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CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The following table, made up by telegraph, &c., indicates that the total bank clearings of all the clearing houses of the United States for the week ending to-day have been \$7,549,464,188, against \$6,874,965,408 last week and \$6,706,375,915 the corresponding week last year.

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph.	1919.	1918.	% Per.
Week ending May 17.			
New York.....	\$3,068,456,004	\$3,147,685,068	+10.5
Chicago.....	479,696,067	428,619,000	+11.9
Philadelphia.....	*327,366,110	337,553,532	-3.0
Boston.....	277,376,992	261,416,514	+6.1
Kansas City.....	177,291,450	150,952,113	+17.4
St. Louis.....	135,594,631	130,609,635	+3.8
San Francisco.....	115,611,729	91,930,409	+23.6
Pittsburgh.....	104,098,399	92,961,627	+12.0
Detroit.....	*75,500,000	56,978,510	+32.5
Baltimore.....	62,180,377	53,316,890	+16.6
New Orleans.....	51,432,388	52,705,894	-2.4
Eleven cities, 5 days.....	\$5,472,624,697	\$4,804,527,101	+13.9
Other cities, 5 days.....	876,493,218	810,270,392	+8.2
Total all cities, 5 days.....	\$6,349,117,915	\$5,614,803,553	+13.1
All cities, 1 day.....	1,200,346,273	1,091,572,362	+10.0
Total all cities for week.....	\$7,549,464,188	\$6,706,375,915	+12.6

* Partly estimated.

The full details for the week covered by the above will be given next Saturday. We cannot furnish them to-day, clearings being made up by the clearing houses at noon on Saturday, and hence in the above the last day of the week has to be in all cases estimated, as we go to press Friday night.

Detailed figures for the week ending May 10 show:

Clearings at—	Week ending May 10.				
	1919.	1918.	Inc. or Dec.	1917.	1916.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
New York.....	3,838,509,788	3,510,362,896	+9.4	3,466,625,412	2,577,122,516
Philadelphia.....	376,953,731	400,393,497	-6.1	358,236,291	259,153,532
Pittsburgh.....	117,310,521	128,545,108	-8.7	76,099,614	58,506,605
Baltimore.....	70,045,617	64,513,991	+8.6	42,218,627	40,177,217
Buffalo.....	22,102,633	21,909,960	+0.9	18,558,930	14,872,436
Washington.....	17,783,114	15,106,064	+17.7	11,647,759	9,618,062
Albany.....	4,351,384	4,556,487	-4.5	5,039,748	4,589,865
Rochester.....	3,584,355	7,085,487	+21.2	6,614,198	5,583,544
Seranton.....	4,205,151	3,690,000	+16.7	3,588,570	3,048,117
Syracuse.....	3,749,856	4,051,387	-9.6	4,083,282	3,411,395
Reading.....	2,873,951	2,864,363	+0.3	3,011,619	2,441,109
Wilmington.....	3,509,000	3,416,605	+2.4	3,168,108	2,803,140
Wilkes-Barre.....	2,337,308	2,393,001	-2.3	1,933,062	1,682,743
Wheeling.....	3,500,000	3,808,174	-8.1	3,556,180	2,470,238
Trenton.....	3,005,616	3,015,720	-0.3	2,504,870	2,223,478
York.....	1,291,044	1,391,603	-7.2	1,255,144	1,034,946
Leicester.....	2,400,000	2,633,435	-8.9	2,120,191	2,070,238
Erie.....	2,035,353	2,385,269	-14.6	1,776,442	1,477,343
Binghamton.....	905,100	993,869	+0.1	1,124,300	930,900
Greensburg.....	1,030,000	1,252,689	-16.2	710,180	900,000
Chester.....	1,176,861	1,711,388	-3.8	1,373,086	1,175,625
Altoona.....	924,142	782,898	+18.1	690,422	645,549
Montclair.....	446,208	418,618	+6.6	550,433	618,456
Total Middle.....	4,488,342,332	4,187,513,378	+7.2	4,004,586,473	2,966,080,954
Boston.....	305,294,165	307,496,431	-0.7	230,893,005	196,321,373
Providence.....	7,618,900	11,234,100	-32.2	9,180,800	8,669,900
Hartford.....	8,895,635	8,778,109	+1.3	8,976,512	7,776,463
New Haven.....	5,570,117	5,194,986	+7.2	5,000,000	4,517,131
Springfield.....	3,644,270	3,850,038	-5.4	3,943,394	3,959,629
Portland.....	3,750,000	2,850,000	-3.5	2,900,000	2,405,450
Worcester.....	3,802,250	3,628,910	+4.8	3,247,481	3,082,333
Fall River.....	3,000,000	2,808,109	-28.8	2,590,898	1,506,898
New Bedford.....	1,765,968	1,873,889	-5.8	1,899,360	1,426,290
Lowell.....	1,156,976	1,324,107	-12.7	1,233,017	1,032,786
Holyoke.....	603,153	707,348	-13.6	832,886	839,816
Bangor.....	733,887	841,401	-12.8	673,639	718,938
Total New Eng.....	343,895,324	360,647,428	-1.9	261,421,271	232,776,920

Clearings at—

Week ending May 10.

	1919.	1918.	Inc. or Dec.	1917.	1916.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Chicago.....	531,593,081	502,120,514	+5.9	504,795,005	369,653,386
Cincinnati.....	52,769,509	61,319,216	-13.9	39,844,300	33,630,650
Cleveland.....	84,075,205	79,588,188	+5.7	66,744,451	39,543,196
Detroit.....	80,606,759	53,792,618	+49.8	54,904,770	40,326,856
Milwaukee.....	31,683,636	27,732,886	+14.3	25,391,723	19,699,486
Indianapolis.....	13,147,050	13,602,000	-3.8	14,588,067	10,590,346
Columbus.....	12,051,000	10,364,200	+16.3	10,491,000	8,539,500
Toledo.....	11,445,274	10,348,956	+10.6	11,270,402	8,914,057
Pearla.....	5,585,162	6,075,024	-8.1	5,500,000	3,173,421
Grand Rapids.....	5,503,666	5,142,512	+7.0	4,893,916	4,123,800
Dayton.....	3,965,394	3,910,788	+1.2	3,387,648	3,323,069
Fort Wayne.....	4,292,168	4,596,779	-6.6	3,357,882	1,606,870
Youngstown.....	1,645,595	1,395,343	+17.7	1,510,349	1,300,199
Springfield, Ill.....	2,412,314	3,275,872	+30.7	3,637,987	2,002,682
Rockford.....	2,200,000	2,121,457	+3.7	2,088,762	1,424,623
Akron.....	8,746,000	5,480,000	+59.8	5,290,000	3,488,000
Lexington.....	1,000,000	800,000	+25.0	540,514	714,001
Canton.....	3,092,254	2,807,044	+10.4	3,809,136	2,404,020
Quincy.....	1,524,278	1,496,710	+1.9	1,100,479	989,836
Bloomington.....	1,493,933	1,550,920	-3.7	1,204,963	804,464
South Bend.....	1,400,000	1,626,069	-8.3	1,110,000	989,567
Deatur.....	1,257,105	1,187,125	+5.9	839,719	666,570
Mansfield.....	1,156,776	1,076,885	+7.4	943,256	652,024
Springfield, O.....	1,200,607	1,143,216	+5.8	1,178,063	880,980
Danville.....	600,000	500,000	+20.0	539,131	631,668
Lima.....	1,075,000	1,013,282	+6.1	803,092	695,705
Jacksonville, Ill.....	774,762	500,447	+52.9	427,621	300,151
Ann Arbor.....	401,320	344,468	+16.6	467,621	375,361
Adrian.....	106,122	78,761	+34.7	129,373	87,041
Owensboro.....	1,189,169	1,196,848	-0.6	581,505	383,233
Lansing.....	1,150,000	1,002,756	+15.6	1,233,304	1,010,958
Tot. Mid. West.....	873,439,612	809,595,558	+7.9	774,180,381	564,191,150
San Francisco.....	114,345,554	114,643,699	-0.3	90,151,731	63,372,832
Los Angeles.....	39,337,000	27,948,000	+40.7	30,145,000	25,224,315
Seattle.....	33,971,120	35,550,893	-4.4	20,584,033	15,381,700
Portland.....	28,123,617	21,547,777	+30.5	17,675,152	13,217,994
Salt Lake City.....	13,473,743	12,439,196	+8.3	13,727,604	8,890,304
Spokane.....	8,986,143	5,100,000	+74.4	6,500,000	5,164,100
Tacoma.....	4,576,258	4,405,338	+3.9	2,994,638	2,397,951
Oakland.....	8,200,000	6,974,269	+17.6	5,389,650	4,199,055
San Diego.....	1,900,000	1,972,636	-3.7	2,466,094	3,257,209
Sanramento.....	4,388,465	3,790,744	+15.3	2,755,974	2,376,950
Pasadena.....	1,480,000	1,170,891	+26.4	1,339,193	1,048,084
Fresno.....	2,599,340	1,070,020	+33.0	1,636,295	1,116,467
Stockton.....	1,938,091	1,725,738	+13.3	1,526,153	1,573,996
San Jose.....	1,284,841	927,534	+38.5	808,805	769,023
Yakima.....	946,990	827,670	+14.4	668,939	470,948
Reno.....	642,651	537,110	+19.5	600,352	431,330
Long Beach.....	1,501,664	1,050,000	+42.0	736,555	700,521
Total Pacific.....	267,737,317	245,581,424	+9.0	198,696,248	148,896,714
Kansas City.....	197,808,102	197,853,741	-0.02	139,766,999	86,368,644
Minneapolis.....	37,707,141	28,345,304	+33.0	34,613,456	23,848,900
Omaha.....	54,086,728	65,823,267	-17.8	34,140,559	22,849,890
St. Paul.....	16,096,418	13,670,856	+17.5	14,385,389	14,280,749
Denver.....	22,514,334	23,200,310	-1.7	14,528,358	13,250,000
St. Joseph.....	16,799,223	19,008,272	-11.6	17,215,231	8,734,579
Des Moines.....	11,026,757	10,622,702	+3.8	8,500,900	6,145,151
Duluth.....	6,831,598	4,157,879	+64.3	6,019,263	4,086,939
Sioux City.....	10,700,000	9,225,451	+16.3	6,930,602	4,261,462
Wichita.....	12,405,977	7,786,032	+60.5	6,732,824	4,307,422
Lincoln.....	5,350,116	4,687,443	+14.1	4,122,274	3,040,785
Topeka.....	3,447,701	2,800,000	+23.1	2,662,445	1,922,863
Cedar Rapids.....	2,672,030	2,204,271	+21.2	2,741,922	1,673,505
Waterloo.....	1,900,000	2,900,000	-34.4	2,971,000	2,090,028
Helena.....	2,059,642	1,977,289	+4.2	2,238,698	1,429,606
Fargo.....	2,630,660	2,072,651	+26.9	1,933,963	1,693,320
Colorado Springs.....	988,515	830,500	+18.8	997,663	467,191
Pueblo.....	828,446	686,535	+20.7	624,997	486,137
Fremont.....	938				

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The unqualified success of the Victory Liberty Loan, the campaign for which closed last Saturday, has added new zest to the speculation on the Stock Exchange, and given a further impetus to the forward movement of prices. This buoyancy and speculative revival on the Exchange, which has been making steady headway since the middle of February, has itself played no insignificant part in insuring the success of the loan—patriotic fervor so prominent an element in the floating of previous loans having been largely lacking on this occasion, since the war practically came to a close with the signing of the armistice on the 11th of last November.

It is many a long year since Wall Street has seen such a speculative furore, bottomed so deeply and with a base whose foundations embrace the whole country, as is now being witnessed. Some persons cannot understand why a bull movement should occur now when the whole world is facing a period of readjustment, the effects of which no one can foresee. But the reason lies on the surface. The country has come triumphant out of the greatest war in human annals, conducted at great cost, and yet without seriously impairing the country's vast resources.

All history teaches that a period of speculative buoyancy follows such an event. History also teaches that such movements are usually carried too far. Therein lies the danger. High money rates, such as developed the present seek, serve to supply a corrective. But the market is under such momentum on this occasion that it will not be easy to arrest its onward course. Then, too, owing to the existence of our Federal Reserve System, it will not be easy effectively to apply monetary restraints.

Our new banking system is provocative of both money and credit inflation. Thus far the new credit facilities have been almost entirely employed in financing Government needs. If, when the Reserve funds now tied up in Government war paper are released, these extra lending facilities are not rigidly curtailed, but are allowed to pass to other uses, the situation might quickly become one of serious menace. In any event, with the Federal Reserve Banks available for accommodation on the part of all member banks, these latter themselves will be without the inducements that ordinarily impel caution and prompt conservative action. In the last analysis, therefore, whether the present speculative buoyancy is to be allowed to transcend legitimate bounds depends upon the managers of the Federal Reserve System.

Gold production in the Transvaal, notwithstanding the considerable improvement in the native labor situation since the close of 1918, both as regards additions to the number employed and subsidence of the influenza epidemic, has not yet shown any signs of satisfactory expansion. It is true, of course, that the March return indicated a heavier per diem output than previously in 1919, and the April figures, just received, show a slight further advance in the average daily yield. But in the first instance the total production, while larger than in 1918 and 1914, was smaller than in all other years back to and including 1912, and in April, the year 1914, alone presented a lesser aggregate than the one now at hand during the period referred to. It is not too much to say that these results are disappointing.

In the absence of specific advices giving the reason for the failure of production to respond in any appreciable way to the increase in the labor force we can simply conjecture that it is due to the dual cause of lack of efficiency in the hands recently taken on and to a lowering of the grade of the ores mined. If this latter is responsible in any noteworthy degree, the question naturally arises whether the Transvaal output in the future will ever again measure up to that of the past. Stated briefly, the yield of the mines for April this year was 694,944 fine ounces, against 717,099 fine ounces a year ago, 742,778 fine ounces in 1917 and 784,974 in 1913. For the four months the production reaches an aggregate of 2,720,110 fine ounces, thus contrasting with 2,787,321 fine ounces last year, 3,033,827 fine ounces in 1917 and 3,099,038 fine ounces in 1913. The decline from the last named year, it will be observed, is 378,928 fine ounces, or 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ %.

The exhibit of commercial failures for the latest month (April) is not a whit behind those for preceding similar periods, for some time past, in furnishing evidence of a most satisfactory solvency situation in the United States. The number of defaults had shrunk to a level in November last that was considered to be a point below which the total would not sink, especially as, with the war at an end, the resultant economic readjustments would, it was thought, tend to break some, if not many, of the weaker links in the business chain. But such has not been the case to any mentionable extent. On the contrary, in every month since the beginning of 1919, not only has the number of failures been much less than for the corresponding period of any recent year, but there has been a noteworthy contraction in the volume of liabilities. And, furthermore, in no month since insolvencies were compiled on the present basis were they so few as in April 1919, and the indebtedness is the smallest for the particular month under review since 1907.

For April this year the number of mercantile casualties, according to Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co., was only 543 involving \$11,450,462, these contrasting with 905 for \$14,271,849 a year ago, 1,069 for \$12,587,212 in 1917 and no less than 2,063 for \$43,517,890 in 1915. The trading division makes a most excellent exhibit, all but three of the fifteen lines in this division showing shrinkage from the comparatively moderate totals of last year, with the decline decidedly marked in groceries, meats and fish. This lends point to the reports frequently heard that, with largely increased incomes, the people who in times past were wont to purchase sparingly of what were considered to be the high priced foods, are now the most liberal buyers. Reflecting the general situation among traders the month's insolvent debts at \$3,309,861 were the lightest for April in 13 years, and less than in any monthly period back to March 1907. Among manufacturers considerable stress in machinery and tools was instrumental in swelling the April total, but it was, nevertheless, well below 1918, and smaller than in all earlier years back to and including 1910, with the exception of that of 1918, compared with which there is a slight increase.

For the four months of 1919 the total number of insolvencies is only 2,447 and the amount of liabilities \$47,271,514, against 4,205 failures for \$64,052,149 last year, 5,006 for \$64,894,312 in 1917 and 9,279 for \$149,570,905 in 1915. For this longer period,

as for the month, the trading exhibit is very satisfactory, the reported liabilities reaching a total of but \$15,702,272, against \$24,204,765 in 1918. Manufacturers, too, make a good showing indebtedness of \$21,346,366 comparing with \$26,055,986, and among brokers, agents, &c., debts of \$10,222,876 are $3\frac{1}{2}$ millions less than a year ago.

