan	
94 1/4	94 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	4,000	Do 2d pref.....100	18 1/2 Jan'25	27 1/2 Nov'12	15 1/2 Dec	30 1/2 Jan	
32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	48,500	Great Northern pref.....100	36 Jan'15	103 1/2 Nov'12	79 1/2 Dec	118 1/2 Jan	
96 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	100	Iron Ore properties.....No par	25 1/2 Jan 4	34 1/2 Nov'14	22 1/2 Nov	38 1/2 Mar	
44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	23,100	Illinois Cent.....100	92 Jan 7	105 1/2 Nov'12	85 1/2 Dec	108 1/2 Jan	
16 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4	12,200	Interboro Cons Corp.....No par	4 1/4 Dec'26	9 1/2 Jan 3	5 1/2 Dec	17 1/2 Jan	
19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	600	Do prof.....100	17 1/2 Dec'20	47 1/2 Jan 3	39 1/2 Dec	72 1/2 Jan	
50 5/8	50 5/8	50 5/8	50 5/8	50 5/8	50 5/8	100	Kansas City Southern.....100	15 1/2 Apr'17	24 1/2 Nov'12	13 1/2 Nov	25 1/2 Jan	
81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	200	Do prof.....100	45 Jan 5	59 1/2 Nov'12	40 Nov	68 1/2 Jan	
20 23	20 23	20 23	20 23	20 23	20 23	100	Lake Erie & Western.....100	7 1/2 Oct'10	11 1/2 Nov'12	8 1/2 Nov	25 1/2 Jan	
55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	3,200	Do prof.....100	18 Apr'23	25 1/2 Oct'22	23 Oct	53 1/2 Jan	
118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	100	Lehigh Valley.....100	5 1/2 Dec'24	65 1/2 Nov'12	60 1/2 Dec	79 1/2 Jan	
51 1/4	51 1/4	51 1/4	51 1/4	51 1/4	51 1/4	1,400	Louisville & Nashville.....100	110 Jan 2	124 1/2 Nov'12	103 Dec	133 1/2 Jan	
84 3/4	84 3/4	84 3/4	84 3/4	84 3/4	84 3/4	1,000	Mineap & St L (new)..100	7 1/2 Apr'17	15 1/2 Nov'12	8 1/2 Dec	32 1/2 Jan	
26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	17,400	Missouri Kansas & Texas..100	4 1/2 Apr 5	5 1/2 Nov'12	3 1/2 Dec	11 Jan	
53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	1,200	Do prof.....100	6 1/2 Jan'29	31 1/2 Nov'12	5 1/2 Nov	20 1/2 Jan	
74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	8,314	Missouri Pacific tr etc..100	20 Jan 15	31 1/2 Nov'12	19 1/2 Nov	34 Jan	
32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	5,300	Do prof tr etc.....100	41 Jan'15	62 Nov 9	37 1/2 Dec	61 Jan	
19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	200	New York Central.....100	87 1/2 Jan'15	84 1/2 Nov'12	82 1/2 Dec	103 1/2 Jan	
109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	1,100	Do prof.....100	27 Apr'11	46 1/2 May'30	21 1/2 Sept	62 1/2 Jan	
92 1/4	92 1/4	92 1/4	92 1/4	92 1/4	92 1/4	3,400	N Y N H & Hartford.....100	18 1/2 Jan'22	24 1/2 Nov 9	17 Nov	29 1/2 Jan	
45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	7,555	Norfolk & Western.....100	102 Jan'24	114 1/2 Nov'12	92 1/2 Dec	138 1/2 Jan	
121 1/4	121 1/4	121 1/4	121 1/4	121 1/4	121 1/4	1,900	Northern Pacific.....100	81 1/2 Jan'24	105 1/2 Nov'12	75 Dec	110 1/2 Jan	
57 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	100	Pennsylvania.....100	43 1/2 Jun'27	50 1/2 Nov'12	40 1/2 Dec	67 1/2 Jan	
43 1/4	43 1/4	43 1/4	43 1/4	43 1/4	43 1/4	100	Pere Marquette.....100	9 1/2 May 1	15 1/2 Nov'12	12 Dec	36 1/2 Jan	
80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	12,500	Do prof.....100	52 1/2 Apr 5	64 1/2 Nov 9	45 Nov	73 1/2 Jan	
82 1/2	83 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	800	Do prof v r e.....100	39 Apr 5	50 Nov'18	37 Oct	67 1/2 Jan	
36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	600	Pittsburgh & West Va.....100	22 1/2 Jan 2	40 1/2 Nov'14	18 1/2 Dec	38 1/2 June	
36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	17,800	Reading.....100	61 Jan 8	82 Nov'14	55 Apr	62 1/2 Jan	
14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	1,400	Do 1st pref.....100	70 1/2 Jan'15	96 1/2 Oct'23	60 1/2 Nov	104 1/2 Jan	
16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	100	Do 2d pref.....100	35 Jan'12	39 May'15	34 Nov	45 Jan	
31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	100	St Louis-San Fran tr etc..100	35 Mar'30	40 July 6	33 1/2 Dec	45 1/2 Jan	
18 1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4	300	St Louis Southwestern..100	9 1/2 Apr 3	17 1/2 Dec 9	12 Dec	26 1/2 June	
31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	100	Do prof.....100	19 Oct 2	25 1/2 Nov'12	22 Dec	32 Jan	
18 1/4	18 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4	100	Seaboard Air Line.....100	28 Oct 2	40 1/2 Jan 3	34 Dec	63 Jan	
101 1/4	102 1/4	100 1/4	101 1/4	100 1/4	101 1/4	44,400	Do prof.....100	7 Apr'17	12 Nov'12	7 1/2 Dec	18 Jan	
29 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4	20,300	Southern Pacific Co.....100	15 1/2 Apr'19	25 1/2 Nov'12	16 1/2 Dec	39 1/2 Jan	
70 7/8	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	900	Do prof.....100	110 Nov 7	107 Nov'12	79 1/2 Dec	95 1/2 Jan	
33 3/4	32 1/2	34 3/4	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	68,500	Southern Railway.....100	20 Apr'30	34 1/2 Nov'12	21 1/2 Dec	30 1/2 Jan	
39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	100	Do prof.....100	67 Jan'21	75 1/2 Nov'12	51 1/2 May	70 1/2 Jan	
128 1/2	130 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2	12,800	Texas & Pacific.....100	14 May 4	29 1/2 Dec 9	11 1/2 Nov	19 1/2 Jan	
72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	850	Twin City Rapid Transit..100	32 Dec'30	65 1/2 Jan'31	62 Dec	95 Jan	
74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	109	Union Pacific.....100	109 1/4 Jan'15	137 1/2 Oct'19	101 1/4 Dec	149 1/2 Jan	
115 1/4	115 1/4	115 1/4	115 1/4	115 1/4	115 1/4	100	Do prof.....100	69 Jan 3	76 1/2 Nov'12	69 1/2 Dec	85 Jan	
81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	2,200	United Railways Invest..100	4 1/4 Jan'15	12 June'27	4 Dec	11 1/2 Jan	
33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4	4,900	Do prof.....100	10 1/2 Apr 9	20 May 7	11 1/2 Dec	23 1/2 Jan	
20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	6,400	Wabash.....100	7 Apr'20	11 1/4 July 8	7 Nov	15 1/2 Jan	
11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	12,100	Do prof A.....100	30 Dec'30	44 1/2 Jan 8	39 1/2 Dec	68 Jan	
23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	100	Do prof B.....100	19 1/2 Dec'30	23 Dec'30	18 Dec	30 1/2 Jan	

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Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Jan. 4, Monday Jan. 5, Tuesday Jan. 6, Wednesday Jan. 7, Thursday Jan. 8, Friday Jan. 10); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Year 1913; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1917. Rows include various stocks like Industrial & Misc. (Con.), Par, Burt Bros., Butte Copper & Zinc, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices on sales on this day. † Last (all day) price. \* Ex-rights, † Ex-div. and rights. ‡ Par \$10 per share. § Par \$100 per share. † Ex-dividend

BONDS										BONDS									
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE									
Week Ending Jan. 10.										Week Ending Jan. 10.									
Interest Period		Price Friday Jan. 10.		Week's Range or Last Sale		Range Year 1918		Bonds Sold		Interest Period		Price Friday Jan. 10.		Week's Range or Last Sale		Range Year 1918		Bonds Sold	
		Bid	Ask	Low	High	Low	High	No.				Bid	Ask	Low	High	Low	High	No.	
<b>U. S. Government.</b>																			
U S 3 1/2 Liberty Loan	1932-47	J	D	99.50	Sale	99.50	99.70	3512	97.20	102.50									
U S 4s converted from 1st Liberty Loan	1932-47	J	D	92.92	Sale	92.30	93.00	350	93.20	98.50									
U S 4s 2d Liberty Loan	1927-42	M	N	92.78	Sale	92.70	93.08	1227	92.60	100.00									
U S 4 1/2s converted from 1st Liberty Loan	1932-47	J	D	96.46	Sale	95.32	96.50	214	93.80	99.00									
U S 4 1/2s converted from 2d Liberty Loan	1927-42	M	S	95.22	Sale	95.00	95.32	8630	93.10	98.14									
U S 4 1/2s 3d Liberty Loan	1928-43	M	S	96.22	Sale	96.00	96.30	9077	94.00	99.10									
U S 4 1/2s 4th Liberty Loan	1933-48	A	O	95.64	Sale	95.41	95.72	13700	94.00	99.10									
U S 2s consol registered	41930	Q	J	98	---	98 1/2	98 1/2	---	97	98 1/2									
U S 2s consol coupon	41930	Q	J	98	---	98	98	---	97	98 1/2									
U S 4s registered	1925	Q	F	106	---	105	105	---	105	107									
U S 4s coupon	1925	Q	F	106 1/2	---	106 1/2	106 1/2	---	105	107									
U S Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2s	41936	Q	F	98	---	98	98	---	98	98									
U S Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2s reg	41936	Q	M	98	---	98	98	---	97 1/2	98									
U S Panama Canal 3s g	1981	Q	M	88	---	85	85 1/2	---	85	85 1/2									
Registered	1981	Q	M	88	---	89	89 1/2	---	85	89									
U S Philippine Island 4s	1914-34	Q	F	---	---	100	100	---	---	---									
<b>Foreign Government.</b>																			
Amer Foreign Secur 5s	1919	F	A	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 1/2	473	94 1/2	100									
Anglo-French 5-yr 6s Exter loan	A	O	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	97 1/2	2343	88 1/2	94 1/2										
Argentine Internal 5s of 1909	M	S	90 1/4	94	89	Dec '18	---	---	78	89 1/2									
Bordeaux (City of) 3-yr 6s	1910	M	N	100 1/4	Sale	100 1/4	101 1/4	131	84	102									
China (Hukuang Ry) 6s of 1911	J	D	7 1/2	Sale	7 1/2	7 1/2	3	5 1/2	7 1/2										
Cuba—External debt 5s of 1904	M	S	92	94	96	Dec '18	---	---	90 1/2	100									
Exter dt 5s of 1914 ser A	1949	F	A	89 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	Oct '18	---	90 1/2	94 1/2									
External loan 4 1/2s	1949	F	A	82	83	82 1/2	82 1/2	7	80	84									
Dominion of Canada 4 1/2s	1924	M	S	98	98 1/2	97 1/2	98	29	90 1/4	99									
Do do	1924	M	S	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	98	33	90 1/4	97 1/2									
Do do	1931	A	O	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	98 1/2	61	87 1/2	97 1/2									
French Repub 5 1/2s secured loan	---	---	---	104 1/2	Sale	104	104 1/2	2381	87 1/2	90 1/2									
Japanese Govt—E loan 4 1/2s	1925	J	F	86 1/2	89 1/2	86 1/2	87	4	80 1/2	92 1/2									
Second series 4 1/2s	1925	J	F	86 1/2	88 1/2	86	86 1/2	5	83 1/2	92 1/2									
Do do "German stamp"	---	---	---	85	Sale	85	85 1/2	53	77	90									
Sterling loan 4s	1931	J	S	---	---	75	75	1	73 1/2	76									
Lyons (City of) 3-yr 6s	1919	M	N	100 1/4	Sale	100 1/4	101 1/4	219	84	102 1/2									
Marseilles (City of) 3-yr 6s	1919	M	N	100 1/4	Sale	100 1/4	101 1/4	105	84	103 1/2									
Mexico—Exter loan 2 1/2s of 1899	---	---	---	46	99 1/2	98 1/2	60 1/2	1	40	64									
Gold debt 4s of 1904	---	---	---	47	55	53	Nov '18	---	40	53									
Paris (City of) 5-yr 6s	1921	A	O	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	99 1/4	383	81 1/2	99 1/2									
Tokyo City 5s loan of 1912	---	---	---	82 1/2	Sale	81	82 1/2	12	68	82 1/2									
U K of Gr Brit & Ireland—	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---									
3-year 5 1/2s notes	1919	M	N	100	Sale	100	100 1/2	538	95 1/2	100									
5-year 5 1/2s notes	1921	M	N	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	98 1/2	384	91 1/2	98 1/2									
Convertible 5 1/2s notes	1919	F	A	100 1/4	Sale	100	101 1/2	1297	97 1/2	105									
20-year gold bond 5 1/2s	1937	F	A	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101 1/2	382	100 1/2	101 1/2									
<i>* These are prices on the basis of \$1000.</i>																			
<b>State and City Securities.</b>																			
W Y City—4 1/2s Corp stock 1940	M	S	95 1/2	97	97 1/2	Jan '19	---	---	87 1/2	98 1/2									
4 1/2s Corporate stock	1964	M	S	97 1/2	Sale	96 1/2	97 1/2	8	87 1/2	99 1/2									
4 1/2s Corporate stock	1966	A	O	94 1/2	96 1/2	99 1/2	Jan '19	---	87 1/2	99 1/2									
4 1/2s Corporate stock July 1967	---	---	---	102 1/2	---	101 1/2	101 1/2	5	102	103 1/2									
4 1/2s Corporate stock	1965	J	D	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/4	101 1/2	5	93 1/2	103 1/2									
4 1/2s Corporate stock	1963	M	S	102 1/2	Sale	102	Jan '19	---	93	103 1/2									
4 1/2s Corporate stock	1959	M	N	91 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	19	85	94									
4 1/2s Corporate stock	1958	M	N	91 1/2	92	92 1/2	92 1/2	1	85	94									
4 1/2s Corporate stock	1957	M	N	92 1/2	---	93 1/2	Dec '18	---	85	93 1/2									
4 1/2s Corporate stock	1956	M	N	92 1/2	---	89 1/2	Oct '18	---	85	90 1/2									
New 4 1/2s	1957	M	N	102	100 1/2	100 1/2	---	---	93 1/2	103									
4 1/2s Corporate stock	1956	M	N	102 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	---	---	93 1/2	103 1/2									
3 1/2s Corporate stock	1954	M	N	75	---	84 1/2	Dec '18	---	76	85									
W Y State—4s	1961	M	S	98	99	July '18	---	---	99	99									
Canal Improvement 4s	1961	J	J	101	98 1/2	July '18	---	---	94 1/2	98 1/2									
Canal Improvement 4s	1962	J	J	101	97 1/2	Dec '18	---	---	94 1/2	98 1/2									
Canal Improvement 4s	1960	J	J	101	98 1/2	Oct '18	---	---	94 1/2	97 1/2									
Canal Improvement 4 1/2s	1964	J	J	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	---	---	105	103 1/2									
Canal Improvement 4 1/2s	1965	J	J	106 1/2	102 1/2	Dec '18	---	---	102 1/2	104 1/2									
Highway Improv't 4 1/2s	1963	M	S	106 1/2	106 1/2	Oct '18	---	---	102 1/2	107 1/2									
Highway Improv't 4 1/2s	1961	M	S	106 1/2	106 1/2	June '18	---	---	100 1/2	104 1/2									
Virginia funded debt 2 1/2s	1931	J	J	70	---	78 1/2	Dec '18	---	78 1/2	78 1/2									
6s deferred Brown Bros etfs	---	---	---	70	Sale	69	70 1/2	21	44	71									
<b>Railroad</b>																			
Ann Arbor 1st g 4s	1905	Q	J	55	56 1/2	57	Dec '18	---	51	64 1/2									
Atchafalaya Topoka & Santa Fe	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---									
Gen g 4s	1905	A	O	85	Sale	85	85 1/2	56	79	90									
Registered	1905	A	O	80	84	85 1/2	Nov '18	---	79 1/2	85 1/2									
Adjusted gold 4s	1905	Nov		79 1/2	80 1/4	79 1/2	80	4	71 1/2	82									
Registered	1905	Nov		---	---	73 1/2	June '18	---	73 1/2	73 1/2									
Stamped	1905	M	D	77	79	79	Jan '19	---	70	82 1/2									
Conv gold 1905	1905	M	D	70	79	77	Jan '19	---	71 1/2	87									
Conv 4s issue of 1910	1960	J	D	92	95	95	---	---	92 1/2	96 1/2									
East Okla Div 1st g 4s	1928	M	S	92 1/2	93	92 1/2	Jan '19	---	91 1/2	91 1/2									
Rocky Mtn Div 1st g 4s	1965	J	J	---	---	82 1/2	79	June '18	---	79									
Trans Con Short L 1st g 5s	1928	M	S	79 1/2	84 1/2	81	Jan '19	---	74 1/2	86									
Cal Aris 1st & Ref 4 1/2s	1942	M	S	85	87	85 1/2	Dec '18	---	79	85 1/2									
S Fr Pres & Ph 1st g 5s	1942	M	S	93	---	99 1/4	July '18	---	---	---									
St Coast L 1st gold 4s	1905	M	S	84 1/2	Sale	84 1/2	85 1/2	17	77	89 1/2									
Gen unificd 4 1/2s	1964	J	D	87	88	87	88	3	74	89 1/2									
Als Mid 1st g gold 5s	1928	M	S	96 1/2	---	98 1/2	Nov '18	---	95 1/2	93 1/2									
Bronx & W 1st g gold 4s	1938	J	J	89 1/4	89	78	Oct '18	---	78	78									
Charter & Bay 1st gold 7s	1936	J	J	11 1/2	---	12 1/2	Aug '18	---	---	---									
L & N coll gold 4s	1962	M	N	108	---	108	Dec '18	---	10										

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Jan. 10.			Interest Period		Prices Friday Jan. 10.		Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold		Range Year 1918	
			Bid	Ask	Low	High	No	Low	High			
Delaware & Hudson—												
1st lien gold 4 1/2%	1942	J	95 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	2	93 1/2	94 1/2			
1st & ref. 4 1/2%	1943	M	85	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	2	83 1/2	84 1/2			
20-year conv. 5%	1935	A	95	97	95 1/2	95 1/2	2	95 1/2	95 1/2			
Ad & Susq. conv. 3 1/2%	1940	A	75 1/2	80	76 1/2	80 1/2	2	71 1/2	77 1/2			
Renss & Saratoga 1st 7%	1924	M	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	2	101 1/2	103 1/2			
Denver & Rio Grande—												
1st cons. g. 4%	1936	J	72	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	2	60 1/2	77			
Consol. gold 4 1/2%	1936	J	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	2	65	80			
Improvement gold 5%	1928	J	57 1/2	59 1/2	52	52	3	43 1/2	63			
1st & refunding 5%	1930	J	82	82	82	82	2	80	90			
Rio Gr. June 1st g. 5%	1940	J	71 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	1	63	75			
Quaranteed	1940	J	82	82	82	82	2	80	90			
Rio Gr. West 1st g. 4%	1939	J	71 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	1	63	75			
Mtgo. & Col. trust 4%	1940	A	57	57 1/2	57	57	4	50	61 1/2			
Det. & Mack—1st lien g. 4%	1925	J	87 1/2	88	82	82	1	82	87			
Gold 4%	1905	J	82	84 1/2	76 1/2	84 1/2	8	73	83 1/2			
Det. Div. Tun. Ter. Tun. 4 1/2%	1961	M	97 1/2	98 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	2	96 1/2	97 1/2			
N. Y. & Erie 1st g. 4%	1941	M	84	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	2	80	90			
Dul. & Iron Range 1st g. 5%	1937	A	94	100	94 1/2	100	1	90	100 1/4			
Registered	1937	A	94	100	94 1/2	100	1	90	100 1/4			
Dul. Sou. Shore & A. H. 5%	1937	J	92	99	99	99 1/2	1	90	99			
Elgin Joliet & East 1st g. 5%	1920	M	100	101 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	1	100	101 1/2			
Erie 1st cons. gold 7%	1919	M	81 1/2	81 1/2	78 1/2	81 1/2	2	78 1/2	81 1/2			
N. Y. & Erie 1st g. 4%	1941	M	81 1/2	81 1/2	78 1/2	81 1/2	2	78 1/2	81 1/2			
2d ext. gold 5%	1919	M	97 1/2	97 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	2	96 1/2	97 1/2			
3d ext. gold 4 1/2%	1923	M	90 1/4	90 1/4	89 1/2	90 1/4	2	89 1/2	90 1/4			
4th ext. gold 5%	1920	A	90 1/4	90 1/4	89 1/2	90 1/4	2	89 1/2	90 1/4			
5th ext. gold 4%	1924	J	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	2	87 1/2	87 1/2			
N. Y. L. & W. 1st g. 7%	1920	M	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	2	87 1/2	87 1/2			
Erie 1st cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
Registered	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
1st cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
2d cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
3d cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
4th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
5th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
6th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
7th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
8th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
9th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
10th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
11th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
12th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
13th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
14th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
15th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
16th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
17th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
18th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
19th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			
20th cons. g. 4%	1906	J	69 1/2	73	70 1/2	73	1	65	79			

\* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Sept. f Option sale.

Table with columns for Bond Name, Price (Friday, Jan. 10), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Year 1918, and Interest Period. The table is organized into sections for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

\* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. † Due Jan. ‡ Due Feb. § Due June. ¶ Due July. †† Due Aug. ‡‡ Due Oct. §§ Due Nov. ¶¶ Due Dec. ††† Option sale.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Jan. 10		Interest Period	Price Friday Jan. 10	Week's Range of Last Sale	Bonds Sold	Range Year 1918.	BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Jan. 10							Interest Period	Price Friday Jan. 10	Week's Range of Last Sale	Bonds Sold	Range Year 1918.		
High	Low	High	Low	No.	Low	High	High	Low	No.	Low	High	High	Low	No.	Low	High				
Virginian 1st 6% series A...	94	94	94	94	4	84 1/4	96 1/2			Adams Ex col tr 6 1/2...	M	S	62 1/2	65	65	Jan '19	60	69		
Wabash 1st gold 6%...	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	3	90	97 1/2			Alaska Gold M deb 6 1/2...	M	S	30 1/4	35 1/2	33	Jan '19	18	39		
2d gold 5%...	88	88	88	88	3	80	89 1/2			Am Bond 6 1/2 series B...	M	S	32 1/4	34 1/2	33	14	18	36		
Debuture series B...	90	90	90	90	3	90	90			Am SS of W Va 1st 5%...	M	N	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	10	81 1/2	89		
1st lien equip 1st 6 1/2...	95 1/2	95	95	Nov '18	90	100 1/4				Armour & Co 1st real est 4 1/2...	J	D	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90	90	90		
1st lien 50-yr & term 4 1/2...	96	96	96	96	65	65				Booth Fibers deb at 6 1/2...	A	O	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2		
Det & Ch Ext 1st 6 1/2...	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2						Brown & Co 1st 1st 6 1/2...	M	N	96	96	96	96	96	96		
Des Moines Div 1st 6 1/2...	69	72	70	Apr '17						Bush Terminal 1st 4 1/2...	A	O	80	85	80	Dec '18	70	83		
Om Div 1st 6 1/2...	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2						Consol 5a...	A	O	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2		
Tel & Ch Div 1st 6 1/2...	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2						Bldgs 5a guar tax ex...	A	O	79	81 1/2	81	81	3	74	85	
Wash Term 1st 6 1/2...	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2						Chic C & Conn 1st 1st 5 1/2...	A	O	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2		
1st 40-yr guar 4 1/2...	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2						Chic Un Stat'n 1st gu 4 1/2...	A	O	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2		
West Maryland 1st 6 1/2...	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2						Chic Paper 10-yr convy 7 1/2...	M	N	107	108 1/2	108	109	15	102 1/2	118 1/2	
West N Y & Pa 1st 6 1/2...	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2						Reeta (part paid) conv 6 1/2...	A	O	85	84 1/2	85	85	80	73	80 1/2	
Gen gold 4 1/2...	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2						Coll tr & conv 6 1/2 ser A...	A	O	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	21	77	87 1/2	
Income 6 1/2...	91 3/4	91 3/4	91 3/4	91 3/4						Computing-Tab-Roc & P...	M	N	83	84	83 1/2	83 1/2	1	75 1/2	85	
Western Pac 1st ser A 6 1/2...	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2						Granny Cons M 3 & P con 6 1/2...	M	N	97	95	97	Sept '18	91	97		
Wheeling & L E 1st 6 1/2...	90	90	90	90						Stamp'd...	M	N	91	91	91	91	91	91		
Wheel Div 1st gold 5 1/2...	90	90	90	90						Great Falls Power 25-yr 5 1/2...	A	O	91	94	93	Sept '18	90 1/2	94		
Excun & Imp 1st gold 5 1/2...	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2						Int Mercan Marine 1st 6 1/2...	M	N	90 1/2	94	94	102	155	90	104 1/2	
Refunding 4 1/2 series A...	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2						Montana Power 1st 5 1/2...	A	O	93	94	92 1/2	95 1/2	44	85 1/2	93	
RR 1st consol 4 1/2...	68	72 1/2	69	Nov '18	55 1/2	69				Morris & Co 1st 1st 4 1/2...	A	O	82 1/2	80	81	Nov '18	75	81		
Winston-Salem S B 1st 4 1/2...	75	78	73	Nov '18	67 1/2	72				Mtge Bond (N Y) 4 1/2 ser 2...	A	O	83	84	83	Apr '14	80	85		
Wis Cent 50-yr 1st gen 4 1/2...	79 1/2	78	79	Nov '18	69 1/2	72				10-20-yr 5 1/2 series 3...	A	O	94	94	94	June '16	95	99 1/2		
Bug & Dul div & term 1st 4 1/2...	72 1/2	80	78 1/2	Nov '18	72	78 1/2				N Y Dock 50-yr 1st 6 1/2...	A	O	68	74	73 1/2	Dec '18	65	73 1/2		
<b>Street Railway</b>							<b>Miscellaneous</b>													
Brooklyn Rapid Tran 6 1/2...	75	75	75 1/2	9	79 1/2	88				Niagara Falls Power 1st 5 1/2...	A	O	93	93	93	98 1/2	525	90 1/2	100	
1st refund convy gold 4 1/2...	50 1/2	53	50	60	50	53				Stag Lock & Co Pow 1st 5 1/2...	M	N	90 1/2	91	91	91	2	83	91 1/2	
6-yr secured notes 5 1/2...	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	92	93 1/2				Nor States Power 25-yr 5 1/2...	A	O	89	89	89	89	89	89		
Cuts 3-yr sec 7 1/2 notes on 0 1/2...	85	85	84	85 1/2	159	83 1/2	98 1/2			Ontario Power N E 1st 5 1/2...	A	O	89	89	89	89	89	89		
3-7 1/2 series A notes...	80	93 1/2	92	Dec '18	88	92				Ontario Transmission 6 1/2...	M	N	95	84	95	June '17	105	110 1/2		
Bk City 1st cons 5 1/2...	80	80	80	80	80	80				Palmer & Trist conv 6 1/2...	J	D	118	118	118	118	33	105	110 1/2	
Bk Q Co & S con gu 5 1/2...	70	80	70	80	80	80				Pan-Serv Corp N J con 5 1/2...	A	O	77	78 1/2	77 1/2	79 1/2	4	73 1/2	86	
Bk Q Co & S 1st 5 1/2...	90 1/2	101	90 1/2	101	90 1/2	90 1/2				Tennessee Cop 1st conv 6 1/2...	M	N	94	91	91	Dec '18	88	95 1/2		
Bklyn Un El 1st 4 1/2...	74	80	74	80	74	80				Wash Water Power 1st 5 1/2...	J	D	90 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	1	90 1/2	92 1/2	
Stumped guar 4 1/2...	65	74	65	74	65	74				Wilson & Co 1st 25-yr 1st 6 1/2...	A	O	98	98	98	98 1/2	525	90 1/2	100	
Kings County 1st 4 1/2...	68 1/2	71 1/2	68 1/2	71 1/2	68 1/2	71 1/2				<b>Manufacturing &amp; Industrial</b>										
Stumped guar 4 1/2...	60 1/2	65	60 1/2	65	60 1/2	65				Am Ag Chem 1st 6 1/2...	A	O	98	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	4	92 1/2	100 1/2	
Nassau Elec guar gold 4 1/2...	60	80	60	80	60	80				Am Oil Refining 5 1/2...	A	O	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	27	90 1/2	100	
Ohio Ry 1st 5 1/2...	85 1/2	82 1/2	81	Dec '18	80 1/2	85				Am Oil Refining 5 1/2...	M	N	88 1/2	88	88	88	5	80	89 1/2	
Conn Ry & L 1st 6 1/2...	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2				Am Hids & L 1st 1st 6 1/2...	A	O	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	11	98 1/2	101	
Stumped guar 4 1/2...	88 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	85	80 1/2				Am Sm & R 1st 30-yr 5 1/2...	A	O	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	50	84 1/2	95 1/2	
Del United 1st cons 4 1/2...	73 1/2	74	73 1/2	73 1/2	20	68	80			Am Thread 1st 5 1/2...	A	O	119	117	117	Nov '18	117	117 1/2		
Ft Smith L & Tr 1st 6 1/2...	70	84	70	84	70	84				Gold 4 1/2...	A	O	72 1/2	80	75	Dec '18	71	75		
Hud & Manhat 5 1/2 ser A...	00	50 1/2	00	50 1/2	113	48 1/2	69 1/2			Am' Write Paper 1st 1 1/2...	J	D	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	6	79	90	
Adjust Income 5 1/2...	17 1/2	17	17	17	51	14 1/2	25			Baldwin Loco Works 1st 5 1/2...	M	N	101	101	101	Nov '18	97 1/2	101 1/2		
N Y & Jersey 1st 5 1/2...	90	100	87	Oct '18	87	90				Cent Foundry 1st 1 1/2...	A	O	80	82	80	Dec '18	80	84 1/2		
Interboro-Metrop coll 4 1/2...	42 1/2	40	43 1/2	40	1081	38	58 1/2			Cent Leather 20-yr 6 1/2...	A	O	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	37	93	97 1/2	
Interboro Rap Tran 1st 4 1/2...	71 1/2	80	70	72 1/2	952	69	85			Concol Tobacco 4 1/2...	A	O	87 1/2	89 1/2	87 1/2	89 1/2	101	73 1/2	73 1/2	
Manhat Ry (N Y) cons 4 1/2...	75	80	75	80	73 1/2	81 1/2				Corn Prod Ref 1st 6 1/2...	M	N	99 1/2	101	101	Jan '19	95	101		
Stumped tax-exempt...	71	81	80	80	74 1/2	84 1/2				Distl Soc Cor conv 1st 6 1/2...	A	O	90 1/2	92	90 1/2	91	25	75	89 1/2	
Manila Elec Ry & L 1st 5 1/2...	75	80	75	80	75	80				E I du Pont Powder 4 1/2...	J	D	100	104	104	May '17	105 1/2	118 1/2		
<b>Metropolitan Street Ry</b>							<b>General</b>													
Bway & 7th Av 1st 6 1/2...	76	77 1/2	76	77 1/2	70	70 1/2	85			General Baking 1st 2 1/2...	J	D	83 1/2	83	83	Dec '18	75	83		
Col & 9th Av 1st 6 1/2...	68	68	68	68	5	70 1/2	85			Gen Electric deb 3 1/2...	A	O	70 1/2	74	70	Dec '18	66 1/2	74		
Lex Av & P 1st 6 1/2...	74	74	74	74	1	54	54			Debuture 5 1/2...	M	S	98	99 1/2	99	Nov '18	94 1/2	101 1/2		
Met W S El (Chic) 1st 6 1/2...	54	54	54	54	54	54				Ingersoll Rand 1st 5 1/2...	J	D	96	96	96	Nov '18	96	96		
Milw Elec Ry & L cons 4 1/2...	97	100 1/2	97	100 1/2	113	81 1/2	91 1/2			Int Agri Corp 1st 20-yr 5 1/2...	M	N	77 1/2	80 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	51	68 1/2	77 1/2	
Refunding & extn 4 1/2...	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	113	34 1/2	35 1/2			Int Paper conv 1st 5 1/2...	J	D	95 1/2	95	95	Oct '18	93 1/2	99		
Minneapolis 1st 5 1/2...	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	113	34 1/2	35 1/2			Int Paper conv 1st 5 1/2...	M	N	113 1/2	113	113	113	17	107 1/2	117	
Montreal Tram 1st 4 1/2...	79	96	79	96	79	96				Lorilla & Co (N Y) 7 1/2...	A	O	113	115	113	113	1	107	115	
New Ori Ry & L 1st 6 1/2...	58	58	57	57	14	57	57			Mexican Petrol Ltd con 6 1/2...	A	O	92	92	92	92	23	83 1/2	93	
N Y Ry 1st R E 1st 6 1/2...	43 1/2	40 1/2	43 1/2	40 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	24 1/2			1st lien & ref 5 1/2 series C...	A	O	182	182	182	182	1	106	175	
30-yr wd line 5 1/2...	14	14	14	14	21 1/2	21 1/2	24 1/2													

SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES.

SALES FOR THE WEEK STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

RANGE FOR YEAR 1918. Lowest Highest

RANGE FOR PREVIOUS YEAR 1917. Lowest Highest

Main table containing stock prices for various companies like Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, and others, with columns for dates (Saturday Jan 4 to Friday Jan 10), sales for the week, and price ranges for 1918 and 1917.

\* Bid and asked prices, a Ex-dividend and rights, c Assessment paid, d Ex-stock dividend, h Ex-rights, j Ex-dividend, k Half-paid.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1918 (Low, High).

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Complete record of the transactions at the Baltimore Stock Exchange from Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, 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 1918 (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange from Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, 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 1918 (Low, High).

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1918 (Low, High).

Chicago Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Chicago Stock Exchange from Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, 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 1918 (Low, High).

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange from Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, 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 1918 (Low, High).



Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for year 1918 (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Concl.), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for year 1918 (Low, High).

Volume of Business at Stock Exchanges

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

Table with columns: Week ending Jan. 10 1919, Stocks, Railroad, Sate, Mun. & Foreign, U. S. Bonds.

Table with columns: Sales at New York Stock Exchange, Week ending Jan. 10, 1919, 1918, 1919, 1918.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns: Week ending Jan. 10 1919, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore.

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from Jan. 4 to Jan. 10, both inclusive. It covers the week ending Friday afternoon.

It should be understood that no such reliability attaches to transactions on the "Curb" as to those on the regularly organized stock exchanges.

On the New York Stock Exchange, for instance, only members of the Exchange can engage in business, and they are permitted to deal only in securities regularly listed—that is, securities where the companies responsible for them have complied with certain stringent requirements before being admitted to dealings. Every precaution, too, is taken to insure that quotations coming over the "tape," or reported in the official list at the end of the day, are authentic.

On the "Curb," on the other hand, there are no restrictions whatever. Any security may be dealt in and any one can meet there and make prices and have them included in the lists of those who make it a business to furnish daily records of the transactions. The possibility that fictitious transactions may creep in, or even that dealings in spurious securities may be included, should, hence, always be kept in mind, particularly as regards mining shares. In the circumstances, it is out of the question for any one to vouch for the absolute trustworthiness of this record of "Curb" transactions, and we give it for what it may be worth.

Table with columns: Week ending Jan. 10, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1918 (Low, High).

Table with columns: Rights, Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, Other Oil Stocks.

Table with columns: Mining Stocks, Stocks (Concl.), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for year 1918 (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Concl.), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for year 1918 (Low, High).

Table with columns: Bonds (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1918. Lists various bond issues with their respective prices and sales data.

\* Odd lots. † No par value. ‡ Listed as a prospect. † Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. a New stock. u Unlisted. u Ex-cash and stock dividends. w When issued. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. z Ex-stock dividend.

CURRENT NOTICE.

-F. Morse Hubbard, for the past year associated as taxation expert with the Excess Profits Tax Advisers and the Tax Reviewers in the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Washington, D. C., announces the opening of an office at 52 William St., New York City.

-Charles E. Doyle, formerly of the firm of Hanson & Doyle, and Edward Sykes announce that they have formed a co-partnership at Broad St., this city, under the firm name of Charles E. Doyle & Co., for the transaction of an investment bond business.

-The municipal bond house of R. M. Grant & Co., 31 Nassau St., this city, Boston and Chicago, are offering, by advertisement on another page in this issue, a comprehensive list of high-grade municipal securities at prices yielding 4.20 to 5%.

-Hayard F. Pope, who was prominently identified with the publicity work of the Liberty Loan campaign in this city, has (as indicated in our issue of Saturday last), been admitted to partnership in the Boston and New York firm of Blodgett & Co.

-C. S. Smithers & Co., Nassau St., this city, members of the New York Stock Exchange, have issued a special letter on "The Oil Industry on a Peace Basis."

-Coggeshall & Hicks, members New York Stock Exchange, have published for distribution to those interested analyses on American Can Co., Railway Steel Spring Co. and American Car & Foundry Co.

-R. M. Grant & Co., 31 Nassau St., this city, announce that Morris Mather, Manager of their Chicago office, who has been associated with them for many years, has become a general partner.

-The title of Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur has been conferred by the French Government on William P. Bonbright, President of Bonbright & Company.

-Arthur M. Betts has received his discharge from the army and has returned to his position as Manager of the Bond Department of Alfred L. Baker & Co., 141 So. LaSalle St., Chicago.

-Theo. L. Bronson, of Theo. L. Bronson & Co., is back at his desk after seventeen months' service in the U. S. Navy. The firm has moved to larger quarters in 10 Wall Street, this city.

-Graham & Miller announce the removal of their offices from 44 Pine St. to 66 Broadway, New York.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies

All prices now dollars per share.

Table listing various banks and trust companies in New York City, including their names, bid/ask prices, and other financial details.

\* Banks marked with a (\*) are State banks. † Sale at auction or at Stock Exchange this week. ‡ Includes one-third share Irving Trust Co. † New stock. ‡ Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies

All prices now dollars per share.

Table listing various realty and surety companies, including bid/ask prices and other financial details.

Quotations for Sundry Securities

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

Table listing various securities including Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments, and other financial instruments with their respective prices.

Ordinance Stocks—Per Share.

Table listing various ordinance stocks with their respective share prices.

Public Utilities

Table listing various public utility companies and their share prices.

\* Per share. † Basis. ‡ Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ‡ New stock. † Nominal. ‡ Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights. ‡ Ex-dividend of 25%. (†) Without par value.

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads 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 Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. 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), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows list various railroads like Alabama & Vicksb., Ann Arbor, etc.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns: Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %), Monthly Summaries (Month, Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %). Rows include 2d week Oct, 3d week Oct, etc.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of December. The table covers 11 roads and shows 33.83% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Fourth Week of December, 1918, 1917, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Ann Arbor, Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Canadian Northern, Canadian Pacific, Colorado & Southern, Grand Trunk of Canada, Grand Trunk Western, Detroit Grd Hav & Milw, Canada Atlantic, St Louis Southwestern, Tennessee Alabama & Georgia, Total (11 roads), Net Increase (33.83%).

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad 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. Rows include Aitch Topeka & S Fe System, Gulf Colo & S Fe, Panhandle & S Fe, Atlanta & West Point, Atlanta Birm & Atl, Bangor & Aroostook, Bingham & Garfield, Birmingham Southern, Buffalo Roch & Pitts, Can Pac Lines in Me, Central Vermont, Charleston & W Caro, Chicago & Alton, Chicago & Eastern Ill, Chicago Ind & Louisv, Chicago Peoria & St L, Chicago R I & Pac System, Chic R I & Gulf, Chic T H & Southeast, Cinc N O & Tex Pac, Colorado & Southern, Trin & Brazos Val, Colorado & Wyoming, Crip Crk & Colo Spgs, Duluth So Sh & Atl, Duluth Wmn & Pac, East St L Connect, Erie System, Chicago & Erie, Fonda Johns & Gloy, Kan City Mex & Or, K C Mex & O of Tex, Kansas City Southern System, Texas-Kan & P, Los Ang & Salt Lake, Mineral Range, Nevada Northern, New Or Tex & Mex, Beau Sour L & W, St L Browns & Mex, N Y Central System, Cincinnati North, Toledo & Ohio Cent, Northern Pacific System, Minn & Internat, Northwestern Pacific, Pacific Coast Co, Pennsylvania System, Balt Ches & Atl, Maryland Del & Va, Toledo Peoria & W, N Y Phila & Norf.