There have been no developments in the Dominion of Canada to disturb the very favorable mercantile and industrial situation. A considerable reduction in the number of commercial defaults is to be noted for April as contrasted with a year ago, and a moderate contraction in the aggregate of liabilities. As in the United States, the trading group (the most important in the Dominion) makes the most satisfactory exhibit, but a decline in manufacturing debts is also observable and other commercial liabilities were but nominal in amount. The total of all divisions for the month is 56 insolvencies for \$726,619, against 84 for \$806,642 in 1918 and 194 for \$2,400,505 in 1915. For the four months the defaults numbered only 273 involving \$5,496,256, against 372 for \$5,943,684 last year. Trading debts for the period foot up \$1,957,742, against \$2,226,729 in 1918; manufacturing \$3,433,981, against \$3,599,421; and other commercial \$104,533, against \$117,534.

"What will the Germans do with the peace treaty?" This is the question that one has heard at every turn since the document was presented to their peace plenipotentiaries at Versailles last week Wednesday. It has been propounded and answered with the greatest frequency this week because, within that time, the German representatives at the Peace Congress, the officials of the Government and the people at home, have had opportunity to consider the terms more carefully. The advices from Paris, London and Washington have indicated the prevalence of the belief that, after numerous protests and attempts at negotiations for securing modifications of the terms, the treaty will be signed. This is the idea that has been most generally advanced throughout the United States.

It is wholly unnecessary to suggest to any one who has even glanced at the newspapers from day to day that quite a different story regarding the probable acceptance of the treaty has come from German sources. With only a very few exceptions it has been denounced in wholesale fashion by everyone connected with Germany. Dispatches received here from Berlin as early as a week ago to-day stated that "the people, though fairly struck dumb by the peace terms, are now recovering sufficiently to declare that Germany cannot and will not sign the compact, no matter what comes." So serious was the situation regarded by German Government authorities that the President of the Imperial Ministry sent a telegram to the Governments of the free States requesting that they "have public amusements suspended for a week and allow in the theatres only such productions as correspond to the seriousness of these grievous days." During the first few days following the announcement of the peace terms, prominent Germans in and out of the Government appeared to be somewhat reticent about granting interviews relative to the treaty. General Ludendorf was reported by one correspondent last Saturday to have declined to speak in detail on the peace terms for publication, but in response to a

request for an expression of opinion, he was said to have declared: "If these are the peace terms, then America can go to hell."

As the days passed there was practically no end to the speeches and statements of men in public life in Germany, in all of which the treaty was denounced in unmistakable language. The burden of practically all that was said was that the terms are unjust, at notable variance with President Wilson's fourteen points and impossible for Germany to carry out. Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace delegation to Versailles, had the first chance to speak against the treaty. An outline of what he said was given in the "Chronicle" last week. There was additional evidence this week that some of the statements that he made in that initial address before the Peace Congress were so repulsive to the British, French and American delegates that they regarded him largely as an impossible peace representative, and it was even said that this idea was conveyed to "the proper German authorities." Quite the contrary opinion regarding the speech was reported to have been held by some of von Brockdorff-Rantzau's associate delegates. Last Saturday announcement was made in Paris that they regarded his statements as "being too mild and unworthy of German dignity." Several members of the delegation were reported to be considering offering their resignations to the Government at home.

Friedrich Stampfer, Editor of the Majority Socialist organ, "Vorwaerts," got back to Berlin from Versailles at the end of last week and published an article in his paper which was said to have "created a great sensation in Berlin generally and in political circles in particular." He began his article by saying that the Germans had sought peace at Versailles, but had found war. Continuing, he observed: "Near-peace between civilized peoples can only be attained by negotiation. Our opponents will not negotiate, and, therefore, it is a lie when they assert that they wish peace." With respect to signing the treaty, Editor Stampfer declared "it would be lunacy to believe that peace would be brought about by putting six German names on a piece of paper." On the other hand, he said, "If we do not sign, we have before us a short struggle which would bring either destruction or salvation." In conclusion he urged the people to "stand fast and be ready to endure the worst that any people ever endured." A "brutal peace of force" and a "verdict of death" were among the many expressions reported to have been used by German authorities and the people in denouncing the treaty.

In a statement which reached here Monday afternoon, Friedrich Ebert, the German President, was reported to have said: "Germany has seized and unfurled a new banner on which are inscribed President Wilson's 14 points, which the President apparently has deserted," and to have characterized the peace treaty itself as a "monstrous document." Gustave Noske, Minister of National Defense, in a long interview was reported to have said in reply to the question, "Will the Government sign?" that "in the present form of the treaty no man will be found to sign. And if he does sign he will himself say that he has no intention of keeping it. What is eventually to happen, I cannot say."

Phillip Scheidemann, Chancellor, in a speech before the National Assembly, declared that the occasion was the "turning point in the life of the German people," and added that "to keep our nation alive—that and nothing else—is our duty." He characterized the book containing the terms of the peace treaty as "this dreadful and murderous volume." Continuing he said: "This treaty, in the view of the Imperial German Government, is so unacceptable that I am unable to believe that this earth could bear such a document without a cry arising from millions and millions of throats in all lands, without distinction as to party. Away with this murderous scheme." Referring to President Wilson, he asked, "What does President Wilson so aptly say? That the fundamental principle of peace itself is equality, equal participation in common benefits." Continuing he asserted that this principle had been abrogated in the peace terms. According to all accounts the Chancellor was most loudly and heartily cheered when he declared that the treaty was "unacceptable."

Matthias Erzberger, Chairman of the German Armistice Commission, joined his voice with that of prominent fellow countrymen in protesting vigorously and vociferously against the treaty. In the course of an interview he said: "With the best will and intention we cannot sign such terms. It means Germany's complete enslavement. No Government can be found that will sign the German people over as slaves, except the Independent Socialists. Their entry into the Government would mean anarchy in its worst form." Thursday, in discussing with some of his associates on the peace commission the notes that he had sent to Chairman Clemenceau, von Brockdorff-Rantzau is said to have declared that "in its present form the treaty is not to be accepted and could not be signed because it would be impossible to fulfill its terms." Versailles advices stated that he told the German delegation also that "it would sign nothing it was not intended to fulfill," but added that the "delegation would endeavor to improve the treaty and make its signing possible." Advices from Coblenz that reached here on Thursday contained reports that if the Germans sign the treaty all the American troops "except the Third Corps, three divisions and a few headquarters units will be out of the occupied district of Germany by June 1."

Advices that came to hand from Berlin on Monday stated that "for perhaps the first time in history all the German parties are united in opinion, each of them assailing the terms the Germans are asked to sign." The German press, with very few exceptions, was decidedly against the treaty. Maximilian Harden, editor of "Die Zukunft," of Berlin, was the notable exception. Discussing the treaty he said: "The peace conditions are not harder than I expected. They were unpleasant to the greater part of the people. But could one really have expected them to be otherwise?" Regarding the personnel of the German peace delegation and the possibility of its refusing to sign the treaty, Editor Harden said: "The whole press resounds with protests and has started a campaign of indictment against the Allies, couched in violent language. And to what use? All must know that the Allies by keeping up the blockade and occupying the coal districts, can force Germany to sign whatever they want." Continuing to outline his ideas as to what

should be done, he declared that "the only way to rescue the country is by openness and honesty." Apparently dissatisfied with the personnel of the German delegation, Herr Harden asserted that "Germany should have sent men who would have laid their cards on the table and got the Allies to understand that some of the conditions were unacceptable. If Germany showed its good will to do what is in its power to comply with the Allies' requests the Allies would see that conditions were changed in favor of Germany, because they know there must be a Germany and that it is impossible to destroy the German people."

Having seen the attitude of the peace delegates, the Government officials in Berlin, the leading newspapers, and of the people in the more important sections of Germany toward the treaty, it will be well to turn again to Versailles and Paris and note briefly the policy of the peace plenipotentiaries, their doings and movements. Saturday night, according to advices from the latter centre that did not reach here until Monday, six members of the German Peace Mission left Versailles for Berlin, not for the purpose of resigning, it was reported, but to confer with President Ebert and his associates in the Government regarding what action should be taken on the peace treaty. It was reported that Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, Chairman of the delegation, would join the six members in a trip to Berlin within a day or two, but this did not prove to be correct.

Herr Landsberg, Minister of Justice, and Herr Geisberts, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, left Versailles Monday night for Berlin. Special effort was made in Paris advices to explain that "their departure is in no sense to be interpreted as a breach in the peace negotiations," but that as Landsberg is regarded as the brains of the Majority Socialists, while Geisberts is very high in the councils of the Catholic Party and the Catholic labor unions, "their counsel is required by the Government in determining its attitude toward the peace conditions."

It became known here on Sunday that already the German delegates, through their chairman, had submitted two notes to Chairman Clemenceau of the Peace Congress relative to the peace terms. In the first communication it was asserted that "the draft of the treaty contains demands which no nation could endure," and that, "moreover, our experts hold that many of them could not possibly be carried out." It was set forth in the reply of the Allied and Associated Powers that its representatives "can permit no discussion of the right to insist on the terms of the peace treaty substantially as drafted." It will be interesting in the extreme to note to what extent this word "substantially" may be stretched to cover changes that may be made in order to secure the signatures of the German plenipotentiaries and to enable them to report to their constituents that concessions from the original terms had been obtained. Additional notes were dispatched by the German delegates to the French Foreign Office, until by Wednesday the number had reached five. In one of these communications it was declared that Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau had asked permission to send delegates to receive the Austrian peace representatives and to communicate with them during the negotiations with the Council of Four. This appeared to be a preposterous request and the

French press at once expressed the opinion that it would be denied. On Thursday it became known that action to this effect had been taken by the Peace Congress authorities.

Realizing that undoubtedly the German delegates would send a great number of communications regarding the peace terms, it was decided on Wednesday to appoint a special committee, consisting of one member from each of the five great Powers, "to deal with objections and proposals from the German peace plenipotentiaries." It seems safe to assume that this committee will be one of the busiest connected with the Peace Congress. Thursday additional notes were received which dealt among other matters with the opposition of the Germans to the giving up of the Sare Valley and to the trial of the former Emperor, together with a request for an International Labor Conference. Advices were received from Paris during the day stating that already the last-named request had been refused and that the others would be dealt with by the special committee to which reference has been made. The day before Berlin cablegrams were received here which contained the peace terms said to have been submitted by former Ambassador von Bernstorff to President Wilson in December 1916. The purpose of making these terms public at this time was said to have been to show that Germany was willing to settle her quarrels with the Allies on a much less drastic basis than that outlined in the terms of peace submitted at Versailles last week.

Reference was made at the beginning of this article to the frequently expressed query, "What will the Germans do with the peace treaty?" Its companion questions are: "What will happen in Germany if her peace plenipotentiaries sign, and what will happen if they don't sign?" The opinion has been expressed in advices from various important European centres that if they do sign, the Ebert Government, already recognized as of uncertain strength and status, would fall, because the German people would not accept the terms and live up to them. On the other hand, it has been suggested that if the treaty is not signed the various extreme political factions in the country would join hands and overthrow the Government. It will be recalled that Herr Noske was quoted as conveying the impression clearly that no one in Germany would abide by the terms of the treaty, even if they were signed. Maximilian Harden, on the contrary, emphasized the fact that those who advanced this idea were counting without the strength and resources of the Allied Powers. The consensus of opinion in Paris, London, Washington and throughout the United States appears to be very well summarized in the following statements made by a well-known American correspondent of a prominent New York daily, in a dispatch published Wednesday morning. He said: "That Germany will be obliged to accept the peace terms dictated by the Allies or suffer more severely than the drastic conditions of the treaty provides, is certain. A refusal on Germany's part to sign the treaty will cause the Allied Governments to adopt measures that will increase the burdens of the German people to a degree that is only suggested by the treaty terms."

As early as last Sunday London heard from Paris that Marshal Foch would leave for the Rhine frontier the following day, in order to be prepared to take whatever action might seem necessary in the

event of the Germans failing to sign the treaty. Thursday morning advices were received here from Paris stating without reserve that the Council of Four had sent Marshal Foch for the purpose just indicated. It was also set forth in Paris advices that morning that the day before the Council had "considered the immediate reimposing of the blockade against Germany in case that country declines to sign the treaty." In conservative circles here the opinion is being expressed that after the signing of the treaty the sober-minded element in Germany will, as soon as possible, take up the reconstruction of the country. It is admitted, on the other hand, that the radical political elements are likely to cause more or less trouble for a year, or possibly longer. It was claimed in a Berlin dispatch received here Wednesday that Germany was considering entering into a pact with Russia, after having refused to sign the treaty. This is a possibility that has been suggested frequently in recent months.

Throughout the week the Council of Four and its assistants were busily engaged with the terms of the peace treaty that will be presented to the Austrian delegates, who, even last week, were reported to be on their way to the Peace Congress, and who were expected to arrive on Wednesday. They did reach the end of their destination at 5:55 o'clock on the evening of that day, were greeted by the French Government officials and taken to their quarters in the suburban residence of former French Kings, in St. Germaine, a beautiful town not far from the heart of Paris. The advices stated that restrictions similar to those placed around the German delegates were notable for their absence in the case of the Austrians. The attitude and demeanor of the latter were reported to have been decidedly more courteous than those of the former. The delegation consisting of about sixty, is headed by Dr. Karl Renner, the Chancellor in the present Austrian Government. He is said to have bowed courteously to the reception committee, upon whom he made a favorable impression from the very outset. His whole bearing was spoken of as having been in marked contrast to that of Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau at his first appearance at the Peace Congress in Versailles. As he greeted the representatives of the Allied countries, he said: "I hope I may go away with as joyful a heart as I bring." No Germans were allowed to be present to extend greetings to the visitors. On Monday the hope was expressed in Paris that the Austrian treaty would be completed this week. One dispatch made public here Thursday morning said that May 23 had been suggested as a tentative date, while another received later expressed the belief that the treaty would actually be in the hands of the Austrians about the middle of the week.

While it was claimed that the stipulation was not specifically made in the treaty, it nevertheless was said to have been agreed that the new Austrian frontier should be the one designated by the secret treaty of London, "giving Italy all the strategic heights and other points of special vantage." According to the forecasts in Paris cablegrams, the treaty contains a responsibility clause the same as in the German document and a provision "for the trial of military offenders by an international tribunal." In many respects it is predicted that the treaty will be substantially the same as submitted to the

Germans. It was reported in Paris yesterday that the terms require "the dismantling of the famous Skoda Works and other armaments." The Skoda Works are spoken of as the most famous in Austria, and were to the Dual Monarchy what the Krupp Works were to Germany. The factories are located at Vienna and Prague. On Monday announcement was made in Paris that while the Hungarian Government had not accepted the invitation to send delegates to the Peace Congress, it was expected that the Bela Kun regime, which, by the way, was not overthrown, as reported last week, would probably take advantage of this opportunity "of establishing relations with the outside world." This expectation was not realized, at least not as soon as anticipated. It became known in Paris Thursday afternoon that there was considerable surprise and disappointment in Peace Congress circles over the failure of the Hungarian Government to send delegates. Furthermore, it was feared that the general uncertainty of conditions in Hungary would delay the Austrian peace negotiations. According to Philip C. Brown, an attache of the American Embassy in Vienna, and who arrived in Paris from that centre on Thursday, conditions are unsatisfactory. It was admitted generally in Peace Congress circles that there was an absence of definite information as to the strength of the Bela Kun government and as to actual conditions in Hungary.

Paris heard last evening that "the landing of Allied forces at Smyrna has been completed." At the French capital "this is expected to be the first step in general occupation of Syria, Armenia and other areas formerly part of the Turkish Empire for the protection of Christian natives. The opinion was also expressed that the "movement is to be completed before announcement of the Turkish peace terms, through fear this would be followed by massacres."

The second matter to which the Council of Four gave special attention this week, while the members of the German Peace Commission were wrestling with the treaty, was the troublesome Italian question. Apparently that whole situation was not in nearly as definite form when Premier Orlando and Baron Sonnino decided to return to Paris last week, as was indicated at the time in advices from that centre and Rome. At any rate, reports from the French capital the early part of this week conveyed the impression that there were yet many points to be settled. Premier Orlando, however, was reported to have displayed a more conciliatory spirit and the whole delegation to have given up its contention for adherence to the terms of the London agreement. Accordingly the outlook for a settlement in the near future was regarded as considerably brighter.

As the week advanced, however, it could not be learned that during the few days the two Italian Peace Commissioners were in Rome they received any definite promises from the Council of Three with respect to either Fiume or the other Italian demands. For this reason their sudden return was somewhat puzzling, except upon the ground that they did not wish Italy to lose their position as one of the five Great Powers. Last evening it was claimed in Paris advices that they returned upon the invitation of the French Ambassador to Rome, who is said to have "outlined to the Italians a compromise plan which he said France had agreed to support." It

was stated also that the Italian delegates "found President Wilson absolutely unchanged regarding application of his principles to Fiume, with the result that, so far as can be learned, the situation continues a deadlock." The larger part of the negotiations this week apparently were conducted by Baron Sonnino and Col. E. M. House. The latter was the former's luncheon guest on Monday, when, it was stated, an effort was made to reach a "basis" of an agreement before the Austrians arrived." The following afternoon Thomas Nelson Page, American Ambassador to Italy, had a conference with President Wilson regarding the Italian question. He was said to have submitted a plan "by which he believes President Wilson's principles will be maintained and Italy be entirely satisfied." The same day announcement was made that the Italian delegation had "resumed complete participation in the pending peace negotiations by appointing a member of the liaison commission controlling all communications with the German delegation." Hitherto the commission had been composed only of British, French and American representatives. On Wednesday it was claimed in Paris cablegrams that a settlement of the Italian question actually was near and might be announced any day. Apparently this degree of optimism was not warranted, inasmuch as the following day Ambassador Page returned to Rome. Before leaving Paris he was quoted as admitting that he had "made no progress toward a settlement of the Fiume question" and as adding that he "would make public the compromise plan that he had submitted to the 'Big Four.'"

On Thursday, for the second time, the report was put in circulation that the Italians were landing large military forces on the coast of Dalmatia. Zara and Sebenico, the two ports at which the latest landing was reported to have been made, are near the middle of the coast and between Fiume and Spalato and opposite the Italian port of Ancona. Paris advices stated on Thursday also that the status of Fiume was still being discussed, as the plan to make it a free city, similar to Danzig, had not proved acceptable.

Still another matter that, according to last week's advices, was supposed to have been pretty well settled, was the disposition of the former German merchant ships. This week the British delegation was reported to have renewed their efforts for an agreement for distributing these ships "on a basis of tonnage loss during the war instead of the plan of the United States retaining those ships interned in America prior to that country entering the war." Yesterday it was claimed in some London advices that the position of the British peace delegation with respect to this matter had been somewhat misrepresented. It developed about midweek that Poland was laying claim to some of the warships surrendered by Germany.

An extremely interesting cablegram was received here Wednesday by Edgar Rickard, Joint Director of the American Relief Association, from Herbert Hoover. The latter announced that the last ship loaded with foodstuffs by the Association would leave New York on June 30 and that, with the distribution of its cargo, "America's job of victualling the people of Europe" would end. This is an earlier date than had been mentioned in all previous advices,

Mr. Hoover himself having been quoted often as saying that we would have to feed Europe until the next harvest, or until some time in August at the best. One of the most striking features of his telegram was that "Belgium, the first of the countries to be ravaged by the war, is the first to become self-sustaining." The last relief cargo for Belgium was shipped on April 30. While this year's crops in most countries of Europe naturally will be subnormal, it is believed that they will be sufficient to tide over the people of the war stricken countries until they may be able financially to secure food through the regular channels. That America took the lead in feeding Europe is well known and is proven by statistics presented by Mr. Hoover in his telegram. For instance, out of the 338,000 tons of food distributed by the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy, during March (the last month for which Mr. Hoover could furnish complete data) 270,000 tons were furnished by the United States. Of the \$111,000,000 expended for relief that month, \$99,000,000 came from America. Still another surprising and gratifying bit of information contained in Mr. Hoover's resume of economic conditions in Europe was the statement that "economic conditions are improving in the Balkan States to such an extent that some of them are establishing credits which yield them from \$5,000,000 to \$9,000,000 a month."

The tone of the London stock market was not materially different from that of New York, the chief difference being in the volume of business handled. Higher prices for many issues prevailed, in spite of profit-taking. Further satisfaction over the budget was manifested, while the outlook for general business was regarded as considerably improved. Toward the end of the week the oil shares were irregular, the same as they were in New York. Another point of similarity between the two markets was the preponderance of activity in the so-called specialties. The financial interests in London devoted the greater part of their time and attention to bringing out new issues—precisely what our investment houses were doing from the opening of business on Monday, following the close of the Victory Loan campaign.

A week ago the statement was said to have been made in Paris that the movement for the recognition of the Government of Admiral Kolchak at Omsk, Russia, by the Allies and the United States, as the de facto Government of Russia, was so generally supported that an announcement at any time of the granting of such recognition would not cause surprise. The reports at the time indicated that the various political factions in Russia that are opposed to the Bolsheviks were rallying around the Admiral. It was suggested that he would be asked by the Great Powers to restate his program, "giving assurance that the future of Russia will be decided by a popularly elected body," before they granted him recognition. On Thursday Paris advices stated that what has come to be termed the "All Russia Government" at Omsk, under the leadership of Admiral Kolchak, was planning to begin an advance on Moscow. The Admiral himself was given as the authority for the announcement. The same day it was claimed in a dispatch from Berne, Switzerland, that life was intolerable in Moscow and Petrograd under the Bolshevik rule and that thousands of

workers were leaving both cities to return to the country and become peasants. It was estimated that during the last three months 70% of the workers had fled from Moscow, leaving hundreds of factories idle, it was claimed. Yesterday morning a dispatch was received from Berne stating that Admiral Kolchak had captured Samara, an important city on the Volga River, according to an announcement received at the Swiss capital.

On Tuesday a wireless message was received in Paris addressed to Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, head of the neutral commission appointed recently to feed Russia, from M. Tchitcherin, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, announcing that his Government refused "to cease hostilities as a condition of the provisioning of Russia by neutrals." After acknowledging Dr. Nansen's notes of April 17 and May 4, the Foreign Minister expressed his thanks "for his interest in conditions in Russia," and asserted that a continuance of hostilities "is necessary for political reasons." He added that the Soviet Government is willing to support a movement to feed Russia so long as it has no political character, but that "it will not be duped." Lenine, Trotzky, Tchitcherin et al appear to be a hopeless lot, so far as efforts on the part of the Great Powers of Europe to negotiate with them for the improvement of conditions in Russia are concerned.

Income again exceeded outgo in the British Treasury statement for the week ending May 10, so that another credit, this time of £230,000, was shown in the Exchequer balance, bringing that total up to £6,819,000, as compared with £6,589,000 last week. The week's expenses totaled £24,810,000 (against £41,058,000 for the week ended May 3), while the total outflow, including Treasury bills repaid and other items, was £89,906,000, as against £106,261,000 last week. Receipts from all sources were £90,136,000, which compares with £106,717,000 the preceding week. Of this total, revenues yielded £11,380,000, against £14,961,000 a week ago; war bonds contributed £4,597,000, against £4,230,000, and war savings certificates £1,700,000, against £500,000. Other debt brought in £7,598,000, in contrast with £24,270,000, while from advances £2,000,000 was received, contrasting with £7,000,000 the week before. The amount realized from the issue of Treasury bills was £62,741,000, as against £55,756,000 last week. The amount of such bills repaid was £49,831,000, causing a further expansion in the total of Treasury bills outstanding, which is now reported as £1,013,135,000. Temporary advances are reported as £470,891,000.

War bond sales through the banks last week aggregated £5,311,000, comparing with £4,466,000 in the week previous and bringing the total to £58,631,000. Through the post offices sales during the preceding week amounted to £315,000, making an aggregate of £2,843,000. The grand total is now £61,474,000.

There has been no change 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 3½% for sixty days and ninety days. Call

money in London is still reported at $3\frac{1}{8}\%$. No reports have been received, as far as can be learned, by cable of open market rates at other centres.

The Bank of England in its weekly statement announced a loss in its stock of gold on hand of £353,763—the first in several weeks. Curiously enough, decreases were shown in all of the Bank's items, with the exception of the proportion of reserve to liabilities, which advanced to 20.50%, against 19.88% last week and 17.20% a year ago. The highest percentage this year was for the week ending February 20, when it rose to 20.85%, while the lowest was 11.00% on Jan. 2. Total reserves were reduced only £59,000, note circulation having declined £295,000. There was a reduction of £884,000 in public deposits, of £3,683,000 in other deposits and of £3,019,000 in Government securities. Loans (other securities) were contracted £493,000. The Bank's gold holdings aggregate £85,573,632, as against £61,708,187 a year ago and £54,840,779 in 1917. Reserves now stand at £27,536,000, which compares with £30,181,637 in 1918 and £34,776,284 the year previous. Note circulation is now £76,487,000. This compares with £49,976,550 and £38,514,495 one and two years ago, respectively. Loans amount to £78,984,000. In the same week of 1918 they stood at £105,522,431 and in the year preceding, £108,231,263. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £489,050,000, against £490,650,000 a week ago and £392,971,000 last year. 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:

	1919.		1918.		1917.		1916.		1915.	
	May 14.	May 15.	May 15.	May 16.	May 16.	May 17.	May 17.	May 19.	May 19.	May 19.
	£									
Circulation.....	76,487,000	49,976,550	38,514,495	34,070,965	34,002,225					
Public deposits....	22,807,000	41,457,354	52,995,952	60,654,066	130,382,328					
Other deposits....	111,470,000	133,820,292	117,226,143	78,583,336	94,024,846					
Gov't securities....	46,433,000	57,316,732	44,963,406	33,187,474	51,043,491					
Other securities....	78,984,000	105,552,431	108,231,263	79,879,276	145,533,540					
Res'v notes & coin..	27,536,000	30,181,637	34,776,284	43,872,882	40,154,709					
Gold and bullion..	85,573,632	61,708,187	54,840,779	60,093,847	61,706,034					
Proport'n of reserve to liabilities.....	20.50%	17.20%	20.42%	31.51%	20.50%					
Bank rate.....	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%					

The Bank of France continues to report gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 553,743 francs. The Bank's total gold holdings now amount to 5,548,289,843 francs, of which 1,978,278,425 francs are held abroad. This compares with 5,380,979,714 francs last year and with 5,264,419,586 francs the year previous; of which 2,037,108,484 francs were held abroad in 1918 and 1,948,706,126 francs in 1917. Treasury deposits during the week increased 105,749,698 francs, while general deposits were augmented by 16,758,984 francs. On the other hand, silver decreased 389,443 francs, bills discounted were reduced 39,944,000 francs and advances fell off 5,449,946 francs. Note circulation took a favorable turn, a contraction of 105,282,680 francs being registered. The total of notes outstanding now aggregates 34,324,384,140 francs, comparing with 27,004,027,935 francs in 1918 and with 19,344,045,330 francs in 1917. In 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount outstanding was but 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in 1918 and 1917, are as follows:

	Changes for Week. Francs.	Stands as of		
		May 15 1919. Francs.	May 16 1918. Francs.	May 17 1917. Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	553,743	3,570,011,418	3,343,871,220	3,315,731,459
Abroad.....No change.		1,978,278,425	2,037,108,484	1,948,706,126
Total.....Inc.	553,743	5,548,289,843	5,380,979,714	5,264,419,586
Silver.....Dec.	389,443	308,234,952	256,244,789	257,232,035
Bills discounted...Dec.	39,944,000	854,997,984	1,091,393,894	483,355,743
Advances.....Dec.	5,449,946	1,240,854,154	1,005,802,782	1,142,724,689
Note circulation...Dec.	105,282,680	34,324,384,140	27,004,027,935	19,344,045,330
Treasury deposits...Inc.	105,749,698	127,845,524	89,560,415	67,838,673
General deposits...Inc.	16,758,984	3,465,037,951	3,017,958,744	2,511,564,148

In its statement, issued as of April 30, the Imperial Bank of Germany shows further striking changes and continues to reflect the precarious financial conditions existing in the Central Empire. Gold and bullion was reduced 156,282,000 marks. Gold declined 155,977,000 marks, while bills discounted expanded no less than 2,804,459,000 marks. There was an expansion of 754,121,000 marks in note circulation, and deposits registered the huge increase of 2,951,705,000 marks. Treasury notes were increased 415,189,000 marks. Notes of other banks gained 651,000 marks, while other securities expanded 88,387,000 marks. There were reductions of 1,856,000 marks in advances, 631,000 marks in investments, and 555,909,000 marks in other liabilities. The German Bank reports its gold holdings as 1,755,868,000 marks, which contrasts with 2,344,000,000 marks a year ago and 2,532,560,000 in 1917. Totals of outstanding note circulation are given as 26,763,279,000 marks, against 11,820,800,000 marks in 1918 and 8,315,400,000 marks the year preceding.

Saturday's statement of New York associated banks and trust companies, which is given in greater detail in a subsequent section of this issue, was about as had been expected and failed to show any especially important changes. There was an increase of \$81,536,000 in net demand deposits, to \$4,121,927,000 (Government deposits of \$210,755,000 deducted), but this was accompanied by a decline of \$126,771,000 in Government deposits, and was regarded as simply a result of the shifting of funds by the banks. Net time deposits expanded \$582,000 to \$155,681,000. Loans increased \$129,000. Other increases included one of \$4,710,000 in cash in own vaults (members of the Federal Reserve Bank), to \$99,387,000 (not counted as reserve), \$8,325,000 in the reserves in the Reserve Bank of member banks, to \$556,481,000, and an expansion of \$796,000 in reserves in own vaults (State banks and trust companies), to \$12,785,000. Reserves in other depositories (State banks and trust companies) declined \$81,000, to \$12,040,000. Aggregate reserves showed a gain of \$9,040,000, to \$581,306,000, which compares with \$587,549,000 last year. In the case of surplus, however, an increase of \$10,661,190 in reserve requirements turned this into a loss, so that excess reserves were reduced \$1,621,190, and now stand at \$35,122,990, against \$102,807,730 in the corresponding period of 1918. These figures are based on reserves of 13% for member banks of the Federal system, but do not include cash in vault held by these member banks which amounted last Saturday to \$99,387,000. Circulation increased \$298,000 to \$38,914,000.

Rates for call money had moved within such a narrow range, in spite of the great activity in stocks for many weeks, that the advance just before the close on Wednesday to $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ for industrial loans caused some surprise in speculative circles. If

this level, or even a higher one, had been reached a week or two ago, it would have been taken as a natural sequence to the trading in stocks on the Exchange that had totaled from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 or more shares a day. The Street had come almost to believe that call money would be held at a maximum of 6%, even after the closing of the Victory Loan campaign. Naturally there was unusual interest on the part of speculators, and to some extent on the part of stock brokers, as to the opening quotations for call loans on Thursday morning. General relief was expressed over the recession from the high figure the night before. Optimistic interests are predicting even greater activity in stock speculation than we are now having. If this should be realized and if the expected revival in general business develops in the near future, it would seem perfectly reasonable to look for a continuance of what are being spoken of as high money rates. A fact worth remembering is the vast amount of money in the country, in spite of all the outgo for domestic and foreign purposes during the last five years. As an illustration of the prosperity of the people of this country, reference might be made to figures made public yesterday relative to the condition of the savings banks in this State. They have \$2,000,000,000 deposits at the present time, which figures represent an actual gain over last year of \$55,000,000.

As was forecast in the "Chronicle" last week the investment houses have been bringing out a large number of new issues. In every instance a quick resale has been reported. It is believed that the market for investment securities will continue good, if too many are not offered within the next two or three weeks. Quite possibly this financing has had some influence upon the local money market. Attention may be called also to the fact that next Tuesday the second installment on the Victory Loan will be payable. Naturally preparation for this large disbursement was in progress this week. If subscribers follow out their practice with respect to previous loans, they will pay much more than the second installment. In the local Federal Reserve District about 70% of the total amount of the subscriptions was turned in on the date for the second installment. Still another matter that may have had some effect temporarily upon the money market at this centre was the payment of semi-annual interest on the second Liberty Loan amounting to \$76,000,000.

Dealing more specifically with money rates, call loans this week, on at least one day, went as high as 7½%, the highest point touched in a long period. This, however, was only temporary and the range was 4½@7½%, against 3¼@5½% a week ago. Monday 5½% was the highest, 4½% low and renewals at 5%. On Tuesday the renewal basis was still at 5%, but the maximum advanced to 6% and the low was 5%. Wednesday the high moved up to 7½%, the low was 6%, which was also the rate at which renewals were negotiated. On Thursday the range was 5¾@6%, with 6% again the ruling figure. Friday's rates were not changed from 6% for the high, though the minimum was at 5%, while 6% was the basis for renewals. The figures here given apply to mixed collateral loans. "All-industrials" remain at ½ of 1% higher. For fixed maturities the situation remains without essential change. Despite the flurry in call rates, which was attributed largely to the unusual activity

in Stock Exchange trading, time funds have been in rather better supply and 5½% is now quoted for all periods from sixty days to six months, as compared with 5½% for sixty and ninety days, and 5½@5¾% for four, five and six months, last week. Trading in the aggregate was quiet, with the bulk of the business confined to renewals. Last year a flat rate of 6% was quoted for all maturities from sixty days to six months.