Table with 5 columns: Roads, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Rows include Peoria & Pekin Union, Pere Marquette, Quincy Om & K C, Richmond Fred & Po, Washington South, St Louis-San Fran, St L San Fr of Tex, St Louis Transfer, San Ant & Aran Pass, Southern Pacific System, Arizona Eastern, Southern Ry System, Spokane Internat, Spokane Port & Seatt, Term RR Assn of St L, St L Mer Br & Ter, Ulster & Delaware, Union Pacific System, Oregon Short Line, St Joseph & Gr Isl, Utah, Virginian, Western Ry of Ala, Wichita Falls & N W.

Table with 5 columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Cuba Railroad, Nov '18, 5 mos '18, '17.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Table with 5 columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year, Jan. 1 to Latest Date, Current Year, Previous Year. Rows include Adirondack El Pow Co, Alabama Power Co, Amer Power & Lt Co, Atlantic Shore Ry, Aurora Elgin & Chic, Bangor Ry & Electric, Byron Rouge Elec Co, Blackstone V G & El, Brazos Val Ry & P, Brock & Plym St Ry, Bklyn Rap Tran Syst, Cape Breton Elec Co, Cent Miss V El Prop, Chaitanoga Ry & Lt, Cities Service Co, Cleve Painav & East, Columbia Gas & El, Columbus (Ga) El Co, Colum (O) Ry, P & L, Com W R Ry & Lt, Connecticut Pow Co, Constum Pow (Mich), Cumb Co (Me) P & L, Dayton Pow & Light, Detroit Edison, Detroit Superior Trac, East St Louis & Sub, Eastern Texas Elec, El Paso Electric Co, Fall River Gas Works, Federal El & Trac, Ft Worth Pow & Lt, Galv-Hous Elec Co, Grand Rapids Ry Co, Great West Pow Sys, Harrisburg Railways, Havana El Ry, L & P, Honolulu RT & Land, Houghton Co El Co, Houghton Co Tr Co, Hudson & Mahan, Illinois Traction, Interboro Rapid Tran, Jacksonville Trac Co, Keokuk Electric Co, Key West Electric Co, Lake Shore Elec Ry, Lewist Aug & Watery, Long Island Electric, Louisville Railway, Lowell Electric Corp, Manhat Bldg Co, Milw El Ry & Lt Co, Milw Lt, Ht & Trac, Mississ Rip Pow Co, Montreal L, H & P, Nashville Ry & Light, New England Power, Newp N & H Ry, G & E, Nevada-Cal El Corp, N Y & Long Island, N Y & North Shore, N Y & Queens Co, New York Railways, Northampton Trac, Northern Ohio Elec.

Name of Road or Company.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.		Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
	Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.				
Portland Gas & Coke Co	Nov '18	164,245	126,043		68,074	28,591	\$ 89,483	
	'17	126,043			55,240	29,098	26,112	
	12 mos '18	1,749,287	783,129		351,521	151,621	431,608	
	'17	1,353,081	616,790		333,655	177,512	283,135	
Portland Ry, Lt & Power Co	Nov '18	636,539	226,825		185,657	41,168	\$ 146,489	
	'17	525,811	201,211		177,512	33,699	23,699	
	12 mos '18	7,519,407	2,628,956		2,208,330	420,826	1,787,504	
	'17	5,942,084	2,687,673		1,256,100	431,573		
St Louis Rocky Mt & Pac Co	Nov '18	394,360	102,802		20,446	82,356	\$ 122,010	
	'17	402,023	99,376		20,671	78,705	78,705	
	11 mos '18	4,760,910	1,199,396		225,958	973,438	773,438	
	'17	3,570,760	998,440		228,744	769,696		
Tennessee Power Co	Nov '18	209,787	92,864		52,151	40,71	\$ 11,441	
	'17	189,402	52,703		52,942	def230	def230	
	12 mos '18	2,131,765	763,862		630,023	133,839	500,184	
	'17	1,941,115	715,632		592,799	122,833		
Tennessee Ry, Lt & Power Co	Nov '18	564,667	220,372		131,476	88,896	\$ 42,580	
	'17	465,943	131,722		138,765	def7,043	def7,043	
	12 mos '18	5,963,244	2,133,390		1,656,597	476,793	1,180,004	
	'17	5,243,173	1,857,329		1,603,093	254,236		
Texas Power & Light Co	Nov '18	294,603	91,493		54,722	27,362	\$ 27,362	
	'17	274,952	108,324		52,372	55,952	55,952	
	12 mos '18	3,169,657	1,024,852		637,717	138,175	500,000	
	'17	2,553,558	1,018,361		537,529	480,832		
x After allowing for other income received.								

FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Financial Reports.**—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railways and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Dec. 23. The next will appear in that of Jan. 25.

New Orleans Railway & Light Co.

(Appraisal—Report and Plan of Special Commissioner.)

The appraisal of the property and suggestions regarding the same by E. W. Ballard & Co., and the company's comments thereon, together with the report of Special Commissioner La Faye, suggesting a plan of reorganization and approving a sliding scale of rates, are summarized as follows (compare news item on a subsequent page):

Companies.	Gross Earnings.	Net Earnings.	Gross Earnings.	Net Earnings.
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Illinois Traction, a	Nov 1,343,655	1,243,066	377,720	288,646
Jan 1 to Nov 30	13,446,064	12,275,726	3,664,597	4,123,059
Southwest P & Lt Co, a	Nov 512,043	453,824	184,296	191,342
Dec 1 to Nov 30	5,577,261	4,627,818	2,049,742	2,069,425

**Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.**—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week.

Companies.		Gross Earnings.		Net Earnings.	
		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Bangor Ry & Elect Co	Nov '18	80,930	27,687	20,223	7,464
	'17	76,081	37,243	19,657	17,586
	12 mos '18	928,978	339,415	238,490	100,925
	'17	876,070	377,554	227,430	150,124
Caddo Oil & Ref Co of La, Inc	Nov '18	244,804	78,290	12,545	65,745
	'17	129,882	28,913	12,133	16,780
	12 mos '18	1,957,919	668,341	142,291	526,050
	'17	2,079,082	565,786	136,011	429,775
Chattanooga Ry & Light Co	Nov '18	167,118	36,538	29,470	7,068
	'17	111,210	def1,305	30,866	def32,109
	12 mos '18	1,799,071	359,643	374,506	def14,956
	'17	1,335,115	238,913	358,507	def110,594
Columbus (O) Ry, Power & Light Co	Nov '18	370,981	59,058	64,180	34,899
	'17	359,990	73,163	45,919	27,244
	12 mos '18	4,232,018	1,114,032	681,840	432,192
	'17	3,975,871	1,122,402	552,618	569,784
Commonwealth Power, Ry & Lt Co	Nov '18	2,022,847	700,707	526,397	174,310
	'17	1,822,283	636,182	466,230	169,952
	12 mos '18	21,735,128	6,873,114	5,051,761	921,353
	'17	19,400,726	7,541,031	5,255,160	2,285,871
Consumers Power Co (Michigan)	Nov '18	654,640	274,319	114,654	159,665
	'17	646,399	236,578	91,403	145,175
	12 mos '18	6,489,943	2,728,679	1,301,669	1,427,610
	'17	5,701,213	2,455,471	925,131	1,530,340
Cumberland County Power & Lt Co	Nov '18	276,504	77,942	71,147	6,795
	'17	243,036	72,638	69,843	2,795
	12 mos '18	4,167,018	949,534	812,237	137,297
	'17	3,630,797	1,208,057	779,247	428,810
Federal Light & Traction Co	Oct '18	276,854	62,342	53,019	9,323
	'17	254,713	70,606	50,509	20,097
	12 mos '18	3,429,888	1,002,789	733,115	269,674
	'17	2,730,912	854,512	715,005	139,507
Ft Worth Power & Light Co	Nov '18	120,677	55,246	16,001	24,660
	'17	96,345	44,534	10,843	33,691
	12 mos '18	1,809,954	589,323	156,434	243,962
	'17	980,763	543,660	121,438	422,222
Grand Rapids Ry Co	Nov '18	105,622	13,479	19,656	def6,177
	'17	100,702	23,301	18,619	4,682
	12 mos '18	1,277,830	261,555	234,120	27,435
	'17	1,305,807	421,019	216,100	205,009
Havana El Ry, Lt & Pow Co	Nov '18	690,704	357,839	361,312	220,747
	'17	643,408	358,911	150,340	221,532
	11 mos '18	7,496,653	4,026,922	1,588,672	2,558,274
	'17	6,315,811	3,564,165	1,718,112	2,197,973
Huntington Devel & Gas Co	Nov '18	85,550	36,187	15,667	20,620
	'17	65,448	39,807	16,215	14,592
	12 mos '18	976,780	454,630	183,327	261,303
	'17	903,641	352,890	189,796	168,094
Kansas Gas & Elect Co	Nov '18	202,974	68,643	39,553	235,183
	'17	165,712	50,047	25,039	24,960
	12 mos '18	2,055,405	656,587	384,691	285,373
	'17	1,753,934	486,579	267,356	219,213
Lewiston Augusta & Waterville St Ry	Nov '18	76,707	9,810	19,824	def10,014
	'17	71,307	13,980	15,457	def1,477
	12 mos '18	877,491	94,039	223,039	def129,601
	'17	899,313	226,542	226,542	40,117
New England Co Power System	Nov '18	338,121	153,660	40,686	112,974
	'17	251,305	95,238	36,454	58,782
	11 mos '18	3,180,540	1,160,818	423,237	737,581
	'17	2,378,459	1,035,760	404,538	631,222
Nashville Railway & Light Co	Nov '18	271,939	87,588	38,631	48,957
	'17	212,204	78,170	40,628	37,542
	12 mos '18	2,812,103	977,494	483,411	494,083
	'17	2,452,118	874,940	492,601	382,879
Portland Power & Light Co	Nov '18	163,128	78,708	43,428	235,440
	'17	146,677	74,330	36,346	37,894
	12 mos '18	1,842,184	857,430	489,012	237,076
	'17	1,625,097	848,899	432,083	416,813

Total present value of all properties... \$32,739,193  
 \* It is frequently held by courts and commissions that a utility is entitled to a valuation of its property for rate or purchase cases at the amount of its investment only, but the preponderance of authority is to the effect that the utility should be accorded a fair value of its property even though a part of that value is made up of an unearned increment. This principle is set forth by Judge Hughes in the Minnesota rate case.

Regarding this valuation an official statement by the company says in part:

The records show, and it cannot be disputed, that the actual cash paid into the property for its acquisition at the date of consolidation and in additions and improvements subsequently made, a total of \$55,920,487. This has no reference to securities issued. It represents real money paid by the present owners of the New Orleans Ry. & Light Co. into the treasury of that company. Every dollar so invested under the laws of the State of Louisiana is entitled to a 7% return. The statement submitted, showing actual net earnings on moneys actually invested in the property, with no allowance for the amortization of bond discount in the past, indicates that the corporation has received less than the legally just and reasonable return, the sum of \$16,580,381, and this without accumulation of the deficient return.

This reason your base figure does not represent the actual \$55,920,487, shown to have been invested in the property, because it not only ignores this item of bond discount (\$5,140,365), but it also ignores the cost of promotion, which you propose to disallow, and which we have estimated at \$354,194; it also ignores obsolete property with respect of which the company did not earn enough to amortize, amounting to at least \$5,670,387, as per the incomplete statement submitted herewith, and it does not allow for going-concern value, which it may be assumed was included in the original cost as of 1902, and which we claim now amounts to \$5,497,291. These items added would aggregate \$16,622,237, and had we a complete record of obsolete property, it is certain that the total amount of these values added to your base figure would have totaled a sum much in excess of the \$55,920,487, and this because there has been since the reorganization date invested in the property from the inadequate earnings of the company substantial amounts.

E. W. Ballard & Co., on the other hand, say in substance:

The question as to whether or not the company may have paid out the sum of \$55,920,487 in the acquisition of these properties at the time of reorganization is not material to this valuation. The question at issue is the amount which the company may have properly expended, and we, therefore, make no allowance for the amount of unamortized bond discount. We have made an estimate to show the result of this wage increase (ordered by the War Labor Board) based on the retention of the forces employed during the month of July and find that if this scale of wage increase throughout the year the operating expenses of the company will be increased thereby \$1,514,770. If, therefore, we add to the operating expenses which contain the added cost due to increase in prices of material, the estimated increase due to labor costs we have a total for operating expenses of \$5,865,036, which is the cost of rendering the same amount of service under the prevailing conditions as was rendered in that year. Taxes of this company have also been increased, the total for the year 1918 being estimated at \$1,145,000.

The appraisal of this property fixes the value of the depreciable property at \$32,107,457, and on this we determine that the company is entitled to earn for depreciation reserve the sum of \$855,358. We also determine that on its value of \$32,739,193 the company is entitled by the terms of its agreement with the city to earn 6%, or \$1,964,352. The sum of these amounts is \$9,829,710.

The effect of the increase in rates and fares granted on Oct. 10 has not been reflected in the revenues of the company at the time of drawing this report, because of the epidemic of sickness which has prevailed throughout the country, with the consequent closing of churches, places of amusement, &c. The railway revenues, even under the advanced rate have fallen off considerably, due to this cause, and no accurate determination of the effect of this increase will be possible until some time after the return of normal conditions [compare V. 108, p. 79].

However, the operating revenues of the company for the year ending June 30 1918 were as follows: Railway department, \$1,723,607; electric department, \$1,710,277; gas department, \$1,549,647; total, \$7,983,531.

Railway fares were advanced 20% and electric and gas rates 30% on Oct. 10. We estimate that these increases will provide net additions to the revenue of the company based on the above revenues in the amount of \$1,523,622, or for the year a total of \$9,507,053.

It is thus determined that for the same amount of service to be rendered in the year ending June 30 1919, as was rendered in the previous year, but under present costs for labor and material, the revenues will be less than the reasonable necessary earnings in an amount of \$322,692.

Having in mind the probable deficit as determined above, and considering also the economies which may be effected in operation as well as the fact that prices of material used in production and maintenance may be expected to decline in the future rather than advance, we respectfully suggest that consideration be given to the problem of fixing rates and fares for service on a sliding scale basis.

This can best be done by accumulating all surplus into a fund for the payment of bond interest and then using the state of this fund as a barometer for determining the proper rate or fare to be charged for service in a manner similar to that followed in the Cleveland Street Railway case. A maximum and minimum should be set for the surplus in this fund. This in combination with a sliding scale for rates and fares for service will then automatically determine what the rates and fare will be. When the surplus in this fund grows to exceed the predetermined maximum, then the next lower rate of fare automatically goes into effect.

If the surplus still exceeds the maximum after a certain period of time, another step downward in the rates and fares will automatically take place, and so on until the surplus in this fund is brought below the fixed maximum. Whenever the surplus in this fund falls below the predetermined minimum, then a step upward in the rates and fares will automatically take place and so on until the surplus in the fund is again brought to a value between the predetermined maximum and minimum value.

It is our opinion that some economies could be effected in the operation of these properties by the following: (a) The retention of the "skip-stop" plan; (b) The introduction of pay-once on labour cars and pay-leave on outboard cars; (c) The discontinuance of accounting for each of five subsidiary companies, provided, of course, that legal difficulties can be obviated; (d) A consolidation of the many stock rooms and material yards; (e) A general cleaning up and sale of old equipment and scrap which is no longer useful; (f) Reducing as rapidly as possible the amount of property not in use; (g) Closing down, except for emergency use, the Edison and Clalhorne generating plants, as soon as the central station can be put in shape to carry all the load.

We have examined the agreement, dated Jan. 1 1915, with the American Cities Co., and find that it calls for the payment to that company of 1% of the gross operating revenue of the New Orleans Ry. & Light Co. from all sources, or in 1915, \$69,516; 1916, \$72,007; 1917, \$77,462. If this includes services for engineering, purchasing and commercial affairs of the New Orleans company, as we are advised that it does, then, in our opinion, the services are valuable to the extent of the payments made. In case, however, the management of this property is assumed by the city, we would recommend that this agreement with the American Cities Co. be terminated.

**Condensed Extracts from Report of Commissioner E. E. La Faye. Company's Own Appraisal of Its Properties.**

The summary of the appraisal of the New Orleans Ry. & Light Co. as of June 30 1918, formally submitted by it as its claims of the present value of all its properties, shows:

Original cost value.....	\$48,001,285
Reproduction cost of five years average.....	61,637,619
Securities, market value.....	46,925,680
Total.....	\$156,564,614
Average value entitled to return.....	\$52,188,205
Unamortized cost of financing value for purpose of option.....	5,140,355
Total.....	\$57,328,570

As I understand this discussion there is no question of law involved, and under the circumstances, I do not feel bound by the practices governing dissimilar cases. Therefore, the use by the company of value of securities, and the use of reproduction cost as an element of value are not forcible arguments in this case. My interpretation of the situation is that, due to changing conditions effecting abnormal increases in cost of operation, on the one hand, and the limitation by franchise, contract or otherwise, of its revenues, on the other hand, the company finds itself in a position where it cannot render the service required from the revenue derived from its limited rates; and is in the position at this time of having tentatively accepted the proposal from the city. That proposal, reduced to simple language, means this: "We feel it our duty to help you if your case is just, but only to the extent of protecting what there is still remaining of value in your properties."

In addition to the foregoing (tabular) figures compiled by J. H. Perkins, of N. Y., the company submits a communication from George H. Davis, of the firm of Ford, Bacon & Davis, dated Aug. 16 1918. In this communication Mr. Davis states that in his judgment the physical value of the properties was in 1914 \$40,000,000, and that physical value, as has been determined in many investigations, represents 75% of total actual value, the remaining 25% being made up of what are termed intangibles, which do not make a total value of \$50,000,000 for property in 1914.

Note according to letter of transmittal from the company, their basic claim to the effect that the properties in question represent a cost as shown by the books, of \$55,920,487, made up as follows:

Cost of all underlying properties, 1903.....	\$24,804,019
Assumption of bonds on underlying properties, 1903.....	12,846,000
Cash turned into treasury in reorganization, 1905.....	2,924,536
Cost of additions and extensions since 1903.....	15,345,932
Total.....	\$55,920,487

To this claim, Mr. Ballard very properly replies that these figures are not material in this valuation. They are referred to herein, however, as material to the historic development of the company, without regard to the company's claims thereon.

The claim of actual present value made by the New Orleans Ry. & Light Co., as quoted above, is for rate-making purposes, \$52,188,205; for option purposes, \$57,328,570.

Mr. Perkins and the company have accepted the inventory prepared by Mr. Ballard, which fixes the actual cost value of all physical properties at \$36,204,413, from which figure the company proceeds and builds to a value of \$52,188,205 for rate-making purposes. Thus, we have from the same base figure, the company claiming a value of \$52,188,205, and Mr. Ballard fixing a value of \$32,739,193.

It is rather difficult to strike an absolute balance and allocate the difference between these two figures, but it is clear that the vast disagreement as shown, arises from the fact that the company claims considerable value on intangibles. From most of these claims of value for intangibles, Mr. Ballard dissents, and from my lay point of view, I consider his attitude correct, with but few exceptions. I, however, dissented from Mr. Ballard's view in using 6% instead of 7% as a basis of return on cost value to be applied in determining if the company was entitled to development cost or going value.

*Opinion of General George W. Goethals.*

As these differences were important, I submitted to General George W. Goethals copies of the claims of the company and of the report of Mr. Ballard, asking that he review the figures and advise me of his recommendations in the premises. You will note that General Goethals fixes his estimate of value of the properties at a minimum of \$44,816,000, based upon the statutory regulations of this State and the jurisprudence of this country with the generally accepted principles of economics.

*Adjustment of Ballard Figures by Commissioner La Faye.*

Mr. Ballard, by applying principles of depreciation and appreciation of the physical values, produces a value of \$32,739,193. I, however, felt that, in addition to this value, there were other elements of value worthy of consideration. The findings of General Goethals, according to the report submitted herewith, confirmed my view in this respect. It is claimed by the company that going value cost represents about 15% of the total value of the property, 15% being the average allowed for this item by courts and commissions in seventeen different cases which they cite. I do not admit that this value is equal to 15%, but without a doubt there is such an existing value, and 7 1/2%, I feel, represents a fair sum.

The basis of franchise values, in all discussions, in the past has been the appraisals of franchise values as fixed by the Parish and State boards of assessors, which values have averaged from the years 1913 to 1917, inclusive, \$11,444,545. In view of these circumstances, it is my conviction that the actual value of the franchises to-day is fully equal to their original cost.

The sum total of franchise values, development cost or going values loans to the city and on property not used and useful, when added to the fixed valuation of \$32,739,193, produce a total value of \$38,323,935. I therefore recommend that the basic value of these properties be fixed at \$38,000,000, and that all future earnings be limited to the basis of this figure.

*Valuation for Rate-Making Only—City Not in Position to Take Property.*  
Mr. Ballard, after conference with me, has made up the summary sheets of his report to show only the value for rate-making purposes. We are not ready as yet to acquire these properties outright to be operated by the municipality and therefore a value fixed at this time could not be accepted as a purchase price at some future date, due primarily to the effect on such value of use of the property, and lack of proper upkeep. However, I will include in my recommendation a plan by which the city will at all times enjoy the privilege of an option if at any future date it desires to buy.

We must bear in mind that there is no doubt that this city is on the very threshold of an era of unprecedented development, and that there is not in the city and vicinity sufficient active money to develop to full value our commercial advantages. Therefore, to a certain extent, we are dependent on foreign capital. That being the case, we must convey to such interests that investments in this community are, at all times, accorded the consideration to which they are entitled.

*Return Basis \$38,000,000—Reorganization Plan.*

Having determined that the fair value remaining in these properties for return basis is \$38,000,000, and up to that amount are the original investors entitled to a fair return, I would recommend that the Commission Council require an immediate reorganization of the company, to be accomplished by agreement of all parties at interest, if possible, if not, then by procedure through the proper courts. There should be an immediate reorganization, so framed as to care for future financing so necessary to the constantly growing requirements of the public and the development of this community.

In the Ballard report I find the order of seniority of securities as follows: Total aggregate of original bonds on underlying properties.....\$12,097,500  
General mortgage bonds issued July 1 1905.....17,544,000  
Refunding and general liens issued Nov. 1 1909.....6,117,700

Total.....	\$35,759,200
Loan from War Finance Corporation.....	1,000,000
Gold debentures issued June 1 1918.....	4,000,000
Grand total.....	\$40,759,200

I doubt very much if the owners of the three major securities on these properties, representing the aggregate of \$35,759,200, can be disturbed or induced to join in any plan of reorganization, or, in fact, if their position can be impaired, or their security affected even by bond receivership. Such being the case, reorganization must start from this point. In addition to the aforementioned, there are outstanding the following securities:

Preferred stock.....	\$9,904,800
Common stock.....	19,911,800
All other securities on underlying companies not converted.....	199,250
Total.....	\$30,015,850

In view of our problem, I would recommend that the financial setup of the reorganization be substantially as follows:  
Existing underlying bonds, gen. mtg. bonds & ref. & gen. liens.....\$35,759,200  
Loans by War Finance Corporation (a preferred creditor).....1,000,000

This amount is to represent total bonded debt of company.....\$36,759,200  
That the issue of gold debentures of June 1 1918 be converted into a First Pref. Cum. Stock, interest to be determined, amt. 4,000,000  
That present holders of pref. stock be given a 2d pref. stock to an amount equal to 50% of their present holdings of pref. stock or to.....4,951,200  
Total recapitalization.....\$45,710,400

This eliminating entirely the existing pref. and common stock amounting to: Pref. stock, \$9,904,800, and common stock, \$19,911,800.

The reorganization herein suggested fixes the amount of bonds at an aggregate somewhat less than the basic value of the properties upon which the company is to be allowed a return, thus effecting a substantial reduction in fixed charges and creating a difference between fixed charges and allowable corporate return.

*Sliding Scale of Rates Recommended.*

I recommend the adoption of the automatic adjustment of rates on a sliding scale basis, similar to the plan in use by the Cleveland Street Ry. Co., all in accordance with the suggestions of the Ballard report. This plan forms the basis of an automatic adjustment of rates and shows the accumulation of a deficit or surplus in the bond interest or reserve fund account.

Moneys invested in such securities as those under discussion are unquestionably entitled to a return equal to 7%. But for the present, in view of the abnormal increases in operating costs, I would recommend that the return for the year 1919 be limited to 5% of the basic value determined, and that the same be increased in 1920 to 6% and in 1921 to 7%, which thereafter shall be the maximum earning power of the properties, the same to be based on the value herein fixed plus any and all new money actually put into these properties, such additional investment to be with the approval and consent of the Commission Council.

*Great Increase in Expenses over 1914.*

In justification of the Council's action, in granting the existing increases in rates and charges, I would call your attention to Mr. Ballard's comments under "Operating Expense."

The average of the labor payrolls for the five months from July 1 to Dec. 1 of this year is \$292,000 per month, or an average annual amount of \$3,504,000; showing an annual increased cost over the year 1914 of \$1,333,735. The cost of all materials for this year, for the 11 mos. up to Dec. 1, amounted to \$2,149,399, or 1.11 added, will give the annual cost for material for this year of \$2,544,798. Or an increase in the cost of material for this year over the year 1914 amounting to \$1,086,192. We accordingly find a total annual increase since 1914 in operating cost on labor and materials of \$2,419,927.

It is plain to me that this cost is destined to remain at its present value for some time to come, with a slight reduction, possibly, from reduced values of material. It cannot be expected that the money in this service is to remain without return, nor can material and labor be secured other than at market values. Consequently, we must recognize that we are confronted with the necessity of paying increased cost for this service.

*Estimate of Earnings for Year 1919.*

With the wage scale now substantially settled, plus a resumption of normal service, it is now possible to determine, with a fair degree of accuracy, what can be expected of revenues and operating expenses.

*Estimated Gross Earnings for next year (1919) based on actual earnings, \$822,000 for Nov. 1918, plus \$53,000 (monthly) for increased gas and electric rates not collected during said month, equalling for 12 months \$10,140,000, less 4.34% (\$429,036), representing average excess revenues in November over remaining months for years 1912 to 1917.....*

.....	\$9,710,964
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<i>Deductions—Labor rolls estimated as above.....</i>	3,594,000
<i>Cost of materials (see explanation above).....</i>	2,344,798
<i>Estimated increased cost due to improvement in railroad service by recent establishment of old schedules.....</i>	300,000
<i>Increased expense due to re-establishment of proper force for maintenance and repairs of rolling stock equipment.....</i>	110,000
<i>Taxes.....</i>	1,145,000

*Renewals and replacements recommended under present conditions (contrasting with company's average of \$210,000 from 1911 to 1917).....*

.....	310,500
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<i>Allowances on fixed valuation of property at \$38,000,000 for the year 1918 at 5%.....</i>	1,900,000
<i>Balance of revenue over above deductions.....</i>	\$86,766

P. S. Commissions Obsolete—Not Time Yet for Municipal Ownership.

Regulation of local utilities by public service commissions, I believe, will shortly be recognized as an obsolete practice. I do not believe that democracy, as applied to municipal governments, has as yet developed in the arts of economy and efficiency as private endeavor has, and for that reason I do not look for outright municipal ownership of street railways, gas and electric properties, &c., at this time as a general practice in this country. I am convinced, however, that private ownership, subject to zealous supervision and partial control by public officers responsible to the people, presents an even balance of responsibility destined inevitably to produce the most uniform satisfaction.

City's Option to Purchase—Resignation of City Directors.

In view of all the foregoing, I suggest that if these recommendations be approved by the Commission Council, in whole or in part, a copy of this report and such recommendations, if any be approved, be sent to the company with the request that they advise the Commission Council of their acceptance or rejection of the conditions prescribed.

In connection with the option to the city by the company on these properties, I recommend that the company be required, as a condition to this transaction, to give the city an option to purchase all of its properties at any time in the future at a price to be fixed by experts appointed by city and company subject to arbitration by a third party or the civil district court in case of dispute.

I would further recommend that with the adoption by the Council of these recommendations, if such be the course of the Council, the members of the Council now serving as members of the board of directors of the company, under the temporary agreement of June 4 1918, should thereupon resign from the board.—V. 108, p. 79.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation, New York.

(Third Annual Report—Year ending Sept. 30 1918.)

On subsequent pages will be found the remarks of President Manuel Rionda, in the company's third annual report, also the profit and loss account for the entire fiscal year 1917-18, and the balance sheet of Sept. 30 1918.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1917-18, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1916-17. Rows include Operating profit, Deduct—Deprec'n reserve, Interest & exch'g, Res. for taxes, Income and war exc. prof. taxes, Res. for doubtful accts., Pref. divs., Total deductions, Balance, surplus.

BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 20.

Table with 4 columns: 1918, 1916, 1918, 1917. Rows include Propert' & plants, Cane cultivations, Mat'ls & supplies, Advances, Stores, Sugars, Accts. & bills rec., Cash, Security for lien redemption, Prepaid insurance, Items in suspense, Liabilities: Declared capital, (1) 7% cum'v conv. pref. stk., 500,000 shares, (2) Com. stock, 500,000 shares, Bills payable, Drafts outstanding, Accts. payable & accrued charges, Prof. divs. pay., Liens on properties, Res. for taxes, Defered liabilities, Surplus account.

Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Ind.

(Financial Statement as of Oct. 1 1918.)

President A. R. Erskine, in a statement given to "The Wall Street Journal" says:

Net sales for nine months, ending Oct. 1 1918, were \$35,611,058, from which were derived \$3,212,470 of net profits after usual deduction for depreciation and interest and reserve of \$405,687 for Federal taxes.

The corporation is without a stock of finished automobiles on hand, as the inventory included but 1,423 cars of all kinds, practically all of which were in transit to branches and dealers throughout the world. Under contract for sale, but not delivered, there is no stock of old model cars in the inventory.

In reference to quick assets the position of the corporation's balance sheet, it will be noted, the ratio on Oct. 18 stood at 27.6% of all liabilities.

Out of proceeds of \$15,000,000 7% serial notes just issued, the corporation on Jan. 3 anticipated payment of practically all its outstanding bank loans, which amounted to \$9,515,000, and interest remainder of money in short-term interest-bearing deposits and 4 1/2 B U. S. certificates of indebtedness, until such time as it is needed in construction work at South Bend, where a new modern auto plant is being erected. The present bank balance of the corporation exceeds \$3,500,000.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

Table with 4 columns: Oct. 1 '18, Jan. 1 '18, Oct. 1 '18, Jan. 1 '18. Rows include Assets: Real estate, build-ings, Investments, Liberty bonds, Inventories of raw materials, Accts. & notes rec., Deferred charges, Cash in banks, Good-will, rights, Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, Notes payable, Deposit on sales contracts, Accounts payable, Spec. res. for contin. Res. for Fed. taxes, Sundry creditors & reserves, Spec. surp. acct., Surplus.

Lawyer's Mortgage Co., New York

(Report for Year ending Dec. 31 1918.)

Table with 4 columns: 1918, 1917, 1918, 1917. Rows include Guaranteed mtgs. sold, Guar. mtgs. paid off, Guar. mtgs. outstanding, Income from—Premiums for guarantees, Interest on mortgages, Rents, commission, Gross earnings, Oper. expenses & taxes, Loss on real estate, Not earnings, Dividends paid, Balance, sur. or def., sur.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1918, 1917, 1918, 1917. Rows include Assets: N. Y. City mtgs., Acc'r'd int. receivable, Company's Brooklyn building, Real estate, Cash, Total, Liabilities: Capital, Surplus, Undivided profits, Moved-on sold, delivered, Reserves for prepaid premiums, &c., Total.

Tobacco Products Corporation, New York City.

(Financial Statement for Ten Months ending Oct. 31 1918.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR TEN MONTHS ENDING OCT. 31 1918 AND ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR 1917.

Table with 4 columns: 10 mos. '18, Cal. Yr. '17, 1918, 1917. Rows include Net income, Reserve for excess profits tax, Preferred dividend, Common dividend, Balance surplus, Previous surplus, Total profit and loss surplus.

BALANCE SHEET.

Table with 4 columns: Oct. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17, Oct. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Assets: Real est., mach., equip., &c., Mat. & supplies, Invest. in affil. cos., Cash, Liberty bonds, Bills & accts. rec., Invest. in Cairo, Egypt., Sundry deb. prepaid, insul., &c., Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, Bills payable, Bills pay. (Liberty Loan), Trade accts. pay., Accts. payable, Res. for allowance, taxes, &c., Due affiliated cos., Div. scrip payable (common), Div. scrip payable Nov. 15 1918, Prof. div. payable, P. & i. surplus, Total.

\* No reserve set up for Federal excess profits taxes. x 160,000 shares of \$100 on which company received \$1 each, as here shown. See also news item on a subsequent page as to increase in outstanding common stock on Jan. 15 1918 by stock dividend of 10%.—V. 107, p. 2383.

Paragon Refining Co., Toledo, Ohio.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Oct. 31 1918.)

President C. A. Ulsh, Toledo, O., Dec. 19 1918, wrote in substance:

Government Control.—The oil industry has operated during the past year under U. S. Government license, and this company has done its part in supplying our Government and its allies the needed fuel in the world's greatest war.

Capital Stock.—The only change in the outstanding stock is a decrease of \$329,900 in the preferred stock, resulting from the purchase in the open market of stock of \$79,900 and the return to the company of a further \$750,000, in connection with the sale of our investment in the Paragon Oil Co.

Amortization.—Attention is called to the charges aggregating approximately \$460,000 in respect of amortization of property and provision for Federal taxes made against the profits at the close of the year.

Subsidiary Companies.—During the year the company disposed of its investments in the Paragon Oil Co. of Oklahoma, and certain others of its subsidiary companies, the net effect being a charge against the profits for the year of \$32,958. The investment in the Paragon Oil Co. was originally made to ensure the refinery an additional supply of crude oil; but having through a contract secured the tank farm, tanks, pipe lines and all crude oil in storage in the above tank farm formerly the property of the Paragon Oil Co., we thought it desirable to dispose of the stock holdings. The other subsidiaries have for the most part proved unprofitable.

We have organized in Kansas (1) the Paragon Oil Co., with a capital of \$300,000, to take over the tank farm, and act as a storage company; and (2) the Paragon Pipe Line Co., with a capital stock of \$100,000, to which will be transferred the pump stations and pipe lines.

Crude Oil.—Eight tracts of land aggregating about 70 acres were purchased for tank farm purposes and to permit an increase in the capacity of the refinery in the future.

During the year expenditures aggregating \$367,742 have been made on the refinery, pipe lines and branch properties, consisting chiefly of 6-inch trunk line, \$199,793; 20 new 12,000-gallon tank cars, \$73,549. The changes and improvements made at the refinery have greatly increased its efficiency.

Any material increase in business will necessitate additional expenditures to ensure adequate quantity of crude. We are considering the advisability of erecting steel storage and laying pipe lines in the Osage field in Oklahoma.

Adequate provision for the depreciation and depletion have been made during the year and written off the proper account.

Federal Taxes.—With reference to the deduction from the profits for Federal taxes in the amount of \$330,000, it may be stated that the reserve is believed to be in excess of the amount of taxes which will eventually be assessed against the profits.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING OCT. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1917-18, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1916-17. Rows include Gross income (incl. net prof. of sub. companies), Deduct—Operating, general expenses and local taxes, Net income from operations, Depreciation and depletion, Amortization charges, Losses and development expenses, War excess profits and income taxes, Net profits, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Prop. of prof. applicable to stock of sub. cos., Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus as per balance sheet.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, OCT. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1918, 1917, 1918, 1917. Rows include Assets: Oil lands, leases, wells, buildings, mach., tanks, &c., Crude oil and refinery products, Mat'rs & supplies, Accts. & notes rec., U. S. bonds, Cash, Prepaid ins. & taxes, Total, Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, Cap. stock Paragon Oil Co., Preferred stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, Provision for taxes, Divs. declared pay., Balance, surplus, Total.

New Cornelia Copper Company. (Official Statement of Dec. 4 1918.)

The Boston Stock Exchange, having listed on Jan. 6 the 1,800,000 shares capital stock, par \$5, has given out the official statement furnished Dec. 4 1918, showing in subst.:

Organization.—Incorp. Sept. 28 1909 in Delaware with an authorized capital of \$6,000,000, divided into shares of \$5 each, as successor of the Cornelia Copper Co., of Arizona. On July 31 1915 the authorized capital was increased to 1,800,000, and on July 15 1917 to 1,800,000 shares, par \$5. Of the 1,800,000 shares stock outstanding the Calumet & Arizona Milling Co. owns 1,229,741, and the trustee for the outstanding \$11,500 Convertible 6% gold bonds holds 1,150 shares. The remaining 509,109 shares stand in the names of 1,609 stockholders. The first dividend was declared as payable on Nov. 25 1918, and was 25 cents per share.

Property.—Situated in Little Ajo Mountains, Pima County, Arizona, about 40 miles south of the Station Gila on Southern Pacific R.R. Consists of 63 patented lode claims of an approximate acreage of 1,071 acres; 90 unpatented lode claims of an approximate acreage of 1,696 acres; one patented mill site claim of an approximate acreage of 5 acres; of 49 unpatented mill sites of an approximate acreage of 2.44 acres; and 15 Valentine scrip locations, with an approximate acreage of 581 acres. All of the property is subject to a mortgage dated Sept. 1 1915, to secure 6% Convertible Gold Bonds of the authorized issue of \$4,000,000 bonds on Nov. 16 1918, only \$11,500 remained outstanding, the other bonds having been surrendered and canceled.

The mine is about 1,600 feet above sea level and the grades are very slight. The overlying formation to a depth of 140 to 160 ft. is a carbonate ore with a general average of 1.51% copper. Below this carbonate ore lies sulphide ores averaging the same in copper, with small values in gold and silver. The property is proved by drill holes, generally from 300 to 400 ft. in depth, although 12 have been drilled to a depth of 600 ft., and are followed in ore.

Estimated Tonnage of Ore Made in 1915— Tons. Copper. Carbonate ores.....11,954,400 1.54% Sulphide ores.....28,303,600 1.50%

To this amount has been added by purchase of adjoining properties, notably of the Ajo Consolidated Mining Co., property in July 1917, an estimated tonnage of 20,000,000 tons of sulphide ores of the same character and copper content. The carbonate ores are treated by leaching with sulphuric acid and recovering the copper contents by electrolysis and precipitation. The plant has a capacity of 5,000 tons per day, which general average has been kept up for a year or more. It is the first plant of its kind to be a commercial success, and from the commencement of operations has given an extraction of about 80% of the metallic contents of the ores. Upon the plant and surface equipment there has been expended \$6,000,000. Very little has been expended underground as it is open pit mining mainly.

The mine is served by the Tucson Cornelia & Gila Bend Ry., connecting with the Southern Pacific R.R. at Gila, Arizona. The first of electrolytic copper was shipped from Ajo on June 18 1917. The production of copper for the cal. year 1917 was: Electrolytic copper, 12,761,848 lbs.; copper in cement copper shipped, 3,316,283 lbs.; copper in ore shipped, 3,401,060 lbs.; total, 19,948,191 lbs.

BALANCE SHEET.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, with sub-columns for Sept. 30 '18 and Dec. 31 '17. Assets include Mining property, Construction acct, Investments, Cash, Accts. receivable, Supplies, Items in suspense, Copper on hand & in transit. Liabilities include Capital stock, First mtge. bonds, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Taxes payable, Share premium, Res. fed. inc. tax, Res. exc. prof. tax, Other reserves, Surplus.

\* Copper on hand and in transit, 11,458,399 lbs., at 12 1/2c. See also item on a following page. The income account for the calendar year 1917 was given fully in the annual report of the Calumet & Arizona Mining Co., V. 107, p. 289.—V. 107, p. 2193.

Northern Securities Company.

(Annual Report for the Year Ending Dec. 31 1918.)

President E. T. Nichols on Jan. 10 1919 wrote in substance:

During the calendar year 1918, the only changes in our investments have been the redemption at their maturity of the U. S. certificates of indebtedness at the close of the previous year, the sale of U. S. bonds held at the close of the previous year and purchase of U. S. 4 1/2% certificates of indebtedness.

The Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. Co. had paid during the past year its regular dividend of 8%.

As indicated in our last report, the labor difficulties which in 1917 had been experienced by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. were adjusted on a basis that enabled the Coal Co. to resume operations. From its earnings since the resumption of operations, the Coal Co. has paid in 1918 dividends aggregating 4 1/2% on its stock. During the autumn of 1918 the Coal Co. has had further labor troubles, which have been so far settled that the Coal Co. is now operating. It is expected the conditions following the signing of the armistice may relieve the situation to an extent that will enable the Coal Co. to continue its operations steadily and without further interruption of its dividends.

A memorandum is enclosed showing, from the point of view of the regulations of the U. S. Internal Revenue Commissioner, interpreting the United States Income Tax Act, the sources of the funds disbursed as dividends by this company in the year 1918.

A dividend of 4% on the capital stock has been declared, payable on this date.

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1918, 1917, 1916, and 1915. Rows include Divs. from C.B. & Q.R.R., Regular (8%), Extra (10%), Divs. Crow's Nest Pass Co., Interest, Total receipts, Deduct—Taxes, Administration expenses, Interest on loans, Dividends, Loss on securities, Total deductions, Balance, surplus.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1918, 1917, 1916, and 1915. Assets include Organization exp., Investments, Cash, Unpaid dividends (contra). Liabilities include Capital stock, Div. unclaimed, U. S. Income tax, Unpaid dividends, Surplus.

A investments include in 1918 14,963 shares Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR., valued at \$2,858,788; 27,552 shares Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd., \$3,741,166; \$21 N. S. fractional scrip \$22; and U. S. 4 1/2% certificates of indebtedness, \$55,000.—V. 107, p. 2290.

Swift & Company, Chicago.

(Annual Report Year ending Nov. 2 1918.)

The remarks of President Louis F. Swift will be fully cited in a subsequent issue. OPERATIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING NOV. 2 1918 AND SEPT. 25 TO 30 1915 TO 1917.

Table with columns for Nov. 2 1918, Sept. 25 to Sept. 30 1917, 1916, 1915. Rows include Business done, Net earnings, Cash dividends, Balance, surplus. The shareholders voted May 13 1918 to increase the capital stock from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000, \$25,000,000 of the new stock being offered to the stockholders of record May 18 1918 at par, payable June 15, to provide additional cash for the increasing business, and the remaining \$25,000,000 issued July 15 as a stock dividend of 25% to holders of record June 18 on account of increased value of the property as shown by recent appraisals. V. 106, p. 1583, 1592, 2127, 2234.]

BALANCE SHEET, SEPT. 26 TO 30 1915-17 AND NOV. 2 1918.

Table with columns for 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915. Rows include Real estate, Stocks and bonds, Capital stock in treas., Cash, Accounts receivable, Live cattle, sheep, hogs, dressed beef, &c., on hand, Total assets, Liabilities, Capital stock paid in, Bonds, Accr. bond int. & divs., Bills payable, Accounts payable, General reserves, Reserve for Fed. taxes, Surplus, Total liabilities.

Canada Iron Foundries, Ltd., Montreal.

(Annual Report for the Year ending Sept. 30 1918.)

Vice-Pres. V. J. Hughes on Nov. 26 1918 wrote in subst.:

The foundry earnings for the year, before providing for depreciation or the reduction of inventories, amounted to \$580,824, as compared with the figure of \$528,098 last year.

The inventories of raw materials and finished and unfinished products have been reduced to the values prevailing in August 1914. Ordinary depreciation has been charged at the established rates on foundry buildings, plant and machinery. Provision has been made for the interest, sinking fund, and the balance of the discount on the "A" debenture stock and for the cost of maintenance of non-operating plants during the year. [See footnote to balance sheet.]

There has also been charged against earnings, for renewals and extensions the sum of \$134,721. This includes the balance of \$58,270 expended at Three Rivers previous to Sept. 30 1917, but which the net earnings of that year did not suffice to provide for. The balance of the sum was expended during the current year on the plants at Three Rivers, Fort William, Hamilton and St. Thomas.

After deducting the above amounts and adding the revenue received from interest, discount and exchange and the balance carried over from last year, there remained to the credit of profit and loss account \$78,490. This allows 2 1/2% interest to be paid to the "B" debenture stockholders in respect of the year, a balance of \$6,867 being carried forward.

As stated in last year's report, arrangements for the sale of one of the furnaces at Midland were completed in the year ended Sept. 30 1917. Your company had an opportunity during the current year of disposing of the balance of the Midland property, and also of the materials and stores on this property, which it was thought advisable to take. The purchase price, which is payable over a term of years, will be appropriated to the redemption of "A" debenture stock, except that part of it which forms the purchase price for materials and stores on the property, the latter being part of the general assets of the company and not subject to specific mortgage under the "A" trust deed. A property at Drummondville, Quebec, has also been disposed of for \$10,000, payable by installments. The moneys already received have been accounted for to the trustees, and the balance is being secured to them by a mortgage.

A considerable expenditure has been made on the foundry properties during the year; and a considerable further expenditure will be required in the next year or two. With the termination of the war and the return of trade to normal conditions the policy of conservation of resources and improvement which has been followed should bear good fruit.

The business in wheels, miscellaneous castings and machine shop work showed an improvement over last year. On the other hand, the sales of pipe fell off. The demand for pipe in Western Canada continued very small, and the pipe plant at Fort William remained closed throughout the year.

An appraisal of the foundry plants was taken during the year, but was not finished at Sept. 30.

The board regrets to record the death of the late President, Edgar McDougall, which occurred April 4 1918.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30.

Table with columns for 1917-18, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1916-17. Rows include Foundry earnings, Red. of mat'ls & supp., Net earnings, Int., discount, &c., Gross income, Depreciation, "A" debent. int., fund, discount, Non-oper'g plants, Renewals, ext., &c., "B" debenture interest (2 1/2%), Special mtd. reserve, Adjustments, Surplus for year, Previous surplus, Total p. & l. surp.

BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30.

Table with columns for 1918, 1917. Assets include Real est., bldgs., &c., less deprec., goodwill, "A" deb. stk. at cost, Inventories, Bills & accts. receiv., Investment at cost, Cash, Balances receivable, Other deferred charges. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, "A" 6% deb. stock, "B" 6% debentures, Accounts payable, "A" debent. interest, Insur., taxes, &c., "B" debenture int., Mach'y, &c., reserves, "A" deb. sink. fund, Profit and loss.

"A" 6% debenture stock, due 1935, authorized, \$1,000,000; issued and fully paid, \$671,600; redeemed through sinking fund, \$432,800. "B" 6% debentures due 1945, authorized (\$800,000), \$3,893,334; issued or to be issued in exchange for first mortgage bonds of the Canada Iron Corp., Ltd. (in liquidation), \$2,864,520.

Note.—The auditors report that the directors have reduced the inventories of raw materials and supplies and manufactured products on hand as at Sept. 30 1918, from cost to pre-war values. This reduction amounts to \$504,912, and, after allowing for a corresponding reduction of \$316,686 as at Sept. 30 1917, the balance, viz.: \$188,225 has been charged against the foundry earnings for the year. In accordance with the same resolu-



tions, the directors have charged to profit and loss the sum of \$134,721, being the cost of renewals and extensions to foundries at Three Rivers, Fort William, St. Thomas and Hamilton, for the year amounting to \$76,443, and the balance of expenditures at Three Rivers foundry as at Sept. 30 1917, amounting to \$58,279.—V. 106, p. 299.

Canadian Cottons, Ltd., Montreal.

(8th Annual Report—Year Ending March 31 1918.)

President Chas. R. Hosmer wrote in substance:

After making allowance for depreciation and war taxes, manufacturing profits and rentals amount to \$836,126 as compared with \$766,259 last year.

Bond interest and dividends on preferred and common stocks were paid, amounting to \$551,588, and \$10,000 was added to the reserve for bad debts, leaving a balance of \$274,538 to carry to the credit of profit and loss account, which at the close of the year amounts to \$1,873,109.

Notwithstanding the shortage of labor prevailing throughout Canada, the output of your mills has been quite up to expectations. Raw cotton, mill supplies, and other commodities and machinery have continued to advance in price during the year until, at the present moment, raw cotton is higher than at any time since the America Civil War.

During the summer season of 1917 an order for Shelter Tent Duck, which has just been completed, was obtained from the U. S. Government, and the directors are pleased to state that the cloth delivered has given entire satisfaction.

The D. Morrice Co., Ltd., which, since the company's inception, acted as selling agents for the company's products, has relinquished the agency, and your company will in future sell its own output; all the members of the staff of the Morrice Co. have joined the company's selling department.

A further substantial advance in wages was made during the year to enable our people to meet the continually increasing cost of living.

The outlook for the coming year, subject to the uncertainties incident to war conditions, is encouraging. A world-wide shortage of cotton fabrics assures your mills of a constant demand for all the goods that they can produce.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING MARCH 31.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1917-18, 1916-17, 1915-16, 1914-15) and various financial items like Sales, Net profits, Rentals, etc.

BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1918, 1917, 1918, 1917) and various financial items like Assets (Mills, Stocks, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.).

Total—15,871,475 13,782,030 Total—15,871,475 13,782,030 Note.—Indirect liabilities, customers' paper under discount, \$508,004.—V. 106, p. 2124.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

Railroad Construction.—Total for 1918.—The "Railway Age" in its detailed resume reports (in brief):

In terms of main track completed and placed in service, railroad construction in the United States during 1918 amounted to less than at any time since the Civil War. Only 721.57 miles of new line was completed during the past year in the United States and only 135.08 miles in Canada.

However, based on total expenditures authorized, including the general improvement work undertaken under Federal control, railroad construction in the United States in 1918 ranks well with recent years.

In the United States the new mileage of first main tracks includes 59.7 miles on the Atlantic Coast Line in Florida, 53 miles on the Government Railway in Alaska, and 48 miles on the Gulf Mobile & Northern in Mississippi and Tennessee.

Most of the mileage of new lines, however, is in short sections, and a considerable portion is in connection with the development of coal lands.

New Construction of First Track in United States by Calendar Years (Miles). 1918—721.1914—1,532.1910—4,122.1906—5,623.1902—6,026.

Out of the total of \$1,199,426,026 of additions and betterments work, chargeable to capital account which had been authorized by the U. S. Railroad Administration up to Nov. 1, less than one-half is now completed.

The large amount of work now under way should in itself, if carried to completion, provide a fairly busy year in 1919. With the further improvements which must be made, the Director-General estimated recently that the roadway improvement work alone (excluding equipment) would aggregate \$550,000,000 this year.—V. 106, p. 190.

Railroad Lines Abandoned.—Total for 1918.—The "Railway Age" in its summary for 1918 reports in subst.:

For the second time since the construction of the railway system of the United States was first undertaken in 1831, more miles of main lines have been abandoned in a year than have been built. The only other year in which this condition existed was in 1917.

The refusal of the State and national commissions to permit rates to be increased commensurate with the rising costs of operation, have forced many of the smaller and weaker lines into bankruptcy.

The Federal Railroad Administration showed an unwillingness to assume financial responsibility for the operation of many of these smaller lines (as it did for the larger systems), and a large number of them were turned back to their owners shortly before July 1.

Another condition leading to the abandonment of weak roads has been the high prices which have prevailed for second-hand materials. The shortage of railway supplies, and particularly of steel, raised the prices for many second-hand materials to the point where they could be sold for considerably more than their cost new.

The statistics of lines abandoned this year also include a new factor. In working out the details of the policy of unified control of the railways of the United States as a single system, the Railroad Administration has found it possible to co-ordinate the facilities of parallel lines in numerous instances.

The longest line on which operation was abandoned during the year was the Colorado Midland, extending from Divide, Colo., 194.20 miles, to New Castle. Operation of this road ceased on Aug. 1 and plans were made for its dismantling before winter, but the Colorado Utilities Commission prevented the track from being removed and the matter is now in the courts.

The next longest road to be abandoned was the Las Vegas & Tonopah, 117 miles long, in Nevada. The longest line abandoned and taken up is the North Pole route, in Alaska, 90 miles, and the next longest line is the Wisconsin & Michigan, 52.8 miles.

Table titled 'Railroad Abandoned in 1918—(Miles of Track)'. Columns: (1) United States, Track Taken Up, Not Taken Up, Aban'd Temporarily. Lists various railroads like Bullfrog Goldfield, Central of Pennsylvania, etc.

Total—445.83 512.68 224.37 (2) Canada—Canadian Northern—In British Columbia—94.00 Grand Trunk Pacific—Lobstick Junction, Alta., to Red Pass Junction, B. C.—106.32 Total—200.32

x A member of the committee representing the First Consols. of the Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District by informs the "Chronicle" that this section is only temporarily out of commission, owing to the fall of a bridge and that there is no intention of abandoning the line.

Alabama Great Southern RR.—Dividend.—A dividend of 4% has been declared on the preferred stock, payable Feb. 21 to holders of record Jan. 21, and also a dividend of 4% on the ordinary stock, payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Jan. 20.

Alaska Government Railway.—Nearly Completed.—The "Engineering News Record" in its issue of Jan. 2 describes the progress of the construction on the Alaska RR. by the United States Government.

Albany Southern RR.—Offering of 7% Notes.—This company offers at par and interest \$250,000 7% Three-year gold notes dated March 1 1918, due March 1 1921, secured by bonds of the company, of which the total outstanding amount is \$1,500,000.—V. 107, p. 80.

Ann Arbor RR.—Jurisdiction Extended.—The jurisdiction of Gen. Mgr. E. F. Blomeyer has been extended over the Manistique & Lake Superior RR.—V. 107, p. 1186.

Athens Railway & Light Co. (Ga.).—Fare Increase.—The Georgia RR. Commission has granted this company increased light and power rates of about 10%, and has also granted an increase in street car fares to 6 cents.—V. 107, p. 1191.

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—Operating Contract.—Announcement is made of the signing of the Federal operating contract between this company and two subsidiaries and the Railroad Administration, under which the annual compensation is fixed at \$10,185,342.—V. 107, p. 2187.

Bay State Street Ry.—New Tariffs Filed.—Receiver Donham filed a new local passenger tariff in compliance with orders from the Mass. Public Service Commission, to go into effect Jan. 5, but which is subject to the appeal of the receiver, now pending.

The city zone fare is a 7-cent ticket or 10 cents cash. Tickets may be purchased from conductors at 5 for 35 cents. The fare for each interurban zone is 5 cents.

The minimum fare for any ride is 10 cents cash or a 7-cent ticket. This ticket may be issued for continuous ride in same general direction on a connecting route if requested at time of payment of fare, in connection with either cash or ticket fares.

Interurban transfers will be issued to allow passengers to complete their zone ride paid for on a connecting route. They will also be issued to passengers desiring to ride only one zone on connecting route so that passengers will not have to pay minimum fare on second route.

Pupils' tickets may be purchased at one-half the regular fare for use under prescribed conditions. These are issued in several forms, some for use in city zones and others for various numbers of interurban zones.

Limited commutation tickets may be purchased at 70% of the cash fare and in quantities of 20 rides, for use between certain specified points in limited hours formerly known as workmen's hours.

Special tickets may be purchased for use between Lynn and Boston and between Lawrence and Haverhill.

Service Re-established.—This company will resume car service in East Weymouth following a conference between the receiver and the Selectmen, which latter promised the company would be paid by popular subscription \$2,500 for needed repairs.—V. 108, p. 76.

Boston & Lowell RR.—Bonds, &c.—The stockholders on Jan. 3 voted to rescind the vote of Jan. 2 1918, authorizing issue and sale of bonds not exceeding \$414,000, such authority not having been used by directors, and that the corporation authorize issue and sale of bonds to an amount not exceeding \$1,034,000, payable in not less than 20 years.

Merger Approved.

The stockholders on Jan. 9 authorized the directors to proceed with the plan of merging the property with the Boston & Maine RR. and other leased lines of the Boston & Maine system. Compare V. 107, p. 1019.—V. 108, p. 76.

Boston & Maine RR.—Pref. Stock Committee Notice.

The committee representing the preferred stock, consisting of Jasper Whiting, Louis A. Frothingham and Wallace B. Donnan, have addressed the pref. shareholders as follows, emphasizing the importance of voting their stock in favor of the reorganization plan at meeting Jan. 9. This circular adds:

"While the stockholders of the leased lines are to receive new first preferred stock, which will come ahead of the present preferred stock, the dividends on that first preferred stock take the place of the fixed charges under the leases, so that the position of the present preferred stock under the new arrangement is really more advantageous in that respect than under the leases.

"The fact that the money necessary to finance the floating indebtedness and to take the road out of the hands of a receiver is to be advanced by the Government removes the necessity for an assessment of the stock. In fact it is believed that this is the only arrangement by which the necessary money for these purposes can be obtained."

Merger Plan Approved.

The stockholders on Jan. 9 approved the plan for the consolidation between the parent company and the subsidiaries. See also Fitchburg RR. below. Com. V. 107, p. 2375, 2474; V. 108, p. 76.

Brooklyn City RR. Co.—New Director.

Dick S. Ramsey succeeds Charles M. Pratt as a director.—V. 106, p. 497.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—No Ancillary Receiver.

Judge Edwin Louis Garvin in the U. S. District Court at Brooklyn on Jan. 6 denied the application of a stockholder to have an ancillary receiver appointed for the New York Consolidated RRs., the New York Municipal Ry. and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—V. 108, p. 76.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Chairman Resigns.

A. J. Earling, Chairman of the board, has resigned on account of ill-health.—V. 107, p. 2187, 2007.

Colorado Southern Ry.—Committee.

See Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek Central District Ry. below.—V. 107, p. 2475, 2375.

Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Ry.—Default on 1st M. 5s—Protective Committee.

Default having occurred in the payment of the interest due on Jan. 1 1919 on the \$1,268,000 1st Mtr. 5% bonds, due Jan. 1 1930, the following, owning or representing a substantial amount of the bonds, have consented to act as a committee to protect the interests of the bondholders. A protective agreement is in course of preparation. Holders of these bonds are requested to notify the Secretary of the committee of the amount of bonds held by them.

Protective committee: James Timpson, Chairman (2d Vice-Pres. Mutual Life Ins. Co., N. Y.), and Robert Struthers Jr., Wood, Struthers & Co., N. Y., with Emerson W. Judd, Secretary, 5 Nassau St., N. Y., and Masten & Nichols, as Counsel, 49 Wall St., N. Y.

Interest on Oct. 1 1918 on \$1,279,000 First Consols also remains unpaid. The Colorado & Southern owns practically all the capital stock, but the road has been operated under lease by the Cripple Creek & Colorado Springs RR., whose entire capital stock is owned by the Cripple Creek Central Ry. The trouble, it is understood, is due to the fact that the property was not taken over by the U. S. RR. Administration.

Committee for 5% First Consols.—In view of the default in the payment of the interest which matured Oct. 1 1918 on the First Consols and in the payment of the interest due Jan. 1 1919 on the First Mtr. 5% bonds, the committee named below has been organized and is urging holders of the First Consols to deposit their bonds immediately with the N. Y. Trust Co., as depository, 26 Broad St., N. Y. See advertisement on another page.

Committee for 5% First Consol. 40-year Gold Bonds.—Frederick J. Lisman, Chairman; Mortimer N. Buckner, Herbert H. Dean, A. H. S. Post and Richard Cutler Shannon, with Graham Adams as Secretary, 61 Broadway, N. Y., and Alfred A. Cook and I. H. Lehman as counsel.

The road has of late years been operated under lease by the Cripple Creek & Colorado Springs Ry. (a subsidiary of the Cripple Creek Central Ry.) but is temporarily out of commission between Colorado Springs and Cameron, 39 miles, owing to the falling of a bridge. A member of this committee denies that the line has been abandoned between these points.—V. 107, p. 1579.

Cripple Creek Central Ry.—Committee.

See Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek Central District Ry. above.—V. 107, p. 1669, 802.

Electric Railway Lines Abandoned.—Total for 1917.

The "Electric Railway Journal" of Jan. 4 reports in subst.:

Electric Railway Abandonments in 1918.

Table with 2 columns: Miles and Miles. Lists various railway lines and their abandonment statistics for 1918.

\* This represents only a small part of the company's mileage.
† The branch line from Beavertown to Spring Valley has been torn up. The remaining 27.97 miles is being operated.

‡ Sold in 1916, with the option to junk. The 12-mile section between Bowling Green and Pemberville was sold to and is being operated by the Toledo Postoria & Findlay Ry. Dismantlement was begun on the remaining part, but the final authorization for junking was not received until 1918.

§ See "Suspensions" below. Service on the whole 6.5 mile line was suspended in March, and in this month the company was sold to a New Jersey syndicate. The 2.5 mile Norwood division has been junked, but the 4-mile Sharon division lies untouched at the moment.

¶ A 9.10 mile section of this 25.40 mile property was sold under court decree 1917 to Richm. & Seven Pines Ry.; remainder now abandoned.

‡ Sold to a junking company, but W. H. Foster, Mayor of Elkhardt, purchased a 1.5-mile section in that city and is now operating it.

§ This company's 17.5 miles line was all sold in 1917 under mortgage of the predecessor company, the Bristol County Street Ry., and all has now

been abandoned except a 3.5 mile section purchased by the city of Attleboro for \$18,000 to form the "A. B. C. Railway."

¶ In March the Court authorized the discontinuance of 125 miles of unprofitable lines, but up to the latest report furnished only 30.4 of unsafe track had actually been closed down. A petition, however, for the discontinuance of 288.2 miles at least during the winter months because of failure to earn operating expenses is now pending.

‡ Operation temporarily suspended on line from Lanesboro to Cheshire, Line from East Lee to Huntington, 23.84 miles, is not included as the express service is still in operation, although all passenger service has been discontinued.

§ Service suspended on Dec. 31 1918; sale set for Jan. 15 1919.

¶ An effort is being made to save the remainder of this 8.37 mile line through reorganization of service and finances.

‡ In December formal permission to discontinue service was expected shortly.

§ Sold for junk in 1917 and included in the Table of Abandonments of that year. The dismantling, however, was stopped late in 1918 by an injunction from the Ohio Supreme Court.

¶ Sale is awaiting decision by Federal courts; receiver states that line will be dismantled.

‡ Property is awaiting decision of Mass. Supreme Court relative to writ of mandamus to compel town of Plymouth to keep its promise to pay the road \$50,000 toward the construction of 11.5 mile extension (total cost, \$250,000) from Fresh Pond to Sagamore completed in 1916. Town voted to contribute this sum, but selectmen refused to obey vote, and service was suspended pending settlement of matter in the courts.

Table: Annual Comparison. Columns: No. of Miles, Outstanding Stock, Outstanding Fund. Debt. Rows: 1917 Dismantlements, Suspensions, 1918 Dismantlements, Suspensions.

Compare "Railroad (Steam) Lines Abandoned" below.

Electric Railway Construction.—Total for Year 1918.

The "Electric Railway Journal" reports:

The total new electric railway track mileage exclusive of the electrified steam lines for the year amounting to 314, is but 83 miles less than that reported during 1917. Of the 314 miles, 18 miles were for the various additions to new rapid transit lines in New York City, 135 miles for service in other cities, and 97 miles for interurban operation. In States New York leads with a total of \$7.48 miles of new track, followed by California with 28.94 miles and Washington with 24.65 miles.

In Canada the Niagara Construction Ry. built 28 miles of interurban track between Stamford, St. David's and Queenstown, Ontario. The new electrified mileage (aggregating 275 miles in 1918, against 66 miles in 1917 and 388 in 1916) was augmented by the extensions of the Chicago Milw. & St. Paul electrification, which amounted to 211 miles in 1918 and 225 miles in 1916. Outside of this the greatest amount of electrified mileage reported for this year was 51.15 miles of main and branch line track, together with sidings and yards electrified by the Norfolk & West Ry.

Comparison of New Track Built—Also Electrified Steam Lines.

Table with 2 columns: Miles, Miles. Rows: 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18. New ry. track, Elec. steam line.

Electric Railway Receiverships and Foreclosure Sales.—Total for 1918.

The "Electric Railway Journal" reports:

The receivership of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. on the last day of 1918 naturally runs the totals for this year to a high figure, but even without this company the 1918 figures are in the main larger than in any preceding year.

Annual Record of Electric Railway Receiverships.

Table with 2 columns: No. of companies, Miles of track. Rows: '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.

Annual Record of Electric Railway Foreclosure Sales.

Table with 2 columns: No. of companies, Miles of track. Rows: '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.

The receivership of the Washington Electric Ry., Chehalis, Wash., is omitted, since this company in 1916 disposed of its 19-mile line to the Cowitz, Chehalis & Cascade Ry., which is now operating the line, the receivership being simply for the purpose of making a final settlement of the affairs of the old company.

Electric Railway Receiverships in 1918.

Table with 2 columns: Miles, Miles. Lists various railway receiverships and their mileages for 1918.

a Receivership resulted from petition of receiver of Buffalo & Lake Erie Traction Co. to abandon its lease of the Lackawanna line. b Sale set for Jan. 15 1919. c This company suspended service in 1917, but the city has caused a resumption of service under a receiver.

Electric Railway Foreclosure Sales in 1918.

Table with 2 columns: Miles, Miles. Lists various railway foreclosure sales and their mileages for 1918.

Fitchburg RR.—Plan Approved.

The shareholders on Jan. 9 voted to approve the plan of reorganization as affecting their interests. See V. 107, p. 1919.

Fort Smith Light & Traction Co.—Mortgage.

This company has filed for record a mortgage to secure \$1,000,000 of 5% bonds, dated Sept. 3 1918, due 1921, the Continental Trust & Savings Bank at Chicago being trustee.—V. 107, p. 1747.

Galveston Wharf Co.—Operating Contract.

Announcement is made of the signing of the Federal operating contract between this company and the Railroad Administration, under which the annual compensation is fixed at \$250,000.—V. 107, p. 1195.

Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada.—Interest Payment.

Notice is given that the estimated earnings of the Wellington Grey & Bruce Ry. for the half-year ending Dec. 31 1918, applicable to meet interest on the bonds, will admit of the payment of £3 7s. 9d. per £100 bond, and that this payment will be applied as follows, viz.: £2 19s. 1d. in final discharge of Coupon No. 69, due Jan. 1 1905, and 8s. 8d. on account of Coupon No. 70, due July 1 1905, and will be made on and after Jan. 1 1919 at the offices of the Grand Trunk Ry., 203 Dashwood House, New Broad St., London, E.C. The coupons to be left three clear days for examination. Last year, £3 1s. 3d. per bond. [London announcement.]—V. 107, p. 2097.

**Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry.—Federal Jurisdiction.**—See Pennsylvania RR. below.—V. 108, p. 78.

**Indianapolis & Cincinnati Traction Co.—Fare Increase** The Indiana P. S. Commission has granted this company permission to increase its rate from 2½ cents per mile to 2¾ cents per mile, effective Jan. 10.—V. 106, p. 395.

**Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Higher Fares Denied.** The New York City Board of Estimate on Jan. 10 formally adopted the resolution of the committee of the whole which on Jan. 3 unanimously rejected the application of T. P. Shonts, President of the company, to increase its fare from 5 to 8c.

The Board also denied the application of the New York Rys. Co., through T. P. Shonts, President, for an 8c. fare and a 3c. charge for transfers. A statement made yesterday by the Board of Estimate says in substance:

If the total of 5-cent fares in any year is not sufficient to meet the deductions above mentioned, the deficiency is carried forward to the next year's earnings—that is, it is cumulative—but such deficits can never be paid out of anything but the income from the 5c fare. [The deductions here referred to include the preferential to which the company is entitled before the city can participate in profits.—Ed.]

The only income of the Interborough has is the income from the 5-cent fare. The railroad and equipment belong to the City of New York free and clear. The city is entitled to have the Interborough operate the entire system for 49 years at a 5-cent fare and no more. The whole investment of the Interborough secures this obligation.

The State Constitution prohibits the municipal authorities from granting to the Interborough or any other contractor any increased compensation. Article 111, section 28, provides as follows: "The Legislature shall not, nor shall the Common Council, nor any board of supervisors, grant any extra compensation to any public officer, servant, agent or contractor."

If the contract is unprofitable as claimed by the Interborough, it is to the interest of the public that it be terminated and a new arrangement be made whereby adequate and proper service may be assured to the public and the cost of that service borne by those who enjoy its benefits.

If the Interborough abandons its contract obligations the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is ready to undertake municipal operation and management. Under municipal operation fares would have to be adjusted to meet costs, and raised and lowered from time to time as conditions require. The city's investment would become self-supporting.

**Official Statement.**—President Theodore P. Shonts in a letter addressed to J. P. Morgan & Co. on Dec. 19 says in part:

**Reserve Fund—Provision for Interest Charges.**—Through the sale of 7% notes earlier this year the company made provision not only for the completion of all the contributions toward the cost of the new system which it was obliged to make under its contracts with the city, but also for the complete reimbursement of the company's treasury of the funds temporarily used for construction purposes. A portion of this reserve fund has been used to meet requirements arising out of operation of new lines during recent months. [Said reserve fund of \$10,000,000 was built up out of earnings and had been temporarily invested in constr. & equip.—Ed.]

This reserve fund for meeting charges applies to interest which is chargeable against income, that is, interest on securities outstanding against that portion of the system which is in operation. As regards interest charges on securities outstanding against that portion not in operation, the rules of the P. S. Commission and the contracts with the city provide that such interest shall be added to the cost of construction. The securities already sold by the company have put it in funds to cover all such interest chargeable to the system will be completed and put into operation.

**Company's Preferential.**—The company's contracts with the city provide that the company is entitled to take out of revenue of the Interborough system the annual sum of \$7,924,348 plus interest and sinking fund on securities issued by the company to pay its share of the cost of the new system. The total annual amount which the company is now entitled to take (including its other corporate income), on the basis of its securities outstanding at the present time, is \$17,620,072.

The interest and sinking fund charges on all outstanding securities are now \$13,101,256, and, while in my letter to you dated Aug. 31 it was estimated that of this amount there would be chargeable against income during 1919 year the sum of \$11,520,000, the company now estimates that the amount chargeable against income during the present year will not exceed \$9,700,000, the difference being due to the improbability of completing and putting into operation as much mileage as was previously estimated.

**Earnings.**—During the year ended June 30 1918 the Interborough reported the sum of \$9,428,756 available for the payment of interest and sinking fund on the company's bonds chargeable against income, such charges in that year amounting to \$4,705,998. This income of \$9,428,756 was after deducting all charges in connection with the lease of the Manhattan Elevated System as well as interest and sinking fund on the N. Y. City bonds issued for the construction of the older subway system. As stated above, the present estimate of interest and sinking fund chargeable against income for 1919 year is \$9,700,000.

Present indications are that net earnings for the current fiscal year may be less than those for the preceding year. During the four months ended Oct. 31 1918 the company, in spite of an increase in gross business, has shown a decrease of about \$1,700,000 in net earnings due in part to increase in the cost of its operation (largely caused by the abnormal conditions brought about by the war) and in part by the increase in taxes.

**Summary.**—The earnings for each fiscal year since 1904 have always been very largely in excess of the requirements for interest and sinking fund chargeable against income. Surplus earnings since that year, after all charges against income, have amounted to \$80,233,266. The bonds of the Interborough outstanding in the hands of the public, amounting to \$160,585,000, and the 7% secured collateral notes amounting to \$39,416,000, are entitled to the first claim on the earnings of the entire mileage of the Interborough Rapid Transit system after paying the charges under the Manhattan Elevated lease and the rental of \$2,384,537 payable to the City ago to pay for the first subway mileage.

The Manhattan Elevated lease showed a profit in 1918 of about \$420,000 over and above the rental payable by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. which was applied on the interest and sinking fund on the Interborough bonds issued to provide improvements on the elevated lines and this profit to the Interborough may be expected to increase with the growth of traffic following the enlarged facilities due to expenditures on the elevated lines of a portion of the proceeds of the Interborough securities sold. As a matter of fact, the company is permitted under its contracts with the city to borrow money in order to make up the earnings to which it is entitled by its contracts and the sum so borrowed, with interest thereon, constitute a charge against the earnings of the Interborough system to be repaid before the city receives a return on its investment. Compare V. 108, p. 78.

[President Shonts was reported on Jan. 6 by General Counsel James L. Quickbush of the Interborough Company, at a hearing before the P. S. Commission on the fare question, as having had several interviews with Mayor Hylan since Aug. 1 1918 regarding a tentative plan suggested by Mr. Quickbush for putting the city in immediate control of all the local traction lines, surface, elevated and subway, outside of the Borough of Richmond. Under this plan legislative sanction would be sought for the operation of the properties by trustees for account of the city just as the Boston Elevated Ry. is operated for the State of Massachusetts. Eventually the city would acquire complete ownership. In the meantime the fares would be raised to 8 cents, with 3 cents for transfers and the city would guarantee the Interborough and B. R. T. their present preferentials. Mayor Hylan has emphatically denied that the interviews were of his seeking.—Ed.]—V. 108, p. 78.

**Interstate Railways.—Listed in Phila.**—The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has admitted to the regular list \$67,240 (0.724) shares additional permanent pref. stock, issued for a like amount of redeemable pref. stock surrendered and canceled and stricken from the list, making the total amount of said permanent pref. stock listed at this date \$983,820, and reducing the amount of redeemable pref. stock listed to \$101,180.—V. 107, p. 1385.

**Kansas City Railways.—6c Fare Upheld—Strike Over.**—The Missouri Supreme Court on Dec. 31 handed down a decision upholding the Missouri P. S. Commission in granting the company, operative

from July 15 1918 an increase in fares from 5c. to 6c. The opinion was written by Judge Blair, who, according to the Kansas City "Star," holds, as did Judge Woodson, that the matter of street-car railway rates belongs to the police regulations of the State and that the Legislature has made the State Public Service Commission the agent of the State. The argument of the city that the interest on the mortgages of the company was not one of its fixed charges under a 5-cent fare produced funds sufficient to meet it, when the fixed charges in the franchise provision, but was only a fixed charge about \$1,731,000 a year, was completely upset by the court. It also was held by the court that the fact the company operates in Missouri and in Kansas, as presented in the pleadings, does not raise a Federal question. Announcement was made on Jan. 2 that an appeal would be taken by the city from this decision to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Employees of the company who have been on strike since Dec. 11, on Jan. 6 voted to return to work. The War Labor Board has issued an order for the rehearing of the petition for increases in wages.—V. 107, p. 2376.

**Lake Erie & Eastern RR.—Directors.**—

The following have been elected directors: D. T. Murray, James P. Wilson, Colonel J. C. Schoemaker, Frank J. Jerome, Dewitt C. Moon, W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Albert H. Harris.—V. 107, p. 292.

**Lehigh Valley RR.—Usual Dividend Paid.**—

Checks for dividends were mailed to stockholders Jan. 3.—V. 107, p. 2376, 2290.

**Manhattan Railway Co.—Obituary—Earnings.**—

Daniel Wilkin McWilliams, Sec. & Treas. of this company, died on Jan. 7. As to earnings see Interborough Rapid Transit Co. above.—V. 107, p. 1287.

**Manistiquette & Lake Superior RR.—Federal Jurisdiction.**—See Ann Arbor RR. above.—V. 92, p. 1109.

**Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co.—Offering of 5-Year 7% Secured Notes.**—This company is offering at par in denominations of \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and \$50 \$3,600,000 Five-Year 7% Secured gold notes, dated Nov. 1 1918, due Nov. 1 1923, but convertible at par in general mtge. bonds of the Milwaukee Light, Heat & Traction Co. A circular shows:

"Passed by the Capital Issues Committee as not incompatible, &c. Int. M. & N. Callable, on 4 weeks' notice, on Nov. 1 1921 or any prior int. date at 101%. Denom. of \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and \$50 c\*. First Trust Co., Milwaukee, trustee.

**Company.**—Owns and operates the local street railway service and the entire central station electric light and power and steam-heating services in Milwaukee, with the exception of those operated by Wells Power Co., an associated company. The railway system comprises 168.28 miles of single track, the steam power electric generating plants have an aggregate capacity of 77,350 k.w. and its six substations have an aggregate capacity of 22,800 k.w. in converting machinery; the steam-heating system comprises about 11.97 miles of mains.

Milwaukee Light, Heat & Traction Co. owns and operates a system of suburban and interurban railways within a radius of about 50 miles of Milwaukee and also owns and operates the local railway system in Racine. The railway system comprises 235.18 miles of single track partly in city streets and on county highways and partly on private rights of way. The company also does the electric light and power business in the suburbs of Milwaukee and towns served by its interurban lines. The company owns a power plant of 19,000 k.w. capacity at Racine and 8 substations having an aggregate capacity of 12,350 k.w. in converting machinery. The two companies serve a population conservatively estimated to be in excess of 500,000.

**Proposed Merger.**—Arrangements have been made for the purchase of the operating utility property of the Milwaukee Light, Heat & Traction Co. by the Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co. upon formal approval of the Railroad Commission of Wisconsin.

**Security.**—The general obligation of the company and in addition are secured by the deposit, in the proportion of \$125 of bonds for each \$100 of notes, of 40-year 6% General Mtge. gold bonds of Milwaukee Light, Heat & Traction Co., dated Nov. 1 1918. After Nov. 1 1923 the bonds bear 5% interest. The \$4,500,000 of General Mtge. bonds are a direct lien on the entire electric light and power and street railway property, having at normal prices a value in excess of \$13,000,000, subject only to \$5,000,000 of First Mtge. bonds due in 1920.

**Earnings for Calendar Years 1916, 1917 and 12 Months Ended Oct. 31 1918.**

	1916.	1917.	1917-18.
Operating revenues.....	\$8,813,223	\$10,200,580	\$11,639,300
Net oper. rev., after taxes & deprec'n.....	2,002,675	2,669,108	3,529,813
Non-operating revenues.....	78,185	109,034	119,315
Gross income.....	\$2,680,860	\$2,778,143	\$3,649,128
Interest on bonds and bond-secured notes in hands of public, together with interest on the \$3,600,000 notes.....			1,768,210
Balance for 12 months 1917-18 (1¼ times present interest charge, including these notes).....			\$880,918

**Conversion Privilege.**—The notes may, at the option of the holder, be converted at par and int. on the following basis into the General Mtge. gold bonds of Milwaukee Light, Heat & Traction Co. (later to be assumed by the Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co.) deposited as collateral: Nov. 1 1919 to Nov. 1 1920, 93 and int.; Nov. 1 1920 to 1921, 94 and int.; Nov. 1 1921 to 1922, 95 and int.; Nov. 1 1922 to 1923, 96 and int.

**Reproduction Value.**—The aggregate reproduction value of the property of the two companies has been appraised at \$17,879,721; \$19,315,852 represents investment in the electric light and power and steam heating business and \$28,563,869 in the electric railway business. The present value of the liabilities on account of bonded debt and bond-secured notes outstanding against the properties and in the hands of the public, including the present issue of \$3,600,000 of notes, is \$31,825,660.

**Milwaukee Lt., Ht. & Trac. Co.—Proposed Merger.**—See Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co. above.—V. 106, p. 2450.

**Municipal Service Co.—Offering of Ten-Year Debenture Bonds.**—Baker, Ayling & Young, Boston, are offering at a price to net 7% \$700,000 10-year 6% debenture coupon bonds, dated Dec. 2 1918, due Dec. 1928. Authorized, \$1,500,000; issued, \$700,000. A circular shows:

"Passed by the Capital Issues Committee as not incompatible, &c." Callable at 101 on any interest date. Normal Federal income tax up to 4% paid by company; tax refund in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts to amount not exceeding present laws. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000

**The Company.**—Is the owner of substantially all of the stocks and majority of the bonds of constituent companies, which have been in successful operation for periods up to 25 years in 17 communities in 5 States, furnishing light and power and traction. Latest earnings reports show the average net income of the subsidiaries to be about 75% from electric light, power, &c., and 25% from electric railway operation.

**Territory.**—The company serves a population approximating 730,000 in the following communities: Pennsylvania—Coatesville, Parkersburg, Downingtown, Franklin, Oil City, Pomeroy; Virginia—Alexandria, Arlington, Staunton, Waynesboro, Basic City; Ohio—Salem, Youngstown, Leontonia, Columbiana; So. Carolina—Sumter; Georgia—Valdosta.

**Outstanding Capital.**

Bonds.....\$2,641,500 Preferred stock.....\$1,617,000

Notes (incl. this issue).....948,000 Common stock.....1,012,000

**Purpose of Issue.**—To refund notes outstanding and pay for additions and improvements to properties, &c.

**This Issue.**—Additional debentures shall not be certified unless net earnings of the subsidiaries available for interest on the mortgage bonds of the company shall have been at least 1½ times the total of the interest charges upon all outstanding mortgage bonds, debentures and other notes (other than bank loans), together with the debentures or notes then proposed.

Earnings for Calendar Years and Year Ending Sept. 30 1918.

	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1917-18.
Gross earnings	\$336,208	\$466,682	\$660,895	\$1,644,226	\$1,644,981
Balance available for interest on bonds					\$373,954
Interest on Municipal Service Co. 5s					131,952
Int. on these debentures and on \$248,000 notes due 1920					56,880
Balance					\$185,121

Valuation.—The valuation of the various properties is given by engineers as \$6,500,000, which, together with the proceeds of these notes, is about twice the amount of bonds and notes outstanding.

For fuller particulars as to properties, &c., see V. 104, p. 1387, 1592, 1899, 2235.

**New Orleans Railway & Light Co.—Protective Committee for General Mortgage 4½%—To Advance Jan. 1 Interest.**

The holders of the 4½% General Mortgage bonds last week received formal notice that the company finds it necessary, because of abnormally high operating costs, to avail itself of the days of grace as provided by the mortgage with respect to the Jan. 1 interest on this issue, but within said period confidently believes said interest will be paid.