Commercial paper rates have not been altered from 5¼@5½% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with names less well known still requiring 5½%. A good demand is reported, but trading was not active, owing to the scarcity of high grade offerings.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were moderately active with both local and out of town institutions in the market as buyers. Quotations remain at the levels previously current. Some interest was shown in the \$10,000,000 Belgian acceptances that were to be placed on the market, but up to the present these have not been received. Loans on demand for bankers' acceptances continue to be quoted at 4½%. Detailed rates follow:

	Spot Delivery			Delivery within 30 Days.
	Ninety Days.	Sixty Days.	Thirty Days.	
Eligible bills of member banks.....	4¾@4¾	4¾@4¾	4¾@4	4¾ bid
Eligible bills of non-member banks.....	4¾@4¾	4¾@4¾	4¾@4	4¾ bid
Ineligible bills.....	5¼@4¾	5¼@4¾	5¼@4¾	6 bid

The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco this week announced a rate of 5¼% in the case of member banks' promissory notes, maturing within 15 days secured by War Finance Corporation bonds, and 6% for the same paper running from 16 to 90 days; similar special rates, previously established by the Federal Reserve Banks of Philadelphia, Boston, Minneapolis, Chicago and St. Louis are indicated in the footnote to the table. 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.	Dallas.	San Francisco.
Discounts—												
Within 15 days, incl. member banks' collateral notes.....	4	4	4	4½	4½	4½	4	4	4½	4½	4½	4½
16 to 60 days' maturity.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	5	4½	4½
61 to 90 days' maturity.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	5	4½	4½
Agricultural and live-stock paper over 90 days.....	5	5	5	5½	5	5	5½	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	4½	4	4	4	4	4½	4	4½
16 to 90 days' maturity.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Trade Acceptances—												
16 to 60 days' maturity.....	4½	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	4½

* 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.

* The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis has announced a rate of 5% for member banks' promissory notes maturing within 15 days when secured by War Finance Corporation bonds; also 5% for rediscounts maturing within 15 days secured by War Finance Corporation bonds, and 5½% for rediscounts from 16 to 90 days secured by War Finance Corporation bonds.

* The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis announced on April 4 a rate of 5½% for member banks' collateral notes and customers' notes, drafts and bills of exchange of 15 days and under secured by War Finance Corporation bonds; also 5½% for customers' notes, drafts and bills of exchange of 16-60 days where secured by War Finance Corporation bonds and 6% for such paper running from 61 to 90 days.

* The Boston Federal Reserve Bank on April 12 announced the following rates on rediscounts secured by bonds of the War Finance Corporation. Either customers' notes or promissory notes of member banks and having 15 days or less to run, 5%; customers' notes having from 16 to 90 days to run, 5½%.

* The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago announced, effective on April 21, a rate of 4½% for member banks' promissory notes maturing within 15 days when secured by U. S. Government bonds or Victory Loan notes, and 5½% for such paper of 16-day maturity when secured by War Finance Corporation bonds; for rediscounts maturing within 16 days, secured by War Finance Corporation bonds, a rate of 5¼% was established effective April 21, while for the same paper with maturities from 16 to 90 days the rate is 5¼%; the rate for rediscounts maturing within 90 days, secured by War Finance Corporation bonds, is 4¾%.

* The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia has announced, effective May 5, a rate of 5% for member banks' collateral notes maturing within 15 days, when secured by War Finance Corporation bonds; for rediscounts, secured by War Finance Corporation bonds, the rate is 5%; in the case of maturities within 15 days, and 5½% for maturities from 16 to 90 days.

a Fifteen days and under, 4½%.

b Fifteen days and under, 4%.

c Until further notice, there is authorized a special rate of 4% for paper, with 16 to 90 day maturity, secured by Fourth Liberty Loan bonds; provided such paper has been taken by the member bank at a rate not in excess of the Fourth Liberty Loan coupon rate.

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

Note 2. 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 3. 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.

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

Sterling exchange ruled strong and higher early in the week, and on Wednesday a further advance to 4 68¾ for checks and 4 69½ for cable remittances was recorded, which was the highest point touched since the removal of the sterling "peg" by the British authorities a couple of months ago. With the culmination of the buying movement, however, weakness developed and when several of the largest institutions came into the market as sellers, declines took place, which brought demand bills down to 4 65¼. Opinion was almost as much divided on the real reasons underlying the extensive selling as it had been over the recent buying. It is suggested in some quarters that aside from the buying for account of French bankers to settle maturing indebtedness, some of the buying may have been of speculative origin, constituting an attempt to "discount" peace, and that the selling would naturally represent efforts on the part of these interests to take profits. Taken as a whole, however, bankers are a unit in refusing to venture upon any predictions as to the probable course of sterling during the next few weeks, and attention continues to centre, as it has done for so many weeks past, upon the progress of world affairs at the peace table at Versailles. Despite many conflicting and unsettling rumors to the contrary, confidence remains unshaken that the Germans will make the best of things and ultimately agree to the peace terms offered them, while the much-discussed and troublous Italian Adriatic question, according to latest reports, seems in a fair way toward satisfactory adjustment. The improvement in shipping facilities noted during the last week or two has been a factor of some importance in the increased volume of sterling exchange transactions, and with the formal declaration of peace, a much broader scale of operations is looked for.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday was strong, with a further advance to 4 68¼@4 68½ for demand, 4 69¼@4 69½ for cable transfers and 4 68½@4 68½ for sixty days, largely on a brisk inquiry for sterling bills. Monday's market was firm and active, with quotations up to 4 68½@4 68¾ for demand, 4 69½@4 69½ for cable transfers and 4 65½@4 65½ for sixty days. Opening rates on Tuesday were steady, but later increased offerings and a perceptible lessening in the buying power brought about an easier undertone and demand bills ranged at 4 68@4 68¾, cable transfers at 4 69@4 69½ and sixty days at 4 65½@4 65½. On Wednesday increased weakness featured dealings and under the pressure of heavy selling, prices broke sharply to 4 65¼ for demand and 4 66½ for cable transfers; the day's range was 4 65¼@4 67¼ and 4 66½@4 68½, with sixty days at 4 63@4 65. The downward movement was still in progress on Thursday, and quotations registered further declines, to 4 65¼@4 66¼ for demand, 4 66¼@4 66½ for

cable transfers and 4 62½@4 63½ for sixty days. On Friday the market ruled weak, and demand receded to 4 65¼@4 65½, cable transfers to 4 66@4 66¼, and sixty days to 4 62½@4 62½. Closing quotations were 4 62½ for sixty days, 4 65½ for demand and 4 66¼ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 64½, sixty days at 4 62¼, ninety days at 4 61, documents for payment (sixty days) 4 61½, and seven-day grain bills at 4 64½. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 64½. The week's gold movement comprised withdrawals of gold coin to the amount of \$950,000 for export shipment to South America. So far as could be learned, no imports were reported.

Movements in the Continental exchanges this week, so far as French and Italian exchange are concerned, have been sensational in the extreme. As a result of the continuous oversupply of offerings which have been flooding an almost wholly unresponsive market, prices broke repeatedly until franc checks dropped to the unprecedentedly low rate of 6 36½. This compares with last week's low record of 6 18. Lire broke to 7 87 for checks, and bankers, in view of existing trade conditions, were unable to hold out very definite hopes that still lower levels might not be reached. Grave concern is expressed over the present state of affairs, since it is argued that if rates cannot be maintained now when a considerable measure of support is being afforded in the form of substantial credits by the U. S. Treasury to both France and Italy, what is likely to happen when this support is completely withdrawn. On the other hand, the more optimistically inclined still cling to the belief that just as soon as the peace treaty has been signed and more normal international relations re-established, the authorities will turn their attention to devising some means of remedying the conceded serious situation now existing. In the opinion of certain prominent bankers here the immediate cause of the present acute crisis in exchange is that Great Britain is bringing pressure to bear upon Paris and Rome for a settlement of some part of the huge financial indebtedness of those nations in the attempt to readjust its own financial and economic position. Hence, there has of necessity been forced selling of francs and lire in order to purchase sterling. So long as France and Italy owe money to Britain and Britain presses for payment, declines in francs and lire are inevitable. An inference drawn from this course of action is that the British authorities are tacitly suggesting to their French and Italian allies that they now turn to the United States for financial aid. Dealings at other exchange centres were quiet and without especial feature. Belgian francs again sagged off and closed weak. Nothing new has as yet transpired in the Russian situation, and the position of German and Austrian exchange remains unaltered. Some interest has been shown in a suggestion recently put forth by the "Frankfurter Zeitung" to the effect that the Allies may possibly establish a forced rate of exchange for the German mark, at least to the extent of covering remittance for food shipments, for the reason that the enormous discount at which marks are now quoted is considered as likely to unfavorably affect export values at Allied centres. The close was at the lowest for the week, though trading was not especially active, and changes in rates were said to largely reflect operations on the other side.

The official London check rates in Paris finished at 29.55, compared with 28.94 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 6 38, against 6 15; cable transfers at 6 36, against 6 13; commercial sight bills at 6 39, against 6 16, and commercial sixty days at 6 44, against 6 21 a week ago. Belgian francs finished at 6 53 for checks and 6 48 for cable remittances, as compared with 6 38 and 6 35 last week. Lire broke sharply at the close and the final quotation was 8 08 for bankers' sight bills and 8 06 for cable transfers, and are the lowest figures recorded with the exception of those touched at the time of the great Italian military reverses, when the quotation dropped to 9 10. This compares with 7 56 and 7 54 in the preceding week.

In the neutral exchanges the trend was still toward lower levels, and declines were again noted at practically all centres. Swiss francs were easier. So also were guilders and Spanish pesetas, while Scandinavian rates closed fractionally down. Trading, however, was in no case active, and here also movements were a reflex of what is going on abroad.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 39½, against 39⅞; cable transfers at 39¾, against 40; commercial sight at 39 7-16, against 39 13-16, and commercial sixty days at 39⅛, against 39½ on Friday of last week. Swiss francs closed at 5 03½ for bankers' checks and 5 00 for cable remittances. Last week the close was 5 02 and 4 98½. Copenhagen checks finished at 24.20 and cable transfers at 24.50, against 24.30 and 24.60. Checks on Sweden closed at 25.70 and cable transfers at 25.90, comparing with 25.80 and 26.10, while checks on Norway finished at 25.10 and cable remittances at 25.30, against 25.30 and 25.60 the week before. Spanish pesetas closed at 20.17 for checks and 20.25 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 20.18 and 20.28.

With regard to South American quotations, the undertone was slightly easier, and the check rate on Argentina closed at 44⅛ and cable transfers at 44¼, as against 44.50 and 44⅝ a week ago. For Brazil the rate for checks finished at 27¼ and cable remittances at 27⅝, compared with 27¾ and 27⅞ last week. Chilean exchange continues to be quoted at 9 31-32 with Peru still at 50.125@50.375.

Far Eastern rates are as follows: Hong Kong, 84@84¼, against 82@83; Shanghai, 125@125½, against 120@121; Yokohama, 51½@51¾, against 51⅜@51⅝; Manila, 50 (unchanged); Singapore, 56¼ (unchanged); Bombay, 36 (unchanged), and Calcutta, (cables) at 36¼ (unchanged).

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$4,848,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending May 16. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$9,337,000, while the shipments have reached \$4,489,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and the gold exports, which together occasioned a loss of \$89,921,000, 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 \$85,073,000, as follows:

Week ending May 16.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$9,337,000	\$4,489,000	Gain \$4,848,000
Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and gold exports.....	25,809,000	115,730,000	Loss 89,921,000
Total.....	\$35,146,000	\$120,219,000	Loss \$85,073,000

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

Banks of	May 15 1919.			May 16 1919.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England..	85,573,632	---	85,573,632	61,708,187	---	61,708,187
France..	142,800,457	12,310,000	155,110,457	133,754,848	10,200,000	143,954,848
Germany..	87,793,400	1,040,500	88,833,900	117,269,650	6,021,300	123,290,950
Russia *	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000
Aus-Hun c	11,600,000	2,372,000	13,972,000	11,008,000	2,289,000	13,297,000
Spain	90,445,000	26,010,000	116,455,000	81,589,000	28,436,000	110,025,000
Italy.....	32,500,000	2,500,000	35,000,000	33,458,000	3,195,000	36,653,000
Netherl ds	55,278,000	676,000	55,954,000	60,153,000	610,900	60,763,900
Nat. Bel. h	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000
Switz'land	16,802,000	2,633,000	19,435,000	15,070,000	---	15,070,000
Sweden.....	15,977,000	---	15,977,000	14,321,000	---	14,321,000
Denmark..	10,385,000	137,000	10,522,000	10,269,000	136,000	10,405,000
Norway..	8,197,000	---	8,197,000	6,734,000	---	6,734,000
Tot. week.	702,382,489	60,653,500	763,035,989	690,361,685	63,863,200	754,224,885
Prev. week	711,562,952	61,178,760	772,741,712	690,097,054	63,700,150	753,797,204

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £70,131,137 held abroad.

* No figures reported since October 29 1917.

c Figures for 1915 are those given by "British Board of Trade Journal" for Dec. 7 1917.

d August 6 1914 in both years.

GERMANY'S PROTEST AGAINST THE TREATY.

As there was every reason to expect, the public utterances of German statesmen regarding the terms of the treaty are embodying the most vigorous protest. In particular, they have this week taken the shape of declarations that the loss of territory and the economic stipulations will involve the industrial ruin of Germany. We presume that such argument would have been employed against any terms of peace required by the circumstances of the war. It is a statesman's business, in such matters, to use every means of obtaining such concessions as are conceivable, and the assertion that the treaty's requisitions are economically impossible is the natural line of argument.

We are not so ready to justify the reiterated declaration that the Paris Conference has been guilty of bad faith; that the Allies tricked Germany into an unnecessary armistice by promises which they refused to keep when Germany had made herself defenseless. "I and my colleagues," so declared President Ebert last Wednesday, "upon whom rests the terrific burden of the forthcoming decisions, hope and pray that the German people, who staked all on President Wilson and the United States, shall not find themselves deceived. If, however, the American democracy actually accepts the present peace terms as its own, it becomes an accomplice and an abettor of political blackmailers; it surrenders the traditional American principle of fair play and sportsmanship and trails the ideals of true democracy in the dust."

This is a statement of the case which requires examination. Did the German Government, or did it not, surrender to the armistice terms last November on the explicit understanding that its own interpretation of the guarantees embodied in President Wilson's "fourteen points" was assured to Germany? Waiving for the moment the question as to what would have been guaranteed by the fourteen points, even if they had been made in all respects the basis of Germany's surrender, let us see exactly what were the circumstances which existed when the armistice was signed.

At the opening of last October, Bulgaria having surrendered, Turkey and Austria being notoriously on the point of following its example, and Austria's appeal for a secret conference on peace terms having been summarily rejected, the German Government was told by its army commanders that the war was lost and that peace must be obtained on the best terms possible. The Government, on Oct. 6, appealed to President Wilson to intervene with our allies for the purpose of negotiating peace.

"The German Government," so declared Prince Max of Baden, the then German Chancellor, "accepts as a basis for the peace negotiations the program laid down by the President of the United States in his message to Congress on Jan. 8 1918 (containing the fourteen points) and in his subsequent announcements, particularly in his address of Sept. 27 1918." To this President Wilson replied that the question was whether the German Government accepted those terms and proposed only to discuss the practical details of their application. On Oct. 12 the German Government declared that this was its purpose. The President then replied that "the process of evacuation and the conditions of an armistice are matters which must be left to the judgment and advice of the military advisers of the Government of the United States and of the Allied Governments," and that the only acceptable terms would be those which should "provide absolutely satisfactory safeguards and guarantees of the maintenance of the present military supremacy of the armies of the United States and of the Allies."

Germany replied on Oct. 22 that it had started from the assumption that "the procedure of the evacuation and the conditions of the armistice should be left to the judgment of the military advisers." It "trusted," however, though it did not stipulate, that no demand would be approved "which would be irreconcilable with the honor of the German people and with opening a way to a peace of justice." President Wilson then, on Oct. 23, agreed to take up the question of an armistice with our allies, but he added with great positiveness that "the only armistice he would be justified in submitting for consideration would be one which should leave the United States and the Powers associated with her in a position to enforce any arrangement that may be entered into and to make a renewal of hostilities on the part of Germany impossible."

On Nov. 5 the President stated to Germany that the Allies, subject to two reservations, had declared "their willingness to make peace with the Government of Germany on terms of peace laid down in the President's address to Congress of Jan. 8 1918, and the principles of settlement enunciated in his subsequent addresses." The terms of armistice, as drawn up by Marshal Foch, were fully as severe as those previously prescribed for Bulgaria, Turkey and Austria. They involved unexampled humiliations; but as Erzberger, one of the German plenipotentiaries afterwards declared to the Reichstag, the German High Command, having asked the envoys to beg for concessions, had concluded by saying, "even if you do not succeed in obtaining concessions on these points, you must sign the armistice."

In other words, Germany's surrender was in the first place a matter of absolute necessity. Marshal Foch has subsequently said that the German Army "faced colossal disaster; the Germans were lost; they capitulated; there is the whole story." But, second, her acceptance of the armistice terms in advance was absolutely unconditional; the denunciation of them in later speeches by German public men as outrageous, unjust and unfair, was mere unsportsmanlike complaining. Finally, the terms of peace also were conditioned only on Mr. Wilson's declarations of policy, with the reservation from the fourteen points that freedom of the seas must be left subject for future interpretation, and that "compensation will be made by Germany for all damage done to the

civilian populations of the Allies and their property by the aggression of Germany by land, by sea, and from the air."