The following committee of holders of these General Mortgage 4½% Gold Bonds gives notice that the holders can promptly collect the equivalent of their coupons due Jan. 1 1919, by depositing their bonds with any of the following depositaries in New Orleans, viz.: Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., Interstate Trust & Banking Co. and Commercial Trust & Savings Bank.

**Bondholders' Protective Committee.**—R. S. Hecht, Chairman; Crawford H. Ellis, Vice-Chairman; J. P. Henican, George W. Dodge and P. H. Saunders, with Bernard McCloskey and Walker B. Spencer as Counsel.

**Valuation—Plan.**—In June last, when matters became acute (V. 106, p. 2649; V. 107, p. 82), the city authorities appointed E. E. La Faye, Commissioner of Public Property, to determine with the aid of experts the values of all the properties of the company. Mr. La Faye, in turn, secured the services of E. W. Ballard & Co. as appraisal engineers.

The latter have now made their report, consisting of four volumes, and on the basis of the same, Mr. La Faye recommends that \$38,000,000 be accepted as the value of the properties, and outlines a plan for reorganization and a sliding scale of rates. This figure of \$38,000,000 contrasts with the Ballard total of \$32,739,193, with the company's total of \$52,188,205, and General Goethal's estimate of \$44,816,000.

**Summarizing events, the "New Orleans Times-Picayune" of Jan. 1 says:** Taking the Ballard report as a basis, Commissioner La Faye recommends that \$38,000,000 be accepted as the value of the New Orleans Railway & Light Co., advises a complete reorganization and capitalization of the company, and urges the adoption of the Cleveland plan of supervision of the utilities, and the adjustment of rates charged by the company on a sliding scale according to the corporation's earnings. The Commission Council accepted all these recommendations.

Mayor Behrman, by message, urged that even greater safeguards be provided the public, so far as the operations of the company in the future are concerned. He was authorized to appoint a committee of three to work out a plan by which New Orleans's financial, commercial and other interests can supervise the company's operations.

Mayor Behrman, Commissioner Glenn and Commissioner La Faye withdrew from the directorate of the New Orleans Railway & Light Co. The company objected to Mr. La Faye's valuation of its property at \$38,000,000, as being too low. It contends \$52,000,000 is the proper figure. If the company objects to a reorganization, Commissioner La Faye's recommendations provide for court action by the city to force it.

In urging the reorganization, Mr. La Faye recommended also that the total capitalization of the company when it is reorganized should not exceed \$45,710,400. In allowing the \$38,000,000 as the value of the company, he suggested that the company's earnings on this amount be limited for 1919 to 5%; in 1920 he would allow 6%, and in 1921 he would allow 7%. This figure thereafter to be the greatest earning power of the properties.

Neither Mr. Ballard's report nor Mr. La Faye's recommendations hold out hope for immediate relief from 6-cent car fare or the recent 30% increase in gas and electricity rates.

The Mayor's message said in part: "While it seems to me that such a plan of future operation and accounting for operation by this great public utility, as suggested by Mr. La Faye, would insure the utmost safety for the interests of the people of New Orleans, it still occurs to me as desirable that we strengthen the program in this respect, and at this time by some further safeguard, in at least one important detail. I refer to the actual management and control of the property. My general idea is that we should in some way associate the financial, commercial and the other general interests representative of our people at large, at least in some adequate supervision of these properties, possibly in their active direction or management."

A full digest of the report and plan of reorganization presented by Mr. La Faye, and a summary of the appraisal by E. W. Ballard & Co., together with the company's comments thereon, will be found above under heading "Financial Reports."—V. 108, p. 79.

**New York Central RR.—Usual Dividend to be Paid.**—The Federal RR. Administration has sanctioned the payment of the usual div. of \$1 25 per share on Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 3.—V. 108, p. 79.

**New York Railways.—Higher Fares Denied.**—See Interborough Rapid Transit Co. above.—V. 108, p. 79.

**New York State Railways.—Reduced Service.**—The New York P. S. Commission has authorized this company to reduce its car service in Rochester, N. Y., in view of the fact that the commission has refused to grant a fare increase from 5 to 6 cents.—V. 107, p. 2476.

**Northampton (Mass.) Street Railway.—Fare Increase.**—The Massachusetts P. S. Commission has authorized this company to increase fares from 5 to 7 cents, effective Jan. 30.—V. 107, p. 604, 83.

**Northern Central Ry.—Plan to Issue \$8,216,000 Bonds to Liquidate Debt to Penn. RR.**—The shareholders will vote Feb. 5 on increasing the funded debt "to the extent of \$8,216,000, and the issuance of bonds secured by its Consolidated General Mortgage, or such other bonds or obligations as the board of directors shall, at the time, deem expedient." The notice of meeting adds:

It is proposed to issue additional Consolidated General Mortgage bonds or such other bonds or obligations as the board of directors deem advisable to liquidate the company's indebtedness to the Pennsylvania RR. Co. for betterments and improvements upon the company's railroad, in accordance with the terms of the lease of the property of this company to the Pennsylvania RR. Co.—V. 107, p. 2376.

**Northwestern Pacific RR.—Application for Bonds.**—This company has applied to the California RR. Comm. for authority to issue First & Refunding Mortgage 4½% bonds of the face value of \$3,941,000, the proceeds to be used to purchase and retire 3,571 bonds of the old San Francisco & North Pacific Ry. of the face value of \$3,571,000, which expired Jan. 1.—V. 107, p. 501.

**Omaha Street Ry.—War Board Decision.**—The National War Labor Board on Jan. 3 handed down a decision in the controversy between this company and its employees, in which it holds that the union feature of the controversy was not essential. The men were given redress on "short-piece" runs and lost their contention that night runs were arranged to avoid paying bonus. Further hearing on minimum wage complaints were arranged for Feb. 1.—V. 107, p. 2376.

**Pennsylvania RR. (Lines East).—Federal Contract.**—Announcement is made by the United States Railroad Administration that the Federal contract with the Pennsylvania Lines East provides for an annual rental of \$53,603,437.—V. 108, p. 79.

**Pennsylvania RR.—Bond Issue Approved.**—The New Jersey P. U. Commission has approved this company's application to issue its General Mortgage bonds to the amount of \$50,000,000. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds are to be devoted to reimbursing the company for the capital expenditure made between April 1917 and Oct. 31 1918, not covered by any prior issue of securities. The funds thus secured are also to pay for the additions and improvements to the company's property throughout the country.

**Annual Meeting—Indebtedness.**—The shareholders at the annual meeting March 11 will vote on authorizing an increase of the indebtedness of this company, to be made when and as prescribed by the directors, and such other subjects as may properly be presented.

**Jurisdiction Extended.**—The jurisdiction of George L. Peck, Federal Manager Western Lines, has been extended over the Grand Rapids & Indiana RR., which line has been released from jurisdiction of Edmond D. Bronner, Fed. Mgr.—V. 108, p. 79.

**Public Service Corp. (N. J.).—Franchises Revoked.**—The Jersey City, N. J., City Commission has revoked 15 franchises of companies owned or controlled by this Corporation on the ground that they were granted originally upon the condition that not more than 5 cents should be charged for a continuous ride. Since last October the fare has been 7 cents, with 1 cent for transfers.—V. 107, p. 2477.

**Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Co.—Seattle Ordinance Passed.**—The Seattle (Wash.) City Council on Dec. 31 passed the ordinance covering the acquisition of the traction properties in Seattle for \$15,000,000 by a vote of 5 to 2.

Immediately after the passage of the ordinance Mayor Hanson signed the bond ordinance, holding for later action the purchase ordinance and the ordinance stating the terms and conditions under which the Everett and Tacoma interurban cars may be operated over the city's lines. See also "State and City Dept." on a subsequent page. George A. Peirce succeeds T. C. Crawford as Secretary.—V. 107, p. 1920.

**Railroad Receiverships and Foreclosure Sales.**—The tables of the "Railway Age" afford the following data:

Receiverships Established in Calendar Years.

	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.	1913.	1908.	1901.	1896.	1893.
No. rds.	8	19	9	12	22	17	24	4	34	74
Mileage	3,519	2,486	4,439	20,143	4,222	9,020	8,009	73	5,441	20,340

Receiverships Established in Year 1918—Mileage Included (3,519 Miles).

Colorado Midland	338	Manistee & North Eastern	190
Denver & Rio Grande	2,610	Michigan East & West	72
St. Smith Subino & Eastern	14	Ocella Southern	110
Illinois Southern	140	Weyerross & Western	45

Foreclosure Sales by Calendar Years.

	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.	1913.	1908.	1903.	1898.	1896.
No. roads	1	20	6	11	9	6	3	13	47	58
Mileage	763	10,963	8,355	3,914	1,470	1,159	138	555	6,054	13,730

The foreclosure sales in 1918 and the mileage of each road (total 763 miles) were as follows: Ala. Tenn. & North, 195; Cine. Findlay & Ft. Wayne, 93; Kansas City & Memphis, 56; Leavenworth & Topeka, 57; Marshall & East Texas, 20; Michigan East & West, 72; New Mexico Central, 116; Ozark Valley, 45; Stockton Terminal & Eastern, 19; Tennessee Ry., 61; Watanga & Yaddin River, 29.

**Rapid Transit in New York City.—New Operations.**—The New York P. S. Commission has announced that a further extension of the Pelham Bay Park branch of the Lexington Ave. subway was opened Jan. 7. The new portion of the line extends from 138th St. to Hunts Point Road.

Bids for the construction of the elevated part of the 14th St.—Eastern subway, extending from 14th St. at Sixth Ave., via tunnel under the East River to elevated lines in East New York, were received Jan. 9 by the P. S. Commission. The highest bid came from the McClintic-Marshall Co., \$1,903,719, and the lowest, \$1,728,859, from Rodgers & Hagerly. Efforts will be made to have the line in operation early in the coming year.—V. 108, p. 74, 80.

**Rome (Ga.) Railway & Light Co.—Fare Increase.**—The Georgia RR. Commission has granted this company an increase in car fares of 1 cent.—V. 103, p. 146.

**San Diego & Arizona Ry.—Construction, &c.**—The "Railway Review" in its issue for Jan. 4 publishes an illustrated article describing the construction work on this company's line now nearing completion which was laid out to effect a direct connection from San Diego to the East.—V. 108, p. 80.

**San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Ry.—Coupons.**—E. W. Frost, Secretary-Treasurer, has advised that funds for the payment of coupon No. 59 from the Alameda, Oakland & Piedmont Electric Ry. 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds have been deposited with the Wells Fargo Nevada National Bank, San Francisco. This coupon was due Jan. 1 1918. Funds for coupon No. 25 from the bonds of the East Shore & Suburban Ry., also due Jan. 1 1918, have been deposited with the Mercantile Trust Co.—V. 108, p. 80.

**South Carolina Light, Power & Rys.—Earnings.**—Statement of Earnings for the 12 Months ended Oct. 31 1918.

Gross earnings	\$657,988	Preferred dividend (6%)	\$42,000
Net earnings	\$298,362	Balance, surplus	\$70,855
Charges	185,507		1386, 1288.

**Southern Pacific Co.—Conversion of Bonds.**—Since Oct. 1 1918 the company has reported to the New York Stock Exchange an increase in its outstanding capital stock from \$273,323,400 to \$276,442,900 as the result of the conversion of a like amount of 5% Convertible bonds of 1914 into stock, reducing the outstanding amount of these bonds from \$51,300,000 to \$50,741,000.—V. 108, p. 80.

**Union Traction Co. of Indiana.—Fare Increase.**—The Indiana P. S. Commission on Dec. 31 granted this company an increase in passenger fares from a basis of 2½c. a mile to 2¼c. a mile, beginning Jan. 10, effective till June 30. Compare V. 108, p. 81.

**United Rys. & Elec. Co. (Balt.).—6-Cent Fare Approved.**—The Maryland P. S. Commission has approved the 6-cent rate of fare which will now stand until the first of next year. Half-fares for children have been increased from 3 cents to 4 cents.—V. 107, p. 1386.

**Wabash Railway.—Exchange of Pref. B Stock for New Common Stock and Pref. A Stock.**—

On Aug. 1 1918 the company's 5% pref. stock B became convertible into common stock and pref. stock A, each \$100 share of pref. B, being exchangeable for \$50 of common stock and \$50 of pref. A stock. The amount of pref. B stock outstanding and listed on the N. Y. Stock Exchange has in consequence of such conversion been reduced in the last 5 months from \$48,723,800 to \$22,348,000; on the other hand, the outstanding common stock has been increased by this conversion from \$43,651,500 to \$56,753,600 and the pref. A from \$46,200,000 to \$59,359,500.—V. 107, p. 1748.

**INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.**

**Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.—Conversion Right.**—This company has deposited with the Royal Trust Co., Montreal, \$1,500,000 First Mortgage 6% Serial Gold bonds for delivery to such holders of the \$1,500,000 3-year 6% Convertible gold notes, who may desire to convert their notes at their par value, par for par on Feb. 1 1919.—V. 106, p. 2231.

Acme Cement Corporation.—Auction Sale.—

This company's property comprising 700 acres of land and modern mill buildings with all necessary equipment will be sold at public auction on Jan. 15 at Catskill, N. Y.

Aetna Explosives Co.—To Sell Carnegie Plant.—

Judge Mayer, in the United States District Court at New York on Jan. 6, authorized ex-Governor Benjamin B. Odell and ex-Judge George C. Holt, as receivers to sell the company's plant at Carnegie, Pa., to H. A. Logan for \$300,000. The reorganization plan will be issued shortly.—V. 107, p. 2291.

Ajax Rubber Co., Inc.—New Stock Listed—Earnings.—

The New York Stock Exchange on Jan. 9 authorized the listing on and after Jan. 14 1919 of \$1,000,000 additional capital stock, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount authorized to be listed \$8,100,000. The new stock having been underwritten, was offered at \$55 a share (par \$50) to shareholders of record Dec. 27. The proceeds will be used for corporate purposes. Subscriptions are payable Jan. 14.

Results for Eleven Months Ending Nov. 30 1918 and Entire Cal. Year 1917. 11 Mos. 1918. Cal. Yr. 1917. Operating profits \$5,648,932 \$3,534,865 Selling, administration, &c., expenses 2,189,439 1,483,812 Interest 224,808 59,005 War taxes 127,338 495,000 Miscellaneous expenses 6,369 36,695 Dividends (3% quar.) (9%) 639,000 (11.7) 830,700 Balance, surplus \$2,461,978 \$629,593

Alaska Gold Mines Co.—Ore Milled (Tons).—

1918—Dec.—1917. Decrease. 1918—12 Mos.—1917. Decrease. 117,310 165,131 47,821 1,285,447 2,240,346 954,899 —V. 107, p. 2190, 2099.

Aluminum Co. of America.—Hydro-Electric Development.

The Knoxville Power Co., an ally of this company, has finished the construction of the power dam at Cheoah on the Little Tennessee River. The dam is 225 ft. high, and 725 ft. long at the top, and was built by the Knoxville Co. for the Aluminum Co. It will produce 90,000 hydro-electric h. p. See "Manufacturers Record" for Jan. 2 1919.—V. 107, p. 1289.

American Agricultural Chemical Co.—Status and Outlook.—

Hayden, Stone & Co. in a circular calling attention to the company's common stock now paying quarterly dividends of 2%, summarize the present investment position and future possibilities in brief:

- 1. One of the two largest producers of complete fertilizers in the United States, its business showing (a) great stability, (b) steady expansion, (c) basic importance in agriculture. 2. With its predecessors, have been successful manufacturers for over 50 years. Over 90% of its goods are individualized trade-mark brands. 3. An essential peace business, the demand for fertilizers being likely to increase because of the world's acute need for food products. 4. Total net profits since organization, after interest and taxes, \$53,679,003; \$29,327,593 paid in dividends; remainder, \$24,351,409, reinvested. 5. Average net profits for 7 years to June 30 last nearly double the present 8% dividend; in year ended June 30 1918 over four times the 8% dividend. The interest heretofore paid on borrowed capital will largely offset the dividends on the new issue of common stock. The 1919 profits promise to equal those of 1918. 6. Its peace prospects have enabled it recently to finance with common stock, while practically all other industrial financing is by bonds or short-time notes. The \$9,484,400 new stock increases the outstanding common to \$29,276,000. 7. Adequate working capital of \$41,177,743, equal to par of its \$15,945,300 (convertible) bonds plus \$90 share on \$27,691,200 pref. stock. 8. The 65 plants are located in 21 different States, permitting effective distribution at low freight expense. In addition to its income from fertilizers, it has a steadily increasing income from its by-products, including glue, gelatine, bone black, glycerine, &c. It controls, through ownership of phosphate lands in Florida and Tennessee, deposits of phosphate rock estimated to contain over 80,000,000 tons, valued at 20 cents per ton, which is written off as the rock is mined. This is sufficient to supply the company at its present rate of consumption for at least 300 years. While the company does not publish figures of gross sales, it may be stated that in the fiscal year to June 30 last the turnover approximated an increase of 60% in 5 years and a gain of 150% compared with the gross business handled in 1900. Its gross business in 1917-18 was handled at the ratio of \$1 of business to each \$1 16 of capital, as against \$1 to \$1 05 in 1900. In other words, business growth had outrun capital, a situation which has been corrected through the recent issue of \$9,484,400 additional common. With this new capital, working capital is increased to \$41,177,743, compared with \$26,716,934 in 1912, a gain of \$14,460,809, or 54%.

Total Profits from Organization in April 1899 to June 30 1918 and Distribution of Same. Total profits to June 30 1918 \$53,679,004 Dividends on preferred stock 24,093,027 Dividends on common stock 5,234,567 Deductions (good-will, dismantlement of plants, &c., written off) 7,956,580 Surplus June 30 1918 \$16,394,830

In other words, \$24,351,410, or 45% of total earnings since organization, have been returned to the business. This sum is equal to \$84 per share on the common stock. The management is in the hands of unusually competent executives, very many of whom have been with the company since its organization. The balance of capitalization as between bonds and preferred and common is to-day thoroughly sound and normal. We believe that in so far as the future can be gauged by the past, the continuance of present 8% dividends on the common stock may reasonably be expected.—V. 107, p. 2099, 1838.

American Cotton Oil Co.—New Director.—

Frank C. Munson has been elected a director of this company.—V. 107, p. 2377.

American Malting Co.—Dissolution.—

The shareholders on Jan. 9 voted favorably on dissolving the company. Compare V. 107, p. 2377, 2190, 84.

American Sewer Pipe Co., Akron, O.—Earnings.—

Period Covered. Gross Earnings. Net after Taxes. Bond Interest. Depreciation. Dividends Paid. Surplus. 11 months to Nov. 1 1918 \$40,366 362,065 67,923 121,101 110,000 63,041 1917 \$28,229 618,878 74,497 183,486 105,000 255,894 Calendar year 1917 \$28,229 618,878 74,497 183,486 105,000 255,894 President George R. Hill announces that, unless the unforeseen occurs, dividends will be continued.—V. 106, p. 711.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Oversubscription 6% Notes.—

J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., the First National Bank, New York, National City Co., New York, Harris, Forbes & Co. and Lee, Higginson & Co., have sold, at 99 1/4, to yield about 6.17%, (see advertisement on another page), \$40,000,000 Five-Year 6% notes, dated Feb. 1 1919, due Feb. 1 1924. Int. F. & A. in New York and Boston. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Bankers Trust Co., trustee. The notes are redeemable, at the option of the company, as a whole or in part, with accrued interest as follows: At 105% if on or prior to Jan. 31 1920; at 104% if after Jan. 31 1920 and on or prior to Jan. 31 1921; at 103% if after Jan. 31 1921 and on or prior to Jan. 31 1922; at 102% if after Jan. 31 1922 and on or prior to Jan. 31 1923; at 101% if after Jan. 31 1923 and prior to maturity.

Summary of Letter of Theo. N. Vail, Esq., President of the Company.

Purpose of Issue.—The notes are issued to retire an equal amount of 6% Bell System notes endorsed by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., maturing Feb. 1 1919.

Earnings for Calendar Years 1910-1917.

Year— Net Earnings. Interest. Balance. 1910 \$31,933,214 \$5,077,321 \$26,855,893 1911 33,301,246 5,567,980 27,733,266 1912 33,907,644 7,844,699 26,062,945 1913 40,576,746 7,656,656 32,920,090 1914 40,557,977 8,223,165 32,334,814 1915 41,117,487 6,498,850 34,618,637 1916 44,743,376 6,730,099 38,013,277 1917 48,940,466 10,469,360 38,471,106

For the year 1918 it is estimated that net earnings will be over \$51,000,000, interest \$10,365,000, and the balance over \$40,635,000. During the last nine years the net earnings of the company have averaged 5 1/4 times the interest charges.

Capitalization.—Since 1908 the amount of the company's debt outstanding has been increased only about \$20,000,000, while the capital stock outstanding has increased about \$283,000,000 and the book value of the assets about \$375,000,000. The company has paid dividends at the rate of at least 7 1/2% per annum on its capital stock since 1899, a period of 19 years. For the last 12 years the rate has been uniformly 8% per annum.

Government Control.—On Aug. 1 1918 the Federal Government assumed control of the telephone system of the company. Under the government contract the license and rental contracts between the company and the associated companies are continued; the Federal Government is to fully maintain the property; is to make provision for depreciation and obsolescence relatively equal to that of the past—and in addition is to pay an annual compensation sufficient to provide for the payment of the annual interest charges on all outstanding securities of the Bell System in the hands of the public, dividends at the existing rate (in the case of the American Tel. & Tel. Co. 8% per annum) upon the share capital of the Bell System outstanding in the hands of the public, all charges of securing necessary additional capital, or for the discharge, conversion, renewal or extension of present obligations.

Valuation.—The actual value of the Bell System's plant—the only value that can be used for rate-making—is largely in excess of its book value. At Dec. 31 1917 the book value of the assets of the company and its associated companies making up the Bell System was over \$303,500,000 in excess of all liabilities and capital stock outstanding. There has been paid in on account of capital stock of this company \$35,000,000 in excess of the par of that stock, that is, for every \$100 share of outstanding stock more than \$108 in cash has been paid into the treasury. Adequate charges against earnings have been made for depreciation and obsolescence. See also New York Telephone Co. below.—V. 108, p. 81.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—Production (in Lbs.).—

1918—December—1917. Decrease. 1918—12 Mos.—1917. Increase. 21,900,000 22,600,000 700,000 297,750,000 255,627,469 42,122,531

No Merger.—

Officials of this company state that there is no foundation for the rumor of a merger of the Anaconda company with the Calumet & Hecla Mining Co.—V. 108, p. 81.

Anglo-American Mill Co. (Flour Mill Machinery).

Owensboro, Ky.—Offering of Serial Notes.—John Burnham & Co., Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 99.75 to net 7 1/4% to 96.94 to net 7 3/4%, according to maturity, \$1,000,000 Serial 7% gold notes dated Jan. 2 1919, due \$200,000 Jan. 2 1920 and \$100,000 semi-annually J. J up to and including Jan. 2 1924.

Coupon notes of \$1,000 and \$500 each. Redeemable at the end of one year at 101 and int., at the end of two at 102 and int. and at the end of three at 103 and int. upon 90 days' notice. Interest at the Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago, trustee.

The company manufactures flour milling machinery and specializes on the production and sale of self-contained roller flour mills, varying in capacity from 15 barrels to 100 barrels per day, which are known under the trade name of "American Midget Marvel Flour Mill." The company also does a large jobbing business in grain cleaning machinery and other accessories, such as stumps and double separators, single and double scouers, engines, motors, flour packers, scales and bags. Further particulars should appear another week.

Automatic Electric Co.—Dividend Resumed.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 1%, payable to holders of record. This is the first dividend paid since Feb. 1917, previous to which quarterly dividends of 1% were paid.—V. 106, p. 926.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—War Output, &c.—

We are informed that the following data are authoritative: Business of the company for 1918 was unparalleled in volume completed, due principally to the war. Of 3,348 locomotives built about 62% was for the United States, France and Great Britain for war purposes. This percentage of foreign work would have been somewhat larger, but for rather sudden termination of the war and consequent cancellation of some orders for war material.

The weekly average number of men employed was 19,632, exclusive of those employed by subsidiary companies, viz.: Standard Steel Works, Edystone Munitions Co. and Southward Foundry & Machine Co.

In 1917 the company manufactured 2,737 steam, gasoline and electric engines, of which 1,821 were for export and went to 24 different countries. The remaining 916 engines were domestic orders. In 1916 the number of engines manufactured was 1,989, and in 1913 was 2,025.—V. 107, p. 2378.

Bethlehem Steel Co.—Cornwall Purchase Allowed.—

Judge C. V. Henry in the Lebanon County (Pa.) Court, by a decree, has allowed the private sale to this company of the Margaret C. Freeman and Sarah H. Coleman interests in the Cornwall iron ore banks at Cornwall, Pa. By the agreement the land is to be paid for by a special issue of Bethlehem Steel gold bonds, bearing 5 1/2% interest, and redeemable in 20 years. The purchase price is said to be close to \$1,000,000.

With the purchase of these iron ore holdings, the Bethlehem company becomes almost sole owner of the Cornwall ore mines, which, according to latest available reports, show 33,586,500 tons deposit, of which 29,797,000 tons are open cut and 3,789,500 are underground.—V. 108, p. 82.

Brooklyn Edison Co.—Change of Name.—

This company has sent out a notice to the stockholders of the Kings Co. El. Lt. & P. Co. announcing that the name of the company has been changed to the Brooklyn Edison Co., Inc., and engraved stock certificates bearing the name of the new company will be ready for delivery Feb. 1 in exchange for the present holdings. Certificates for exchange should be delivered or sent to the Franklin Trust Co., trust agent, Brooklyn or N. Y. Compare V. 107, p. 2378.

Bush Terminal Co.—New Stock Listed—Earnings.—

The New York Stock Exchange on Jan. 9 authorized the listing on and after Jan. 15 1919 of \$145,000 common stock, issuable as a stock dividend of 2 1/2% on the common shares on Jan. 15, making the total amount authorized to be listed \$5,943,500.

Results for Ten Months ending Oct. 31 1918 and Calendar Year. 10 Mos. '18 Cal. Yr. '17 Deduct. (Cont.) 10 Mos. '18 Cal. Yr. '17 Gross earnings \$3,395,317 \$2,157,210 Interest 757,843 \$451,858 Net earnings \$2,637,474 \$1,399,367 Other deduct. 150,632 Deduct.—Taxes 478,224 302,465 Bal. for Divs.—\$1,284,237 \$984,447

The company states that the U. S. Government on Dec. 31 1917 "commandeered 8 piers and 118 warehouses, the property of this company, for the purpose of maintaining a military base during the period of the war."—V. 107, p. 2478.

Butte & Superior Mining Co.—Output—Litigation.—

1918—Dec.—1917. 1918—12 Mos.—1917. Zinc (in pounds) 10,600,000 13,400,000 139,600,000 130,775,000 Silver (in ounces) 220,000 250,000 2,700,000 2,576,000 See Minerals Separation Co. below.—V. 107, p. 2191, 1922.

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Copper Production (lbs.).

1918—December—1917. Decrease. 1918—12 Mos.—1917. Decrease. 3,094,000 5,816,000 2,722,000 50,570,000 59,938,400 9,368,400

**Controlled Company.**—See New Cornelia Copper Co. below.—V. 107, p. 2191, 1939.

**Cambria (Wyo.) Fuel Co.—Bonds Called.**—Thirty-seven (\$37,000) Purchase Money Mgrs. 6% 15-year gold bonds, ranging from Nos. 2 to 969, both incl., due Jan. 1, 1927, were called for payment Jan. 1 at par and int. at the Bankers Trust Co., New York.—V. 105, p. 2545.

**Central & South American Telegraph Co.—Stock.**—The stockholders will vote Feb. 11 on increasing the authorized limit of capital stock from \$14,000,000 to \$25,000,000, such increase to consist of 110,000 shares of \$100 each. The official notice says: "The proposed increase in the capital stock is to provide for the extensions and acquisitions of other property and distribution to stockholders of accumulated earnings. It is the opinion of your directors that the power to increase the stock will greatly strengthen your company's position in the cable world and enhance its already bright prospects for the future."—V. 108, p. 82.

**Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp.—Production (in Lbs.).**—  
1918—December—1917. Increase. 1918—12 Mos.—1917. Decrease.  
6,410,000 6,308,000 102,000 71,906,000 72,656,000 750,000  
—V. 107, p. 2291, 1922.

**Chevrolet Motor Co.—Subscriptions to General Motors Common Stock.**—Secy. J. T. Smith, in a letter dated Jan. 7 1919, addresses the stockholders as follows in substance:

The Chevrolet company, as the holder of common stock of General Motors Corp., will have the right to subscribe to the new issue of common stock by the General Motors Corp. at \$118 a share. The company proposes to exercise its right to subscribe in part and to assign to its stockholders the right to subscribe to the balance. A holder of one share of Chevrolet stock, at the close of business Jan. 15, will be entitled to subscribe for one-tenth of one share of said General Motors common stock. Compare caption "General Motors Corp." in last week's issue, page 83, for terms of subscription and also below.—V. 107, p. 1581.

**Chino Copper Co.—Production (in Lbs.).**—  
1918—December—1917. Decrease. 1918—12 Mos.—1917. Decrease.  
5,507,635 8,094,122 2,586,487 78,637,332 82,399,483 5,762,156  
—V. 107, p. 2191.

**Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.—Offering of First Mortgage 5s.**—Spencer Trask & Co. and the National City Co. are offering at 94½ and int., yielding about 5.45%, \$2,500,000 First Mtgo. 5% gold bonds of 1909, due April 1 1939, making the total outstanding \$18,500,000; authorized, \$30,000,000.

Data from Letter of Robert Lindsay, V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr., Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 2 1919.  
Company.—Organized in Ohio in 1893, serves with electric light and power the city of Cleveland and adjacent territory embracing a total present estimated population of 1,000,000.

**Issued Capitalization.**  
6% Cumulative preferred stock..... \$800,000  
Common stock..... 9,763,500  
First Mortgage 5% gold bonds, due 1939..... 18,500,000  
Specially.—An absolute 1st mtgo. on the entire property now owned or hereafter acquired.  
Purpose of Issue.—The proceeds of the present issue will be used for the construction of additions to the principal generating plant made necessary by the greatly increased demands.

**Earnings for the Years Ending November 30.**  
1917. 1918. 1918.  
Gross earnings \$6,867,249 \$8,476,731 Annual interest charge on  
Net, after taxes..... 2,005,204 2,872,150 Balance..... 1,947,159  
\$18,500,000 bonds..... \$925,000

Property.—Includes two steam generating stations with a present aggregate installed capacity of 138,000 k.w. The main station has a present capacity of 128,000 k.w., including two 25,000 k.w. turbo-generators, recently installed. In addition, there is now under construction the necessary structure for two additional turbo-generators of equal capacity. Upon the installation of this additional capacity, expected early in 1919, the plant will have a total electric generating capacity of 178,000 k.w., or 240,000 h.p.  
Valuation, &c.—The U. S. Commission of Ohio made a valuation of the property, and the final value, approved by the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio, was fixed at \$20,071,569 as of July 1 1914. Since that date property to the net amount of \$10,381,403 has been added to the plant, making the total value of the property as of Nov. 30 1918 \$30,452,972.

This large equity in the property is represented by \$800,000 pref. stock and \$9,763,500 common stock. Regular dividends have been paid upon the pref. stock since the organization in 1893, and the common stock has received continuous dividends since 1902 and at the rate of 8% per annum since 1904. For further data, &c., see V. 105, p. 2186.—V. 106, p. 931.

**Colorado Yule Marble Co.—Receiver Not Discharged.**—The Colorado Supreme Court on Jan. 2 issued a writ of certiorari checking the removal of J. F. Manning as receiver, as ordered by Judge Cullis of the Federal District Court.

**Columbia Gas & Electric Co.—Subsidiary Co. Rates.**—See United Fuel Gas Co. below.—V. 107, p. 2191.

**Consolidated Steel Corporation.—Incorporated.**—The above is the title of the steel export combination organized by the leading independent steel manufacturers to handle their export trade. The company was incorporated under Delaware laws Jan. 2 with an authorized capital stock of \$10,000,000. The enterprise was originally announced under the caption "North American Steel Products Corporation," which name is changed because of a conflict with another company of similar title. The following officers have been elected in addition to E. A. S. Clarice, who was made President several weeks ago: H. H. Harbour, V.-Pres.; L. W. Hesselman, Sec. & Comptroller; A. Van Winkle, Treas., and William Heyman, Traffic Manager.

**Donner Steel Co., Inc.—Offering of First Pref. Stock.**—West & Co., Cassatt & Co. and Wm. A. Read & Co., are offering at 99 and div., yielding over 8%, \$3,000,000 8% cumulative 1st pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100. Red., all or part, on any dividend period at 105 and div. upon 30 days' notice. Dividends J. & J. 30-31.

**Capitalization.**  
First Mortgage 5% bonds..... \$5,000,000 \$2,500,000  
8% cumulative 1st pref. stock..... 3,000,000 3,000,000  
7% cumulative preferred stock..... 6,000,000 6,000,000  
Common stock..... 5,000,000 4,522,500

Data from Letter of Pres. Wm. H. Donner, Dated Phila., Jan. 3.  
Organization.—Incorporated in N. Y. Dec. 8 1915 and purchased the plant and property formerly owned by the N. Y. State Steel Co. in Buffalo. The company through its subsidiary, the Donner Mining Co., operates under lease the Alexandria mine on the Mesaba Range, which has large reserves of high-grade ore (suitable for basic iron) and modern equipment. The company owns the controlling interest in the steamship Herbert F. Black, and also has contracts for iron ore, limestone and vessel tonnage.

The company is also operating under lease the two blast furnaces and the property of the Tonawanda Iron & Steel Co. at North Tonawanda, N. Y. The Donner Steel Co. and the Buffalo Union Furnace Co. each owns a one-half interest in the Donner Union Coke Corp., which is constructing 150 Kopper's by-product coke ovens adjacent to the property of the Donner Steel Co. The principal products are basic, foundry and malleable iron, ferro-manganese, blooms, billets and slabs, sheared plates, axles and forgings and merchant bar products.

The company has no money invested in special buildings or equipment for war purposes, having produced no munitions other than shell steel bars, which are manufactured on standard equipment ordinarily used in the production of steel for commercial purposes.

**Purpose of the Issue.**—For improvements, betterments and development and to supply additional working capital.

**Pref. Stock Provisions.**—Neither debt secured by a lien on the property in excess of the present authorized nor the authorized amount of this issue can be created or increased except by approval of two-thirds of the outstanding 1st pref. stock.

So long as any of the 1st pref. shall be outstanding, the company covenants to maintain net current assets in excess of current liabilities of not less than \$3,000,000, and that no dividend will be declared on either this 7% pref. stock or its common stock, which shall at any time diminish that amount. The pref. stock is non-voting unless default is made in dividends, when it shall vote share for share with the common.

**Earnings for Calendar Years 1916-1917 and Nine Months Ending Sept. 30 '18.**

	1916.	1917.	9 Mos. 1918.
Net, after expenses, incl. maintenance and interest on bonds of sub. co.s.....	\$1,166,058	\$2,631,706	\$2,246,020
Interest on bonds.....	119,126	125,000	95,417
Depreciation.....	350,242	716,026	—
Res'v' for Fed'l income & exc. prof. tax.....	—	346,526	—
Total deductions.....	\$469,369	\$1,187,553	\$895,417
Net corporate income.....	\$696,689	\$1,444,153	\$2,151,204
Divs. on \$3,000,000 1st pref. stock will amount annually to.....	—	—	240,000

\*Provision for depreciation and Federal taxes not deducted.

**Financial Statement as of Sept. 30 1918.**

Assets—	\$	Liabilities (Concl.)—	\$
Property account.....	15,057,818	First Mortgage bonds.....	5,000,000
First Mtgo. bonds held in treasury.....	2,500,000	Bonds of sub. cos. guar.....	82,500
Current assets.....	8,776,611	Term loan.....	1,000,000
Deferred charges.....	447,284	Current liabilities.....	6,171,507
Liabilities.....	—	Reserves.....	386,136
7% preferred stock.....	6,000,000	Surplus earned.....	3,619,070
Common stock.....	4,522,500	Total each side.....	26,781,713

\*Depreciation and Federal taxes not deducted for 1918.  
**Sinking Fund.**—The company agrees to expend during 1919, 1920 and 1921 not less than \$1,250,000 for betterments and improvements or acquisitions, and that, beginning in 1922, there be set up annually for the retirement of the outstanding first pref. stock, a sinking fund reserve of \$300,000 (or more) for the purchase thereof or upon tender.  
**Officers.**—W. H. Donner, Pres., Phila.; and Floyd K. Smith, V.-Pres. & Treas.; W. B. Black, Asst. to Pres.; Robert Donner, V.-Pres.; F. O. Slee, Sec., all of Buffalo. Compare annual report, V. 107, p. 2094.—V. 107, p. 2379.

**du Pont Chemical Co.—Incorporated.**—This company, which was chartered Dec. 12 with a capital of \$6,300,000 at the instance of the du Pont interests in Wilmington, Del., will, it is stated, take over such munition machinery from the du Pont Co. as is not now needed, and hold it for future use. The ultimate purpose is, it is said, to engage in the dyestuff business.—V. 107, p. 2292, 2100.

**(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Employees.**—It is reported that this company has released more than 55,500 employees since the signing of the Armistice on Nov. 11. The present working force, it is said, numbers 28,101.—V. 107, p. 2292.

**(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours Export Co.—Incorporation.**—Announcement has been made of the organization of this company, to take over the du Pont company's foreign business. The company was incorporated under Delaware laws with a nominal capitalization of \$100,000.—V. 108, p. 83.

**East Butte Copper Co.—Production (in Lbs.).**—  
1918—December—1917. Decrease. 1918—12 Mos.—1917. Increase.  
1,929,720 2,506,260 576,540 25,042,458 20,255,608 4,786,850  
—V. 107, p. 2192.

**Federal Light & Traction Co.—Earnings.**  
**Results for Nine and Twelve Months Ending Sept. 30.**

	1918—9 Mos.	1917.	1918—12 Mos.	1917.
Gross earnings.....	\$2,576,526	\$2,036,089	\$3,407,747	\$2,678,008
Operating expenses & taxes.....	1,813,797	1,427,568	2,396,694	1,814,159
Total income.....	\$762,729	\$608,521	\$1,011,053	\$863,849
Interest charges.....	455,109	442,709	606,855	590,229
Cent. Ark. Ry. & Lt. Corp. div.....	—	—	84,000	84,000
Springfield Ry. & Lt. Co. div.....	—	—	39,690	38,769
Balance, surplus.....	\$307,620	\$165,812	\$290,508	\$150,861

**General Motors Corp.—New Stock—Further Data.**—Announcement was made in these columns last week of the right of common stockholders to subscribe to 240,000 shares of common stock at 118 per share to the extent of 20% of present holdings, payment to be made 35% Feb. 15 1919, 35% May 15 and the remaining 30% Aug. 15, payment to be made at the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Data from Letter of Sec. T. S. Merrill to Stockholders, Detroit, Jan. 6. In view of the magnitude of the operations contemplated by your corporation for the future, to meet the prospective requirements of the additional activities upon which it has entered, as well as to provide ample working capital, your directors have issued 240,000 shares of the common stock, par \$100 each, and have accorded to common stockholders of record Jan. 15 1919 the privilege of subscribing therefor at \$118 a share. The entire issue has been sold at the same price, with the right to the common stockholders to subscribe for their proportionate share. No expense for underwriting fees or commissions of any kind has been incurred. Subscriptions for fractions of a share will not be received. If the total number of shares to which you are entitled to subscribe is not a whole number, you will receive in respect of the fraction, fractional stock warrants for the number of one-fifth of a share to which you are so entitled. Fractional warrants will be issued to bearer and will be transferable by delivery and when surrendered along with other fractional warrants, aggregating one or more whole shares. Compare V. 108, p. 83.

**Great Lakes Transit Corp., Buffalo, N. Y.—Status.**—The following has been officially revised for the "Chronicle": This corporation, which was formed April 1 1916 and had purchased 33 lake steamers from various trunk lines compelled to sell them under the Panama Canal Act, reports that in two years and eight months the company has paid out total dividends of \$2,301,375 and bought and paid for \$2,300,000 of its 5% bonds, leaving outstanding only \$1,000,000 maturing in 1936. Also sinking fund provisions have been taken care of until 1929, and although no income accounts has been issued, it is learned officially that the company's surplus is around \$1,000,000. The annual meeting will not be held until March 27 1919.—V. 107, p. 1484.

**Guffey-Gillespie Oil Co.—Offering of Pref. Stock.**—Hayden, Stone & Co. are offering at 100 and div. \$2,000,000 7% Cumulative Convertible pref. (a. & d.) stock, red., all or part, after Dec. 1 1920 at 105 on 60 days' previous notice. A circular shows:

Dividends Q-M. Convertible one share of pref. into four shares of common stock. The pref. stock has the same voting rights as the common.

**Capitalization.**

	Authorized.	Issued.
Preferred stock authorized and issued.....	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Common stock (no par value).....	300,000 sh.	220,000 sh.

\*Reserved for conversion of preferred stock 80,000 shares. The company has no funded debt and no bonds, mortgages or other liens can be placed on the property without the consent of 67% of the outstanding preferred stock.

**Earnings for Nine Months Ended Oct. 31 1918.**

Net after op. exp., royalties and State taxes, but before Fed. tax, \$1,533,000  
 Net earnings reported now at annual rate of..... 2,044,000

**Summary of Letter from the Pres. and the Vice-Pres. of the Co.**

**Organization.**—Incorporated in Delaware in Sept., 1918 and is successor to the business conducted by Messrs. Guffey and Gillespie of Pittsburgh, Pa. The company produces and sells crude oil and natural gas and is constructing plants for the extraction of gasoline from casing-head gas.

**Purpose of Issue.**—Will be used for developing the property and to retire the floating debt incurred for drilling wells, &c.

**Property.**—Located in the Mid-Continent fields and consists of oil and gas leases covering 20,904 acres in 12 counties in Okla. and 7,701 acres in 3 counties in Kansas—total 28,605 acres. The leases cover large acreage in the well-known Billory-logs field and the Osage Nation in Okla. and other very promising territory located in different oil-producing sections in Okla. and Kansas. The other property consists of 34 oil and 8 gas wells, with equipment. The company also owns a 1/2 interest in a 320-acre tract in the Billings field.

**Production.**—The company has in operation 34 oil wells, including 10 in which it has a 1/2 interest, from which the gross production for the 7 months ended Aug. 31 1918 was at the rate of 1,775,298 barrels a year. For this period the average daily production accruing to the company before deducting royalty was at the rate of 1,018,912 barrels a year.

**Balance Sheet as of Sept. 1 1918, Adjusted to Show Issue of Pref. Stock.**

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Leaseholds, wells, &c.....	\$6,398,377	Preferred stock.....	\$2,000,000
Cash & accts. receivable.....	924,770	Common stk., 220,000 shs.,	5,500,000
Crude oil in tanks.....	21,863	Invested surplus.....	401,333
Material and supplies.....	432,052		
Deferred debit items.....	124,271		
Total each side.....			\$7,901,333

**Officers and Directors.**—Joseph F. Guffey, Pres.; E. N. Gillespie, V.-Pres.; J. D. Callery and H. M. Brackenkridge, all of Pittsburgh, Pa., and E. H. Mather, Boston; H. K. Bragdon, Pittsburgh, is Treas.—V. 108, p. 83.

**Greene Cananea Copper Co.—Production.**

	<b>Copper (lbs.)</b>	<b>Silver (ozs.)</b>	<b>Gold (ozs.)</b>
Output for December 1918.....	5,100,000	174,900	1,280
Output for 12 months.....	53,270,000	1,668,672	13,938

—V. 107, p. 2293, 1841.

**Hackensack Water Co.—Higher Rates Sought.**

This company has applied to the New Jersey P. U. Commission for permission to put into effect a new schedule with an increase of 20% in the price of water.—V. 106, p. 503.

**Hamilton Woolen Co., Boston.—Extra Dividend.**

The company has declared, in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 3%, an extra of 3% on the \$1,000,000 capital stock, both payable Jan. 10 to holders of record Jan. 2 1919. In Jan. 1918 an extra of 2% was paid. This company was incorporated in Massachusetts in 1831, has its mills at Southbridge, Mass., and owns 40,000 spindles and 1,120 looms. The company has no bonded debt outstanding.

**Harris Abattoir Co., Ltd., Toronto, Can.—New Stock.**

Replying to our inquiry regarding increase of the capital stock of this company from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000, we are advised as follows:

"The immediate purpose of the company in applying for authority to increase capital was to convert the undivided profits into capital stock through the issue of stock dividends. The shares are all privately held, and no shares will, in any case, be offered except to the present shareholders."—V. 108, p. 83.

**Hocking Valley Products Co.—Plan for Resumption of Full Interest Payments upon the 1st Mtge. 5s and the Payment in U. S. Liberty 4 1/4% Bonds of the Relinquished Interest, Amounting on July 1 1918 to 10%—Plan for Conversion of Bonds into Pref. Stock Abandoned.**

Holders of 1st M. 5s due 1961, desiring to participate in this plan, are requested to deposit their bonds and certificates for relinquished interest promptly with the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St.

**Digest of Circular Signed by Pres. S. L. Chamberlaine, 20 Broad St., N. Y., Dec. 16 1918.**

On June 12 last the stockholders authorized the issue of \$1,000,000 6% preferred stock and offered to the holders of the 5% bonds the privilege of converting their bonds into the pref. stock, together with the payment of the certificates for relinquished bond interest by 10-year 5% certificates of indebtedness (V. 107, p. 185). Although a very large amount of the bondholders expressed their willingness to accept this proposition, a number of the large bondholders did not wish to surrender their priority of lien. The directors desiring substantially unanimous action, have, therefore, declared the proposed plan inoperative and have revoked the propositions offered.

In conjunction with a number of the larger bondholders the officers have considered the situation for the purpose of arranging some plan fair to both the company and its security holders.

It appears that for the period of five years, just previous to the large demands for the company's coal and oil products in 1917-18, the company failed to earn its full sinking fund and interest charges and showed, after such charges, a deficit of \$287,215 for that period. By reason of this condition the company was able to purchase at less than 50% of their face value about one-half of the original issue of bonds, so that the amount now outstanding is only \$908,000 of the original issue of about \$2,000,000.

If the present amount of bonds had been outstanding during the period from 1912 to 1917, there would have been, after charging full interest and sinking fund charges, an average yearly deficit of \$25,800, so that if we return to pre-war conditions as to demand and prices for our products the company cannot earn full sinking fund charges and the 5% interest upon its bonds now outstanding.

In order to obviate this result and provide for the full payment of interest upon the bonds and also to redeem and pay the certificates for relinquished bond interest amounting, on July 1 1918, to 10% of the face thereof, the following plan is proposed:

(1) The sinking fund provisions shall be modified by reducing the tax or royalty on coal mined or taken from property subject to the lien of the mortgage to 1 1/2% per ton, and the tax or royalty on oil taken from the company's property to 10% per barrel. All other taxes or royalties and provisions of said sinking fund to remain unchanged, and such change to be effective from and after Jan. 1 1918.

(2) The company shall redeem the certificates for relinquished bond interest annexed to each bond, such relinquished interest amounting on July 1 1918 to 10% of the face of the bonds, by the delivery in exchange therefor of U. S. Liberty 4 1/4% bonds, now in the treasury, at par, and such amounts that cannot be paid in bonds will be paid in cash.

(3) The company shall pay in full the interest coupon of 2 1/2%, maturing Jan. 1 1919, and shall pay full interest thereafter, notwithstanding the agreement to relinquish interest entered into by the bondholders in 1915, which agreement shall be canceled.

A very large amount of the bonds have consented to this plan. Compare V. 107, p. 496, 185.

**Inspiration Consol. Copper Co.—Production (in Lbs.)**

	<b>1918—December—1917.</b>	<b>Increase.</b>	<b>1918—12 Mos.—1917.</b>	<b>Increase.</b>
7,350,000	6,630,657.	1,719,313	98,235,000	80,566,982
			17,668,018	

—V. 107, p. 2479.

**International Harvester Corp.—Sub. Co. Plant—Sale.**

See Wisconsin Steel Co. below and B. F. Avery & Sons above.—V. 107, p. 2479.

**International Mercantile Marine Co.—Negotiations.**

A press dispatch from London states that a hitch has occurred in the negotiations for the sale of the vessels as proposed.—V. 108, p. 83.

**International Portland Cement Co.—Plan.**

Boston advices state that a majority of the outstanding preferred stock has been deposited with the Merchants' National Bank, assuring the success of the refinancing plan.—V. 107, p. 2380, 2293.

**Kansas City Breweries Co.—Statement by Bondholders' Committee.**

The bondholders' protective committee, of which George W. York is Chairman, has issued a statement regarding the reorganization of this company as follows:

Believing that depositing bondholders will find it convenient for income tax purposes to know the amount realized upon their bonds, your committee reports that as a result of its operations the holder of each bond in the principal amount of \$1,000 is entitled to an estimated amount of \$130 in cash and to \$174 60 par value in securities of an estimated amount of \$130.

There were deposited with your committee \$2,108,000 in principal amount of bonds, out of a total outstanding of \$2,298,000. Your committee purchased and deposited one additional bond. Immediately upon the formation of the committee, receivership proceedings were instituted in the U. S. District Court at Kansas City, and thereafter foreclosure proceedings were brought and consolidated with the receivership case.

Before adopting a plan of reorganization, the committee caused an appraisal of the properties to be made, and in view of the imminence of prohibition sought to ascertain for what purposes the breweries properties would be available in the future. Among other lines of business the committee gave attention to the manufacture of ice, milling of grain, storage, temperance beverages, cooperage and the manufacture of butter and lard substitutes.

As a result of these investigations the committee decided to buy in the properties at foreclosure and to organize a company to acquire them and to continue, so far as permitted by law, the brewery business, with powers to engage in other lines of business which could be conducted by the use of the plants of the breweries company. Accordingly the committee has caused to be incorporated, under the laws of the State of Missouri, the **Kansas City Food Products Co.**, with a capital of \$1,000,000, all of which will be issued in exchange for the properties of the breweries company at their estimated liquidating value, and the sum of \$10,000 as working capital.

The Cleveland Trust Co., depository for the committee, has been instructed to pay to the holders of the certificates of deposit a partial disbursement of \$100 upon each \$1,000 bond deposited, upon presentation of the certificates for proper endorsement.

It is estimated that further cash payments will amount to \$30 per bond, but the exact amount cannot be determined, because the final amount of claims payable by the receiver has not yet been definitely ascertained.—V. 107, p. 2192.

**Kansas City Food Products Co.—New Company.**

See Kansas City Breweries Co. above.

**Kennecott Copper Corp.—Production (in Lbs.)**

	<b>1918—December—1917.</b>	<b>1918—12 Mos.—1917.</b>
Kennecott.....	14,114,000	7,086,000
Bradon.....	5,836,000	142,016,000
		163,346,000

An official statement says: "Due to increased capacity of the plants, the December output shows an increase over former months, but owing to the lack of an immediate demand for copper, and the prevailing high cost of production, the corporation will materially curtail its output."—V. 107, p. 2293, 2192.

**Keystone Tire & Rubber Co.—No Merger.**

A director of this company, referring to the rumor that this company and the Inter-Continental Rubber Co. were to combine, said: "There is no truth in the story. The Keystone Tire & Rubber Co. will continue its policy of merchandising tires and is not interested in the raw rubber situation."—V. 107, p. 2480, 2293.

**(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Sales.**

	<b>1918—December—1917.</b>	<b>Increase.</b>	<b>1918—12 Mos.—1917.</b>	<b>Increase.</b>
\$5,405,996	\$4,725,835	\$680,161	\$36,309,391	\$30,090,700
				\$6,218,691

—V. 107, p. 2380, 2012.

**(S. H.) Kress & Co.—Sales.**

	<b>1918—December—1917.</b>	<b>Increase.</b>	<b>1918—12 Mos.—1917.</b>	<b>Increase.</b>
\$3,537,852	\$2,989,117	\$548,735	\$21,131,019	\$17,607,390
				\$3,523,629

—V. 107, p. 2293, 1484.

**Lindsay Light Co. (Chicago).—New Year, &c.**

This company having changed its fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year, will hold its annual meeting Jan. 21. On Jan. 7 the directors deferred the dividend action until the regular February meeting.—V. 107, p. 1924.

**Marland Refining Co., Ponca City, Okla.—Stock Offering.**

Shapker, Waller & Co., Chicago, are offering at \$7 per share a limited amount of the capital stock, par \$5, of this company, all of which is common stock.

Authorized (all common), \$10,000,000; outstanding..... \$5,698,235

Surplus as of Oct. 31 1918..... 651,120

Earnings six months ended Oct. 31 1918..... 664,485

Net earnings for October (as compared with \$144,332 for Sept.) 174,727

**Data from a Letter from President E. W. Marland, and Other Sources**

The company owns: (a) A modern refinery at Ponca City in close proximity to its production with a daily capacity of 2,500 barrels; (b) two operating casinghead gas plants with a daily capacity of 12,000 gallons of blended gasoline. It is also building two casinghead gas plants in the Garber and Quay fields.

**Production.**—Developed and undeveloped well-selected leases covering about 60,000 acres, a large part of which is situated in the well-known Newkirk, South Ponca, Garber and Quay fields of Oklahoma, and from which it has an assured daily production of crude oil exceeding 2,200 barrels, which is steadily increasing, and now has 40 wells drilling, most of which are offsetting other production. Operates 320 tank cars.

**Resources.**—These, after deducting deferred assets, depletion and depreciation as of Oct. 31, embrace physical assets other than its undeveloped and producing leases which are valued at more than \$4,750,000, in which is included current quick assets amounting to more than \$1,800,000.

**Dividends.**—The company has paid cash dividends of 10% per ann. since May 1917, and made stock distribution so far this year of 50% and has declared an additional 10% stock distribution and 2 1/2% cash dividend payable Jan. 15 1919 to holders of record Dec. 31 1918. See V. 107, p. 2102.

**Massachusetts Cotton Mills.—Stock Increase.**

This company on Jan. 10 notified the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations that the capital stock of the company has been increased from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 by the issuance of 20,000 shares of stock of \$100 par value each.—V. 108, p. 84.

**Merchant Shipbuilding Corp.—Description, &c.**

The "Engineering News Record" in its issue for Jan. 2 publishes an illustrated article describing the work of this company's plant at Bristol, Pa.—V. 106, p. 302.

**Metropolitan Petroleum Corp.—Suit Remanded.**

Announcement is made that the suit brought by this company against the Island Oil & Transport Co., A. B. Leach & Co., H. Content & Co., and others for the recovery of the oil properties alleged to have been fraudulently transferred, has upon application of the corporation, been remanded to the New York Supreme Court.—V. 107, p. 1842.

**Miami Copper Co.—Production (in Lbs.)**

	<b>1918—Dec.—1917.</b>	<b>Increase.</b>	<b>1918—12 Mos.—1917.</b>	<b>Increase.</b>
4,989,435	4,971,978	17,457	58,276,435	43,863,699
				14,412,736

—V. 107, p. 2193, 1842.

**Midway Gas Co., San Francisco.—Amortization of Pref. Stock—Earnings.**

Directors of the Midway Gas Co. took the initial step at a special meeting held yesterday toward the eventual payment of the company's \$692,350 outstanding 7% cum. pref. stock, by declaring a special amortization dividend of \$20 per share from earnings for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 last, payable Jan. 30 1919. By this action the directors paved the way for the gradual disappearance of the pref. stock as a liability through the reduction of the par value of shares, instead of calling them for retirement on a given date. Upon payment of this dividend the par value of the pref. stock will be reduced from \$100 to \$80.

Regular (quarterly) dividends of \$1 75 per share on the pref. and 50 cents on the common for the last quarter of the present year were also declared yesterday, both being payable Jan. 3 to stock of record Dec. 31. It will be remembered that the company resumed dividends on its common and pref. stock last year, the resumption of disbursements having been marked by the payment of \$14 on account of accumulated back dividends on the senior issue.

In the resolution authorizing the amortization dividend, adopted by the directors yesterday, it was brought out that \$88,305 of the company's five-year 6% gold bonds, dated Dec. 1 1914, had been retired and that sinking fund requirements on the first mortgage bonds had been met. Net surplus profits of the company for the 12 mos. ended Sept. 30 1918, after bond and note retirements and dividends on the stock, was \$138,470. This is equivalent to \$20 per share on the company's outstanding pref. stock which was ordered distributed.

Earnings for 12 Mos. end. Sept. 30 1918 [and Cal. Year 1917 Inserted by Ed.]

	1917-18.	1917.
Gross earnings.....	\$1,100,398	\$955,517
Operating exp. (\$328,256) and taxes (\$100,400).....	428,656	380,616
Net earnings.....	\$671,742	\$574,901
Interest.....	114,070	132,362

Bal. for depr., divs., &c. (see V. 106, p. 1235).----- \$557,672    \$442,539  
 (On Dec. 31 1917 there were outstanding \$2,326,400 cum. and \$692,350 7% pref. stock; also \$1,953,000 of an auth. \$2,950,000 First & Ref. Mtgs. of 1915, due 1929.—V. 107, p. 2480.)

**Minerals Separation North American Co.—Litigation.**

The U. S. Supreme Court on Jan. 7 denied this company's petition for a restraining order against the Butte & Superior Mining Co. to restrain it from disposing of its assets. The Court set Mar. 3 for argument.—V. 107, p. 1924.

**Minneapolis Gas Light Co.—Gas Rates.**

The special committee of the Minneapolis City Council on Dec. 23 approved a sliding scale of gas rates for Minneapolis for a 5-year period. Two ordinances will be presented to the City Council. One will fix the maximum rate to be paid by private consumers at 95c. per 1,000 cu. ft. of gas in 1919, 83c. in 1920, 78c. in 1921, 74c. in 1922 and 70c. in 1923. The rate private consumers have been paying under the contractual ordinance which expired Nov. 1 last is 77c. (V. 98, p. 1248; V. 102, p. 441; V. 106, p. 933.)

The other ordinance will fix a rate for gas used in street lighting and in public buildings. It will propose 82c. for next year and for the following four years 72c., 68c., 64c. and 60c., respectively. The present rate is 65c.

The Minneapolis "Tribune" of Dec. 24 says: "When the meeting opened, the company was asked to present details of the method used in arriving at its appraisal of its physical property at \$5,000,000, as against \$5,935,695, the figure reached by Mr. Milo Malibic of New York. W. A. Baehr of Chicago, company engineer, explained that it would be impossible to give the desired details at the time because the papers containing them had been sent to Chicago."

"Asked, after the committee decision to recommend a sliding scale rate to the Council, whether the company would like another conference, Mr. J. O. P. Wheelwright, counsel for the company, said he thought nothing would be gained by having a further hearing for the company. He urged that the Council take some action quickly on the ground that, under the present rate, the company was losing \$40,000 a month."

"By the terms of the franchise granted the company five years ago, the Council shall have the rate-making power, subject to the company's right to appeal to the Courts from the rates fixed. The Gas Rate Committee, by its action, served notice of a belief that the proper way to proceed was not by negotiation but by definitely fixing a rate and then putting it up to the company to accept it or take the issue into court."

"The committee voted to meet again next Monday to hear from the company in case it should have anything to present. Unanimous consent will have to be granted at the Council session Friday to permit introduction of the two proposed rate ordinances." Compare V. 101, p. 1811.—V. 107, p. 408.

**Monroe Motor Co., Pontiac, Mich.—Receiver's Sale.**

Robert T. Armstrong, receiver for this company, announces the sale on Jan. 25 at public auction of the real estate of this company, comprising a factory suitable for automobile, truck or tractor manufacture, containing about 100,000 sq. ft. of floor space.

**Mt. Whitney (Cal.) Power & Electric Co.—Acquisition.**

The California RR. Commission, in order to further the efforts of the company to purchase the properties of the H. G. Lacey Co., a utility furnishing light, heat and power in Hanford, Kings County, Cal., has authorized it to issue \$200,000 of 7% pref. stock in payment for the \$101,000 of the H. G. Lacey Co.'s stock owned by the Huntington Land & Improvement Co., The Southern California Edison Co. (see also below) is given permission to purchase the \$200,000 of 7% pref. stock of the Mt. Whitney company for \$164,353.57 cash, plus interest at 6% per annum from July 1 1918 to the date of the transfer of the properties.—V. 105, p. 294.

**Municipal Gas Co. (Albany).—Rate Decision.**

The Court of Appeals at Albany on Jan. 7 sent back to the Supreme Court for trial, on its merits, the action of this company against the P. S. Commission. The action of the Appeals Court reverses the order of the lower court, to the immediate local effect that the company may now charge \$1.30 per 1,000 cu. ft.

The action was brought by the company to secure a judgment that the P. S. Commission, the city of Albany, the Attorney-General and District Attorney of Albany County be restrained from compelling the plaintiff to adhere to the gas rate fixed by statute, i. e., \$1 for each 1,000 feet of gas sold the consumer.

The New York P. S. Commission has handed down an opinion by which the motion made by representatives of Watervliet, Green Island, and the towns of Green Island and Colonia, N. Y., for the dismissal of the application of the company for permission to increase its rates for gas in those localities is overruled.

The Commission holds that the law restricting the price of gas to \$1 per 1,000 cu. ft. does not apply to gas manufactured in Albany but sold to consumers residing elsewhere.—V. 107, p. 2193.

**Nash Motors Co.—Common Dividend of \$10.**

A dividend of \$10 has been declared on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. The initial dividend on the common of \$6 per share was paid in Feb. 1918 and in May \$15 was paid.—V. 106, p. 2233, 1036.

**Nevada Consol. Copper Co.—Production (in Lbs.).**

1918—December—1917.	December—1918—12 Mos.—1917.	Decrease.
5,800,000	6,500,000	700,000
	78,631,415	80,287,350
		1,655,935

**New Cornelia Copper Co.—Listed in Boston—Bonds All Converted into Stock, &c.—Financial Statement.**

The Boston Stock Exchange has listed 1,800,000 shares of this company. Of the total stock outstanding, Calumet & Arizona owns 1,229,741 shares and is trustee for \$11,500 bonds that have not been converted, representing 1,150 shares. The remaining 569,109 shares stand in the names of 1,609 stockholders. Since Dec. 31 1917 the company has had converted into stock practically all of its \$3,951,000 bonds and has paid off all of its \$3,330,558 floating debt. See also "Fin. Reports" above.—V. 107, p. 2193.

**New England Power Co.—Preferred Stock Offering.**

Baker, Ayling & Young, Boston, &c., are offering, at 95 and div., a block of this company's 6% cumulative pref. stock, making the total outstanding \$3,437,800. The bankers report:

The New England Co. power system constitutes the largest hydro-electric development in the U. S. east of Niagara Falls, with generating stations on the Connecticut and Deerfield rivers, and having a present installed capacity of about 90,000 h. p.; also controlling advantageous power and reservoir sites capable of contemplated further development to a total of 200,000 h. p. In addition approximately 85,000 h. p. of developed power is under contract to the system. Over 300 miles of transmission lines, six generating and eight sub-stations and an immense reservoir are operating to serve about 100 cities and towns in central New England, which are supplied wholly or in part by the system through contracts with large commercial users and with local electric lighting companies, electric and steam railways.

Earnings of All Properties for 12 Months ending Oct. 31 1918.

Gross earnings.....	\$3,361,239	Other interest.....	\$178,995
Net, after taxes.....	\$1,210,829	Accr. divs.—1st pref. stock.....	287,968
Deduct.....		Accr. divs.—2d pref. stock.....	108,800
Bond interest.....	455,432	Balance.....	\$179,635

Compare V. 107, p. 1924, 1750.

**New York Telephone Co.—Oversubscription of 6% Debentures.**

A syndicate composed of J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., the First National Bank, N. Y., National City Co., Harris, Forbes & Co. and Lee, Higginson & Co. have sold at 101 and int., to yield about 5.93% (see advertisement on another page) \$25,000,000 30-year Sinking Fund 6% Debenture bonds dated Feb. 1 1919, due Feb. 1 1949. Int. F. & A. in N. Y. City.

Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*.; \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$1,000 r\*. Redeemable, at the option of the company, as a whole or in part, on any interest date upon 60 days' notice at 110% and accrued interest. Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee.

**Summary of Letter of Theo. N. Vail, Esq.**

**Company.**—The N. Y. Telephone Co., with its subsidiary and connecting companies, constitutes the most important operating division of the Bell System, and its entire outstanding capital stock of \$150,000,000 is owned by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. The N. Y. company and its subsidiary companies operate in the States of N. Y., N. J., Penna., Dela., Maryland, Va., W. Va., in the Dist. of Columbia and in parts of Connecticut and Ohio.

**This Issue.**—The debentures will be issued under a trust indenture with the Guaranty Trust Co., in which the telephone company will covenant that if at any time after the issue of the debentures the telephone company shall create any mortgage or charge upon all or any part of its real estate or telephone plant, or securities of subsidiary companies held by it, the debentures shall be secured by such mortgage or charge ratably with any other indebtedness secured thereby.

**Sinking Fund.**—The company will covenant to pay \$375,000 annually to be applied to the acquisition of debentures at not exceeding the redemption price of 110% and int. The debentures so acquired for the sinking fund will continue to draw interest. This cumulative sinking fund will be more than sufficient to redeem the entire issue of \$25,000,000 debentures before maturity.

**Earnings for Calendar Years (1918 Partly Estimated).**

Net Earnings. Interest. Balance.			Net Earnings. Interest. Balance.		
Year.	\$	%	Year.	\$	%
1910	14,496,714	2.150	1915	17,202,766	3.400
1911	15,223,020	2.395	1916	20,607,254	3.341
1912	17,313,170	2.951	1917	20,302,327	3.024
1913	17,782,279	3.494	1918	18,000,000	4.800
1914	16,175,741	3.460	1919	18,000,000	4.800

For the last nine years the net income of the company has averaged over 5½ times the interest charges. The company has paid dividends at the rate of at least 6% per annum since 1896 and for the last eight years the rate has been uniformly 8% per annum.

**Plant Value.**—The actual value of the company's plant—the only value that can be used for rate making—is largely in excess of the book value. At Dec. 31 1917 the book value of the company's real estate and telephone plant was over \$194,000,000, not including property of subsidiary companies, the securities of which are carried on the books of this company at conservative valuations. The book value of the company's assets at the end of 1917 was over \$80,000,000 in excess of all liabilities and capital stock outstanding.

See also American Teleph. & Teleg. Co. above.—V. 107, p. 1485, 186.

**North American Steel Products Corp.—Name Changed.**

See Consolidated Steel Corporation above.—V. 108, p. 84.

**Northwestern Telephone Exchange Co.—Litigation.**

The Wisconsin RR. Commission recently denied the applications of this company and the Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph Co. for increases in rates. It is expected that court action will be brought to determine whether the telephone rate authority rests with the State or Federal Government.—V. 107, p. 807.

**Ohio Iron & Steel Co.—Dividend.**

Referring to the recent declaration of a regular dividend of 12% and an extra dividend of like amount, each payable in equal monthly installments during 1919, the "Iron Age" of Jan. 9 says: "The company has \$2,025,000 of stock outstanding and the dividend disbursement next year will be \$486,000. The company paid 20% in 1918, at the rate of 1-2-3% monthly. Since the sale of its blast furnace to the Sharon Steel Hoop Co., the Ohio Iron & Steel Co. has been strictly a holding company, owning a large interest in the Sharon Steel Hoop Co., received for its blast furnace and stock it owned in coal, coke and limestone properties.—V. 107, p. 2481.

**Oklahoma Producing & Refining Co.—Listing—Earnings.**

The N. Y. Stock Exchange on Jan. 9 agreed to list the \$10,000,000 capital stock.

**Earnings for the Nine Months ended Sept. 30 1918.**

[Before providing for depreciation, depletion and Federal taxes.]	
Gross income.....	\$6,479,655
Oper. adm., &c., exps.....	2,835,598
To minority stock sub. cos.....	512,324
Compare annual report for 1917 in V. 106, p. 1459, 1466.	

**Old Dominion Co. of Maine.—Output (in Lbs.).**

1918—December—1917.	Decrease.	1918—12 Mos.—1917.	Increase.
2,656,000	3,368,000	682,000	32,583,500
			30,934,000
			1,649,500

**Oppenheim, Collins & Co., N. Y.—Stock Increase.**

This company on Jan. 8 filed a certificate at Albany increasing its capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$2,200,000.

**Pennsylvania Canal Co.—Bond Payment.**

David Wallerstein, Master, in an announcement to the holders of the company's bonds, dated Dec. 25, notified such holders to present to Samuel Reed, trustee, bonds held by them for the purpose of receiving payment on account of the distributive share upon the bonds and having the amount of the payment stamped upon the bonds. Presentation was to have been made on Jan. 6 1919 at the Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia.

Mr. Wallerstein, in a letter dated Jan. 7, writes: "Of the 1,948 bonds outstanding, all but 65 have been presented to me as Master. After consultation with counsel, it was agreed that it would be suggested to Judge Dickinson of the U. S. District Court that additional time should be given to these bondholders to present and prove their bonds as the dividend payable upon the bonds amounts to something over 97% of their par value. As a result of this suggestion, the Court has made an order particularly directing that the Master shall so advise."

**Letter to Bondholders from President Henry G. Brengle of Philadelphia Trust Co., Dated Jan. 6.**

Settlement in the above matter having been made to-day by the Pennsylvania RR. paying to the bondholders' committee the amount of the award of the court through the Master, the Philadelphia Trust Co. as depository is now prepared to make distribution to those bondholders who have deposited their bonds with it, and who hold the trust company's negotiable receipt.

Distribution will be made at the rate of \$729.70 per \$1,000 bond upon presentation at this office of the certificates of deposit duly assigned, in blank and properly guaranteed.

The bondholders' protective committee, comprising Jay Cooke & 3d, Edward Bailey and John Cadwalader, in a letter to the security holders, under the same date, say:

"The only unsatisfactory incident has been in the final decree of the Court of Appeals, which relieved the 384 bonds held by the Pennsylvania RR. from sharing in the expenses, thus throwing the burden upon the other bondholders through whose efforts along the fund has been created. A further distribution may be made after six months if the bonds still outstanding are not proved by that time when their value may be divided among the other bondholders."

"In view of the protracted and extensive litigation the costs are very moderate and the bondholders will receive approximately 75% of the fund received from the litigation."—V. 107, p. 2103.

**Penn Traffic Co., Philadelphia.—Extra Div. of 1%.**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1% on the capital stock, along with the regular semi-annual dividend of 3%, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. The same amounts were paid in February and August last.—V. 107, p. 186.



**Phelps Dodge Corporation.—Output (in Lbs.).—**  
 1918—December—1917. Decrease. | 1918—12 Mos.—1917. Increase.  
 12,563,000 20,862,766 8,299,766 | 209,170,658 204,868,314 4,302,344  
 —V. 107, p. 2295, 2194.

**Philadelphia & Camden Ferry Co.—Federal Contract.—**  
 The stockholders of this company have approved the Federal operation contract with the Government, the compensation named being \$401,576 per annum.—V. 90, p. 307.

**Pittsburgh Oil & Gas Co.—Dividend Increased.—**  
 A quarterly dividend of 2 1/4% has been declared on the \$2,000,000 capital stock, which increases the annual rate from 8% to 10%. A dividend of 2% has been paid quarterly since Aug. 1917, with an extra of 1% in Jan. 1918.—V. 107, p. 2381, 2373.

**Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Pipe Line Plan.—**  
 This company has abandoned the plan originated during the war for the building of a pipe line from Ranger to Galveston, Tex. It is stated that the company's line north to Cushing has been completed.—V. 107, p. 2482.

**Ray Consolidated Copper Co.—Production (in Lbs.).—**  
 1918—December—1917. Decrease. | 1918—12 Mos.—1917. Decrease.  
 5,800,000 7,442,000 1,642,000 | 86,707,559 92,998,679 6,291,120  
 —V. 107, p. 2194.

**Remington Typewriter Co.—32% Accumulated Dividends Declared on Second Preferred Stock.—**

The directors have declared dividends on the outstanding second preferred stock, due from Sept. 30 1914 to Sept. 30 1918, amounting to 32%, payable from the surplus profits of the company, \$300,000 thereof to be paid in cash and \$300,000 in 4 1/2% Liberty bonds, on the dividends first accrued and unpaid, and the balance thereof, to wit: \$1,000,000, by the delivery of the first preferred stock, Series S, of the company, or voting trust certificates covering the same, on the last accrued dividends, to all stockholders of record Jan. 10 1919. Said dividends to be paid as soon as possible after liquidation in full of the first pref. divs. heretofore declared. To differentiate the new first pref. issuable in settlement of the accumulated dividends, this stock, being subject to call at 110 and divs. and having other special features, is designated as Series S, the "S" meaning "special," there being only two series of first pref., the original issue and this special series.

All stockholders who have not already done so are requested to deposit their stock with the Mercantile Trust Co., 115 Broadway, N. Y., as soon as possible. Compare V. 107, p. 2482, 2382.

**Riordon Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.—Additional Bonds.—**  
 The shareholders will vote Jan. 31 on approving an amendment of the existing by-law to provide that the amount of bonds or debentures to be issued shall be \$4,000,000 instead of \$3,000,000. Sec. F. B. Whitton writes: "The directors have deemed it advisable that the company increase its proposed investment in the Kipawa company, which is constructing a large pulp mill at Temiskaming, Que., and to carry out this plan are asking our shareholders for the authorization of an additional \$1,000,000 of bonds."—V. 107, p. 2095.

**St. Louis County Gas Co.—Rates Reduced.—**  
 The Missouri P. S. Commission has ordered this company to reduce its rates for gas, effective from Jan. 1 to April 1, the new price being set at \$1.30 per thousand cubic feet.  
 The company has filed an appeal with the Missouri P. S. Commission to set aside the reduction in rates above referred to.—V. 107, p. 1008.

**Savage Arms Co.—Resumption of Operations.—**  
 This company's Utica plant, which was practically shut down at the end of the year for inventory taking, is gradually resuming operations and is now running at about 50% capacity. A similar rate of operations is being maintained at the Philadelphia plant. The Sharon plant is running close to full capacity.—V. 108, p. 84.

**Shannon Copper Co.—Output (in Lbs.).—**  
 1918—December—1917. Decrease. | 1918—12 Mos.—1917. Increase.  
 688,000 759,000 71,000 | 9,419,000 8,300,000 3,110,000  
 Mines were closed from July 1 to Nov. 30 1917 on account of labor troubles.—V. 107, p. 2295, 1843.

**Shattuck Arizona Copper Co.—Output.—**

	1918—Dec.—1917.	1918—12 Mos.—1917.
Copper (lbs.)	506,332	626,613
Lead (lbs.)	401,593	47,556
Silver (ozs.)	21,506	5,817
Gold (ozs.)	85.98	85.97

1,220.12 1,542.26  
 —V. 107, p. 2295, 2194.

**Sinclair Oil & Refining Co.—Acquisition.—**  
 This corporation has acquired the outstanding half interest in the Garfield oil properties in the so-called Garber field of Okla., involving more than 10,000 acres of oil leases, and a gross daily production at present of about 3,000 barrels of crude oil worth \$4 a barrel. There are now 60 producing oil wells on these holdings. With the half interest already owned, this makes the Garber field virtually a Sinclair property. The acquisition involves no financing by the Sinclair company.—V. 107, p. 1843.

**Southern Sierras Power Co.—Rate Increases.—**  
 This company and the Holton Power Co. have been granted authority by the California RR. Comm. to increase their rates by the addition of surcharges.—V. 106, p. 1143, 613.

**Spanish River Pulp & Paper Co.—Obituary.—**  
 See Tooke Bros., Ltd., below.—V. 107, p. 1577.

**(John B.) Stetson Co.—New Officers.—**  
 The following officers have been elected: Pres., J. Howell Cummings; First Vice-Pres., Thos. St. John Westervelt; Second Vice-Pres., Frank G. Richards; Treas., Milton D. Gehris; Asst. Treas., George L. Russell; Sec., Harry E. Dupuy; Asst. Sec., W. H. Schroeder.  
 New directors elected were John Gribbel and Frank G. Richards, increasing the board from 7 to 9. Thomas St. J. Westervelt was elected a director to succeed William P. Fray, deceased.—V. 106, p. 1036, 303.

**Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.—Stock Rumor.—**  
 A dispatch from Chicago on Jan. 10 quoted Pres. C. B. Smith as saying: "The directors have never discussed the matter of a new common stock issue and the published story is the first I have heard of it."—V. 107, p. 2015.

**Stromberg Carburetor Co. of America, Inc.—Listed on New York Stock Exchange—Earnings.—**

The N. Y. Stock Exchange on Jan. 9 authorized the listing of 50,000 shares of capital stock (temporary certificates until the permanent certificates are ready on or before July 1).

**Number of Carburetors Produced by Stromberg Motor Devices Co. (All Owned).**

Year	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	9 mos. '18
Prod.	44,719	58,967	64,146	51,317	46,563	128,018	168,832	183,381	164,239

**Net Profits of Said Wholly Owned Subsidiary.**

Year	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	9 mos. '18
Prof.	\$108,786	\$63,087	\$60,282	\$147,703	\$278,220	\$318,820	\$431,533

Deduct for Stromberg Carburetor Co. of Amer.—Taxes, &c., \$6,723; charges for prior year, \$12,850; total, \$19,573; less int. earned, \$10,102.  
 Income, war and excess profits taxes paid June 15 1918, \$9,471  
 Divs. paid by parent co., \$2 50 a share (75c. April 1, 75c. July 1, 75c. and 25c. extra Oct. 1.) 70,392  
 Balance \$226,670  
 —V. 107, p. 2194, 2015.

**Studebaker Corporation.—Cancellations—Bal. Sheet.—**  
 It is stated that all of this company's Government business has been canceled, including not only orders from the United States Government but also from the British Government. The company, it is reported, will shortly receive about \$5,000,000 in payment for war work.  
 See also "Financial Reports" above.—V. 107, p. 2382.

**Sutter-Butte Canal Co.—New Trust Deed.—**  
 The California RR. Commission has authorized this company to execute a trust deed to secure \$800,000 First Refunding 6% sinking fund 20-year gold bonds, due March 1 1939. The bonds are to be issued for the following purposes: \$245,440 to be issued at not less than par to pay or refund \$208,000 of three-year notes, with interest accrued. Approximately \$380,000 of bonds to pay or refund \$11,500 5% bonds due Oct. 1 1929, and the \$350,000 bonds due Mar. 1 1931, the \$30,000 of bonds to be sold for not less than 95 plus interest. In the event the company is unable to refund at par its present bonded indebtedness through the issue of bonds authorized at par.—V. 108, p. 85.

**Tenth & Twenty-Third St. Ferry Co., N. Y.—Tenders.**  
 The Bankers Trust Co., as substituted trustee, will until 3 p. m. Jan. 20 receive tenders for the sale of \$42,500 First Mtge. 5% 30-year gold bonds.—V. 101, p. 1017.

**(J. V.) Thompson Coal Properties.—No Option.—**  
 So far as we can learn, there is no basis for the statement that the Canadian Northern interests have secured an option on the lands formerly held under option by the Hill interests. The Hill option was dropped some time ago, but thus far nothing has appeared to take its place.—V. 107, p. 2296.

**Tobacco Products Corporation.—Listing of \$1,600,000 New Stock for 10% Stock Dividend.—Earnings, &c.—**  
 The New York Stock Exchange on Jan. 9 authorized the listing, on and after Jan. 15 1919, of \$1,600,000 common stock, issuable as a stock dividend of 10% on the latter date to common stockholders of record Jan. 2 1919, making the total amount of common stock authorized to be listed \$17,600,000.  
 For earnings and balance sheet for 10 months ending Oct. 31, see "Financial Reports" above.—V. 107, p. 2383.

**Tooke Bros., Ltd.—Obituary.—**  
 Benjamin Tooke, President of this company and a director of the Spanish River Pulp & Paper Co., died at his home on Jan. 5.—V. 107, p. 186.

**Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Rates.—**  
 See Northwestern Telephone Exchange Co. above.—V. 107, p. 808.

**Truro Steel Co., Halifax, N. S.—Foreclosure.—**  
 A press dispatch from Halifax states that proceedings have been begun to foreclose the mortgage of this company, which was organized in Aug. of 1915 to manufacture shells for the Imperial Munitions Board. The company, when organized, took over the Truro Engineering Works, and was floated with a capital of \$200,000 in common stock and there was a bond issue of \$70,000. The purpose of the company being over, the work now to do is to realize on their assets, foreclosing the mortgage and winding up the business.

**Union Oil Co. of California.—Extra Dividend.—**  
 An extra dividend of \$1 has been declared on the stock, along with regular quarterly dividend of \$1 50 per share, both payable Jan. 18 to holders of record Jan. 8. In Jan., April, July and Oct. an extra of 1% was paid, and in March 10% extra was paid in stock.—V. 107, p. 1485, 910.

**United Cigar Stores of America.—Sales.—**  
 An unconfirmed press report says that "the sales for 1918 amounted to \$51,955,813, an increase of approximately \$10,000,000 over 1917."—V. 107, p. 2296, 2195.

**United Fuel Gas Co.—Rates.—**  
 This company has filed applications with the West Virginia P. S. Commission for authority to increase rates for domestic service from 25% to 45%.—V. 106, p. 2752.