This left of the fourteen points the agreement for "open covenants of peace;" for the removal, so far as possible, of all economic barriers and the establishment of an equality of trade conditions among all the nations consenting to the peace and associating themselves for its maintenance; adequate guarantees to reduce armaments "to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety; evacuation of Russia, Serbia, and Belgium; return of Alsace Lorraine to France; readjustment of Italian frontiers "along clearly recognizable lines of nationality"; Serbia to be given access to the sea; autonomy for non-Turkish provinces of Turkey; erection of an independent Polish State "which should include the territories inhabited by indisputably Polish populations," and which "should be assured the free and secure access to the sea"; and a League of Nations. The provision for internal autonomy of the Austrian Empire's subject States was removed from consideration by the breaking up of that Empire in advance of the peace itself.

It is not easy to see in what respect these stipulations are violated by the treaty as it stands. The burden of protest by the German statesmen rests at present on the amount of money indemnity prescribed and on the economic resources lost to Germany through the territorial cessions to France and Poland and the requirement of coal and other products to be delivered during a period of years to France, Belgium and Italy. But the amount named for the money payment scarcely exceeds the actual damage done by Germany to civilian property. The careful computation by the Belgian Government of such damages in its own country, with payment for the cost of war eliminated, ran beyond \$5,000,000,000, or more than one-fifth of the \$23,800,000,000 total named in the treaty, and there remained to be calculated the similar damage done in the other Entente countries, including France, where the deliberate destruction was far more sweeping.

As to this, the reservation of our European allies, that compensation must be made by Germany "for all damage done to the civilian population and their property," covered the ground. The deliveries of coal and other material by Germany, being simply reparation and restitution for actual damage done, are similarly provided for in that part of the original understanding. The surrender of territory to France and Poland was, as we have seen, specifically provided for in the "fourteen points." We have not been able to discover anywhere the violations repeatedly alleged by the German statesmen.

Whether some of the treaty stipulations might not have been made more clear, especially in their provision for the longer future, we are not prepared to say. This was a task of no small difficulty, and the treaty's terms are careful to provide for relaxation or actual annulment of the terms, in case the Commission appointed for the purpose shall discover any exaction to be beyond Germany's capacity or to be such as would "interfere unduly with the industrial requirements of Germany."

We are inclined to take these provisions, which are very sweeping, as in the nature of an offer to relax the terms in case of the German Government's honest observance of the treaty. That there exists among serious Allied statesmen any purpose of

crippling Germany financially or economically, it is impossible to believe; if there were no other reason for rejecting such a purpose, the mere wish to make sure of adequate restitution to the devastated countries would be sufficient. At the very moment when Germany herself is asserting that the terms will involve her in industrial ruin, we are hearing from the markets of the Entente Powers the somewhat uneasy question as to whether, once the peace is signed, German producers may not become more aggressive competitors than before. But we also know that the financial terms were drawn up on the basis of an investigation by eminent and dispassionate financial experts, who, had accepted the duty of adjusting Germany's rightful obligation for restitution and reparation with her capacity to meet the payment.

THE EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

President Wilson, by cable from France, has called Congress into extra session beginning May 19. The extraordinary has become so commonplace that it seems superfluous to call attention to the fact that no other Congress was called to meet by a President sojourning upon foreign soil. Perhaps the condition is of minor importance in itself. Yet, it serves to suggest, if we stop to think, the strangely altered relation of the Presidential office to our Government as a whole. It is not expected that the President will return in time to deliver his message in person, and it is hinted that one may be forwarded to be read. The session itself is of grave import, not only because the Peace Treaty, involving consideration of the proposed League of Nations, will be under consideration, but because of the condition of the fiscal policies and needs of the nation.

Inevitably politics will inject its influence into the deliberations. The complexion of the legislative body changes, giving the Republicans a clear working majority in the House and a small majority in the Senate. A full election occurs next year, and, unless history shall fail to repeat itself, there will be an endeavor by both parties to lay the groundwork for the coming campaign. However, the magnitude of questions at issue, their relation to the nation and people as a whole, forbids partisanship of the usual rank order, and for either party more is to be lost than gained by a resort to it. The actual war being over, regardless of the fate of the treaty, or the League, patriotism becomes more judicial than emotional, and the pressing issues of war's aftermath at home cannot be evaded or postponed.

Whether, therefore, there be quick acceptance or rejection of treaty or League, or acceptance with reservations, attended with unforeseen and not easily estimated difficulties and complications, the "home fires" of the Government must be kept burning, and to these the people of the country will turn with profound interest mingled with no small apprehension. In a last resort, it has been foreshadowed, if Germany should refuse to sign, an economic blockade of paralyzing scope will be instituted. There is, as far as can be seen, nowhere any idea that there will be a return of the fighting on a large scale. The war is over. The terrible frenzy and fear have worn themselves out by their own destructive energies, and civil governments of some sort must do the rest. So that the legislative department of government, whether in republican democracies or in imperialistic States, must work out

in the absence of the armed executive forces the problems that now confront all the countries of the world. Sporadic contest continues, and may still continue as the intermittent thunders of a retreating storm, but the real peace of the world is now to be assured by wise legislation, here and elsewhere.

Our own people perceive very clearly what lies before us; a return to rigid economy, after the seemingly forced expenditures that could not stop to count the cost. A reasonable provision for the payment of interest on, and retirement of, a national debt that may reach as high as thirty billions of dollars. A just and equitable system of taxation, freed from the urgent necessities of quick funds to meet active warfare, a system based on the rights of property and the freedom of the individual, held strictly to the limitations of all national taxation, the support of the Government, and relieved from every vestige of the spirit of penalization toward any class, occupation, or business. A release of the civil powers and duties of the Executive Department from the impediments accumulated, wisely or unwisely, in behalf of "winning the war"—such as the abolition of many bureaus and commissions that never would or could have existed but for the war; a return of industries to the people who own them, who submitted loyally to their taking over and use by the Government *during* the war, together with a necessary and honest renewal of their disordered functions and depleted finances; and a salutary separation of all these industries themselves, by their speedy return and reinstatement, from any economic theories of the operations of Government that have been attracted to them by certain officials and classes while they have been in the temporary possession of the Government. The war, it *must* be recognized, if we are to proceed properly in the arts and uses of peace, has not changed the structure or spirit of the republic.

Having said this, however, it must be acknowledged that a secret undercurrent of feeling has been awakened concerning the powers and purposes of government all over the world and here with us as well. While democracy, let us hope, has been growing out of the ruins of autocracy in other lands, a sinister belief in a spurious equality, already existent, has tremendously increased its hold on the human mind and heart in the midst of the turbulence of affairs. Socialism, to be brief, soon descends into anarchy, soon comes to substitute for its avowed pacifism, if not violence, then seizure by power of the majority. And this undercurrent of feeling and belief has permeated in our own country certain classes that must be curbed if we are to continue a free and independent people.

And this coming Congress must begin the work. All our legislation is colored, to some extent, by public opinion; also, our laws, as we have already said, are, despite our utmost patriotism, somewhat colored by politics. If none, in the changed and changing currents of affairs, our laws are not exalted and pure, are not freed entirely from fear of classes and majorities of the electorate, we shall find them pandering to the subtle theories and threats of a forthcoming so-called "socialization" which will undo us and destroy our representative democracy.

To illustrate by but one statement, this war and its requirements has not given into the keeping of any class our privately owned industries whether of the public utility class or other, has not invested

Government with the power of confiscation, has not set the standard of wages for all time to come, and has not placed in the keeping of either capital or labor the freedom of the individual to work out his own destiny by virtue of the free exercise of his initiative and energy.

The tempest of foreign war has cast rotten driftwood of passion, desire and license upon our shores, and the beachcombers of idleness, ignorance and irresponsibility are trying to light the fires of revolution with it. These may be easily disposed of. The great task of legislation is to perceive and guard against tendencies that grow out of yielding to class selfishness, to insidious and unwholesome appeals, to bold assertions of inequality that does not exist, in a word to the wholly false, though seductive statements that wealth is a crime and property should be owned in common because labor alone earned it. If we really *have* a right to our glorious inheritance of this republic, we have individually the same right to our personal inheritance of minds and laws, of liberties and properties, of suffrages and securities. Beneath and above and in all legislation of the coming Congress these fundamental truths must appear if it is to preserve the priceless blessings we have.

THE "AMERICAN LEGION."

On May 8th, in St. Louis, a temporary organization of the soldiers of the late war was effected, and a duly accredited convention is to be held in November. The "creed" of the Legion is set forth by the adoption of the following declarations:

"1. To inculcate the duty and obligation of citizenship.

"2. To preserve the history and incidents of our participation in the war.

"3. To cement the ties of comradeship formed in service.

"4. To protect, assist, and promote the general welfare of all soldiers, sailors and marines and those dependent upon them.

"5. To encourage the maintenance of individual and national efficiency to the end that the American people shall never fail in their obligations to humanity.

"6. To maintain the sacred doctrine of undivided and uncompromising loyalty to every principle for which the American nation stands in the belief that that doctrine should be the guiding principle of the everyday life of every citizen."

We are at pains to set out these principles in full, for upon their practical working out will depend the future course of the order and its influence on affairs. As we read them, we do not find all of them very clearly or definitely expressed. Five and six are subject to various interpretations, and seem to open a wide scope of action in current affairs. Number three should come first, it would appear to an outsider, followed by two and four respectively—then one, five and six in remaining order. "To inculcate the duty of citizenship" seems no more an obligation of an organization of demobilized soldiers than it is of any civic, social or economic body that may already exist—unless perchance we are to interpret this as a challenge to the ex-soldier to return wholly to the obligations of the civil life as distinct from the military, in which case it may have rightful place at the head of the "creed." This interpretation is open to doubt, since obviously soldiers returning from arduous overseas campaigns

will have the consciousness of the military duties of citizenship uppermost in mind. Perhaps it would be more apt to say—will be impressed with the civil duty of evolving readily into the military. Already, according to accounts of the proceedings, there are developing opposite views upon "universal military training."

We seem to see, though we may be mistaken, in number five the thin thread of a perpetual "militarism." Suppose the Legion does declare for universal military training (Congressman Kahn announces he is convinced by the Swiss system and is coming home to advocate this training of youths by a law of Congress)—then logically the "maintenance of individual and national efficiency" will to some extent depend upon this principle. If, then, we follow with the application of the remaining clause "to the end that the American people shall never fail in their obligations to humanity," are we not logically bound to use our military efficiency so gained to fight for humanity whenever and wherever the cause shall arise? Yet these returning soldiers fought to establish lasting peace in the world so that never again might the interests of humanity demand war and bloodshed and the noble and unselfish sacrifice of men like unto those "brave boys" who are now organizing for comradeship and the righteous memories of good and heroic deeds. The word peace, by the way, does not appear in the catalog of new duties. There is nowhere mention of the duty of the soldier, now that the war is over, to live peace, and live *for* peace, and out of the wealth of his experience show *when*, and when only, wars should be fought, although no class of our citizens is so competent to define the rights of warfare by reason of its inherent wrongs.

The concluding declaration is vague, though no doubt is intended to be not only comprehensive but specific. And yet where is the body of men, brought together out of civil life, that can say just what *are* the principles "for which the American nation stands" in this troubled hour of our history. We hope, we believe, the American people, taken as a whole, stand united against that hideous thing of unrest, license, reprisal and seizure, known in Russia as Bolshevism. But are we "undivided and uncompromising" in our loyalty to individualism as contrasted to socialism; and do we hold it a "sacred doctrine to defend personal liberties and property rights now assailed by the doctrine of 'Government ownership.'"

None among us are more competent to pass upon the sacred institutions they fought to defend than our four million soldiers, but it requires more explicit language than is to be found in this declaration. At best here opens a wide field of speculation and opinion, which may mar the harmony of future deliberations if it shall be attempted "to take a stand" on some of these questions of civil polity. At such time politics creeps in, to sway the organization this way and that as the majority shall decide.

The fair conclusion to these doubts and questionings is that the soldier, to become a teacher, must re-enter, heart and soul, the civil life. And when he has done so there is no occasion to use his organization as a mentor on civic matters. Politicians and parties seeking votes may be expected to appeal to this body. It will require firmness and acumen to keep it free from this outside approach, as well as from that which may come from the inside.

For the rest, all citizens must look with approval on every effort to keep alive the comradeship which came to men in the fires of war, which revealed soul to soul, and that mighty heart-beat of fellowship, goodwill, and humanity, which makes "the whole world kin." This ought to become one of the finest things in the life of every man who gave of the best that was in him at home or abroad in the great service.

And the traditions, the stories of camp and field, the incidents, deeds, humors and sorrows of this "amazing interlude," will best be told at the firesides of succeeding generations when treasured up by those who thus lived, labored and loved.

THE PLAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OWNERS OF RAILROAD SECURITIES.

In an address, on Tuesday, to the 29th annual convention of the Missouri Bankers' Association, in St. Louis, Mr. S. Davies Warfield, head of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, both proposed a positive plan for restoration of the railways to their owners and criticised as impracticable and obstructive the plan of "regional" companies and compulsory Federal incorporation. The seriousness of the financial difficulties created by the appalling results of Federal control has been shown in the figures published, revealing a deficit of over 400 millions in fifteen months, and the outlook does not improve. For the present year, said Mr. Warfield, the deficit promises to pass the billion mark. The new wage increase, retroactive to Jan. 1, equals 65 millions, and another 55 millions is "now under consideration and likely to be granted." As the "Chronicle" lately remarked, when Government becomes the employer the employee recognizes that a wage increase is merely a matter of asking; there is absolutely no barrier which can be constructed that will estop employees from asking, and to ask is to receive, so that Governmental operation means, with the certainty of a natural law, a growing increase in the public burden, coupled with a growing decline in efficiency. Argument upon this is as vain as disputing it; one might as well argue with or deny the law of gravitation. If, therefore, the people have really had their fill of Government control and have learned their lesson, the cost has not been incurred in vain; if not, we still have to learn by suffering. We may hope Otto H. Kahn is right in believing the people are really ready to retrace the course and are now convinced, as he said in an address in Pittsburgh some weeks ago, that "when Government undertakes business the result usually is that it does indeed become an undertaker."

Under the Control Act, said Mr. Warfield, the railroads are pledged for return "in substantially as good repair and in substantially as complete equipment" as at the date of seizure, yet the Railroad Administration "has not made one move towards putting them in the condition" pledged for the return; meanwhile, "slow strangulation is going on." He read as a part of his address a letter from former Senator Elihu Root, of counsel to the Association, whose opinion is that the Association's plan for solving the problem of return is the only adequate one, that "you have put your hook into the key-log of the jam in which our railroads are piled up without power to move forward and that no one else has." Mr. Root says our railroad experience "has been

controlled by a succession of single motives." At first, roads were so greatly desired that no suggested inducement seemed to the people too much to offer; "the controlling idea was to encourage railroad enterprise, and the real reliance to secure fair rates was competition." The roads were obtained, but Charles Francis Adams long ago formulated the axiom that where combination is possible competition is impossible, and Mr. Root says the reliance on competition failed and rates were too high, often unfair and discriminatory. Then, in this "succession of single motives," each without consideration for other motives and without study of natural results, came the next period of undertaking to regulate rates by both Federal and State commissions; but Mr. Root points out that costs of operation were left to follow economic laws, "with no necessary relation between cost of service rendered and compensation to be received; the result was that while rates were kept down railroad enterprise was paralyzed." This is just what has happened; rates have been "kept down," but railroad development and efficiency have also been kept down, and so we are where we are.

Now, said Mr. Root (and we hope he is literally correct in saying so), "we are about to terminate the abnormal condition of Government operation for war purposes; it is apparent that the people of the country do not wish to enter upon a permanent system of Government operation; the railroads are to be returned to private ownership." He immediately added that "they cannot be permitted to go back to the uncontrolled operation of the earlier period." Any discussion of whether this could or should be permitted must, we suppose, be merely academic, for very few if any thoughtful men will venture to deny that some form and some measure at least of rate regulation is to continue as the country's policy; suppose we dislike this, or that we deprecate it and think it might have been avoided, it would be only a waste of time and a hindrance now to take any other assumption than that strictly unfettered and competitive handling of public utilities has passed and there is no prospect of its return.