**United Gas Improvement Co., Phila.—Note Refunding.**  
 Treasurer I. W. Morris on Jan. 3, in response to an inquiry, advises us that this company has exercised its option to refund its "6% Gold Coupon Notes of 1918" (\$7,500,000—see V. 106, p. 813, 720, 827), and will issue its 6% Gold Coupon Refunding notes of 1919 in lieu thereof, same to be dated Feb. 1 1919, payable Feb. 1 1929, at the office of Drexel & Co. in Philadelphia, and the holder of each \$1,000 note of the old series on presenting it at the office of Drexel & Co. on or after Feb. 1 1919 will receive a new note in lieu and a payment of \$12 as consideration for such refunding, same being in accordance with the provisions shown on the face of the old note.—V. 107, p. 2482.

**United States Rubber Co.—Status of Industry.—Chairman Samuel P. Colt is quoted as saying:**  
 Wages have risen to a high scale, and I hope that prices will be maintained sufficiently high to give a fair margin of profit without disturbing the wage scale, at least until the cost of living has returned to normal. Certainly the policy of this company will be to maintain wages as far as possible.  
 During the coming year I do not anticipate any great advances in crude rubber, believing that the increased consumption of the world will be amply taken care of by the stocks that accumulated in the East, caused by the restrictions of the U. S. Government and the full production of all plantations. It was considered in the East that there was held in the markets and on the plantations some 60,000 tons and this amount, considered with the prospective output of 1918 of approximately 300,000 tons, will supply the needs of America and countries against whom embargoes existed during the war.

There is no doubt but that there will be a substantial and increasing demand for tires, both solid and pneumatic, in the coming year, due to the greatly increased use of motor cars for all forms of transportation. Commercial cars and trucks must relieve the railroads of an ever-increasing portion of their burden.

**Tenders.—**  
 The Central Union Trust Co. of N. Y. as trustee will until Jan. 28 receive sealed proposals for the sale of \$690,000 First & Refunding Mtge. gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1947, at not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 107, p. 2482.

**United States Steel Corporation.—Unfilled Orders.—**  
 See "Trade and Traffic Movements" on another page.—V. 108, p. 85.

**Universal Sulphur Products Co.—New Company.—**  
 This company was incorporated under the laws of Texas on Jan. 4 with an authorized capital stock of \$12,000,000. This company was organized by E. F. Simms, H. T. Statt, John Hamman and others, in conjunction with Pittsburgh and New York banking and mining interests to develop and operate certain sulphur properties held by the company in South Texas, as well as to engage in the manufacture of sulphur products.

**Utah Copper Co.—Production (in Lbs.).—**

	1918—Dec.—1917.	1918—12 Mos.—1917.	Decrease.
Prod.	13,835,000	16,250,000	2,415,000

198,233,596 204,702,325 6,468,729  
 —V. 108, p. 85.

**Wellington Grey & Bruce Ry.—Interest Payment.—**  
 See Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada above.—V. 95, p. 112.

**Westfield Manufacturing Co.—Pref. Stock Redemption.**  
 All of the outstanding (\$400,000) 6% pref. stock will be redeemed at \$110 a share on Feb. 1 at the Equitable Trust Co., N. Y. As the company only a few weeks ago retired the outstanding balance of its \$400,000 bond issue, after February there will be no securities ahead of the \$800,000 common stock.—V. 107, p. 2007.

**Weyman-Bruton Co.—Subscription Offer of Com. Stock.—**  
 In order to obtain additional working capital, common stockholders of record Jan. 4 are given the right to subscribe at par to unissued common stock, par \$100, in an amount equal to 20% of their holdings in the proportion of one share of new stock for each five shares held. Subscription warrants will be mailed at the close of business Jan. 4, payments to be made on or before Jan. 27 at the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., N. Y. Fractional warrants may be presented in amounts equaling whole shares, but no right with others so that they equal one or more whole shares.  
 "Passed by the Capital Issues Committee as not incompatible," &c.—V. 107, p. 2482, 2297.

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Reports and Documents.

CUBA CANE SUGAR CORPORATION

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30 1918.

112 Wall Street,  
New York, January 6 1919.

To the Shareholders of Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation:  
The third fiscal year of your Company ended on September 30 1918.

CANE PRODUCTION.

Owing to the drought, particularly in the western section of Cuba, and because of the cane that was left uncut in our eastern plantations due to the late arrival of machinery, we did not grind the amount estimated early in the season, namely 442,000,000 arrobas (4,933,000 tons).

The total quantity of cane ground this year, as compared with previous years, is as follows:

1915-1916	359,955,746 arrobas or 4,017,363 tons of 2,240 lbs.
1916-1917	393,584,058 arrobas or 4,392,679 tons of 2,240 lbs.
1917-1918	409,900,529 arrobas or 4,574,782 tons of 2,240 lbs.

However, with only 16,316,471 arrobas more cane ground during the 1917-1918 crop, your Company made 351,704 bags in excess of the 1916-17 crop, thus showing a considerably better yield.

SUCROSE IN THE CANE.

The average percentage of sucrose in the cane of the 17 plantations during the three crops was as follows:

1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.
13.87%	13.00%	13.31%

From these figures it will be seen that last year's average sucrose in the cane was 0.31% more than in the previous year, but still 0.56% below 1915-16.

This increase in the sucrose at your plantations was not general throughout Cuba, many plantations having had a decrease as compared with the previous year.

Of your plantations the one that showed the highest percentage of sucrose in the cane was "Stewart" with 14.49%, which is quite remarkable, as in former years this plantation was noted for its supposedly poor cane.

LOSSES IN MANUFACTURING.

Our total losses in milling, molasses, mudecake and undetermined, during the three crops were as follows:

1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.
3.07%	2.67%	2.30%

By these figures it is seen that we have improved considerably in our manufacturing, the losses this year being 0.31% less than in 1916-17 and 0.71% less than in 1915-16.

The decreased percentage of losses shows the greater efficiency due to the improvements in the sugar houses and manufacturing control. We hope in time to reduce the total losses to 2% or under; at present we have only three estates with losses below 2%.

In order that the stockholders may appreciate the material importance of a decrease in percentage of losses resulting from greater efficiency in the work of the machinery or from gain in the sucrose content of the cane, it is well to point out that  $\frac{1}{4}$ % gained in either way, on the quantity of cane estimated for the coming crop, would mean an additional yield of 100,000 bags of sugar without any outlay other than the cost of the bags, railroad freight and shipping expenses. Therefore,  $\frac{1}{4}$ % decrease in losses in manufacturing or increase in sucrose in the cane, would mean, at present prices, from \$1,500,000 00 to \$1,750,000 00 increased net earnings.

AMOUNTS PAID TO COLONOS FOR THEIR CANE.

As our supply of cane increases in the Eastern plantations, where the colonos receive a smaller percentage of sugar for their cane, the average percentage given to all the colonos is naturally lower, as can be seen by the following figures:

Percentage of Sugar Given to Colonos in Payment for Their Cane.		
1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.
6.383%	6.337%	6.254%

YIELD OF 96-DEGREE CENTRIFUGALS.

The yield of the three crops in 96-degree Centrifugals is as follows:

1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.
11.25%	10.76%	11.41%

These figures show an average increase of .65% over last year and .16% over 1915-16, notwithstanding that in the latter crop the sucrose in the cane was .56% higher than this year, as already reported, thus proving the greater efficiency of the sugar houses derived from the improvements recently made to the machinery.

Had the sucrose in the cane this year been the same as in 1915-16, namely 13.87% instead of 13.31%, the yield of 96-degree Centrifugals, with the same improvements in machinery, would have been about 12%, or 186,000 bags, over what was actually made, which would have increased the earnings of your Company by \$2,500,000 00.

CROPS MADE BY THE COMPANY.

1915-16.				1916-17.				1917-18.				1918-19 Estimated.			
Bags	3,174,198	3,261,021	3,613,325	4,000,000	4,200,000										
Tons (2,240 lbs.)	452,035	472,542	521,328	580,000	600,000										

These figures show an increase of 351,704 bags for 1917-18 over the 1916-17 crop and of 439,157 bags over the 1915-16 crop, and for 1918-19 an estimated increase of approximately 1,000,000 bags over our first crop of 1915-16.

COMPARATIVE EARNINGS PER POUND OF SUGAR.

For the purpose of comparing the f.o.b. price per pound obtained during the last three crops, the proceeds from "Molasses" and "Other Earnings" are included in the following:

1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.
4.112c.	4.479c.	4.630c.

From these figures it is seen that your Company only obtained .151c. per pound f.o.b. more this year than last year for its sugar. This was due to your Company having sold the previous crop at very favorable cost and freight prices, with very low rates of marine freight.

COST OF PRODUCTION.

The cost of producing sugars on an f.o.b. basis at your factories during the last three crops was as follows:

1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.
2.748c.	3.431c.	3.998c.

The vendors of your properties bore the dead season expenses of the 1915-16 crop, hence the low cost of production in that year.

The cost of production may be divided as follows:  
63% for Cost of Cane—this is paid to the colono in sugar which is subsequently bought by the Company at the price fixed by the United States Sugar Equalization Board under its contract of purchase of the season's crop.  
26% for Salaries, Wages, Fuel, General Supplies and Maintenance during the dead and crop seasons and fiscal year expenses.  
11% for Bags, Inland Railroad Freight, Shipping Expenses and Cost of delivering the Sugars at the Port of Discharge.

Cost of Cane.—The general practice in Cuba is to purchase the cane from the tenant farmer (colono) by allowing him a percentage in sugar per hundred of cane. This sugar is then bought by the mill at a price based on the ruling market price. As the price of sugar fixed by the contract with the United States Sugar Equalization Board, Inc., for the 1918-1919 crop will be about 20% higher than that of last year's, the price of cane will also be higher, but this increase in cost will be offset to the Company by its obtaining a correspondingly higher price for its sugars.

It is not expected that the other two items of cost will be materially increased.

Careful calculations show that the average cost of producing sugar in many plantations in Cuba was .50c. to .60c. per pound greater than in the previous year. The increased cost to your Company was .567c. per pound. Not having sold this crop at a materially higher price than the previous crop (only .151c. per pound, as already stated), it had to bear additional burdens of expense with but little offset save the increased yield and larger crop.

CAPACITY OF THE EASTERN MILLS.

The following table shows the capacity and production of these mills during the last three crops:

	1915-16, Bags		1916-17, Bags		1917-18, Bags	
	Capacity	Production	Capacity	Production	Capacity	Production
Jagueyal	220,000	233,545	250,000	251,013	250,000	181,045
Moron	200,000	170,262	140,000	67,600	140,000	67,600
Lugareno	140,000	154,059	450,000	378,097	450,000	378,097
*Stewart	560,000	557,866	1,040,000	877,755	1,040,000	877,755
	1,920,000	1,775,399	1,870,000	1,745,000	1,870,000	1,745,000

\*The "Stewart" mill had not been acquired by your Company at the time of the crop of 1915-16.

The equipment of the Western plantations has been generally improved. These improvements are reflected in the reduced losses in manufacturing.

SUPPLY OF CANE.

Based on the quantity of cane that we had left over from last year and the additional plantings made in 1917, the quantity of cane available for the coming crop is now estimated at approximately 480,000,000 arrobas, which shows an approximate increase of 70,000,000 arrobas of cane (781,250 tons) over the quantity ground in the season just ended.

With the same yield as in the case of the 1917-1918 crop the total output for the coming crop should, with favorable weather and adequate labor, be approximately 4,200,000 bags.

As the sugar mills are now equipped to their full capacity, your Management will devote its attention chiefly to maintaining the quantity of cane in order to have sufficient to run all of them at full capacity during coming crops, when we are likely to have favorable prices.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The chief difficulty experienced by your Company during the campaign just ended was due to the late deliveries of some of the machinery ordered and to the late shipment

thereof, caused by the war and the restrictions imposed upon all manufacturers in the United States.

It is owing to this that the benefits from the program inaugurated by your Company in August 1916 for increasing the capacity of its sugar mills in the eastern section of Cuba were not fully realized.

The program of August 1916 for increasing the capacity of the mills was made at a favorable time, but by reason of the entry of the United States into the war great difficulties were encountered which, though overcome, necessitated larger expenditures than had been anticipated. The whole program will be practically completed by the time the coming campaign starts.

Your Company, having begun the installations in 1916, has them completed now with machinery which to-day it would be most difficult to duplicate.

As a result of the aforesaid delays in the delivery of the machinery, the estate "Lugareno" did not start to grind until February 17 1918, and at no time during that crop did the factory grind at full capacity. This resulted in the production at that estate being disappointing, namely 117,200 bags, or nearly 130,000 bags less than had been estimated. "Moron," another estate where the capacity of the factory had been materially increased, also started late to grind, but was able to make 315,439 bags, about 70,000 bags less than had been estimated.

Notwithstanding the higher yield obtained, the Operating Profit of your Company this year was lower than that of the previous year. This was due to:

- Higher salaries and wages;
- Higher cost of general supplies, such as coal, bags, etc.;
- Deterioration or falling off in test on sugars so long kept in warehouse;
- Increase of 25-30% in Cuban railroad freights;
- Cuban taxes of 20c. a bag;
- Late start of grinding at the Eastern plantations because of late arrival of machinery and because of these factories not being able to grind at full capacity.

**LANDS.**

Your Company acquired through ownership during the year 578 caballerias (19,300 acres) and through lease 986 additional caballerias (32,800 acres), so that now your Company owns in fee 11,215 caballerias of land, equal to 373,800 acres, and holds under lease, many of these leases being for long periods, 6,932 caballerias of land, equal to 231,000 acres, the total lands owned and leased being 18,147 caballerias, equal to 604,800 acres.

**RAILROADS.**

Your Company now owns and operates for the transportation of its products and supplies, 1,061 kilometers (663 miles) of railway, of which 758 kilometers are standard gauge and 303 kilometers are narrow gauge; together with equipment consisting of 111 locomotives, of which 77 are standard gauge and 34 narrow gauge, and 3,450 cane and other cars, of which 2,213 are standard gauge and 1,237 are narrow gauge.

**PROPERTY ACCOUNT.**

Original cost of the 17 Plantations, including taxes, Notary fees, etc.	\$48,983,296 68
Additional Purchases:	
Central "Stewart".....	\$8,400,000 00
Warehouses.....	159,600 00
Lands.....	2,236,330 98
Taxes, Notary fees, etc., thereon.....	119,371 10
	\$10,915,302 08
Less sale of Central "Asuncion".....	\$425,000 00
Sale of Machinery, etc.....	485,267 43
	910,267 43
	\$10,005,034 65
Add Improvements, etc.:	
Fiscal Year—	
13 Western Plantations.	
4 Eastern Plantations.	
Total.	\$419,734 21
1915-1916.....	\$264,603 13
1916-1917.....	2,376,123 95
1917-1918.....	1,835,050 42
	\$11,058,674 64
	\$15,534,452 14
	25,539,486 79
Total Cost of Properties as at Sept. 30 1918.....	\$74,522,783 47
Machinery and Construction Material on hand.....	767,665 30
Total.....	\$75,290,448 77

Your mills are now equipped to their full capacity, the construction program having been practically completed at the date of this report.

**RENEWALS, BETTERMENTS AND DEPRECIATION.**

During the fiscal year your Company has, in conformity with its usual practice, made adequate expenditures for renewals, repairs and for making changes in the location of machinery in some of the plantations, all of which has been charged to operating expenses before arriving at the operating profit of the Company. Part of the improved result in manufacturing was due to these changes in location of machinery at some of the Western plantations.

Your plants are now in a far better operating condition than they have ever been. In addition to the cost of repairs and renewals, your Directors have made a charge of \$1,750,000 for Depreciation.

Your properties could not be duplicated at present for their cost to date.

**EARNINGS AND EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPT. 30 1918.**

Earnings—		Per Bag
Sugar Sales.....	\$57,443,014 70	323.18 Lbs.
Molasses Sales.....	1,056,772 17	\$15.90
Other Earnings.....	571,494 03	.29
	\$59,071,280 90	\$16.35

Expenses—		Per Bag
Cost of Cane, per 100 arrobas, \$7.24.....	\$29,678,146 97	323.18 Lbs.
Dead Season expenses—Salaries, wages, materials and supplies, repairs and renewals.....	3,036,411 44	\$8.21
Crop Expenses (Salaries and wages, materials and supplies, fuel, maintenance, administration—Cuba and United States).....	6,866,662 81	1.09
Fiscal Year Charges:		
Fire, tornado, boiler, liability insurance.....	328,042 37	.09
Cuban taxes on sugar.....	421,386 50	.13
Cuban taxes on molasses.....	67,966 15	.02
Cuban taxes on real estate.....	136,899 34	.04
Legal Expenses.....	51,354 35	.01
Sugar Expenses:		
Sugar Bags and packing.....	1,834,642 99	.51
Sugar inland railroad freights.....	1,428,207 93	.40
Sugar Shipping Expenses.....	629,194 32	.17
Sugar Insurance.....	423,436 97	.12
Selling and landing expenses.....	881,879 93	.24
Total Expenses—F. O. B.....	\$46,684,232 67	\$12.92
Marine Freights.....	4,996,444 25	1.38
Total Expenses—Delivered.....	\$51,680,676 92	\$14.30

Operating Profit, September 30 1918..... \$7,390,603 98 \$2.05  
 Appended to this report are the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account as of September 30 1918. The accounts of your Company were audited by Messrs. Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co., whose certificate is herewith submitted.

**EXPERIMENTS.**

Realizing the importance of increasing the sucrose in the cane and the tonnage of cane per acre, your Company has been carrying on experiments in a small way for the improvement of the cane seed, in irrigation and in mechanical devices for cutting the cane (cane cutters being the only class of labor in Cuba that is really scarce) and for hauling it, in order to discard the primitive and slow ox-driven carts and to economize in labor employed in driving these carts.

The experiments have not progressed far enough as yet to warrant any report being given.

The installations of machinery to which your Management had directed its efforts, being now about completed, more attention can be given henceforth to these experiments.

**CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF THE COMING CROP.**

The whole Cuban crop of 1918-19 has been sold to the United States Sugar Equalization Board, Inc., at basic prices of 5.50c. f.o.b. North Side ports and 5.45c. f.o.b. South Side ports, which is .90c. per pound increase over last year. Your Company will reap the benefit of this increase on its quota of sugar.

**FUTURE PROSPECTS.**

The scarcity of sugar being world-wide, prices, whether controlled by the Government or otherwise, may be expected to be satisfactory for several years after peace.

Acknowledgment is made of the loyal co-operation of all officers and employees during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Board of Directors,  
 MANUEL RIONDA, *President.*

**CUBA CANE SUGAR CORPORATION.**

**BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30th 1918.**

**ASSETS.**

Properties and Plants.....	\$74,522,783 47	
Machinery and Construction Material on Hand.....	767,665 30	
	\$75,290,448 77	
Current Assets, Advances to Colonos and Growing Cane:		
Cultivations—Company Cane.....	\$2,771,852 99	
Materials and Supplies.....	3,241,158 68	
Advances to Colonos less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts.....	9,052,710 18	
Advances to Stores and Sundry Advances.....	214,092 58	
Molasses on hand.....	261,112 95	
Accounts and Bills Receivable, less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts.....	1,026,855 76	
Cash.....	700,712 06	
Cash on Deposit to meet Preferred Dividend due October 1st 1918.....	875,000 00	
	\$18,113,525 20	
Security for Redemption of Liens and Censos on Properties:		
Cash deposited in Trust Company and Bank.....	\$1,203,205 07	
Bonds of Cia. Central Mercedes deposited.....	60,000 00	
	\$1,263,205 07	
Deferred Charges:		
Insurance, Rents and Taxes paid in advance.....	\$190,490 90	
Interest paid in advance.....	125,805 38	
Items in Suspense.....	290,682 54	
	\$606,978 82	
	\$95,274,157 86	

**LIABILITIES.**

Declared Capital.....	\$52,500,000 00
500,000 Shares 7% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$100 00 each.....	50,000,000 00
500,000 Shares Common Stock, without nominal or par value.....	2,500,000 00
Bills Payable.....	\$12,000,000 00
Drafts Outstanding.....	1,409,497 72
Accounts Payable and Accrued Charges.....	5,864,607 67
Preferred Dividend No. 11 (Payable October 1st 1918).....	875,000 00
	\$20,149,105 39
Liens on Properties—Cash Deposited, per contra.....	\$601,183 50
Censos on Properties—Cash Deposited, per contra.....	602,021 57
Bonds of Cia. Central Mercedes, Owned by Corporation and Outstanding as Guarantee, per contra.....	60,000 00
	\$1,263,205 07
Reserves: Taxes, etc.....	\$800,000 00
Depreciation.....	4,750,000 00
	\$5,550,000 00
Deferred Liabilities:	
Balances in respect of purchases of additional lands.....	\$1,194,909 79
Items in Suspense.....	323,988 49
	\$1,518,898 28
Surplus Account: Balance.....	14,292,949 12
Contingent Liability: Notes Guaranteed.....	\$30,000 00
	\$95,274,157 86

We have verified the above Balance Sheet as at September 30th 1918 and the accompanying Profit and Loss and Surplus Accounts for the year ended that date, with the books in New York and Havana, and certify that, in our opinion, they correctly set forth respectively the financial position of the Company as at September 30th 1918 and the results of the operations for the year ended that date.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & CO.

49 Wall Street, New York City, January 6th 1919.

**CUBA CANE SUGAR CORPORATION.**

<b>PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT—SEPTEMBER 30th 1918.</b>	
Operating Profit for year ended September 30th 1918.....	\$7,390,603 98
<i>Less:</i>	
Interest and Exchange.....	\$679,654 56
Reserve for Taxes, etc. (including Income Taxes U. S. and Cuba).....	\$34,525 00
Reserve for Depreciation.....	1,750,000 00
	3,264,179 56
Balance being Net Profit for the year carried to Surplus Account.....	\$4,126,424 42
<b>SURPLUS ACCOUNT—SEPTEMBER 30th 1918.</b>	
Balance at October 1st 1917.....	\$13,666,524 70
<i>Add:</i>	
Net Profits for the year, per Profit & Loss Account.....	4,126,424 42
	\$17,792,949 12
<i>Deduct:</i>	
Dividends on Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, payable:	
No. 8, January 1st 1918.....	\$875,000 00
No. 9, April 1st ..	875,000 00
No. 10, July 1st ..	875,000 00
No. 11, October 1st ..	875,000 00
	3,500,000 00
Balance September 30th 1918.....	\$14,292,949 12

**Wilson & Co., Inc.—Offering of First Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Bonds.**—The Guaranty Trust Co., Hallgarten & Co. and William Salomon & Co., New York, and the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank and the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, are offering at 98½ and int., to yield about 6¼%, \$5,000,000 First Mtge. 6% 25-year Sinking Fund gold bonds, Series A, dated April 1 1916, due April 1 1941. Authorized \$25,000,000; outstanding in hands of public (including present issue), \$20,080,000.

Interest A. & O. in N. Y. and Chicago. Red. all or part on any int. date at 107½% and int. upon eight weeks' notice. Annual sinking fund of 1% of bonds outstanding, to be applied to the purchase or redemption of bonds. Bonds to be kept alive in sinking fund. Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., trustee.

**Data from Letter of Pres. Thomas E. Wilson, New York, Jan. 2 1919.**  
 Company.—The business began about 65 years ago in New York and is now one of the four largest packing concerns in the U. S. The growth has been not only in the meat packing lines and their numerous well-known by-products, but also, in recent years, in fresh, canned, dried and preserved food products of many kinds. The net sales of the company and its subsidiaries have increased from \$55,000,000 in 1903 to \$122,000,000 in 1915, to \$225,000,000 in 1917 and to \$250,000,000 in the first nine months of 1918.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st M. 6% 25-year bonds, Ser. A (incl. bonds offered, excluding those in sinking fund).....	\$25,000,000	\$20,080,000
Ten-Year Convertible bonds, due 1928.....	20,000,000	20,000,000
7% cumulative preferred stock.....	12,000,000	10,476,400
Common stock (no par value).....	500,000 shs.	200,000 shs.

The company also has \$300,000 real estate mortgages outstanding. **Purpose of Issue.**—The greatly increased volume of business, together with advances in the costs, has required the use of larger amounts of working capital. All the proceeds of these \$5,000,000 of bonds have been used to reimburse the company for expenditures heretofore made for additions, improvements, etc., to the properties of the company and its subsidiaries, and have been applied to the reduction of the company's current liabilities.

The aggregate indebtedness has not been increased by this issue. After giving effect to the sale of these bonds and the convertible bonds recently sold, the net quick assets of the company and its subsidiaries, based on the balance sheet as of Sept. 28 1918, approximate \$45,000,000, or over twice the amount of the outstanding First Mortgage bonds.

**Security.**—The direct obligations of the company and are secured by First Mortgage (subject only to \$300,000 real estate mortgages) on the manufacturing plants in New York City, Chicago and Kansas City, Kan., together with the equipment, and on branch house properties (owned in fee) and practically all other real estate; and (except a small amount of prior liens) on the branch house real estate (owned in fee) of its principal distributing subsidiary, Wilson & Co. of N. J. They are also secured by first collateral lien (through pledge of entire issues of bonds and capital stocks, except directors' shares) on the packing plants in Oklahoma City, Okla., and Los Angeles, Calif. (the latter being subject to \$200,000 prior liens) and on practically all of the branch house properties owned by its subsidiary cos.

The appraised value of the properties securing these bonds exceeds \$30,000,000. As further security the company's entire holdings of the stocks of other important subsidiary companies are pledged.

Remaining unissued bonds may be issued for (1) not exceeding 75% of expenditures for betterments, extensions, additional properties, &c. (incl. securities of subsidiary and other cos.), and (2) the discharge or acquisition of prior liens on the properties subject to the mortgage or of liens upon the properties of companies, stocks of which are pledged under the mortgage.

**Earnings for Fiscal Years.**

Fiscal Year—	1915.	1916.	1917.
Net sales, incl. sales of cos. the entire stock of which is owned.....	\$122,000,000	\$159,000,000	\$225,000,000
Net profits after all depreciation, interest charges and tax reserves.....	\$2,463,732	\$4,913,873	\$6,504,422

It is estimated that the net profits for 1918, after interest charges and reserves for depreciation and taxes, will exceed \$7,500,000.

**Equity.**—Present quoted prices for the junior issues, Convertible bonds, preferred and common stocks indicate an equity of about \$40,000,000 over and above the First Mortgage bonds.—V. 108, p. 85.

**Wisconsin Steel Co.—Plant.**

The Chicago "Economist" says: "This company, a subsidiary of the International Harvester Corp., is erecting a \$5,000,000 by-products plant at the southern end of its holdings east of Torrence Ave., between 106th and 110th Sts. This project is a natural outgrowth of the company's steadily increasing business. The new plant will be used for the production of tar, benzol and light oils as well as gas to heat the boilers in the steel plant. The principal part of the new project will comprise an 83-hp battery coke oven to cost \$2,200,000, upon which construction has already started.—V. 85, p. 104.

**Wisconsin Valley Electric Co.—New President, &c.**

C. C. Yawkey, formerly Vice-President, has been elected President to succeed Neal Brown, and is succeeded in the Vice-Presidency by R. F. Wilson.—V. 107, p. 2553.

**(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Sales.**

1918—Dec.—1917.	Increase.	1918—(2 Mos.—)1917.	Increase.
\$15,420,284	\$14,591,520	\$828,764	\$107,175,749
\$98,092,258	\$9,083,491		

—V. 107, p. 2482, 2297.

**The Commercial Times**

**COMMERCIAL EPITOME**

Friday Night, Jan. 10 1919.

Trade here in the East is slow. In the West and South where conditions are most favorable, it is only fair at best. The secret of this evident hesitancy in business the country over is the uncertainty about the future of prices. The hard times, meaning the high cost of living, and the belief that war inflated prices must give way to peace deflation, tends to curtail consumption throughout vast ramifications of trade. Industry is slowing down more noticeably. The business of the country is on tiptoe of expectation. Readjustments to peace conditions are universally expected to mean lower prices. Some progress in this direction has already been made. Metals, grain and cotton are lower. Flour prices are tending downward. Dairy products must follow. Coffee has fallen sharply within two weeks. There is an enormous supply in Brazil. Cotton goods seem likely to fall. Buyers show no anxiety to stock up with them. A year ago there was a big demand for everything. Now big post-holiday special sales are being held. They have to be. Cotton, woolen and silk mills are doing less business, even though colder weather undoubtedly helps retail sales of winter clothing. Wool may now be imported without restrictions. Exports of merchandise to Europe are hampered by the question of credits following the impoverishing effects across the water of the great war and also by the scarcity and dearness of ocean freights. Of course, exports of breadstuffs and meats are large. The trouble is in shipping cotton and other raw materials as well as manufactured products, which has been the case for many months past. The South has large stocks of raw cotton which it finds difficulty in selling to Europe because of tonnage scarcity, to say nothing of the question of financing exports. But on the other hand, collections are still generally good. There are plenty of cars to handle the coal trade. Failures are still notably few. West of the Mississippi the winter wheat crop has a good snow covering. It needs more in the Middle West. Lumber mills are resuming operations in the Pacific Northwest. A sharp demand for lumber is expected this spring. Undoubtedly there is an immense amount of delayed construction building to be done in this country, which must sooner or later favorably affect all kinds of construction materials. The general tone of business is optimistic as regards ultimate results, although for the time being conservatism, not to say caution, is the word of order until the general situation clarifies itself, particularly as regards the future of prices. On Jan. 9 New York Harbor was tied up by a strike involving 16,000 boat workers. It tied up over 1,000 boats at their piers. It is for an eight-hour day and higher wages. It threatened to spread to the longshoremen's organization, embracing 42,000 men, and attempts are even being made to enlist the workers on the Hudson tunnels, the Interborough and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit employees. It is believed that about 20,000 residents of Staten Island failed to reach New York yesterday. Service was stopped on the ferry lines of the Pennsylvania RR., the West Shore RR. at West 42d St., the New Jersey Central and the Erie at 23d Street and at the 39th and Fulton Sts. ferries to Brooklyn. Only two ferries were available—those of the Laekawanna and Long Island City. Thousands of commuters were unable to get to the city. The Hudson tunnels were jammed with extra travel. The hotels were swamped with applications for rooms. It is said the Federal, State and city officials are all working on some plan by which this strike may be quickly terminated. One report is that President Wilson may act. There ought to be some limit to these concerted attempts to block the business of a port of 6,000,000 by a petty fraction of the population. To make matters worse, we now have the sharpest weather of the season, the minimum temperature last night being down to 9 degrees. And there are fears of an actual shortage of foodstuffs and possibly of coal by reason of the strike. It is said that the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. are short of coal, and it is said that unless immediate relief is afforded transit lines will soon have to suspend their subway, elevated and surface car service. The transit lines and also the electric light and gas companies depend upon the free movement of barges to obtain the necessary coal for their plants. Bath Beach in the southern part of Brooklyn, is alarmed over the prospects of a fuel famine. The police have manned the Staten Island Ferry, but New Jersey travel is so hampered that the Senators from that State demand action by the United States Government. Embargoes on shipments to New York of grain, flour, &c. were already in force here. New York badly needs more terminals and warehouses. Exporters are promised a larger supply of tonnage and lower rates. A reduction of \$15 a ton from the Pacific Coast to Japan has been made by the United States Shipping Board. Reductions of from 25 to 30% in existing freight rates from Atlantic ports to South America, Asia, Japan, Australia and Africa have also been announced, effective for January and February loadings. There is room for large expansion in the export business in many directions. For instance, Sir Charles Macara, Presi-

dent of the International Cotton Federation, points out that American mills export little more than 5% of their product, even in normal times; that the English cotton industry has been hurt by the war; that India, China and Japan have a very limited production; and that only 2½% of Germany's cotton mills were operating when the armistice was signed. The British Minister for Shipping says that already the amount of space for commercial cargoes available in North Atlantic has been doubled and instead of cargo competing for space, space is now competing for cargo. He also says that the armistice permitted an increase of 10,000,000 tons in tonnage available for bringing imports to Great Britain. The supply of labor increases. Mr. Gompers warns against what he calls the "danger" of unemployment. At Bridgeport, Conn., alone there are 15,000 unemployed which may soon reach 25,000. The population of that city, however, before the war was 100,000 and employed about 40,000. The war doubled the population making it 200,000 and the employees increased to 65,000. At some other cities there are complaints of unemployment. Others have too small a supply of labor. The general tendency of wages is downward, though it is restricted by the high cost of living. Curiously enough many decisions have lately been rendered by the National War Labor Board, in which the pay of workers has been made retroactive at very high rates up to a period running back to many months ago, when the applications for arbitration or adjudication were first filed. The refusal or unwillingness of employers to abide by any such retroactive awards can be readily understood. The cost of living is still high. The householder pays 45c. to 50c. per lb. for steak, 75c. to 80c. for butter and 75c. to 90c. for eggs. The year 1918 was notable for its new high records for livestock prices. Cattle sold at \$20.50 per 100 lbs., hogs at \$20.25, lambs at \$22.10 and sheep at \$17. Everything costs more than formerly. As one instance of the extraordinary level to which prices of commodities have mounted platinum which is now the most precious metal used by jewelers and which in 1901 was \$14.12 an ounce, in 1905 \$17.03, and in 1914 \$36.00, is now \$105 or more than five times the price of gold. The cotton mill operatives of New England want an 8-hour day, otherwise they threaten to strike.

LARD lower; prime Western, 24.15@24.25c.; refined for the Continent, 28.50c.; South American, 28.65c.; Brazil in kegs, 29.65c. Futures declined especially on January with cash lard weak. Packers have been heavy sellers. Deliveries of 300,000 lbs. were made on January lard contracts. January product has been dull. Export trade is disappointing. People are nervous about it. Although the Government is expected to come into the market by Feb. 10 for 45,000,000 lbs. of lard and 300,000,000 lbs. of meats, the fixed price on hogs of 17½c. it is feared may be removed on Jan. 23. To-day prices advanced but they ended a shade lower for the week. Buying of May lard by packers caused an advance as compared with yesterday, however.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery...cts.	23.50	23.47	23.45	23.35	22.90	23.40
May delivery.....	24.00	24.15	24.05	24.00	23.50	23.85

PORK in moderate demand; Chicago depressed; mess, \$50@51; clear, \$44@52. Beef products unchanged; mess, \$35@36; packet, \$37@38; extra India mess, \$63@65. No. 1 canned roast beef, \$4.25; No. 2, \$8.25. Cut meats lower at 30@30½c. for pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., and 35@36c. for pickled bellies. To-day January pork closed at \$46.25, which is \$1.25 lower for the week. Butter creamery, extras, 29½@70c. Cheese, flats, 33@37½c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 67@68c.

COFFEE quiet and lower on the spot; No. 7 Rio, 16½c.; No. 4 Santos, 22@22½c.; fair to good Cucuta, 23@24c. Futures declined sharply with Brazilian prices to a point much below prices for actual coffee. Rio and Santos prices have been falling with little interruption. Bears here have been selling aggressively, even after prices had fallen 3 cents since Dec. 26. The prohibition of importations of Brazilian coffee into France by the trade has not yet been removed, but no restrictions are placed on imports from the mild coffee-producing countries. The Havre Exchange is still closed. The French Government is to provide a stock in France of 500,000 bags early in February. Here the feeling is bearish on big stocks in Brazil, the poverty of Europe and inferentially its inability to buy freely. To-day prices declined again, some 25 to 30 points, closing at 14.05@14.08c. for May, 13.85@13.87c. for July, 13.75@13.78c. for September and 13.63@13.65c. for December. Prices are lower for the week.

SUGAR 7.28c. for Cuban and Porto Rican centrifugal, 96-degrees test. The Equalization Board continues to make purchases of new Cuban and Porto Rican for prompt delivery at 7.28c. c. i. f. This appears to have been the first purchase of new crop Porto Rican raws except some afloat reported last week. On the 4th inst. the Board purchased 228,000 bags Cubas at 5.88c. cost and freight for January shipment, or a total thus far of about 170,000 tons. Refined sugar is quiet. The big harbor strike is expected, if it lasts, to cause a curtailment of meltings.

OILS.—Linseed in good demand and steady at 1.55c. for city raw, and 1.58@1.59c. for 5-barrel lots; prime edible lard 2.25@2.30c. Coconut, Ceylon, bbls. 16¼@16½c.

Cochin, bbls., 18@18½c. Soya bean, 16@16½c. Corn oil, crude wood, 17¼@18c. Olive, \$4.25. Cod, domestic, \$1.45@1.50. Spirits of turpentine, 73@74c. Common to good strained rosin \$14.10@14.25.

PETROLEUM quiet but steady; refined in barrels, cargo \$17.25@18.25; bulk, New York, \$8.25@9.25; cases, New York, \$19.25@20.25. Gasoline steady; motor gasoline in steel barrels, to garages, 24½c.; to consumers, 26½c. Gas machine 41½c. The excess of consumption needs over last year's output is regarded as matter of course. In 1918 the crude output was estimated at 345,500,000 barrels, or 10,000,000 barrels more than in 1917, but the domestic consumption in 1918 is stated at 397,000,000 barrels, or 51,500,000 barrels more than the production. The gap was partly filled by imports from Mexico of 36,500,000 bbls. Winter is halting field operations in the Mid-Continent region. But a well was completed in Eastland County, North Texas, starting at 4,000 bbls., also a wildcat strike in Brown County, Texas, and two wells in Osage County, Okla.; also wells in Butler County, Kan., and at Hall. New real estate methods prevail in the Ranger oil lands of Oklahoma. The purchaser of an acre interest in a 160-acre tract gets 160th of all oil produced. As imperfect surveys were made originally, careful title searchers frequently find surplus land and realize large profits. Lease transactions have given way to royalty deals.

Pennsylvania dark	\$4.00	South Lima	.....	\$2.38	Illinois, above 30 degrees	.....	\$2.42
Cabell	.....	Indiana	.....	2.28	Kansas and Okla. homo	.....	2.25
Crichton	.....	Princeton	.....	2.42	Caddo, La., light	.....	2.25
Corning	.....	Somerset, 32 deg.	.....	2.60	Caddo, La., heavy	.....	1.55
Woolster	.....	Ragland	.....	1.25	Canada	.....	2.87
Thrall	.....	Electra	.....	2.25	Heraldton	.....	1.45
Strawn	.....	Moran	.....	2.25	Henrietta	.....	2.25
De Soto	.....	Plymouth	.....	2.33			
North Lima	.....			2.38			

TOBACCO has remained quiet for both foreign and domestic, with prices generally unchanged pending further developments, which, needless to say, are likely to be replete with interest in 1919 now that the war has been left behind. A Washington dispatch says that American farmers produced in 1918 1,340,000,000 lbs. of tobacco, an increase of 110,000,000 lbs. over 1917, the Bureau of Crop Estimates, U. S. Department of Agriculture, announces. Tobacco consumption in this country, officials of the Bureau state, kept pace with the increased production, notwithstanding the great advance in prices. The average price received by farmers for tobacco leaf in 1918 was 27.9c., or three times the price of 1915, and nearly twice the price of 1916.

COPPER is variously quoted at 20 to 23c. Some of the smaller companies are said to have sold at 21½@22c. in small lots. The big companies claim that they will not sell at under 23c. Production will, it is said, be reduced. Tin has been quiet and unchanged at 71@72c. Lead inactive and steady at 5.75@6c. Spelter has been in poor demand and lower at 7.90c.

PIG IRON prices, it is believed, show a downward tendency. The production in the first half of the year is expected to be large. The coke supply is said to be ample for the time being. A Cleveland company is said to have been cutting down pig iron prices. Other large concerns are not doing this except now and then in particular cases. But in some industries they are extending delivery rather than granting cancellations or price revision. It is said to be a fact that many foundries are not supplied with orders.

STEEL trade is in a waiting attitude. Price adjustments continue to be made in finished steel. Shipments are being billed by large producers at the lower level now in effect, where the bookings were originally on the basis of the higher or old schedule. There has been a slight increase in business of late. Still it is below normal. Everybody is awaiting a further readjustment of price schedules. Some concerns are operating at 85% of their capacity. But as a rule it is nearer 65%. Even then, however, the production is the equal to 90% of the capacity four years ago.

COTTON

Friday Night, Jan. 10 1919.