What shall be done, then, asks Mr. Root, and how shall the drift to destruction of values in railway securities be checked, and he puts this question, which covers the case and is plainly the crux of it all: "Why is it that instead of fostering enterprise at one time without controlling rates, and controlling rates at another time without fostering enterprise, both cannot be done at the same time; why is it that rates cannot be fixed under Government control so as to give a reasonably safe return for investment and at the same time be fair to the public?" The fallacy heretofore has been in an assumed "necessity that rates for competing roads shall be the same," and the dilemma is that rates so low that the most favorably situated roads do not get excessive returns will ruin the bulk of the roads in the country, but "the American people will not stand for" rates high enough to allow the bulk of the roads to live; one fixed rate for all would either starve out the less fortunately situated roads or (if high enough to fend off that calamity) would allow the most fortunate ones to wax insufferably fat. So Mr. Root advises fixing "a fair rate of return for the railroads of each rate-making district as a whole" and then having Government equitably dispose of any excess above the prescribed rate obtained by any road. This

plan is elaborated by Mr. Warfield in his address after reading Mr. Root's letter. He would have "the combined property investment accounts" of the carriers operating in each of the three classification territories taken, and rates made to yield at least 6% on such combined accounts, not necessarily that each road would get so much, for that would depend on service and efficiency; their range in practice might be from 2% to 3%, and as to these last fortunate ones the plan would require them, after retaining a third of the excess above 6%, to divide the remainder equally between a fund "for the benefit of the employees of the railroads of the district and a fund for the purpose of purchasing equipment to be used on all the railroads, under lease to them, where it can be most advantageously used in times of congestion." This plan, embodied in Senate bill 5679 of the last session, is expected to reduce a road's capital requirement for equipment and to thus save millions in the buying of equipment; it sets up on the books of the roads two accounts, and provides for a National Railways Association, which should receive and dispose of the excess earnings.

This is a not a Governmental guaranty, said Mr. Warfield, and upon the point that such a guaranty involves and tends irresistibly to Governmental operation, he is at one with Mr. Root. Said the former:

"This is not a guaranty. It is a fixed return on your investment, made through rates. We do not want a guaranty stamped on our securities, for when you stamp these securities the Government will run your properties, and under such a plan it should run them. The people of this country will never permit, in my humble opinion, a Government guaranty to be stamped on bonds or stocks, or both, unless the Government is required to operate the properties the securities of which it guarantees and stamps."

And to the same purport said Mr. Root, at the conclusion of his letter:

"If the Federal incorporation plans mean anything more than I have stated they mean Government ownership. The same observation applies to the idea of a Government guaranty. That means an attempt to assure a given income independently of rates, instead of assuring rates subject to a limit of income. The inevitable result would be that no rates would be permitted beyond those necessary to make the guaranty good, and as the Government must make the guaranty good there would be neither opportunity nor incentive for private enterprise in the management or development of railroads. The only real financial interest and the only active control stimulated by interest would be on part of the Government, and this would lead inevitably to Government ownership. Your plan makes the railroads work for a living, and assures them of a chance to earn it; the guaranty plan gives them their living whether they work for it or not. That is fatal to enterprise and efficiency."

Mr. Warfield put two questions: Can these properties exist, if returned without proper protection and regulatory legislation; and can the country and the situation wait for the years yet required to finish the "valuation" which must precede any guaranty of return on the properties, or can it wait for the carrying out of the tangled process of getting the 17 billions of securities out of the hands of the present holders? He agrees with Mr. Root in deeming the proposed plan the simplest possible in that it needs no new machinery and turns the old regulative scheme from destructive to constructive, while the "regional" scheme, he contends, makes towards Governmental ownership. The special present danger Mr. Warfield sees is not in a public opinion favoring that calamity, but that in the

multiplicity of plans the session of Congress may pass without doing anything positive to stay the drift towards catastrophe.

The foregoing touches only what Mr. Warfield calls "the high spots of the plan" and necessarily passes over many details, of which an interesting one is that the proposition to turn a third of any excess of earnings above 6% "into an insurance fund for the benefit of the employees of the roads in the district" is in the direction of a sop to labor, and yet, however we may feel about labor the problem it presents is one which can neither be escaped nor lightly handled. In favor of the Association's plan one thing must be frankly granted: it aims at the very heart of the matter. For securities and railway credit must be stabilized and the possibility of future development made safe. As Mr. Warfield put it, in closing his address, "the value of railroad securities, whether issued or to be issued, is based, after all, on railroad rates." The Association's plan deals fundamentally with rates. "It can be quickly enacted into law," said he, "and will solve the difficulties which have heretofore existed and will continue to exist unless a method is adopted by Congress based upon the fundamental principles of rate percentage return to the roads and not dependent on a Government guaranty on securities that does not necessarily depend on rates."

Opinions may still vary, and the Association's plan may not win full acceptance; but at the least its right to standing and weight in the court of the public and in Congress must be conceded. It represents more than one-half the outstanding railroad securities; it indirectly represents a vastly greater proportion of the entire public concern in the subject than any other organized body; moreover, it has been two years in measuring and studying the case. No other voice, therefore, can come to Congress with better (perhaps none with an equal) right to a careful and favorable hearing.

THE CULT OF DISTRUST.

Fear—distrust—unrest—is the logical sequence of the unrest which is to-day the prevailing condition of the world.

Fear, on the one hand, of Russia, long felt and later assiduously cultivated, and, on the other hand, fear, especially of Great Britain's and indirectly of America's commercial and economic competition, was a chief means by which the Prussian autocracy led the German people to accept their military policy and to give themselves heart and soul to what was proclaimed as divinely indicated, the domination of the world. Fear of a possible future attack by Germany has allowed France not one moment of peace since the armistice of Nov. 11; and fear, even more justified, of aggression on the part of their neighbors goes far to account for the actual warfare and the ceaseless turbulence which prevail among the smaller States, especially those created as the result of the war.

Unrest cannot be removed so long as fear remains, and fear is one of the most difficult states of mind to eradicate. Argument has little or no effect, while medication for a "mind diseased," and widespread fear amounts to that, is hard to find. It must be left to the new conditions which we hope the Peace Conference will establish, conditions analogous to the "air and exercise" on which medical doctors are accustomed to fall back. Appeals, even such as

that recent one of the Chambers of Commerce to business men to buy and build and enter into contracts, avail little.

To be profitable, therefore, our present business must be with distrust, the intermediate term. If that can be choked off fear will be driven back to seek authentic ground, and unrest will have a chance to disappear, as bodily malaise does before the functioning of the normal life.

The fact is we are cultivating distrust, or having it cultivated for us. The foreign correspondents of the daily papers give a large share of their attention to promoting it. Day after day the latest word from Paris discredits the long disquieting communications of the reporters in the same issue, and refutes the scare headlines. No great harm is done, but each occasion something of a shock, and distrust is created. The prolonged debate of the Peace Conference is in itself disturbing. So long as the clash of interests continues and the debate goes on every nation has ground of anxiety. That cannot be avoided. In the multitude of counsels there is chance of wisdom, and time is often an element of healing.

But unfortunately there are many influences prevalent with us that contribute to the unrest. One is the violence, and now the persistence, of the attacks made upon both the League of Nations and the President by certain Senators. They must be borne with; they are incident to a democracy; they are interpreted in part as "politics"; they stir to thought and to reply, which in the long run may be healthful and possibly strengthening, but for the time they minister to a distrust which in present conditions is all too ready to believe and to fear evil.

Then there are many going up and down the land with discomfiting stories. Some are simply gossips, but others are propagandists of trouble. Only in this way can the many tales provocative of hostility, now to the British, now to the French, or of personal antagonisms among the individual members of the Conference, be accounted for.

Unwittingly the returning soldiers are induced to contribute to this. They too often make individual experiences, which must occur in every relation of life, appear as characteristic and prevailing. Their stories about conditions at Brest, for example, or in some great hospitals, or on certain transports, or in delay in mails, or pay, or discharge, have spread anxiety in many homes as to the welfare of husbands and sons, when the conditions were either only such as are inevitable in handling great masses of men, or were wholly incidental and exceptional.

We have been contributing to our own disquietude by a certain amount of coddling of the returning soldiers. At first it was most natural and little harmful. It was the eager outpouring that was awaiting the long-looked-for absent ones returning, some wounded, all as brought back from the gates of death. Now we have called them "boys" so long that we have forgotten that they are men. They may have been boys when they left us, they are men now, and need to be helped to accept the responsibilities of the new era which they have in such large degree served to create for the world. They must join with us who have anxiously watched and waited at home, striving to do our bit, while we saw the new conditions that are in many ways upheaving all life slowly unrolling, as now we all face the great problems that are upon the world. The strain of re-

adjustment is everywhere, and we need the help of all if the community is to secure the steadiness, the calmness of judgment, the openness of mind, the kindness of feeling, the faith in God and man, which are productive of the quietness and peace which the world craves. If the experiences of the war have helped our young men to realize this and should move them to do their part in bringing it to pass, they will not have been in vain. To get back to work is what they most want, and from which they should not be withheld.

The young women who were called to take the places of the men, often in heavy and responsible labor, were perhaps "girls." They have had no coddling, no huts and no triumphal processions, but they show how truly they deserve to be recognized as women by the conduct and bearing of those, for example, who, the other day, cheerfully surrendered their places to the returning soldiers at Bayonne, N. J., to whom the Standard Oil Co. had promised their situations should be restored, when they enlisted. This little poem, by Theodosia Garrison, was printed in connection with the report of their cheerful acceptance of their dismissal. It is entitled "The Women Speak."

Not with our prayers and tears
We helped you win,—
Not with vain doubts and fears
Or death and sin,—
But with valiant work of our hands
With honest labor and true
We turned us as one to war's demands
To sharpen the sword for you.

Have we not proved our faith
Through stress and strain?
You, come newly from death,
Trust us again,—
Trust us to bring back ease and mirth
And the heart's content you knew—
You have given us back a storm-racked earth,
We will make it fair for you.

Here is a strong antidote for distrust and unrest carried into a multitude of homes by those upon whom rest the making of the homes and the creation of the atmosphere in which the men of America are to live. If this may be accepted as the attitude of the women workers as a whole, we may dismiss our fears of the new epoch. It is the challenge to the returning men and should sound above the plaudits of the harbor and the streets.

In any case it is not unworthy to be written alongside of Cardinal Mercier's beautiful letter of April 25 subscribing to the Victory Loan: "My financial contribution is insignificant, I know; but I am not unmindful of the teaching which we preach to the faithful: 'If you have much, give much; if little, then give of the little you have.' I have little, but that little is what you, my dear brothers of the great American republic, have in great measure given to me. The joy is mine of giving something, no matter how little I have to offer. I beg you, therefore, not to refuse to accept my very modest contribution. Be good enough to ask your fellow citizens to regard not so much what I give, but the loving and grateful heart which offers it, and accept, I pray you, the homage of my veneration and my affectionate devotion."

Since the first armistice announced the ultimate defeat of the Germans, we have heard no single word of fear, or distrust, or unrest, from Belgium. Surely not America, or England, or even France, should be less steady and calm and confident of the future than is Belgium. The faith of the heroic spiritual leader of the Belgians through the five long years of their torment is as valid and effective for the followers of Christ in all lands as it was in his. We have only to put it into practice.

BET SUGAR PRODUCERS MEET.

The annual convention of the United States Sugar Manufacturers' Association held at Denver, May 6-8, was attended by over sixty delegates, representing 90% of all the beet sugar companies, operating 200 plants scattered from Michigan to California. The reports of these manufacturers tend to show that no Western industry has reconstructed itself and is on a better post-war basis than the beet sugar industry.

During the war the beet acreage fell off nearly 25%, but this year the acreage is restored to that of 1914. There is little change in the California acreage; the Colorado-Utah districts report a large increase, where one company alone is adding contracts for 100,000 acres more, while the Michigan factories are refusing more contracts. Though the price of sugar is more than double that of 1913, yet the consumption is increasing, and with prohibition imminent, soft drinks should create a still larger demand. Although the Cuban cane sugar crop is large and the Philippine stock is awaiting shipping, the European demand is enormous because of Hun destruction of factory machinery in Belgium and France, and the lack of Alsace potash in Germany itself. For these reasons the beet sugar producers feel that present prices will hold for a year or eighteen months.

The convention discussed the production of potash as a by-product from the waste that has been going into the sewer. Its development depends upon protection against foreign dumping of the product. Future progress of beet sugar is dependent upon the labor supply, as Americans will not do the drudgery in fields that the foreign labor is accustomed to doing. Increase in price of beets to \$10 per ton in Colorado is bringing a new class of farmers to the beet fields, but still improvement in harvesting machinery is badly needed and for which large prizes are offered.

The Association, through its Bureau of Publicity, of which E. C. Howe of Denver is President and A. J. Eddy of Chicago is counsel, has boldly adopted the plan that honest co-operation with competitors benefits the industry. A producer is at liberty to sell at any price he may see fit, but what he does he must report at once to the Publicity Bureau for all members' benefit. This tends to stabilize prices and terms by stopping unfounded rumors, underhanded methods in sales and terms, and helps the producers to get the market price for standard sugar.

The officers elected are: President, Henry H. Rolapp, Denver; Vice-Presidents, W. L. Petrikin, Denver; J. Ross Clark, Los Angeles; and Carmen N. Smith, Bay City, Mich. These, with W. H. Hannam, San Francisco; C. W. Nibley, Salt Lake City; C. G. Edgar, Detroit, and S. W. Sinsheimer and E. C. Howe of Denver form the board of trustees. Secretary-Treasurer, Truman G. Palmer, Washington, D. C.

LEADVILLE MINERS' WAGE SCALE COMPROMISED.

Replying to operators' notice to cut wages \$1 per day, effective May 1, the miners stated that they could not live in Leadville on \$3 50 per day and prepared to leave for other districts. Governor Oliver P. Shoup intervened by going to the camp and getting the operators to agree to only a 75-cent reduction. The Governor presented this to the mass meeting of miners, who overwhelmingly rejected the proposition. Governor Shoup then left the district, after stating that neither side was to blame. "The operators were not able to sell their metals and nothing was cheap in the district except rent." However, the operators and miners did get together on a cut of 50 cents to \$4 and Leadville—Colorado's oldest mining camp after forty years of continuous production—was saved from a permanent shutdown.

With Colorado settlement prices down to \$5 per 100 for lead, \$6 for spelter and \$10 per 20-pound unit for tungsten, and still the market stagnant, and with an increase of 50 cents per ton in freight and smelter charges, the mining of the baser metals is at a standstill. The three smelters of this region find it difficult to get sufficient ore to keep them going, and one may partially close. To meet this condition mining operators have called a meeting to consider erecting a co-operating smelter.

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 a discount basis of 5½%, the rate prevailing in recent weeks. The bills are dated Monday, May 12.

NEW CREDIT TO FRANCE.

The establishment of a new credit to France of \$50,000,000 was announced by the Treasury Department on May 10. This, it is stated, makes the total credit to France from the United States \$2,802,477,800, and the total borrowings of all the Allies \$9,288,829,000.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN.

The following concerning the claims between the United States and Great Britain, growing out of the war, was contained in Associated Press dispatches from Washington May 12.

A "complete and comprehensive settlement" of all claims between the United States and Great Britain growing out of the military operations has been reached by the American Liquidation Commission. Secretary Baker announced to-day that under the settlement the British Government would pay the United States \$35,500,000 as a net and final adjustment.

The claims made by the United States consisted largely of the British Government's share in the expense of procuring spruce for aviation material, the production of Liberty engines, the proportion of American wool turned over to British manufacturers for uniforms and shipments of cotton liners, powder and distillates. It was estimated that the British should pay 11% of the total cost of producing the Liberty engines, this item alone amounting to \$16,500,000.

The adjustment of the British claims is the first to be reached by the American Liquidation Commission, of which Judge Edwin B. Parker, of Houston, Texas, former member of the War Industries Board, is Chairman. Other members of the board are former Senator Hollis, of New Hampshire, Homer H. Johnson, of Cleveland, and Brig.-Gen. Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago. Secretary Baker's recent trip to France was chiefly in connection with the work of the Commission, which is expected to take up the Italian claims next and later the French claims.

In announcing the reaching of an agreement with the British, Secretary Baker said the method employed by the Commission was, so far as possible, to match one claim held by a European Government against the United States with an equal claim held by this Government against the European power.

The chief debts owed by this country to Great Britain, it was explained, included cost of transporting troops and supplies, the cost of munitions and materials, including hundreds of thousands of uniforms purchased for the use of the American Expeditionary Forces, and the expenses of American troops trained in England. These expenses subtracted from the debts owed by Great Britain to the United States for spruce, Liberty motors, wool, and other materials resulted in the net debt of Great Britain to the American Government of \$35,500,000.

RESTRICTIONS ON INDIAN EXCHANGE REMOVED.

The following is from the New York "Times" of May 14:

After a long period of Government control and "stabilization," exchange dealings in Indian rupees is again released for open market dealings. The British Government—and in New York the Federal Reserve Bank—have controlled rupee exchange at the fixed rate of 35¼ for checks and 35½ for cables, for a long time, but at last the restrictions have been removed and yesterday Indian exchange was quoted at 40 for cable transfers. It was said that the Bank of England had advanced its rate from 1s. 6d. to 1s. 8d., and the advance in the open market here followed this alteration.