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 131,534 bales, against 123,074 bales last week and 135,441 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1918 2,919,201 bales, against 3,719,870 bales for the same period of 1917-18, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1918 of 800,669 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	5,212	6,642	9,218	16,427	9,053	4,067	50,619
Texas City	.....	1,293	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,293
Pt. Arthur, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,074	1,074
New Orleans	4,202	3,739	7,095	2,025	5,834	4,199	27,994
Mobil	513	979	612	848	206	700	3,858
Pensacola	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jacksonville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Savannah	3,503	5,336	3,582	2,844	3,636	806	800
Brunswick	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,418
Charleston	731	683	996	700	477	720	2,000
Wilmington	232	279	431	631	200	349	2,122
Norfolk	2,161	2,942	4,235	1,022	1,306	604	12,270
N'port News, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46
New York	355	.....	.....	200	330	175	730
Boston	110	142	10	251	.....	.....	852
Baltimore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200
Philadelphia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200
Totals this week	17,019	21,935	26,179	25,948	21,101	19,352	131,534

The following shows the week's total receipts, total since Aug. 1 1918 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Jan. 10.	1918-19.		1917-18.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug. 1 1918.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1 1917.	1918.	1917.
Galveston.....	50,619	993,954	60,789	1,169,956	277,040	270,073
Texas City.....	1,293	30,145	6,525	31,766	6,560	24,209
Port Arthur.....	---	---	---	5,492	---	---
Araucos Pass, &c.	1,074	15,636	1,987	14,884	---	---
New Orleans.....	27,994	765,768	40,231	901,499	436,906	381,516
Mobile.....	3,858	85,408	2,263	65,839	38,554	10,775
Pensacola.....	---	4,640	---	5,725	---	---
Jacksonville.....	800	14,321	2,200	32,850	10,200	14,000
Savannah.....	23,469	586,127	19,958	725,656	287,745	226,381
Brunswick.....	2,000	49,450	4,500	101,400	5,500	18,700
Charleston.....	4,207	105,679	4,490	162,636	56,624	69,949
Wilmington.....	2,122	60,830	648	63,650	51,483	49,927
Norfolk.....	12,270	169,628	4,843	197,102	108,676	87,199
N'port News, &c.	46	2,909	194	3,062	82,100	141,301
New York.....	730	3,252	2,007	102,305	---	---
Boston.....	852	16,706	2,327	74,882	15,088	19,332
Baltimore.....	200	14,623	498	57,721	10,581	29,903
Philadelphia.....	---	30	66	3,455	6,117	7,843
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>131,534</b>	<b>2,919,201</b>	<b>153,628</b>	<b>3,719,870</b>	<b>1,398,174</b>	<b>1,341,108</b>

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

Receipts at—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.
Galveston.....	50,619	60,789	68,469	59,293	183,843	112,344
Texas City, &c.	2,367	8,512	6,566	2,621	65,418	30,470
New Orleans.....	27,994	40,231	22,138	30,025	75,049	69,552
Mobile.....	3,858	2,263	1,957	2,969	5,492	6,908
Savannah.....	23,469	19,958	7,082	35,043	82,314	26,102
Brunswick.....	2,000	4,500	2,500	3,000	15,000	3,200
Charleston, &c.	4,207	4,490	835	5,130	10,540	2,009
Wilmington.....	2,122	648	501	2,473	9,047	7,711
Norfolk.....	12,270	4,843	7,285	11,565	25,529	11,097
N'port N., &c.	46	194	436	13,987	8,467	1,802
All others.....	2,582	7,098	8,630	7,541	6,179	3,962
<b>Total this wk.</b>	<b>131,534</b>	<b>153,628</b>	<b>125,848</b>	<b>173,647</b>	<b>486,875</b>	<b>272,157</b>
Since Aug. 1.....	2,919,201	3,719,870	4,889,793	4,376,373	5,439,643	7,678,442

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 106,946 bales, of which 56,926 were to Great Britain, 9,296 to France and 40,724 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1918 are as follows:

Exports	Week ending Jan. 10 1919.				From Aug. 1 1918 to Jan. 10 1919.			
	Exported to—				Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston.....	35,581	---	9,454	45,035	308,231	26,560	178,085	601,876
Texas City.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	15,800	15,800
Port Arthur.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	130	130
New Orleans.....	12,912	---	6,515	19,427	257,614	108,563	93,494	459,671
Mobile.....	---	---	---	33,485	---	---	---	33,485
Pensacola.....	---	---	---	4,750	---	---	---	4,750
Savannah.....	---	---	---	68,111	92,550	69,817	---	231,478
Brunswick.....	---	---	---	28,341	---	---	---	28,341
Charleston.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	400	400
Wilmington.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	5,646	5,646
Norfolk.....	---	---	---	11,550	---	---	---	11,551
New York.....	8,433	9,296	24,745	42,474	219,709	53,838	171,803	445,400
Boston.....	---	---	---	22,045	---	5,576	---	27,621
Baltimore.....	---	---	---	12,355	---	---	---	12,355
Philadelphia.....	---	---	---	19,075	---	---	1,398	20,473
Pacific ports.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	159,697	159,697
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>56,926</b>	<b>9,296</b>	<b>40,724</b>	<b>106,946</b>	<b>1,075,266</b>	<b>286,168</b>	<b>678,270</b>	<b>2,309,704</b>
Tot. '17-18.....	115,677	4,531	26,914	147,122	1,473,684	333,196	697,897	2,504,777
Tot. '16-17.....	67,020	6,425	62,205	135,650	1,732,654	466,197	1,193,860	3,392,711

\* Figures adjusted to make comparison with this season approximately correct.

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

Jan. 10 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leasing Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger-many.	Other Cont't.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston.....	19,327	5,700	---	16,391	6,000	229,622
New Orleans.....	23,005	2,450	---	7,680	403	463,348
Savannah.....	---	5,000	---	16,000	0,000	270,745
Charleston.....	---	---	---	1,000	1,000	55,924
Mobile.....	16,015	---	---	---	1,000	21,539
Norfolk.....	---	---	---	---	700	107,976
New York*.....	4,000	3,000	---	6,000	---	69,100
Other ports.....	12,000	2,000	---	3,000	---	88,529
<b>Total 1919.....</b>	<b>74,347</b>	<b>18,150</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>49,071</b>	<b>15,103</b>	<b>1,236,503</b>
<b>Total 1918.....</b>	<b>41,319</b>	<b>47,068</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>18,156</b>	<b>16,111</b>	<b>1,218,454</b>
<b>Total 1917.....</b>	<b>69,250</b>	<b>33,175</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>45,310</b>	<b>20,310</b>	<b>1,320,092</b>

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been only moderately active; although prices at one time declined, a rally occurred later, but they fell off again to-day. The fluctuations have been within comparatively moderate limits if we consider the net results of the week, although the swing has been large enough on occasions. Some regard it as simply a market for big interests. They are therefore sceptical as to the permanence of a rise at this time. The grand question is, how are exports to be financed? The total for the season thus far is far behind that of last year. Europe is of course suffering from the financial effects of the war. To put it mildly, it is not overburdened with ready money. In Continental countries they cannot buy on the pre-war scale at once. They must have help of some sort from somewhere. But who is to give it? The money situation is such that the Money Committee is still in existence here. Bankers have recently expressed themselves as dubious on the question of exports, because of the difficulty of arranging credits. Some take the ground that export prospects are not improving. Serious obstacles, it is asserted, bar the way. It is clear that large exporters and manufacturers who have been counting upon an immediate and large increase in the

general foreign trade in all sorts of merchandise are disappointed. Ocean freights are still scarce and high in the cotton trade. Recently the South Atlantic rate to Liverpool was reduced to \$4 50, but even that is about ten times as high as the normal rate before the war, which was roughly speaking 40 to 60 cents per 100 lbs. But even if the rate be reduced to \$3 50, as one report says it will be, it would still be abnormally high. Before the war, indeed, it would have seemed fabulous. Not only that, but even the reports which say that the rate will be reduced to \$3 50 per 100 lbs. add that the rate will be stabilized at that level for a period of anywhere from three to six months. All of which does not sound especially encouraging. And men are beginning to talk about the next acreage. They believe it will be very large. Labor will be more plentiful as the army is demobilized, and munition operatives are discharged. Fertilizers certainly will be in larger supply. Abundant rains have given the South a good sub-soil moisture. And of course the fact is not forgotten that existing stocks in this country are still very large. Many at the South are still holding back their cotton. But there is another side to that. If the demand fails the carryover into next season will be all the larger for the South holding back. Some, moreover, do not like the big premiums current here of 315 points on January over July and nearly 600 points on January over October. The demand from Eastern and Southern mills in the meantime has been moderate. And the belief of many is that the December figures on domestic consumption will be rather small. They will appear on the 14th inst. Finally, some think that there has been too much bullish manipulation here. As they see the price advances as long as big interests buy or give support. When they do not, prices easily slip backward. Also the short interest of late has been reduced. General speculation, moreover, has not been large. The idea of many is that at a general proposition, war inflation of prices must give place to peace deflation, and that cotton no more than any other commodity can escape its effects. Southern hedge selling has played more or less of a part in the trade. At times Japanese interests have sold; also Liverpool houses. On the other hand, however, reports of increasing supplies of tonnage and lower freight rates have not been without some effect. And Liverpool at times has been very strong. It has bought here to some extent. The French Commission has also been buying March rather freely. The short interest at one time was quite large. Needless to say, Liverpool is still heavily short here on straddles. At the same time, many think there is a tendency towards a narrowing of differences between New York and Liverpool, as Liverpool's stock increases. Some Southern advices report a persistent export demand. Meanwhile white cotton is wanted and is held very firmly. Premiums are at a high record. On the 9th inst. the exports were 57,513 bales. Liverpool then bought July and October rather freely. Spot houses were good buyers. Country merchants at the South have been selling on a basis for middling well above the future markets at New York and New Orleans. Much stress is laid on the fact that futures are still far below the parity of Southern spot quotations. As to the question of exports and foreign credits some take the ground that credits are bound to be provided simply because there is no other way of getting around the difficulty. Some think that the way out of the difficulty would be to finance the shippers here on the basis of bills of lading and later of warehouse certificates. Many of them have been in the export business for many years past. They are supposed to know who they are dealing with across the water. In any case something must be done. Europe has got to have the cotton. The credits must somehow be arranged. It is a matter of dire necessity. Therefore it will be done. At any rate that is how not a few of the trade regard the matter. Continental countries will have to be helped. There are those who say plainly that even the Central Powers will also have to have credits given them. They must do business if they are to pay a big indemnity. During the week, too, an amendment to the Lever Act was introduced by Senator Smith of South Carolina, which provides that trading in futures shall be limited to two grades above and two grades below middling, with no tinges or stains. It is said that this will be passed. If it does and becomes law at once the argument is that it will sensibly increase the value of the future contracts, and greatly increase the mill business with the Exchanges. Memberships at the New York Cotton Exchange have risen to \$17,500, as against \$12,500 on Oct. 8. The Exchange was closed on Wednesday, Jan. 8, Jackson Day. It would doubtless have been closed in any case at 12:30 p. m. with the Stock Exchange on that day out of respect to the memory of the late Theodore Roosevelt. To-day prices declined on general liquidation, lower cables, the harbor strike and selling by Liverpool, the South and local traders catching stop orders. Prices are lower for the week. They fell 100 to 125 points to-day from the high point of the morning when the French commission bought March. Spot cotton closed at 30.90c. for middling uplands, showing a decline for the week of 75 points, but to-day they fell 95 points. The spot situation at the South will be sharply watched.

SALE OF COTTON EXCHANGE SEATS BY ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN.—The five alien owned New York Cotton Exchange memberships have been sold by the

Alien Property Custodian at prices ranging from \$15,100 to \$15,311. William P. Jenks purchased one for \$15,311 for a client. A second was purchased by William Schill for \$15,300. There were seven bids of \$15,100 for the remaining three, which were drawn by H. B. Schloss, of which C. A. Johnson of Wagner & Co. secured one, and William Mitchell the other two. There were present at the drawing Superintendent Hale of the Cotton Exchange; William Schill, Chairman of the Membership Committee, and Judge M. M. Mann, representing the Alien Property Custodian. It is stated that a membership is offered at \$17,500. The last regular sale of a seat brought that price.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Jan. 4 to Jan. 10—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands	31.50	31.30	31.60	Hol.	31.85	30.90

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

1919 c.	30.90	1911 c.	14.95	1903 c.	8.90	1895 c.	5.75
1918	33.25	1910	15.45	1902	8.25	1894	8.10
1917	18.40	1909	9.40	1901	10.12	1893	9.88
1916	12.60	1908	11.45	1900	7.56	1892	7.44
1915	8.00	1907	10.80	1899	6.00	1891	9.38
1914	12.00	1906	11.75	1898	5.94	1890	10.38
1913	13.10	1905	7.15	1897	7.38	1889	9.81
1912	9.45	1904	13.70	1896	8.31	1888	10.38

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contract.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet 15 pts dec.	Barely steady.	-----	-----	-----
Monday	Quiet 20 pts dec.	Steady	-----	-----	-----
Tuesday	Quiet 30 pts adv.	Barely steady	-----	1,000	1,000
Wednesday	-----	HOLIDAY	-----	-----	-----
Thursday	Quiet 25 pts adv.	Steady	-----	600	600
Friday	Quiet 95 pts dec.	Easy	-----	-----	-----
Total	-----	-----	-----	1,600	1,600

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

	Saturday, Jan. 4.	Monday, Jan. 6.	Tuesday, Jan. 7.	Wed. day, Jan. 8.	Thurs. day, Jan. 9.	Friday, Jan. 10.	Week.
January—							
Range	28.40-70	27.75-25	27.89-70		28.60-30	27.70-80	27.70-90
Closing	28.50	28.06	28.33-35		28.60	27.70-72	
February—							
Range					27.40	26.30	
Closing	27.35	26.75	27.00				
March—							
Range	27.04-43	26.19-92	26.41-23		27.15-42	26.14-30	26.14-43
Closing	27.09-12	26.54-37	26.80-86		27.20-25	26.14-20	
April—							
Range		26.25	25.75	26.10			
Closing				26.40	25.25		
May—							
Range	26.00-40	25.15-85	25.40-20	HOLIDAY	26.11-37	25.01-23	25.01-30
Closing	26.00-05	25.51-55	25.85		26.17-18	25.01-08	
June—							
Range		25.00			25.65	24.45	25.00
Closing		25.33	24.90	25.30			
July—							
Range	23.10-50	24.27-08	24.65-51		25.40-66	24.28-62	24.27-66
Closing	25.15-22	24.75-79	25.15		25.48-54	24.28-30	
August—							
Range		23.40-65	24.20		24.15	23.40-20	
Closing	23.80	23.35-39	23.95		24.18	22.98	
September—							
Range	23.70-03	22.30-65	22.25-35		23.45-51	22.25-08	22.25-51
Closing	22.65-70	22.30-35	22.95		23.45	22.25	
October—							
Range	22.50-05	22.00-60	22.20-90		23.00-30	22.10-25	22.00-30
Closing	22.50-55	22.10-15	22.65-70		23.08-10	22.10-11	

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QUOTATIONS FORMIDDLINGCOTTONATOTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations of middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week ending Jan. 10.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, Jan. 4.	Monday, Jan. 6.	Tuesday, Jan. 7.	Wed. day, Jan. 8.	Thurs. day, Jan. 9.	Friday, Jan. 10.
Galveston	31.25	31.25	31.25		31.25	30.50
New Orleans	30.75	30.75	30.25		30.25	30.00
Mobile	28.75	28.00	28.00		28.75	28.00
Savannah	31.00	31.00	31.00		31.00	31.00
Charleston	30.00	30.00	30.00		30.00	30.00
Wilmington	28.25				29.75	
Norfolk	28.75	28.00	28.50	HOLIDAY	30.00	28.25
Baltimore	30.00	29.50	29.50		30.00	29.50
Philadelphia	31.75	31.55	31.85	NEW YORK	32.10	31.15
Augusta	29.75	29.25	29.38		29.38	29.12
Memphis	30.50	30.00	30.00		30.00	30.00
Dallas		30.00	29.75		29.90	29.20
Houston	30.65	30.15	30.40		30.75	30.00
Little Rock	29.75	29.50	29.75		29.75	29.75

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 4.	Monday, Jan. 6.	Tuesday, Jan. 7.	Wed. day, Jan. 8.	Thurs. day, Jan. 9.	Friday, Jan. 10.
January	28.24	26.72	28.23		28.82	27.70
March	26.71-74	26.16-17	26.56-61		27.10-12	26.00-08
May	25.73-75	25.19-22	25.57-60	HOLIDAY	25.95-07	24.73-78
July	24.86	24.37	24.80-86		25.13	23.72-84
October	22.05	21.78	22.30		22.50-55	21.40-50
Tone						
Spot	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.		Steady	Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady		Steady	Barly sty

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently

all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Stock at Liverpool	453,000	471,000	859,000	829,000
Stock at London	16,000	22,000	29,000	65,000
Stock at Manchester	65,000	37,000	115,000	101,000
Total Great Britain	534,000	530,000	1,003,000	995,000
Stock at Hamburg	-----	-----	*1,000	*1,000
Stock at Bremen	-----	-----	*1,000	*1,000
Stock at Havre	58,000	144,000	268,000	290,000
Stock at Marseilles	1,000	5,000	5,000	4,000
Stock at Barcelona	25,000	50,000	83,000	86,000
Stock at Genoa	21,000	31,000	207,000	228,000
Stock at Trieste	-----	-----	*1,000	*1,000
Total Continental stocks	105,000	230,000	566,000	611,000
Total European stocks	639,000	760,000	1,569,000	1,606,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	12,000	42,000	76,000	56,000
Amer. cotton afloat for Europe	338,000	210,000	484,278	378,423
Stock in Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe	47,000	160,000	77,000	43,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	382,000	319,000	200,000	232,000
Stock in Bombay, India	*525,000	*490,000	510,000	653,000
Stock in U. S. ports	1,393,174	1,341,108	1,488,137	1,744,423
Stock in U. S. interior towns	1,494,729	1,297,927	1,302,513	1,485,582
U. S. exports to-day	8,107	20,547	9,885	14,326

Total visible supply 4,839,010 4,640,582 5,716,813 6,212,754

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—					
Liverpool stock	bales.	285,000	307,000	697,000	547,000
Manchester stock		42,000	26,000	83,000	78,000
Continental stock		*76,000	*198,000	*470,000	*517,000
American afloat for Europe		338,000	210,000	484,278	378,423
U. S. port stocks		1,393,174	1,341,108	1,488,137	1,744,423
U. S. interior stocks		1,494,729	1,297,927	1,302,513	1,485,582
U. S. exports to-day		8,107	20,547	9,885	14,326

Total American					
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—		3,637,010	3,400,582	4,534,813	4,764,754
Liverpool stock		168,000	164,000	162,000	282,000
London stock		16,000	22,000	29,000	65,000
Manchester stock		23,000	11,000	32,000	23,000
Continental stock		*20,000	*32,000	*96,000	*94,000
India afloat for Europe		12,000	42,000	76,000	56,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat		47,000	160,000	77,000	43,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt		382,000	319,000	200,000	232,000
Stock in Bombay, India		*525,000	*490,000	510,000	653,000

Total East India, &c.					
Total American		1,202,000	1,240,000	1,182,000	1,448,000
Total American		3,367,010	3,400,582	4,534,813	4,764,754
Total visible supply		4,839,010	4,640,582	5,716,813	6,212,754
Middling upland, Liverpool		19.36d.	23.53d.	11.11d.	8.06d.
Middling upland, New York		30.90d.	32.90d.	18.15c.	12.50c.
Egypt, good brown, Liverpool		36.00d.	32.55d.	21.70d.	11.50d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool		37.00d.	34.00d.	18.00d.	11.40d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool		18.72d.	22.25d.	10.00d.	7.75d.
Timnevally, good, Liverpool		19.17d.	22.43d.	10.77d.	8.78d.

\*Estimated.

Continental imports for past week have been 74,000 bales. The above figures for 1919 show an increase over last week of 77,888 bales, a gain of 198,428 bales over 1918, a decrease of 877,803 bales from 1917 and a loss of 1,373,744 bales from 1916.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year—is set out in detail below.

Towns.	Movement to Jan. 10 1919.			Movement to Jan. 11 1918.		
	Receipts.	Shipments.	Stocks Jan. 10.	Receipts.	Shipments.	Stocks Jan. 11.
Ala., Eufaula	58	3,960	2,620	152	3,845	2,452
Montgomery	566	55,357	775	26,062	207	44,873
Selma	351	52,282	1,411	24,015	297	32,893
Ark., Helena	409	27,247	600	7,569	987	31,644
Little Rock	5,703	107,311	4,341	45,036	6,946	155,702
Pine Bluff	3,500	80,357	3,300	42,807	2,000	103,094
Gal., Albany	123	9,795	32	4,592	95	12,063
Athens	5,478	94,311	5,000	46,200	1,359	94,137
Atlanta	8,050	122,090	5,810	26,876	8,000	211,005
Augusta	6,177	273,564	3,032	170,726	6,989	371,689
Chattanooga	2,600	46,914	300	27,500	625	28,210
Macon	3,416	128,913	4,082	35,971	4,898	124,417
Rome	2,000	38,074	2,337	15,000	1,729	43,454
La., Shreveport	2,723	100,568	3,730	52,845	6,598	167,925
Miss., Columbus	39	16,623	823	5,443	33	8,569
Clarkdale	3,139	91,119	4,847	48,324	1,000	96,494
Greenwood	2,800	97,378	2,939	45,000	1,500	99,915
Meridian	900	30,893	900	15,767	1,053	24,749

up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Jan. 10— Shipped—	1918-19—		1917-18—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	10,208	245,230	13,086	241,399
Via Mounds, &c.	1,446	12,372	273	5,220
Via Rock Island	2,015	67,138	1,375	45,322
Via Louisville	2,500	42,753	3,078	27,068
Via Cincinnati	1,511	89,147	2,874	152,070
Via Virginia points	1,511	89,147	2,874	152,070
Via other routes, &c.	12,768	282,407	13,946	348,583
Total gross overland	45,354	982,446	60,183	1,604,773
Deduct shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	1,782	34,706	4,898	238,363
Between interior towns	1,411	28,849	2,399	52,515
Inland, &c., from South	2,219	118,471	65,482	359,291
Total to be deducted	5,412	182,026	12,779	650,169
—Including total net overland *	38,122	800,420	47,403	954,604

\* Including movement by rail to Canada. a Revised.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 38,122 bales, against 47,403 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 154,184 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings	1918-19—		1917-18—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Jan. 10	131,534	2,919,201	153,526	3,719,870
Net overland to Jan. 10	38,122	800,420	47,403	954,604
Southern consumption to Jan. 10*	65,000	1,799,000	81,000	1,978,000
Total marketed	234,656	5,518,621	281,929	6,652,474
Interior stocks in excess	9,610	798,113	46,193	943,585
Came into sight during week	244,266		275,736	
Total in sight Jan. 10	6,316,734		7,595,459	
Nor. spinners' takings to Jan. 10	27,042	1,122,967	47,128	1,389,419

a Decrease during week. \* These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Week.	Bales.
1917—Jan. 12	208,732	1916—Jan. 12	8,889,977	
1916—Jan. 13	286,905	1915—Jan. 13	7,766,222	
1915—Jan. 15	588,737	1914—Jan. 15	8,684,313	

**WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.**—Reports to us by telegraph this evening from the South indicate that rain has fallen in most localities during the week, but with moderate to light precipitation as a rule. Temperature has been lower.

**Galveston, Tex.**—We have had rain on two days of the past week, the rainfall being one inch and fifty-two hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 28 to 56, averaging 42.

**Abilene, Tex.**—Dry all the week. Highest thermometer 54, lowest 16, average 35.

**Amarillo, Tex.**—We have had no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 25, the highest being 40 and the lowest 10.

**Brownsville, Tex.**—There has been rain on two days the past week to the extent of sixteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 46, ranging from 24 to 68.

**Dallas, Tex.**—It has rained on one day during the week, to the extent of two hundredths of an inch. The thermometer ranged from 18 to 56, averaging 37.

**Palestine, Tex.**—Rain on two days of the week. The rainfall has been thirty-eight hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 38, highest 58, lowest 18.

**San Antonio, Tex.**—It has rained on one day during the week to the extent of thirty-two hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 41, the highest being 58 and the lowest 24.

**Taylor, Tex.**—We have had rain on two days of the past week, the rainfall being twenty hundredths of an inch. Minimum thermometer 20.

**New Orleans, La.**—We have had rain on one day of the past week, the rainfall being fifteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 41.

**Shreveport, La.**—Rain on two days of the week. The rainfall has been forty-four hundredths of an inch. Lowest thermometer 16, highest 55.

**Vicksburg, Miss.**—It has rained during the week to the extent of three inches and nineteen hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 33, the highest being 57 and the lowest 10.

**Mobile, Ala.**—Rain on two days during the week, to the extent of twenty-four hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 29, ranging from 17 to 56.

**Selma, Ala.**—It has rained on one day during the week, to the extent of thirty hundredths of an inch. The thermometer ranged from 9 to 47, averaging 21.

**Savannah, Ga.**—Rain on three days of the week. The rainfall has been one inch and thirty-two hundredths. Average thermometer 40, highest 58, lowest 20.

**Charleston, S. C.**—There has been rain on three days during the week, the rainfall being one inch and eight hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 47, the highest being 60 and the lowest 22.

**Charlotte, N. C.**—There has been only a trace of rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 34, ranging from 15 to 53.

**Memphis, Tenn.**—We have had rain on each day of the past week, the rainfall being nineteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 11 to 44, averaging 29.

**WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.**—The following brief but comprehensive statements indicate 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.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1918-19.		1917-18.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Jan. 3	4,761,122		4,624,565	
Visible supply Aug. 1		3,027,450		2,814,776
American in sight to Jan. 10	244,266	6,316,734	275,736	7,595,459
Bombay receipts to Jan. 9	665,000	602,000	40,000	611,000
Other India ship's to Jan. 9		12,000	2,000	46,000
Alexandria receipts to Jan. 8	530,000	519,000	22,000	526,000
Other supply to Jan. 8 *	84,000	102,000	6,000	66,000
Total supply	5,104,388	10,579,184	4,970,301	11,659,235
Deduct—				
Visible supply Jan. 10	4,839,010	4,839,010	4,640,582	4,640,582
Total takings to Jan. 10 a	265,378	5,740,174	329,719	7,018,653
Of which American	182,378	4,629,174	295,719	5,714,653
Of which other	83,000	1,111,000	34,000	1,304,000

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,799,000 bales in 1918-19 and 1,978,000 bales in 1917-18—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 3,941,174 bales in 1918-19 and 5,040,653 bales in 1917-18, of which 2,830,174 bales and 3,736,653 bales American. b Estimated.

**CENSUS BUREAU'S REPORT ON COTTON GINNING.**—The Division of Manufactures in the Census Bureau completed and issued on Jan. 9 its report on the amount of cotton ginned up to Jan. 1, the present season, and we give it below, comparison being made with the returns for the like period of the two preceding years:

	Counting Round as Half Bales		
	1919.	1918.	1917.
Alabama	750,687	482,695	540,661
Arizona	29,519	14,651	5,776
Arkansas	842,180	858,321	1,060,569
California	46,757	37,265	28,237
Florida	27,071	48,408	50,254
Georgia	1,951,186	1,768,315	1,810,934
Louisiana	523,813	600,349	435,437
Louisiana	1,051,201	809,099	775,452
Mississippi	50,909	44,749	55,727
Missouri	767,020	543,782	642,816
North Carolina	542,099	888,117	798,761
Oklahoma	1,394,945	1,145,620	922,152
South Carolina	281,577	200,427	357,029
Tennessee	2,477,966	2,975,001	3,523,905
Texas	20,167	16,265	26,192
Virginia	4,581	3,788	5,589
All other States			
United States	10,761,278	10,434,852	11,039,491

The 1919 figures are subject to slight corrections when checked against the individual returns of the ginners being transmitted by mail. The number of round bales included this year is 145,712, contrasted with 181,104 bales in 1918 and 188,052 bales in 1917. The number of Sea Island bales included this year is 36,270, against 86,935 bales in 1918 and 113,343 bales in 1917. The number of American Egyptian bales included this year is 17,570. The distribution of Sea Island cotton in 1919 by States is: Florida, 14,120 bales; Georgia, 16,123 bales; and South Carolina, 6,027 bales.

**DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF COTTON MANUFACTURES.**—We give below a statement showing the exports of domestic cotton manufactures for September and for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1918, and, for purposes of comparison, like figures for the corresponding periods of the previous year are also presented:

Manufacturers of Cotton Exported.	Month ending Sept. 30.		9 Months ending Sept. 30.	
	1918.	1917.	1918.	1917.
Piece goods—yards	35,200,335	65,091,599	402,907,908	625,877,259
Piece goods—value	\$3,044,428	\$8,243,369	\$75,191,007	\$61,423,751
Wearing apparel—value	1,136,162	1,127,333	11,437,399	9,945,404
Knit goods—value	844,274	763,929	8,259,259	9,049,004
All other—value	648,811	952,937	6,105,800	6,294,948
Waste cotton—value	685,305	659,878	5,954,729	3,960,988
All other—value	2,006,965	1,350,004	17,779,838	14,415,435
Total manufactures of value	\$13,265,945	\$13,103,450	\$124,724,967	\$105,089,228

**RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.**—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the out-ports:

Week and	Receipts at Ports			Stocks at Interior Towns			Receipts from Plantations		
	1918-19	1917-18	1916-17	1918-19	1917-18	1916-17	1918-19	1917-18	1916-17
Nov 22	134,414	202,316	210,082	1,326,671	1,108,162	1,374,398	194,230	293,614	283,776
29	136,346	182,362	239,911	1,340,002	1,151,522	1,308,950	149,671	225,622	274,463
Dec 6	150,747	194,241	243,604	1,331,279	1,216,859	1,331,719	142,024	259,828	284,303
13	147,395	158,476	209,130	1,343,638	1,248,095	1,379,059	159,704	189,912	228,440
20	171,357	122,999	148,643	1,390,823	1,259,429	1,382,887	113,542	134,333	152,471
27	135,441	124,475	141,234	1,448,017	1,301,441	1,405,569	192,635	166,487	163,907
Jan 3	123,074	139,294	147,200	1,485,119	1,304,120	1,352,284	160,176	141,973	93,984
10	131,531	133,626	125,848	1,494,729	1,297,927	1,302,513	141,144	147,333	76,077

The above statement shows: 1.—That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1918 are 3,717,314 bales; in 1917-18 were 4,662,855 bales, and in 1916-17 were 5,838,572 bales. 2.—That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 131,534 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 141,144 bales, the balance going to increase stocks at interior towns. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 147,333 bales and for 1917 they were 76,077 bales.



MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is quiet and irregular, with a downward tendency. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns for 1918-19 and 1917-18, showing prices for 32s Cop, 8 1/4 lbs. Shrt-ings, Common to Finest, and Cot'n Midd. Upl's.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 106,946 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table listing shipping destinations like NEW YORK, GALVESTON, and NEW ORLEANS with ship names and dates.

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

Summary table of shipping particulars with columns for Great Britain, France, Holland, Spain, Italy, and Total.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table showing sales of the week, stocks, and imports for Liverpool, categorized by American and other sources.

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

Table showing daily market conditions (Market, Mtd. Upl'g, Sales, Futures, Market opened, Market, P. M.) from Saturday to Friday.

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below.

Table showing futures prices for New Contracts from January to April, with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Jan. 10 1919.

Flour has remained quiet and the tone is nervous owing to a pressure of mill offerings and a break in corn. Export trade has been lacking. Domestic demand is light. Stocks in the meantime are very large. But the embargo on shipments to New York will ameliorate conditions as to supply before long. That is the general opinion. Thus far, however, it has affected neither prices nor trade. The harbor

strike of 16,000 men certainly does not help matters. There is too much flour here. Prices on the spot are in some cases below mill quotations. Mills are offering freely. They find sales difficult even when they ease quotations. It is a fact moreover, that buyers in many cases prefer war grades. That raises an interesting question as to how holders of 100% flour are to get rid of their flour. The Government has for the most part been buying direct from mills. But sooner or later the matter will no doubt rectify itself. Europe will have to buy 24,000,000 tons of food from this country during the present year and this it is naturally believed will include a good deal of flour.

Wheat crop advices have been generally favorable from the West. Receipts have at one time decreased. Europe will want enormous food supplies from America. Mr. Hoover says that 1,400,000 tons of food must be imported to tide over until the next harvest those European regions which the Allies contemplate feeding under their broadened food distribution plans. He adds that the general situation in the areas covered by recent surveys is that their animals are largely reduced, and their crops were far below normal on account of man and animal shortage, ravages of war, and climatic conditions. The surplus harvest above absolute needs is now rapidly approaching exhaustion, and consequently the towns and cities are in a dangerous situation. In Australia this year's small crop of wheat is being harvested in good weather. Stocks of old wheat are big, about 160,000,000 bushels, and the combined total of old and new crop is quite sufficient to furnish exports for at least two years. As the world's supply of tonnage gradually becomes larger, the Australian wheat surplus will be shipped at a good rate, because very steamer employed to bring back Australian troops will be able to load home with a full cargo of wheat or other produce. A big fleet of vessels has sailed to Australia to load foodstuffs. In India the condition of the crops is reported as very poor. In Argentina the weather remains favorable and harvesting is highly successful. The exportable surplus of Argentina is now said to be about 163,000,000 bushels. Argentine prices yesterday dropped 3 1/2c. Exports from the United States have latterly been large. It was stated that Norway bought about 1,900,000 bushels of wheat in Australia at about \$1 35 f.o.b. This has attracted considerable attention. And small wonder with official prices here 240 1/2 for No. 1 spring and 237 1/2 for No. 2 red.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

Table showing daily closing prices for No. 2 red and No. 1 spring wheat.

Indian corn has advanced, reaching a new high record early. A report that Argentina will be imported freely was at one time denied by the Food Administration. Cash prices showed not a little strength earlier in the week. It was believed that no further material decline could occur until stocks are greatly increased. Shorts have covered freely. Also there has been considerable buying at times by outside interests on deferred orders. There is no denying that Europe will have to buy heavily of food products in this country during the coming year. On the other hand, however, prices broke 6 1/2 cents yesterday on an announcement that restrictions on imports from Argentina had been removed, or else that the Food Administration had recommended to the War Trade Board that this be done. Also the technical position had become weaker. A good many shorts had covered. In Chicago there has been selling that was supposed to be against purchases of Argentine corn. It is also stated that there has been selling in Chicago for London account of late for the first time in many months. It is said that about 3,000,000 bushels of Argentine corn has thus far been bought in this country at from 80c. f.o.b. down to 73 1/2c., and that Chicago has been selling May as a hedge. Moreover, our American receipts of late have increased. The weather at the West has become clear and cold. Larger farmer deliveries are expected. On Thursday Argentine cables showed a decline of 3 1/2 cents in wheat and 1 1/2 in corn. The outlook for corn in Argentina is reported favorable. The crop was seeded under good conditions. Argentine advices say that the offerings of corn are liberal. To-day prices broke badly again on renewed reports that importations of Argentine corn will be permitted. Argentine corn is quoted at \$1 33 1/2 Atlantic or Gulf ports, but time of shipment is not given. Prices are lower at Chicago for the week. Towards the close to-day, however, there was a rally, and prices ended 1/2 to 1 3/4c. higher than at the close yesterday, in an oversold market. Buenos Ayres has a big harbor strike which may restrict shipments for a time.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table showing daily closing prices for No. 3 yellow corn.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN CHICAGO.

Table showing daily closing prices for January delivery in elevator and March delivery in elevator.

Oats fluctuated within moderate limits until towards the end of the week when they dropped over 3 cents partly in

sympathy with the break in corn. The Eastern and local demand at Chicago has been less active. This offsets the fact that country offerings have been very small. The speculative trading has been on only a fair scale at Chicago. Meanwhile the demand in the sample market has been light. Prices have fallen and premiums have also declined to some extent. On the other hand prices were somewhat higher at one time in response to quite a sharp rise in corn early in the week. Shorts then covered freely. Country offerings have been small all the week, so much so that this fact has been emphasized as a feature that should not be ignored. The oats crop of Argentina is estimated at 38,424,000 bushels, against 66,000,000 last year. In other words the crop there is only about half as large as the previous one. To-day prices declined early but rallied later with corn. But the domestic demand apart from this is much better, and receipts continue light. Nevertheless prices are lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Standards.....cts.	80 <sup>30</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	80 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	81-81 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	81-81 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	80	79 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
No. 2 white.....	80 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	81	81 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	81 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	80	80

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery in elevator.....cts.	70 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	70 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	71 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	71 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	68 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	69 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
March delivery in elevator.....	71 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	72	72 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	72 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	70	70 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
May delivery in elevator.....	71 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	72 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	72 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	73	69 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	70 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

The following are closing quotations:

FLOUR

Spring patents.....	\$10 45@10 80	Barley flour (to arrive).....	\$7 50@8 00
Winter.....	10 40@10 75	Barley goods—Portage barley:	
Kansas.....	10 60@11 00	No. 1.....	nom
Rye flour.....	8 50@9 25	No. 2, 3 and 4.....	4 00
Corn goods, per bbl.—		No. 2-0 and 3-0.....	5 50@5 65
White flour.....	\$8 50	No. 4-0.....	5 75
Yellow flour.....	8 00	Oats goods—Carload, spot delivery.....	9 50

GRAIN

Wheat—		Oats—	
No. 2 red.....	\$2 37 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Standard.....	79 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
No. 1 spring.....	2 40 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	No. 2 white.....	80
Corn—		No. 3 white.....	79 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
No. 2 yellow.....	1 70 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	No. 4 white.....	79 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
No. 3 yellow.....	1 67 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Barley—	
Argentine.....		Feeding.....	1 03@1 08
		Malting.....	1 14@1 20
		Rye—	
		No. 2.....	1 74 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> @1 75 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

EXPORTS OF BREADSTUFFS, PROVISIONS, COTTON AND PETROLEUM.—The exports of these articles during the month of November and the eleven months for the past three years have been as follows:

Exports From U. S.	1918.		1917.		1916.	
	November.	11 Months.	November.	11 Months.	November.	11 Months.
Quantities						
Wheat, bu.	18,086,927	86,093,560	4,877,953	101,705,344	14,279,084	139,576,447
Flour bbls.	1,311,534	19,327,695	1,274,770	11,513,969	1,059,432	13,442,225
Wheat* bu.	21,988,850	175,318,187	10,614,418	153,562,704	19,006,253	200,056,459
Corn... bu.	1,709,758	38,908,169	1,622,206	49,724,466	2,289,445	50,857,032
Total bush	23,699,588	214,226,356	12,236,624	203,287,170	21,295,698	250,923,481
Values \$	\$6,271,658	\$708,127,127	\$5,023,221	\$715,276,466	\$6,126,080	\$110,824,279
Breadstuffs	71,442,235	853,796,050	37,223,189	395,289,669	25,618,026	250,096,675
Provisions	59,424,694	579,828,716	60,206,943	504,183,440	71,383,894	466,982,996
Cotton...	30,932,637	315,541,937	29,931,671	223,803,559	15,039,027	186,669,534
Petrol. & oil	1,407,105	20,784,048	356,090	16,617,557	1,439,665	17,641,136
Coc'o'd &c						
Total.....	229,508,329	2471,077,908	177,741,114	1710,549,511	159,606,892	1332,214,620

\* Includes flour reduced to bushels.

For other investment news, see page 145.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Jan. 4 1919 was as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat,	Corn,	Oats,	Rye,	Barley
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York.....	2,945,000	281,000	3,737,000	957,000	575,000
Boston.....	777,000		233,000	1,000	
Philadelphia.....	1,448,000	37,000	1,231,000	477,000	51,000
Baltimore.....	2,136,000	89,000	805,000	1,311,000	2,000
Newport News.....			196,000		
New Orleans.....	3,454,000	81,000	1,297,000		
Galveston.....	1,630,000	5,000			
Buffalo.....	5,848,000	158,000	2,143,000	2,545,000	218,000
at float.....	23,781,000		11,091,000	3,053,000	750,000
Toledo.....	1,438,000	37,000	765,000	66,000	1,000
Detroit.....	70,000		107,000	253,000	17,000
Chicago.....	13,971,000	290,000	7,285,000	1,393,000	1,706,000
Milwaukee.....	2,402,000	27,000	1,978,000	1,018,000	1,510,000
Duluth.....	17,315,000		344,000	3,736,000	771,000
Minneapolis.....	22,538,000	22,000	882,000	3,569,000	1,766,000
St. Louis.....	2,455,000	121,000	279,000	70,000	54,000
Kansas City.....	13,677,000	236,000	1,544,000	161,000	
Peoria.....		34,000	232,000	18,000	
Indianapolis.....	306,000	443,000	329,000		
Omaha.....	4,374,000	461,000	822,000	151,000	101,000
Total Jan. 4 1919.....	119,711,000	2,415,000	34,528,000	15,687,000	7,514,000
Total Dec. 28 1918.....	117,225,000	2,489,000	31,509,000	15,255,000	7,032,000
Total Jan. 5 1918.....	17,571,000	3,155,000	18,873,000	2,097,000	3,581,000
Total Jan. 6 1917.....	56,836,000	6,759,000	48,797,000	2,511,000	4,504,000
Note.—Banded grain not included above: Oats, Duluth, 3,000 bushels; total, 3,000, against 2,061,000 bushels in 1917; and barley, Duluth, 77,000 bushels; total, 77,000, against 419,000 in 1917.					
Canadian—					
Montreal.....	6,063,000	193,000	1,059,000	3,000	461,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur.....	16,696,000		2,793,000		
Other Canadian.....	10,863,000		994,000		
Total Jan. 4 1919.....	33,622,000	193,000	4,846,000	3,000	461,000
Total Dec. 28 1918.....	31,756,000	201,000	4,411,000	3,000	460,000
Total Jan. 5 1918.....	19,435,000	12,000	6,429,000	19,000	69,000
Total Jan. 6 1917.....	32,330,000	13,000	23,340,000	7,000	136,000
Summary—					
American.....	110,711,000	2,415,000	34,828,000	15,687,000	7,514,000
Canadian.....	33,622,000	193,000	4,846,000	3,000	461,000
Total Jan. 4 1919.....	153,333,000	2,618,000	39,674,000	15,690,000	7,975,000
Total Dec. 28 1918.....	148,981,000	2,670,000	38,920,000	15,258,000	7,492,000
Total Jan. 5 1918.....	37,026,000	3,167,000	23,302,000	2,116,000	3,650,000
Total Jan. 6 1917.....	89,715,000	6,772,000	74,137,000	2,518,000	4,640,000

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 10 1919.