CLOSING OF BERLIN AND HAMBURG EXCHANGES AS RESULT OF IMPRESSIONS CREATED BY PEACE TREATY.

Supplementing what we gave last week (page 1872) regarding the closing of the Berlin Stock Exchange, we give the following Associated Press dispatch from Berlin May 8:

Members of the Bourse reached the Exchange to-day without knowing that the Exchange Committee had resolved to cease trading for three days as a result of the excitement due to the delivery of the peace terms to the German delegates at Versailles. The members at first expressed indignation over the terms of the treaty and then began trading in the streets.

The war loan securities sold far below previous figures, and trading in local loans was feeble. German shipping securities were down in price, while foreign shares, notably Canadian Pacific and Baltimore & Ohio, and English pound notes, rose noticeably.

The financial writers comment exhaustively on economic problems. They say that these problems will be rendered impossible by the peace terms, which will mean the destruction of Germany. The "Tagblatt's" financial expert says that Germany had hoped, if not in this generation, at least in the next, to be able to recover and live by her own work, but that this belief now has been completely upset.

The "Vossische Zeitung" estimates that the indemnity will total 180,000,000,000 marks gold, and complains that the Entente has not taken into account the war material and the navy delivered up. The writer declares that a smaller and weaker Germany will be unable to pay.

Hamburg, May 8.—The Stock Exchange here has decided to close for two days, as a result of the situation created by the publication of the peace treaty.

FRENCH AMERICAN BANKING CORPORATION TO OPEN ABOUT JULY 1.

The new French American Banking Corporation has leased the ground floor at 65 William Street, corner of Cedar, this city, and will open for business there about July 1. The lease extends for a period of years. The corporation, as we have heretofore noted, is an alliance of the National Bank of Commerce in New York, the First National Bank of Boston and the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, formed to foster trade between France and the United States. It was incorporated at Albany, N. Y., April 29. It is capitalized at \$2,000,000, with a surplus of \$500,000.

all paid in. The officers of the corporation are Maurice Silvester, President; Roger P. Kavanagh, Vice-President and Treasurer; John E. Rovensky, Vice-President; F. Abbot Goodhue, Vice-President; Thomas E. Green, Secretary. Further details were given in our issue of May 3, page 1765, and May 10, page 1874.

RETRENCHMENT OF BELGIUM EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT OF PEACE TERMS.

Premier Delacroix of Belgium, in setting forth the financial situation of the country as revealed by the peace terms, declared to the Cabinet on May 10 that Belgium will be compelled to retrench drastically in expenditures because of the peace conditions. The Brussels cablegrams, in announcing this, add:

The Premier said that aside from 2,500,000,000 francs granted Belgium as a priority payment she would receive nothing at present, and as the country was without resources of its own and foreign loans were obtainable only on onerous terms, it would be necessary to cut expenses all around immediately.

The army, the Premier stated, would be reduced to 100,000 men, various military liabilities abroad would be discontinued and relief payments, which still cost the country 30,000,000 francs monthly, would be considerably reduced.

THE NATIONAL DEBT OF BELGIUM.

The following from Aleggeman Handelsblad, at Amsterdam, Mar. 10 1919, appeared in "Commerce Reports" for April 28:

Minister Delacroix stated that on Feb. 28, 1919 the irredeemable debt of Belgium amounted to 4,157,867,502 francs. The amount of Treasury bonds in circulation on that date totalled 408,585,385 francs.

The nominal value of Treasury bonds issued in exchange for German mark notes, which is to be paid by Germany, is 3,040,341,000 francs.

The advances made by the Allies to Belgium to the end of February 1919 were as follows: France, 2,170,625,448 francs; the United Kingdom, 2,121,757,620 francs; the United States, 1,479,956,500 francs; total received from abroad, 5,772,339,568 francs. Not including the Treasury bonds payable by Germany, the national debt of Belgium totals 10,338,792,455 (\$1,995,386,994).

REGULATION PERMITTING EXPORTS OF GOLD MANUFACTURES.

As indicated in these columns last week, page 1873, under regulations issued by the War Trade Board on May 9, gold manufactures, with bullion value not exceeding 65% of the total value, may be exported without individual export licenses. The following is the regulation:

The War Trade Board announces the following regulations (W. T. B. R. 732), governing the exportation of manufactures of gold, effective May 9 1919:

All manufactures of gold, the bullion value of which does not exceed 65% of the total value, may be exported, without individual export licenses, under special export licenses applicable to the exportation of commodities not on the Export Conservation List. The shipper must, however, state in his Export Declaration (Customs Cat. No. 7525) the bullion value of each item in the shipment and the total value of such item, and that no item in such shipment has a bullion value in excess of 65% of the total value of such item.

Every manufacture of gold, the bullion of which exceeds 65% of the total value, is now regarded, for the purpose of exportation as gold bullion, the exportation of which is under the exclusive control of the Federal Reserve Board. All applications, therefore, to export manufactures of gold, the bullion value of which exceeds 65% of the total value, should be filed with the Federal Reserve Bank of the district from which the shipment is made. On such applications must be stated the value of the gold content of the articles proposed to be exported, as well as the total value of such articles.

APPORTIONING AMERICAN CAPITAL.

The tendency to-day is to over-emphasize the value of foreign investment in developing foreign trade, it is declared in the initial issue of "Commerce Monthly," a journal of commerce and finance published by the National Bank of Commerce in New York, which asserts that both good business and good citizenship demand that first place be given to American enterprises and to the reconstruction needs of Europe in the investment of American capital. There is no magic in foreign trade, the bank says, and the theory that investment in foreign countries necessarily results in stimulated export trade to the investing country is called "the great illusion." The article, entitled "Apportioning American Capital," says:

Our foreign trade policy and our foreign investment policy should be divorced; foreign investments should be concentrated in Europe, while our foreign trade may be expected to expand with non-European countries. The capital of the world is scarce and will be scarce for many years after the war. It must be wisely utilized. As claimants for the new capital of America, the United States and Europe must have first place. This should not, however, preclude American investment in non-European foreign countries where extraordinary opportunities exist. We should seek to apply capital in the places where it will do most good, wherever they are; and not all these places are in the United States or Europe. Just as the general statement that the Rockies are higher than the Appalachians does not mean that all hills of the Rockies are higher than all the hills of the Appalachians, so the generalization that Europe and America must come first as claimants for America's capital does not mean that they should get all of it. But we must remember that America was a debtor country

before the war, and that a country undergoing rapid development is insatiable in its demands for new capital. The interests both of American business men and of American laborers are jeopardized if our foreign investment policy goes too far. The argument that we must lend to non-European countries to develop our export trade with them is false. Our trade with non-European countries, both exports and imports, will expand without this stimulus as a consequence of Europe's reduced ability to trade. It is not necessary to take unusual steps to develop the sources of raw materials. Raw materials will be relatively more abundant than finished products for some years following the war, since the destruction of the war has been concentrated in the manufacturing regions. Capital in general is scarce, but gold we have in superfluity and we can make specific gold loans freely.

Grave responsibility rests on those who choose the foreign investments of a great people. England alone of the major investing countries had really mastered the problem before the war. We dare not substitute enthusiasm for science in dealing with it.

CONSORTIUM FOR FINANCING OF CHINESE LOANS.

Advices to the effect that a new consortium for the financing of Chinese loans was organized in Paris on May 12 by American, French, British and Japanese bankers were contained in Paris cablegrams of that date which also said:

A reservation was made for later participation by Belgian bankers. The general principles of the new consortium were agreed upon at today's meeting. Thomas W. Lamont of the United States (a member of J. P. Morgan & Co.) presided. Others who attended were Sir Charles S. Adis of Great Britain, M. Simon of France and Mr. Adagari of Japan.

The general agreement provides that at the suggestion of the United States and with the sanction of the French, British and Japanese Governments the banking groups will combine their interests to make joint financial, administrative and industrial loans to the Chinese Government.

In making known that thirty-seven American banks will participate in the new loan, press advices from Washington on May 12 said:

Organization of anew Consortium for the financing of Chinese loans; announced to-day in Paris dispatches is regarded in official circles here as a triumph for the new American principle of extension of the scope of participation in international financial arrangements.

At the State Department it was said officially that under the conditions which are to govern the new Consortium the Government practically if not in specific terms, guarantees the investments of the banking group interested. If the terms of the loan are just and the conditions fair, and if China agrees to the terms under which the loan are made, it was stated officially that this Government would assure the bankers, after the matter had been submitted to the State Department, that the United States could protect all the interests secured in good faith.

Thirty-seven American banks, it was learned, are interested in the loans that will be made to China by the international group. This is understood to have been one of the points contended for by the State Department after the United States withdrew from the former Consortium which expires by limitation on next June 18. In the old Consortium the American representation was limited to four large New York banks, and no other American banks could secure an interest in Chinese loans. The thirty-seven banks which are to compose the proposed American group are said to represent all the geographical sections of the United States, and the same principle is said to obtain in the group of nations represented.

While the present organization is a four-power group, the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan, with a reservation for Belgium when the bankers of that country are able to participate, it is not limited to these countries. Other countries may be admitted, it was said, as well as other banking houses in each of the countries to the banking group of any country. The American representatives at the Paris conference were Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, and Jerome D. Greene, of Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston.

Loans, guaranteed by the various countries under the conditions provided by the respective Governments, it was explained, may be made to the Chinese Government direct or for the industrial or political purposes in China, providing the loans are accepted, approved or guaranteed by the Chinese Government.

J. J. Abbott, a Chicago banker, is now in China as a representative of the United States group, making an investigation of conditions in China and the needs of the Chinese Government preparatory to formulating the first loan contemplated. He is about to return to the United States and will report to the bankers of the group.

No definite loan, it was said authoritatively to-day, has yet been determined upon, but with the formation of the new organization in Paris the way is cleared to entertain any suggestion for a loan.

The original membership of the old Consortium, that now exists only on paper, consisted of the United States, Germany, Belgium, Great Britain, France and Russia. The six Power group was reduced to five by the withdrawal of the United States. At the beginning of the European war Germany eliminated herself by declaring war. Belgium was forced to withdraw because of the wrecking of the country by the war and Russia collapsed. This left Great Britain and France, neither of whom was able to make any loans because of the needs of the money for carrying on the war.

We also quote the following Washington advices printed in "Financial America" of May 14

It is reported in the Japanese press that China is approaching John H. Abbott, representative of the American banking syndicate now in China, with the object of obtaining a further loan of 3,000,000 yuen at 6½% on the security of the tobacco and wine tax. This is borne out in part by advices from Peking, which are accompanied, however, by the statement that Mr. Abbott, having already loaned to the Chinese 5,000,000 yuen on the wine and tobacco tax, has specifically and repeatedly stated during his present visit to China that he and his group have absolutely no intention of making a further loan on this security.

One of the alleged objects of the Chinese banking syndicate, organized by Liang Ship-yi, is to bring pressure upon the Wine and Tobacco Tax Bureau and obtain for itself all future loans based on the credit of that bureau. Whatever new loan be made on this security will probably be fulfilled by Chinese syndicate's new bank.

There has been considerable discussion of Liang's new banking scheme. Chinese bankers are inclined to look upon it with favor. They think that the next meeting will see the balance of the desired \$20,000,000 pledged to the syndicate, and that it will be largely oversubscribed. Foreign bankers on the other hand, while not doubting Liang's ability to get together a large amount of Chinese capital, are skeptical as the power of the new syndicate in the financial world to support the Government success-

fully in the event of opposition to the plan for the unification and commercialization of Chinese railways.

We also take the following from the Philadelphia "Press" of May 14, credited to a staff correspondent at Washington:

Vindication of the "Dollar Diplomacy" policy inaugurated by P. C. Knox, as Secretary of State in the Taft Cabinet, and promptly repudiated by the Wilson Administration in 1913, is found in the official announcement of the State Department that it had approved the participation by American bankers in a consortium for the financing of loans to China. It is stated that thirty-seven American banks are to participate in the loans and that the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan are to compose the Consortium.

"I do not care to discuss the matter further than to state that it is the same plan that we proposed during the Taft Administration but which was abandoned by the Democrats when they came into power," said Senator Knox to-day, when his attention was directed to the matter. "It is a good policy now as it was then."

The American Government practically guarantees the loans made to China by American banks, according to the official statement. This is going much further than was proposed when the previous attempt was made to interest American financiers in the matter.

When Senator Knox's attention was called to this phase of the subject, he said:

"We did not propose to guarantee the loans. We offered as an inducement to American capital to make the loans, to use all diplomatic efforts to protect the interests of the bankers but there was no guarantee. The bankers assumed all responsibility. It is true that the American group at that time consisted of a comparatively small number of banks, but that was all we could get to go into the project then. It was open to all and no one was barred from participation."

The repudiation of "Dollar Diplomacy" by the Wilson Administration was one of the most spectacular acts of W. J. Bryan as Secretary of State, President Wilson rejected it upon the ground that it was an invasion of the sovereignty of China, but it is pointed out here that it is now revived as a means of recompensing China for permitting Japan to take over the whole Shantung Peninsula under the League of Nations.

\$20,000,000 LOAN BY UNITED STATES AND ALLIES FOR TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILROAD.

Regarding arrangements said to have been made for a loan by the United States and Allied Governments to the Inter-Allied Commission administering the Trans-Siberian Railroad, the New York "Tribune" in Washington advises May 12 said:

The United States and Allied Governments have decided to lend to the Inter-Allied Commission administering the Trans-Siberian Railroad \$20,000,000 for operating the line, it was made known at the State Department to-day.

It has not been determined what proportion of the loan each of the Governments will assume, but it is believed that the United States, Japan and Great Britain each will furnish \$5,000,000 and that France and Italy each will be invited to supply \$2,500,000.

By making the loan direct to the Inter-Allied Commission, the Governments evade the question of recognition of the Omsk Government. It was deemed inadvisable, in the absence of recognition, to make the loan to the Omsk Government, and the arrangement agreed upon does not raise the question of recognition in any sense.

The absence of guarantee excluded participation by private bankers in the loan. It was stated authoritatively to-day that the loan will not be made as an investment, but to assure the continued operations of the Trans-Siberian line. It is thought that the refunding of the loan will be requested later.

Although the State Department is not receiving advices from the interior of Bolshevik Russia, it was stated to-day that intelligence obtained from the fringes leads to the belief that the Bolshevik power is decreasing. Department officials are gratified by official news from Omsk, which shows that the Omsk Government is exercising an even authority over practically all of Siberia, and that it is constantly improving its position.

DINNER OF ASSOCIATION OF STOCK EXCHANGE FIRMS POSTPONED.

Owing to death in the family of William H. Remick, President of the New York Stock Exchange, the Executive Committee of the Association of Stock Exchange Firms has decided to postpone indefinitely the annual dinner of the Association which was to have been held at the Hotel Commodore next Friday, May 23.

NEW ASSISTANT CASHIERS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia has two new Assistant Cashiers, namely R. M. Miller Jr., and F. W. La Bold. Mr. Miller has been Cashier of the Farmers' & Mechanics' National of Phoenixville, Pa., and is Secretary of Group 2, Pennsylvania Bankers' Association. Mr. La Bold has been with the Reserve Bank since its organization in November 1914.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO TENTH OFFERING OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.

Subscriptions of \$591,308,000 to the tenth offering of Treasury certificates of indebtedness, issued in anticipation of the Victory Liberty Loan, were announced by Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass on May 9. The offering was the last to be put out in anticipation of the Victory Loan. A minimum of \$500,000,000 was offered. The certificates (known as Series 5-K) are dated May 1 and mature Oct. 7;

they bear interest at 4½%. Of the amount subscribed (namely, \$591,308,000) payment in the approximately amount of \$17,712,500 was made in Treasury certificates of Series 5-A, dated Dec. 5 1918. It was stated on May 9 that the aggregate amount of certificates outstanding in anticipation of the Victory Liberty Loan was approximately \$5,544,151,500. The results of the ninth offering, by Federal Reserve districts arranged in order of the percentage of their quotas are as follows:

District—	Quota.	Subscription.
Chicago.....	\$70,000,000	\$107,250,500
New York.....	169,600,000	212,301,000
Dallas.....	12,000,000	14,359,000
San Francisco.....	35,300,000	38,575,000
Richmond.....	17,300,000	18,734,000
Cleveland.....	45,300,000	49,000,000
Kansas City.....	20,000,000	20,107,500
St. Louis.....	20,000,000	20,075,000
Atlanta.....	14,600,000	14,636,500
Philadelphia.....	35,300,000	35,301,500
Boston.....	43,300,000	42,346,500
Minneapolis.....	17,300,000	14,615,500
Treasury.....		4,000,000
Total.....	\$500,000,000	\$591,308,000

CLOSE OF VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN.