A conservative attitude prevails throughout the entire drygoods trade. While there are occasional indications of a resumption of business on an increased scale, they are not general and consequently the market can be classified as a waiting one. Neither merchants nor manufacturers appear anxious to do business, each one waiting for the other to show the initiative. Merchants hesitate about making purchases for fear that prices will decline and leave them stocked up with high priced goods. On the other hand, mills are reluctant about reducing their quotations with labor ruling high and prices for raw material well above normal. In fact, the entire textile trade is in a very unsettled condition with no distinct trend to values. Business in primary markets is not only quiet, but very little is passing with second hands. Manufacturers are receiving few new orders, and as a result, mills in all localities are curtailing operations. According to reports, many manufacturers are undecided as to whether or not it will be advisable to continue curtailing production, or to cut prices so as to stimulate new inquiry. Merchants are aware of this uncertainty and are encouraged to hold off from making purchases in the hope that it will lead to a better buying basis. While it is a known fact that the large amount of fabrics consumed in war work greatly depleted stocks held in ordinary channels, there appears to be no dearth of supplies. Domestic consumers have not abandoned their economic policies and are making what they have last as long as possible and will continue to do so while the necessities of life continue so high priced. Many uncertainties also surround the raw material situation. The tendency of prices of late has been downward, but in the event of European countries drawing heavily from American stocks they will, no doubt, advance again and continue high throughout the season. The outlook for export trade is very encouraging. In addition to a large business with South American countries, exporters expect a heavy trade with Europe.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Markets for staple cottons remain quiet. The question of prices continues to occupy attention, and when the uncertainty as regards these is removed it is expected that business will become more normal. General expectations are that manufacturers will reduce quotations in order to stimulate inquiry. New prices on prints are expected to be named before the current month expires, while prices for cotton blankets will be revised within the next few weeks. In the meantime, small interests who hold stocks of goods are endeavoring to dispose of them before there is any lowering of prices. Manufacturers are not generally believed to be well supplied with new orders. Only those making colored fabrics and gingham are understood to have sufficient business booked to keep them busy. Agents are said to be offering goods more freely, and some are reported to have intimated that bids for fair-sized lots would be acceptable to manufacturers if they even had to make concessions. The only feature to the buying has been the moderate demand for sheetings and cloths for bagging purposes. Several exporters are said to have offered prints for resale at marked concessions under mill quotations, and jobbers are offering branded goods below mill prices.

WOOLEN AND WORSTED GOODS.—Markets for woolen and worsted goods are quiet, with manufacturers uncertain as regards the naming of prices. Raw material continues under Government control, and the recent offerings of wool at the Government auctions were not very successful, as withdrawals were heavy. Buyers would not bid the prices as they considered them too high. The trade, however, has been very much encouraged by the announcement that the ban on wool imports has been removed. With the semi-annual meeting of dress goods buyers due next week, a large number of buyers are expected in the city. The men's wear trade rules quiet, as lower prices are expected.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—The situation as regards linens remains unchanged, with importers devoting most of their time watching developments. Advices from abroad indicate that manufacturers are not pressing for orders from American consumers. The supply of raw flax is very limited, with the outlook for improvement within the immediate future uncertain. Conditions in Russia are in such an unsettled state that there is no telling when supplies will be forthcoming from this country. Attention locally is centered on sale of linens at the special "white sales" conducted by retail stores. Most of the retailers are understood to have fairly large stocks on hand, and prices quoted are low as compared with those prevailing in primary markets. A better demand has been noted for burlaps during the past week. As a result of increased offerings light weights have ruled easier at 9.80c., while heavy weights held steady at 15.50c.

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State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN DECEMBER AND FOR THE YEAR 1918.

During December 1918 the total of new long-term municipal bond issues actually sold in the United States amounted to \$19,404,204, according to our records. The largest issue disposed of was \$4,000,000 4 3/4% Rural Credit bonds placed by the State of South Dakota with a syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., of New York, who re-offered them at 100 1/2 and int. Other important sales were the disposal of \$1,000,000 4 1/2% Hetch-Hetchy bonds of San Francisco at par and accrued interest; Fayette County, Pa., \$94,000 4 1/2s at 101.636; Johnstown, Pa., \$200,000 4 1/2s at 101.280; Montague County, Tex., \$200,000 5% road bonds; Okmulgee County, Okla., \$150,000 6% funding bonds; Rocky River, \$63,000 5s at 101.103; Cascade County, Mont., \$100,000 5s at 101.660; Del Norte County, Cal., \$200,000 5s at par; Highland Park, Mich., \$80,000 20-year sewer bonds; Lawrence, Mass., \$90,000 (2 issues) 4 1/2s at 101.03; Passaic, N. J., \$150,000 5s at 104.669; Renville County, Minn., \$100,000 5s at 101.775; Wyandotte, Mich., \$280,000 5s at 104.60; Crittenden County, Ark., \$149,000 6s at 102.313; Des Moines School District, Iowa, \$500,000 5s at 102.552; Detroit, Mich., \$350,000 4 1/2s at 101.699; Dormont, Pa., \$70,000 4 1/2s at 102.27. Below we furnish a comparison of all various forms of obligations sold in December during the last five years:

Table comparing municipal bond sales by year from 1914 to 1918, categorized by type of bond.

\* Includes \$25,635,100 temporary securities issued by New York City in December 1918, \$25,550,500 in Dec. 1917, \$21,163,000 in Dec. 1916, \$4,284,500 in Dec. 1915, and \$5,908,500 in Dec. 1914.

The following table shows the aggregate of permanent issues for December, as well as the twelve months, for a series of years:

Table showing monthly and twelve-month aggregate of permanent issues from 1905 to 1918.

The monthly output in each of the years 1918 and 1917 is shown in the following table:

Table comparing monthly output for 1917 and 1918, with total and average per month.

The total of all municipal loans put out during the calendar year 1918 was \$1,467,671,985, including \$287,564,384 of new issues of long-term bonds by the States, counties and minor civil divisions of the United States (but of course not counting the large loans put out by the U. S. Government),

\$438,420,587 temporary municipal loans negotiated, \$720,887,016 obligations of Canada (including "Victory Loan," estimated allotment of \$650,000,000), its provinces and municipalities, \$500,000 of Porto Rico, \$300,000 temporary loan of San Juan, Porto Rico and \$20,000,000 "general fund" bonds of New York City. In the following table we furnish a comparison of all these forms of securities put out in each of the last five years:

Table comparing temporary municipal loans, temporary securities, and general fund bonds from 1914 to 1918.

2 Includes \$353,280,463 temporary securities issued by N. Y. City in 1918, \$308,431,400 in 1917, \$229,409,452 in 1916, \$154,658,878 in 1915 and \$300,922,414 in 1914. 3 Includes an estimated allotment of \$550,000,000 "Victory Loan" issued during 1918, \$250,000,000 Dominion of Canada and \$400,000,000 "Victory Loan" in 1917; \$175,000,000 in 1916, \$172,500,000 in 1915 and \$10,000,000 in 1914. 4 Includes temporary loan of \$300,000 put out by the city of San Juan, Porto Rico, during the month of November.

In the following table we give a list of December loans to the amount of 19,404,204, issued by 181 municipalities. In the case of each loan reference is made to the page in the "Chronicle" where the account of the sale is given.

Large table titled 'DECEMBER BOND SALES' listing page numbers, names of municipalities, rates, maturities, amounts, and prices for various bond issues.





8 p. m. Jan. 27 by J. Murray Smith, District Secretary, for \$50,000 4 1/2% tax-free coupon bonds. Due as follows: \$3,000 1923 and 1925, \$4,000 1928, \$3,000 1930 and 1932, \$4,000 1934, 1936 and 1938, \$5,000 1940 and 1942, and \$6,000 1944 and 1946. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. Denison), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Louie Evers, County Treasurer, will sell at public auction at 2 p. m. Jan. 22 an issue of \$95,000 5% funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 15 1919. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 each six months beginning April 15 1921. Certified check for \$2,000, payable to the above County Treasurer, required. The official circular states that the county has never defaulted in the payment of its obligations.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

*Financial Condition of Crawford County, Iowa.*

Total estimated actual value of all property	\$100,000,000
Total assessed value, less moneys and credits	54,412,488
Total assessed moneys and credits additional	4,738,202
Total bonded debt, including this issue (No other debt)	\$534,000
Total population 1915 Census, 20,581; present, estimated, 21,000.	

**CYGNET VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cygnet), Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 4 the \$5,000 6% 4-13-year serial high-school-bldg. bonds dated Sept. 1 1918—V. 107, p. 2491—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at 105.09 and int. Other bidders were: Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Cin., \$5,236 00; Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Tol., \$5,184 00; Seasongood & Mayer, Cin., 5,214 00; Blanchett Bond Co., Chic., 5,183 50; Durfee, Niles & Co., Tol., 5,201 50; Prudden & Co., Toledo, 5,161 00. All the above bidders offered accrued interest.

**DETROIT, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 6 the \$365,000 4 1/2% 30-year coupon (with privilege of registration) tax-free public impmt. bonds (V. 107, p. 2491), were awarded to Matthew P. Plan of Detroit for \$366,223 70 equal to 100.335. Watling, Lerchen & Co. of Detroit bid \$365,365.

**DRUMRIGHT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Drumright), Creek County, Okla.—BIDS REJECTED.**—All bids received for the \$35,000 5% school bonds, offered on Dec. 21 (V. 107, p. 2205), were rejected.

**FAIR OAK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 30 an issue of \$100,000 6% serial bonds was awarded. It is reported, to Blyth, Witter & Co., of San Francisco, at 102.372. Denom. \$1,000.

**FAYETTE COUNTY (P. O. Lexington), Ky.—BOND SALE.**—Recently the Security Trust Co. of Lexington was awarded \$50,000 5% 10-year serial refunding court-house bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1919. Int. J. & J.

**FOUNTAIN COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 10:30 a. m. Jan. 31, it is reported, by Albert H. McElwee, County Treasurer, for \$15,000 4 1/2% 10-year highway impmt. bonds.

**GENEVA COUNTY (P. O. Geneva), Ala.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until Jan. 20 by W. H. Morris, Judge of Probate, for \$100,000 5% 30-year tax-free coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Interest semi-annual.

**GIBSON DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Gibson), Weakley and Carroll Counties, Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—Recently Caldwell & Co. of Nashville purchased \$200,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1918. Prin. and annual int. payable at the Fourth-First Nat. Bank, Nashville, or may be collected without charge through the office of the above company. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$8,000 1924 and 1925, \$9,000 1926, \$10,000 1927, \$11,000 1928, \$12,000 1929 and 1930, \$13,000 1931, \$14,000 1932, \$15,000 1933, \$16,000 1934 and 1935, \$18,000 1936 and \$19,000 1937 and 1938.

**GRANT PARISH (P. O. Colfax), La.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 30 W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, were awarded at 100.14 and interest the \$75,000 5% 30-year serial road bonds (V. 107, p. 2491). Denom. \$500. Date July 2 1917. Int. J. & J.

**HASTINGS DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Hastings), Saint Johns County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Reports state that proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 22 by J. W. Cass, District Treasurer, for \$192,000 6% drainage bonds. Int. semi-ann.

**HOLYOKE, Hampden County, Mass.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.**—On Jan. 7 an issue of \$25,000 5-year influenza epidemic expenses bonds was authorized by the Board of Aldermen.

**LOAN OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received, it is reported, until 10 a. m. to-day (Jan. 11) by the City Treasurer, for the purchase on a discount basis a temporary loan of \$200,000 issued in anticipation of revenue and maturing Nov. 7 1919.

**JEFFERSON, Ashtabula County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Jan. 15 by T. B. Miller, Village Clerk, for \$3,200 6% refunding bonds. Auth. Sec. 3916, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1918. Int. annually. Due \$300 yearly on March 1 from 1921 to 1924 incl. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Beaumont), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 3 the \$290,000 (not \$190,000 as first reported) 5% 30-year serial road bonds (V. 107, p. 2307) were awarded to Taylor, Ewart & Co. and Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Chicago and the Wm. R. Compton Co. of St. Louis at 99.008. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Apr. 10 1918. Int. A. & O. Well, Roth & Co. of Cincinnati bid 98, while Sidney Spitzer & Co., Silverman-Herick Co., Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. and Graves, Blanchett & Thornburgh bid 96.50.

**JERSEY CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on Jan. 21 of the two issues of 4 1/2% gold coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, not to exceed the amounts mentioned below (V. 108, p. 94). Proposals for these will be received until 1 p. m. on that day by James F. Gannon, Director of Finance and Revenue: \$1,599,000 school bonds of 1918, Series "A." Denom. \$1,000. Due \$38,000 Dec. 1 1919 and \$39,000 Dec. 1 1920, and a like amount each year thereafter.

44,000 school bonds of 1918, Series "B." Due \$4,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1919 to 1924, inclusive, and \$5,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1925 to 1928, inclusive.

Date Dec. 1 1918. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.), payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the "City of Jersey City," required. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of N. Y., that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the city. The bonds which have been approved by the Capital Issues Committee, will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., of N. Y., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signature of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until Jan. 13, or for 21 days thereafter, by Judson A. Parsons, City Clerk, for \$35,000 5% street lighting bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Due \$5,000 yearly beginning Jan. 1 1925.

**LEMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lemmon), Perkins County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—We are advised that the \$25,000 school bonds voted some time ago (V. 107, p. 1599) have been purchased by the State School Fund.

**LITTLE RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Mo.—BOND SALE.**—W. R. Compton Co. and Estabrook & Co., both of N. Y., were awarded jointly, during December, \$1,000,000 5 1/4% tax-free coupon bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Dec. 1 1918. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Due \$500,000 Oct. 1 1934 and \$500,000 Oct. 1 1935.

**MADISON COUNTY SUPERVISORS DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Canton), Miss.—BOND SALE.**—The Ibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans has purchased and is now offering to investors at a price to yield 5.50% an issue of \$40,000 6% road bonds. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1918. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due yearly as follows: \$2,000 1929 to 1933 incl. and \$3,000 1934 to 1943 incl.

*Financial Statement.*

Real value taxable property, estimated	\$1,800,000
Assessed value taxable property, 1917	931,016
Bonded debt	40,000
Population	about 4,000

**MANTECA, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 7 \$38,000 general sewer and \$23,000 municipal impmt. 6% bonds were awarded to the Lumbermens Trust Co. of San Francisco. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.

**MARYLAND (State of)—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received by William P. Jackson, State Treasurer, until 12 m. Feb. 11 for the following 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) certificates of indebtedness road loan of 1918 maturing as stated:

Series "N," \$87,000 Feb. 15 1922.	Series "U," \$119,000 Feb. 15 1929.
Series "O," 91,000 Feb. 15 1923.	Series "V," 125,000 Feb. 15 1930.
Series "P," 96,000 Feb. 15 1924.	Series "W," 130,000 Feb. 15 1931.
Series "Q," 99,000 Feb. 15 1925.	Series "X," 137,000 Feb. 15 1932.
Series "R," 104,000 Feb. 15 1926.	Series "Y," 142,000 Feb. 15 1933.
Series "S," 109,000 Feb. 15 1927.	Series "Z," 147,000 Feb. 15 1934.
Series "T," 114,000 Feb. 15 1928.	

Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 15 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) is exempt from income, State, county and municipal taxation. Cert. check on a responsible banking institution for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the above State Treasurer, required.

**MASON CITY, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 3 \$43,000 5% 13-year average funding bonds were awarded to Schrank & Co. of Mason City for \$43,970 (102.25), interest and furnished blank bonds and attorney's fees. Other bidders were: The White Co., Davenport, \$43,968 First Nat. Bank, Mas. City, \$43,897 50. The above bidders offered also accrued interest and furnished blank bonds and attorney's fees.

**MUSCOGEE COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ga.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.**—It is reported that an election is being contemplated by this county to vote on a proposition to issue \$100,000 road bonds.

**NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newman Grove), Madison County, Neb.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.**—The \$35,000 school-building bonds voted during July—V. 107, p. 421—have not as yet been sold.

**NEW YORK CITY.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 12 the City Sinking Fund purchased at par \$250,000 3% assessment bonds, due on or after Jan. 2 1919.

**TEMPORARY LOANS.**—The following short-term securities, consisting of revenue bonds and bills and corporate stock notes, aggregating \$25,635,100 were also issued during December:

Revenue Bills, 1919, Aggregating \$2,300,000.			
Amount.	Int. Rate.	Maturity.	Date Sold.
\$2,000,000	4.30%	May 5 1919	Dec. 27
300,000	4.30%	June 30 1919	Dec. 27
Revenue Bills, 1917, Aggregating \$114,000.			
\$114,000	4.25%	On demand	Dec. 10
Special Revenue Bonds, 1918, Aggregating \$1,110,100.			
\$750,000	3%	On or after Jan. 2 1919	Dec. 12
250,000	3%	On or after Jan. 2 1919	Dec. 20
110,100	3%	On or after Jan. 2 1919	Dec. 20
Corporate Stock Notes, Aggregating \$22,111,000.			
Various Municipal Purposes.			
\$2,750,000	4.40%	Mar. 21 1919	Dec. 5
3,600,000	4.35%	April 15 1919	Dec. 19
400,000	4.30%	April 28 1919	Dec. 27
Water.			
\$400,000	4.40%	Mar. 21 1919	Dec. 5
1,300,000	4.35%	Mar. 18 1919	Dec. 19
Dock.			
\$600,000	4.40%	Mar. 21 1919	Dec. 5
100,000	4.35%	April 18 1919	Dec. 19
250,000	4.35%	April 3 1919	Dec. 19
Rapid Transit.			
\$1,000	4%	On demand	Dec. 3
500,000	4%	On demand	Dec. 3
500,000	4%	On demand	Dec. 3
1,250,000	4.40%	Mar. 14 1919	Dec. 4
2,750,000	4.40%	Mar. 14 1919	Dec. 4
250,000	4.40%	Mar. 21 1919	Dec. 5
3,650,000	4.35%	April 3 1919	Dec. 19
3,100,000	4.35%	April 3 1919	Dec. 19
100,000	4%	On demand	Dec. 20
400,000	4.30%	April 28 1919	Dec. 23
200,000	4.30%	April 28 1919	Dec. 27
10,000	4%	On demand	Dec. 27

\*Purchased at par by the Sinking Fund.

**NYACK, Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—Recently the Nyack National Bank of Nyack purchased at par \$7,250 5% fire-apparatus bonds. Date Dec. 6 1918. Int. payable at maturity. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,250 1919, \$2,000 1920, 1921 and \$1,000 1922.

**OMAHA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Omaha), Douglas County, Neb.—NO SALE—BONDS RE-OFFERED.**—No sale was made of the \$1,000,000 4 1/2% 30-year school bonds offered on Jan. 6 (V. 107, p. 2493). The bonds are re-offered as 5s. W. T. Bourke, Secy. Board of Education, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 20 for the \$1,000,000 5% 30-year school bonds mentioned in V. 107, p. 2393. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1918. Semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Certified (or cashier's) check on a national bank for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the "School District of Omaha," required. Bonds to be delivered on or before Mar. 1 1919 at the option of purchaser. Purchaser to pay accrued interest from Dec. 1 and to furnish bonds. Before delivery the interest coupon maturing Dec. 1 1918 will be detached. This issue has been approved by the Capital Issues Committee.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

**OSHKOSH, Winnebago County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.**—Albert March, City Comptroller, will receive bids until 9 a. m. Jan. 17 for the \$50,000 5% water-works-impmt. bonds mentioned in V. 107, p. 2393. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1918. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Due \$10,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1925 to 1929 incl. Cert. check for 5% of the bid required. Bonds will be delivered at 9 a. m. Jan. 20 at the office of the City Treasurer. The city will pay for the printing of the bonds and will also furnish a written opinion of Chapman, Cutler & Parcier of Chicago as to the validity of the above bonds.

**PANOLA COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—\$700 5% school bonds went to the State of Texas at par and interest during December.

**PARKER COUNTY (P. O. Weatherford), Tex.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.**—It is reported that the county has been asked to call a special election to vote on a proposition to issue \$400,000 road bonds.

**PATERSON, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Additional information is at hand relative to the offering on Jan. 23 of the three issues of tax-free gold coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, not to exceed the amounts mentioned (V. 108, p. 95). Proposals for these bonds will be received until 4 p. m. on that day by John G. Brophy, Clerk of the Board of Finance:

\$594,820 12 4 1/2%	sewer funding bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$14,000 1920 to 1924 incl., \$15,000 1925 to 1958 incl., and \$14,820 12 1959.
42,200 00 4 3/4%	improvement bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 1 from 1920 to 1949 inclusive.
31,457 79 4 3/4%	isolation hospital bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1920 to 1946 incl., \$1,500 1947 and 1948 and \$1,457 79 1949.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1919. Certified check for 2%, payable to the "City of Paterson," required. Bonded debt (excluding this issue) Dec. 31 1918, \$7,294,559. Floating debt (additional), \$880,800. Sinking fund, \$1,788,237. Assessed value 1918, \$118,140,293. Total tax rate (per \$1,000), \$22.00.

**PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Jan. 14 by Fred Garretson, City Treasurer, for the following five issues of bonds, aggregating \$420,000: \$20,000 tax revenue bonds, 1917. Due Jan. 17 1920. 150,000 tax revenue bonds, 1918. Due July 17 1919. 50,000 tax revenue bonds, 1918. Due Oct. 17 1919. 50,000 tax revenue bonds, 1918. Due Jan. 17 1920. 200,000 tax anticipation bonds, 1919. Due Jan. 17 1920. Date Jan. 17 1919. The bonds may be registered upon request of the purchaser or holder. Bidders must state amount of interest, expressed in multiples of 1-100 of 1%, he is willing to take for the loan, and the bidder offering the least interest rate will be awarded the bonds, provided that if more than one bidder offers such least interest rate the bidder offering the greatest additional premium not exceeding \$1,000 shall be awarded the bonds. The legal opinion as to the validity of the above bonds will be furnished by the City Attorney. Cert. check for 1% of the total amount of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

**PERU, Miami County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 2 the \$40,000 5% 3-10-year serial coupon funding bonds (V. 107, p. 2393) were awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Indianapolis for \$40,860, equal to 102.15. Other bidders were: National City Co., N. Y. \$40,828 [Wab. Val. Tr. Co., Peru, \$40,110 00 J. F. Wild & Co., Indianap. 40,727] First National Bk., Peru, 40,027 60 Bankers Trust Co., Indian. 40,676]

**REVERE, Suffolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 8 \$40,000 4½% 1-20-year school bonds were awarded at 100.87 to E. M. Hamlin & Co., of Boston, it is reported.

**RICHFIELD SPRINGS, Otsego County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$12,000 4½% coupon street impt. bonds offered on Sept. 21 (V. 107, p. 1210) were awarded on Oct. 4 to the First National Bank of Richfield Springs at par.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK, Bergen County, N. J.—NO SALE.**—No sale was made of the two issues of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds aggregating \$38,000, offered on Jan. 7 (V. 107, p. 95). We are advised that the only bid received, that of Harris, Forbes & Co., of New York, which was 100.091, was held over until Jan. 14 1919 for acceptance or rejection.

**ROCHESTER, Olmstead County, Minn.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$250,000 5% 10-20-year (opt.) electric-light bonds has been sold. Date Jan. 2 1919.

**ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.**—On Jan. 9 the following short-term notes were awarded as stated: \$200,000 school notes, payable 4 months from Jan. 13, were awarded to Robert Winthrop & Co. of N. Y. at 4.10% interest.

400,000 revenue notes, payable 5 months from Jan. 13, were awarded to Robert Winthrop & Co. of N. Y. at 4% interest.

150,000 conduit notes, payable 4 months from Jan. 13, were awarded to the Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y. at 4.24% interest, plus 85 cents premium.

200,000 revenue notes, payable 5 months from Jan. 13, were awarded to the Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y. at 4.26% interest plus 33 cents premium.

100,000 war emergency notes, payable 8 months from Jan. 13, were awarded to the Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y. at 4.30% interest, plus \$1 00 premium.

**NEW LOANS.**

**\$400,000 CITY OF SEATTLE**

**Municipal Street Railway Bonds**

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned at his office in Seattle, Washington, until twelve o'clock noon, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 1919, for the purchase of the following bond issue of the City of Seattle

Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) of municipal street railway bonds of The City of Seattle, being part of an issue of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) of bonds authorized by Ordinance No. 38966, approved August 10, 1918, entitled "An Ordinance relating to, and specifying and adopting a plan or system of additions and betterments to, and extensions of, the existing municipal street railway system, owned and operated by The City of Seattle; providing for the issuance and sale of bonds of said city to provide funds therefor, and for the creation of a special fund to pay the principal and interest of such bonds."

The bonds will be in denomination of \$1,000; to be dated January 1, 1919, and shall mature, lowest numbers first, without option, in equal annual amounts, commencing eleven years and ending twenty years after their date. They shall bear interest not exceeding six per cent (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, for which interest coupons shall be attached to and be a part of said bonds, both principal and interest of said bonds to be payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness at the places therein designated. The bonds are a lien only upon the gross revenues of the street railway system of The City of Seattle, as provided in Section 8008, Rom. & Hal. Ann. Codes, and Statutes, and payable, principal and interest, solely from special fund created by above ordinance.

Bidders are required to bid on the annexed blank form, stating conditions of bid, but without interlineation, explanation or erasure, and to deposit with their bid a certified check upon some national bank or trust company for two per cent (2%) of the face of their bid, which said check will be returned to bidder if unsuccessful; if successful, said amount to be applied to the payment of the sum bid, or in case bidder fails to comply with the terms of his bid, then said check will be forfeited to the city as and for liquidated damages.

No bid for more than the maximum rate of interest which said bonds shall bear will be received. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by The City Council.

Delivery of bonds will be made in Seattle, New York, Chicago, Boston or Cincinnati, at the option of the purchaser.

The legality of the bonds will be approved by Caldwell & Masslich, Attorneys, New York City, whose approving opinion will be delivered to the purchaser.

Passed by the Capital Issues Committee as not incompatible with the national interest, but without approval of legality, validity, worth or security. H. W. CARROLL, City Comptroller.

**New Jersey Municipal Bonds**

Descriptive List on Request

**J. S. RIPPEL & COMPANY**

18 CLINTON STREET NEWARK, N. J.

Other bids on all the notes were: Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, New York City, 4.19%. S. N. Bond & Co., New York City, 4.20% interest plus \$13 30 premium. Alexandre & Burnett, New York City, 4.29% interest.

**SANDUSKY, Erie County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received by R. D. Kunz, City Treasurer, until 12 m. January 29 for \$12,000 5% Camp Street Grade Crossing Elimination bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Due \$4,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1926 to 1928, incl. Purchaser to pay accrued int. Cert. (or cashier's) check on a solvent bank for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the "City of Sandusky," required.

**SCHENECTADY, Schenectady County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 28 \$9,000 4½% 1-9-year serial school playground purchase bonds were awarded at par to the City Comptroller for the Police and Firemen's Pension Funds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1918. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1919 to 1927, incl.

**SCOTIA, Schenectady County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 6 the Village Treasurer was awarded at par \$2,000 3½% refunding sewer bonds. Denoms. \$700 and \$600. Date Feb. 1 1919. Int. F. & A. Due Feb. 1 1927.

**SEATTLE, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 1 by H. W. Carroll, City Comptroller, for \$400,000 11-20-year gold coupon municipal street railway bonds at not exceeding 6% interest, being part of an authorized issue of \$1,200,000 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1919. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the places designated. Certified check on some national bank or trust company for 2% required. Delivery of bonds will be made in Seattle, New York, Chicago, Boston or Cincinnati, at option of purchaser. The legality of the bonds will be approved by Caldwell & Masslich, of New York, whose approving opinion will be delivered to the purchaser. The bonds have been approved by the Capital Issues Committee.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

**BOND SALE.**—During the month of December the city issued the following three issues of 6% special improvement bonds at par, aggregating \$38,088 21:

Dist.	Amount.	Purpose.	Date.	Due.
3128	\$1,262 17	Walks	Dec. 7 1918	Dec. 7 1930
3139	10,699 26	Paving	Dec. 9 1918	Dec. 9 1930
3141	27,026 78	Paving	Dec. 10 1918	Dec. 10 1930

All the above bonds are subject to call on any interest-paying date.

**BONDS AUTHORIZED.**—The City Council authorized on Dec. 31 the issuance of \$15,000,000 traction bonds.

**SHELBY COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$300 5% bonds was awarded during the month of December to the State of Texas at par and interest.

**SIOUX FALLS, Minnehaha County, So. Dak.—NO ACTION YET TAKEN.**—No action has yet been taken looking toward the issuance of the \$300,000 electric-light bonds, recently voted (V. 107, p. 1937).

**FINANCIAL**

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**TOLEDO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Toledo), Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received by Lillie J. Donat, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. Feb. 1 for \$187,000 4 3/4% school-improvement bonds. Auth. Secs. 625-27, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. of New York. Due \$25,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1919 to 1924, inclusive, and \$7,000 Nov. 1 1925, with the option to redeem any or all bonds on Nov. 1 1923, or any interest-bearing date, on or after Nov. 1 1922. Certified check on a local banking house for not less than 1% of the bonds bid for, required. A written agreement must accompany the check that the successful bidder will pay for the bonds within ten days from time of award. All bids must be unconditional.

**VALPARAISO, Porter County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 20 an issue of \$40,000 4 3/4% refunding bonds was awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Indianapolis for \$40,347, equal to 100.867. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 2 1919. Int. J. & J. Due yearly from 1921 to 1947 incl.

**WAVERLY, Pike County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 3 the following two issues of 6%, aggregating \$4,300 (V. 107, p. 2394) were awarded as follows:  
\$2,500 refunding bonds to Tillotson & Wolcott Co. of Cleveland, at 103.40 and interest. Date Sept. 15 1918. Due \$500 yearly on Sept. 15 from 1923 to 1927, incl.  
1,800 10-year electric light bonds to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at 104.78 and interest. Date Nov. 1 1923.

The following is a list of bids submitted:

	\$2,500 Issue.	\$1,800 Issue.
Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Cleveland	\$2,585 00	\$1,836 72
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo	2,580 25	1,886 04
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	2,563 00	1,873 00
Darfee, Niles & Co., Toledo	2,573 80	1,873 80

**WESSINGTON SPRINGS, Jerauld County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—The \$20,000 5% bonds mentioned in V. 107, p. 1593, will be taken on Feb. 15 by the State of South Dakota. Date Nov. 12 1918. Int. semi-ann. Due \$10,000 in 10 years and \$10,000 in 20 years.

**WESTON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Weston), Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$4,200 6% coupon school bonds, offered on Jan. 7 (V. 108, p. 99) were awarded on that day to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at 102.06 and interest. Date Oct. 1 1918. Due each six months beginning April 1 1920. The two other bidders were:  
Hanchett Bond Co., Chicago \$4,257 00  
Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Cleveland 4,253 50  
The above bidders offered accrued interest.

**WEST UNITY VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. West Unity), Williams County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 3 the \$80,000 5 1/2% 2-26-year serial coupon school bonds dated Dec. 2 1918—V. 107, p. 2491—were awarded to the West Unity Banking Co. of West Unity at 103.14 and interest. Other bidders were:  
Graves & Blanchett, Tol. \$83,424 00 Seasongood & Mayer, Cin \$82,865 00  
W. L. Slayton & Co., Tol. \$83,256 00 Spitzer, Roric & Co., Tol. \$82,738 00  
Wm. R. Compton Co., Cin. \$82,222 22

\*Although these bids appear higher than that of the purchaser, they are so officially reported to us by the Clerk Board of Education.  
**WILLIAMSPORT, Lyecoming County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—Local papers state that the City Council on Dec. 27 awarded \$35,000 impt. bonds to the Williamsport National Bank.

**WINTHROP, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—S. N. Bond & Co., of Boston, have been awarded a temporary loan of \$75,000 at 4.38% discount plus \$1 25 premium. Due \$25,000 in Oct., Nov. and Dec. 1919.

**WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—On Jan. 8 a temporary loan of \$200,000, maturing May 14 1919, was awarded to the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. at 4% discount.

**CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**ARNPRIOR, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—Turner, Spragg & Co. purchased during December \$1,200 6 3/4% 20-year debentures.

**BOWMANVILLE, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—Brent, Noxon & Co. of Toronto purchased on Dec. 30, it is reported, \$50,000 6 1/4% 20-installment debentures.

**CHATHAM, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—During December A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto purchased \$45,000 electrical and \$45,000 extension 6% 1-year debentures at 99.399. Date Jan. 1 1919. Due Jan. 1 1920.

**CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The \$32,000 6% 15-installment phone debentures (V. 107, p. 2116) were awarded, according to reports, to Brent, Noxon & Co. on Dec. 30.

**KORAH TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—During December Geo. A. Stimson & Co. of Toronto purchased \$20,000 6% 30-installment school debentures.

**REGINA, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The \$125,000 6% 20-year debentures recently voted by the Regina Public School Board—V. 107, p. 2304—have been sold subject to the approval of the Local Equipt. Bd.

**SAULTE STE. MARIE, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—During December Geo. A. Stimson & Co. of Toronto purchased at 100.17 \$30,000 6% installment patriotic fund debentures. Due 1923. Other bidders were:  
Aemilius Jarvis & Co. \$30,009 W. L. McKinnon & Co. \$29,424  
Canada Bond Corporation 29,778 McDonough, Somers & Co. 29,411  
Wood, Gundy & Co. 29,742 Housser, Wood & Co. 29,291  
Dominion Securities Corp. 29,570 W. A. MacKenzie & Co. 29,282  
C. H. Burgess & Co. 29,508 R. O. Matthews & Co. 29,253  
A. E. Ames & Co. 29,469 McKay & McKay 29,100  
Brent, Noxon & Co. 29,469

**ST. THOMAS, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—It is reported that \$120,000 6% 10-year debentures have been sold.

**SHERBROOKE, P. Q.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—Versailles, Vidraire & Boulais of Montreal recently purchased \$90,000 5 1/2% 5-year local impt. debentures at 97.50 and interest.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—Newspaper reports state that Spitzer, Roric & Co. of Toledo have purchased \$2,600,000 6% 5-year tax arrear debentures at 95.50.

**VICTORIA, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—A Victoria dispatch to the "Financial Post" of Montreal reports that on Dec. 21 \$125,000 6% debentures were placed.

**WESTON, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On Dec. 30 an issue of \$26,000 6% 15-installment debentures was awarded to Brent, Noxon & Co., it is stated.

**INSURANCE**

**ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY**

New York, January 25th, 1918.  
The Trustees, in conformity with the Charter of the Company, submit the following statement of its affairs on the 31st of December, 1917.

The Company's business has been confined to marine and inland transportation insurance.

Premiums on such risks from the 1st January, 1917, to the 31st December, 1917	\$11,105,619.46
Premiums on Policies not marked off 1st January, 1917	1,135,785.43
Total Premiums	\$12,241,404.89
Premiums marked off from 1st January, 1917, to 31st December, 1917	\$11,171,833.93
Interest on the Investments of the Company received during the year	\$404,411.15
Interest on Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies, etc.	126,991.53
Rent received less Taxes and Expenses	93,474.66
Losses paid during the year	\$ 624,877.34
Less: Salvages	\$336,896.32
Re-insurances	\$ 840,754.00
	\$2,672,899.20
	\$1,913,710.65
Re-insurance Premiums and Returns of Premiums	
Expenses, including compensation of officers and clerks, taxes, stationery, advertisements, etc.	\$ 857,599.09

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 fifth of February next.  
The outstanding certificates of the issues of 1915 and of 1916 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the fifth 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, 1917, which are entitled to participate in dividend, for which, upon application, certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday the seventh of May next.

- By order of the Board, **G. STANTON FLOYD-JONES, Secretary.**
- TRUSTEES:**  
HERBERT L. GRIGGS, ANTON A. RAVEN,  
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NICHOLAS BIDDLE, DOUGLAS ROBINSON,  
JAMES BROWN, JUSTUS RUPERTI,  
JOHN CLARIN, WILLIAM JAY SCHIEFFELIN,  
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CHARLES E. FAY, 2d Vice-President.  
WILLIAM D. WINTER, 3rd Vice-President.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
United States and State of New York Bonds	\$ 1,185,000.00	Estimated Losses and Losses Unsettled in process of Adjustment	\$ 4,432,959.06
Stocks of the City of New York and Stocks of Trust Companies & Banks	1,445,550.00	Premiums on Unterminated Risks	1,069,550.96
Stocks and Bonds of Railroads	3,287,129.85	Certificates of Profits and Interest Unpaid	301,406.75
Other Securities	305,410.00	Return Premiums Unpaid	121,989.96
Special Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies	3,000,000.00	Taxes Unpaid	500,000.00
Real Estate in Wall Street, William Street and Exchange Place	3,900,000.00	Re-insurance Premiums on Terminated Risks	365,667.87
Real Estate on Staten Island (held under provisions of Chapter 481, Laws of 1887)	75,000.00	Claims not Settled, including Commission, etc.	183,517.10
Premium Notes	1,009,577.74	Certificates of Profits Ordered Redeemed, Withheld for Unpaid Premiums	22,750.10
Bills Receivable	1,038,460.86	Income Tax Withheld at the Source	3,185.90
Note Receivable	5,122.26	Certificates of Profits Outstanding	5,722,590.00
Cash in hands of European Bankers to pay losses under policies payable in foreign countries	598,675.67	Balance	5,315,322.55
Cash in Bank and in Office	2,187,198.37		
Statutory Deposits with the State of Queensland, Australia	4,765.00		
	\$18,041,890.25		\$18,041,890.25
Balance brought down	\$5,318,322.55		
Accrued Interest on the 31st day of December, 1917, amounted to	75,724.00		
Rents due and accrued on the 31st day of December, 1917, amounted to	22,201.50		
Re-insurance due or accrued, in companies authorized in New York, on the 31st day of December, 1917, amounted to	583,467.92		
Note: The Insurance Department has estimated the value of the Real Estate on Staten Island in excess of the Book Value given above, at	\$ 63,700.00		
The Insurance Department's valuation of Stocks, Bonds and other Securities exceeds the Company's valuation by	\$2,303,887.87		
On the basis of these increased valuations the balance would be	\$3,367,303.84		

**NEW LOANS.**

**\$1,000,000**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OMAHA, NEB., 30-YEAR BONDS**

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until **JANUARY 20TH, 1919, AT 8 O'CLOCK P. M.**, for the purchase of School District Bonds in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000 00) of the denomination of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000 00) each. Interest at five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually June 1st and December 1st at the office of the County Treasurer of Douglas County, Nebraska, in the City of Omaha, Nebraska. Bonds dated June 1, 1918, to run thirty years without option. Bids must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check on a national bank, made payable to the School District of Omaha, for not less than two (2) per cent of the amount of bonds bid upon, and submitted with the view of having the bonds delivered on or before March 1, 1919, at the option of the purchaser, plus accrued interest from December 1, 1918, to date of delivery and payment, purchaser to furnish the bonds. Before delivery the Secretary will detach from each bond the coupon maturing December 1, 1918. Bids subject to bonds having been legally and regularly issued and to conform to the terms of this advertisement. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted. Enclose on envelopes, "Bid for School Bonds."

**W. T. BOURKE,**  
Sec'y Board of Education,  
603 City Hall, Omaha, Nebr.

"Passed by the Capital Issues Committee as not incompatible with the national interest but without approval of legality, validity, worth or security. Opinion No. A-2970."

**\$95,000**

**Crawford County, Iowa 5% FUNDING BONDS.**

On **JANUARY 22ND, 1919, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.**, the Treasurer of Crawford County, Iowa, will sell at auction \$95,000 00 5% Crawford County, Iowa, Funding Bonds, dated February 15th, 1919, in amount \$1,000 00 each, bearing semi-annual interest payable on April 15th and October 15th at the County Treasurer's office at Denison, Iowa. Due and payable \$5,000 00 April 15th, 1921, and a like amount every six months thereafter until paid.  
The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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