While it is stated that the official total of subscriptions to the Victory Liberty Loan is not likely to be known before May 24 (the Federal Reserve banks have until May 20 to turn in their returns), the amount is expected to greatly exceed the \$4,500,000,000 called for. The subscriptions closed on May 10 and no figures later than noon of that date have been made public at Washington. The subscriptions credited to the various districts at the time were:

District—	Subscription.	%
Minneapolis.....	\$165,037,000	104.78
St. Louis.....	198,324,300	101.70
Cleveland.....	452,207,200	100.49
New York.....	1,302,000,000	96.44
Boston.....	322,091,350	85.89
Philadelphia.....	313,041,000	83.48
Chicago.....	510,262,400	78.20
Kansas City.....	150,481,050	77.17
Richmond.....	153,496,200	73.09
Atlanta.....	93,153,500	64.69
San Francisco.....	149,076,350	49.44
Dallas.....	40,468,550	42.81
Total.....	\$3,849,638,900	85.54

In the afternoon of the 10th Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury, issued this statement:

Unofficial advices from the several districts indicate that without any doubt the Victory Liberty Loan is already largely oversubscribed.

On May 11 the Treasury Department stated that it was estimated that 15,000,000 persons had subscribed to the loan, this comparing with 21,000,000 purchasers in the Fourth Liberty Loan, 17,000,000 in the Third, 9,400,000 in the Second and 4,000,000 in the First. A Treasury announcement on the 11th inst. said:

Reports from all districts indicate that in practically the entire country the quota was taken without material assistance from the banks.

Benjamin Strong, Chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee of the New York Federal Reserve District, issued the following on the 10th inst.:

The Second Federal Reserve District has exceeded its quota. To what extent there has been an excess of subscription over the quota cannot at this time be ascertained, nor in fact until the final tabulation is made on May 20. There can be no doubt, however, that New York City and the remainder of the district have responded to the call of the Government to finish the job of paying all the war bills—the cost of victory.

At no time since the war began have the Liberty Loan workers been called upon to perform a more difficult task, and at no time have they done their work so thoroughly and as splendidly.

On the same date, Craig Colgate, Chairman of the Advisory Trades Committee, which directed the campaign of the Rainbow Division, said:

At the closing of the campaign of the Victory Loan the Advisory Trades Committee wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to the Chairmen, members of the committee, and the thousands of volunteers who have worked so hard under most discouraging conditions for the success of the loan.

Up to to-day thirty-seven committees have gone "over the top" and reached a total of over 100% of their quota. Over \$500,000,000 have been officially recorded, with a large amount yet to come in. This probably represents a great amount of voluntary subscriptions in New York City than was obtained in any other loan, with one possible exception, and is the kind of distribution that the Treasury Department especially desires.

The Rainbow Division will close its war service with the satisfaction of having loaned during the war to its Government the enormous sum of over \$2,500,000,000.

Probably no other organization in any city of the world has raised such a colossal sum, and every one participating in any of its activities can well be satisfied with being associated with it.

It has been suggested that advantage be taken of this organization to perpetuate it in some form so that it may be used beneficially for the city in movements requiring the concerted action of all the business, commercial, and professional interests. However, no definite plans have been formulated as yet.

**LIBERTY BONDS ACCEPTED ON DEPOSIT AT PAR BY
LUZERNE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK,
WILKES-BARRE.**

The Luzerne County National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., announces that Liberty bonds of all issues will be accepted by it for deposit on savings accounts at par or face value limited to \$1,000 for any one person or family. Amounts of more than \$1,000 will be received upon special agreement. The bank states that in consideration of its crediting Liberty bonds at par or face value, it is understood that all such deposits of bonds shall remain in the bank for at least twelve months from the date of deposit.

USE OF LIBERTY BONDS AS PENAL BONDS.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond under date of May 2 calls attention to the following announcement issued by Lewis B. Franklin, War Loan Organization, Treasury Department:

The Revenue Act of Feb. 24 1919 permits the use of Liberty bonds or other securities of the United States, wherever and whenever a penal bond of any kind is required by any Act of Congress or any rule or regulation of any Department of the Government. These bonds will be accepted at par, and if coupon bonds are deposited the depositors will be allowed the privilege of having these bonds converted into registered bonds during the time that they are held on deposit by the Government as security, or in the event that they prefer to retain their coupon bonds, arrangements will be made for detaching the interest coupons at stated intervals and forwarding such coupons to the depositors under regulations which will be prescribed by the Treasury Department for the Government as a whole.

This legislation offers an opportunity for the enlarged use of bonds of the Government by contractors who may prefer to deposit securities of this kind instead of resorting to the use of individual or corporate surety bonds.

It is believed that the action of the Government in this respect will encourage municipalities, counties and institutions in accepting Liberty bonds as security for the performance of public contracts or the fulfillment of public trusts. Regulations covering the use of Liberty bonds and other securities of the United States are now being prepared by the Treasury Department and will be published for the information of the bond-approving officers of the Government and others who may be interested in a few days.

I think it would be well for you to give considerable publicity to this use of Liberty bonds.

**PAYMENTS ON VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN
SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued the following statement on May 13 with respect to payments on Victory Liberty Loan subscriptions:

The attention of banking institutions is called by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as fiscal agent of the United States to the following important details with respect to the filing of final reports and to the payments on Victory Liberty Loan subscriptions on May 20:

1. Final report, Form 2 (copies of which have been furnished to banks and trust companies) accompanied by the necessary payment must be received by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York not later than May 20 1919 or as much in advance of that date as possible.
2. 10% payment or payment in full may be made on May 20 1919, for subscriptions not in excess of \$10,000.
3. Only 10% payment may be made on subscriptions over \$10,000 included in the final report, Form 2, of each reporting banking institution.
4. As announced by the Treasury Department payment may be completed on June 3 1919, for notes allotted on subscriptions in excess of \$10,000 with accrued interest from May 20 1919.
5. Certificates of indebtedness of any issue not previously matured of the fifth series issued in anticipation of the Victory Liberty Loan may be used in making payment on May 20 1919 or June 3 1919.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S APPEAL FOR INVESTMENT IN WAR SAVINGS STAMPS.

Following the close of the Victory Liberty Loan campaign, Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass in a statement issued on May 13 urged that the public make use of the War Savings Stamps as a means of investment. Secretary Glass pointed out that the purchases of over a billion of these stamps last year went far toward assisting the Government in meeting its war obligations, and a similar yield this year would materially aid in diminishing the deficit now faced. In his statement Secretary Glass said:

Many persons have not taken the War Savings Stamps seriously as an investment, but the fact that they may be bought in as large a quantity as \$1,000 face value during 1919, at such favorable interest return, makes them most desirable for the average man or family.

Definite plans for the continuance of the issue, in coming years, of small Government securities are being worked out. While no definite decision has been reached, it is extremely probable that War Savings Stamps of some variation of them in shape or name will be a permanent institution.

Although War Savings Stamp sales this year have not increased, their absorption by the public thus far has been satisfactory under existing circumstances.

It is customary for saving in all channels to shrink during the early months of the year, and it is expected that War Savings Stamp sales, along with Postal savings and savings bank deposits, will grow steadily throughout the year.

Co-operation is sought earnestly, especially from bankers and merchants, in the matter of keeping Thrift and War Savings Stamps on sale, so that no one so inclined may fail to have opportunity to invest his money wisely.

On May 14 the Treasury Department issued the following statement urging the re-investment in Thrift Stamps

and War Savings Stamps of interest received on Liberty bonds:

Liberty bond interest coupons should be clipped promptly and promptly reinvested. Thriftless money, or money which lies idle, is of no benefit to the individual or to the community. Money should be put to work where it can earn the most in the safest way, just as the individual should be kept busy.

The Government, following the Victory Loan, is now paying interest to the people at the rate of nearly \$1,000,000,000 a year. This is the money earned by the savings of the people invested in the securities of the Government. These earnings should be put to work, and there is no better, safer place of employment for money than the War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps issued by the Government.

Two semi-annual interest coupons clipped from \$100 4½% bonds will more than buy a War Savings Stamp costing \$4 16 in May. In January 1924 this War Savings Stamp will be worth \$5.

MAYOR HANSON OF SEATTLE ON DUTIES OF EMPLOYMENT OF LABOR.

Ole Hanson, Seattle's Fighting Mayor, spoke at five different Victory Loan rallies in New York on May 9—Victory Way at noon, the Sub-Treasury, the Argonne Forest at Times Square, at Aeolian Hall to a gathering of Finns and at 9 o'clock to his fellow descendants, the Scandinavians, at the Victory Way Forum. Mayor Hanson had some words of advice to offer on the labor question and was enthusiastic over the prospects of putting the Victory Liberty Loan over the top. He spoke in Washington on May 7 and stopped over in Baltimore on the 8th for a Loan rally, at which he raised \$8,000,000 in forty-five minutes. In one of his speeches in New York he said:

I find I have to have four or five hours sleep. Here's a new sentence I'm going to use in my speeches, and it's a good one, a really good one, "Congress must pass laws whereby business will know where it's going, how it is going to get there, and how long it can stay after it arrives."

Speaking of conditions of unrest, Mr. Hanson said:

I request that the great Government of the United States defend itself against the insidious attack of the preachers of force and violence who are advocating and planning and attempting to overthrow this Government. I request their punishment. I request the deportation, after due investigation and trial of the seditious alien. I request the stopping of all seditious publications in this country. Liberty does not mean license nor does free speech mean advocacy of the overthrow of our Government by force.

Referring to the duties of employers toward employees, Mayor Hanson continued:

Employers of labor must and will pay the workers a fair wage, establish and maintain good, decent conditions, treat labor more like a partner and see to it that every child in this land receives a useful, first class education. Then the world will witness a joining of hands of labor and capital, and we will love instead of hate, seek co-operation instead of class war and the two will unite and drive from this free country the red menace which is no menace at all if we try to practice even in a small measure the golden rule.

**LOWER WHEAT PRICES LOOKED FOR, FOLLOWING
CONFERENCES AT FOOD ADMINISTRATION'S
OFFICES—WARNING AS TO FUTURES.**

Following a conference with advisory committees of the grain, milling, jobbing and baking trades at the New York office of the Food Administration's Grain Corporation, Julius H. Barnes, U. S. Wheat Director, on May 14 made known that a general agreement had been reached which, it was believed, would assure an immediate reduction in the price of wheat affecting all interests from producer to baker. We give the statement herewith:

Invited representatives of the advisory committees of various trades, including the grain handlers, millers, flour jobbers and bakers, met with Wheat Director Julius Barnes at the office of the Grain Corporation during an all-day conference yesterday.

The views of the various trades on the effect of certain policies and methods of operation suggested for next year's Wheat Administration were requested by the Wheat Director. The Wheat Director explained that it was desirable that there should be the least disturbance to establish business to make effective the guarantee to the producer, as intended by the national pledge, and, at the same time, make assured the reflection to the consumer of a proper price for flour, reflecting as nearly as possible the supply and demand situation in America and the world.

There was a general agreement that in order that all of the wheat producers of the country over such wide extent of territory and in such great numbers, could secure the benefit pledged to them of the guaranteed price, that the various trades could be bound by contract to see that wheat trading as wheat should be only on the guaranteed price level throughout the country. Then, if a lower basis was justified with the development of world factors as the season advanced, this lower basis could be made to reach the consumer by trade agreements with the millers and manufacturing facilities, the Wheat Director making the readjusting basis effective by payment of the difference, as allowed under the Act of Congress. . . . In return for protection against a fall in price, after the guaranteed price has been made for wheat bought, the Wheat Director would require from the various trades contract obligations, by which their trade practices and margins of profit would be subject to review and control by the Wheat Director.

It was suggested that, for instance, the mills would agree that their total gross operating profits between wheat bought and finished products sold should not exceed an agreed basis per barrel of flour manufactured, thus assuring immediate reflection to the consumer of any reduced price of wheat supplied the mills.

The flour jobbers expressed their willingness, also, to contract that their handling margins should not exceed an agreed basis, thus making immediately effective the lower resale price of flour when made by the mills on a readjusted wheat basis.

The bakers expressed a willingness to enter into a contract, also, by which they would reflect at once in their product the lower price of flour made effective by the mill.

In this way, by contracts with the various handlers and manufacturers of wheat, down to the retail store and the bakery, there is sought an assurance that a reduced price of wheat should be effective immediately all down the line.

Some of the delegates from the West expressed a view that among certain sections of the producing wheat territory a sentiment had sprung up that wheat next year might be worth more than the Government guaranteed price in the open market, but the general view was that the crop promised so well that any withholding from market under such a sentiment would be unappreciable in the total volume, and that most growers would be ready to market at the guaranteed price immediately that their crop was matured, thus sharply reducing the present price of wheat and facilitating a lower flour price with the new crop movement.

New wheat will be moved in Texas in thirty days, and from present outlook, in six weeks more there will commence a very large movement of new winter wheat.

In order that the seaports and the interior markets should not be choked by car congestion and blockade, it was the general opinion that the Grain Corporation should on the coming crop continue its co-operative control with the Railroad Administration of the movement of cereal and cereal products into all the markets by the Permit System for car shipments.

It was developed during the meeting that although the vessel movements to the ports last fall was especially erratic, accentuated by the necessity of diverting foodstuffs for motor trucks and munitions to press the fighting on the Western front when the German line began to give way, yet the permit control succeeded in preventing any actual blockade, until the really astonishing total of three and one half billion bushels of grain moved in the nine months from July 1, through the elevator and mill facilities of the country, although the high point of all grain at one time in those elevators was less than one-half billion bushels. This means that there was a total turnover of seven times in nine months, which could only be possible with the most liquid condition of railroad grain transport.

According to press advices from Minneapolis May 14 Minneapolis millers declared on that date that although the United States Grain Corporation may provide the mills with less expensive wheat from Canada, they did not believe it would be possible for them to reduce flour prices sufficiently to make decreased bread prices possible. Frank L. Carey, Grain Corporation agent for the Northwest, is said to have announced that the price of Canadian wheat purchased in Canada and resold to the millers will be about \$2 40 a bushel. This is said to be about 40c less than the price the millers have been paying here recently.

On May 6 in making known at Chicago his intention to call a conference on May 13 of representatives of millers, bakers, grain traders, and others at which the trade agreements above mentioned would be entered into, Mr. Barnes said:

It has been in my mind for some time, and at a conference in New York a week from to-day, which I have arranged with advisory committees from the grain trade, from the milling trade, from the flour jobbers and bakers of this country, among others, I shall discuss the tabulation of a weekly report of authentic and exact information to be made public. I do not see why, for instance, the baking trade and the jobbing trade of this country should be excited by entirely erroneous statements as to the growing scarcity of wheat and flour when it is not the condition.

As for the coming year I have a great desire that the duties of the Wheat Director may be discharged, not by compulsion or the use of the authority vested in the law solely, but by co-operative agreements with the various trades affected. I hope to work out voluntary contractual relations between the Grain Corporation, the milling trade, the grain trade, the flour jobbers, and the bakers such as will protect fully the proper interests of both producer and consumer and afford a fair field for legitimate initiative and energy, and an outlet for legitimate ambition.

Mr. Barnes stated at the same time that he wished to make it clear that the Wheat Director has no authority in law to control maximum prices of wheat, but he must make effective absolutely the guaranteed producer price. Mr. Barnes is further more reported to have said that if the prices of flour did not sharply reflect the real situation in regard to supplies, the United States must shortly return to the 1917 food regulations which allowed only thirty days' supply to be held on hand.

Another declaration made by Mr. Barnes on May 6, in an address to members of the Chicago Board of Trade, was that the act establishing the Food Administration gave authority to control trading in food stuffs on exchanges to the extent of prohibiting future trading altogether. He stated that the act was still in effect and that his duty was imperative if demonstrated abuse should arise. Referring to the fluctuation in corn prices which had been witnessed on the Chicago Board of Trade on May 5 Mr. Barnes is reported in the Chicago "Tribune" as saying:

I tell you frankly that when a fluctuation in corn occurs such as on Monday, in which a decline of 10 cents to 12 cents was followed by a reaction of 5 cents to 6 cents, at a time of the year when no growing crop of corn is endangered, and when such fluctuations are rapidly made and occur on such slight cause, it is well to consider whether it is not a clear indication of the entrance into your trading facilities of speculation on so large a scale that it is overwhelming your legitimate functions. These functions of furnishing security to country and terminal holders, or providing security against unusual market loss to those engaged in handling the actual crop, may well be overwhelmingly defeated by the volume of speculative trade itself.

At the conclusion of the conference of executives of the Grain Corporation with Mr. Barnes the latter part of April

(referred to in our issue of April 26, page 1676) Mr. Barnes issued a statement saying:

With the spring wheat season now two weeks later than normal as a result of unfavorable weather conditions there will undoubtedly be a decreased acreage of spring wheat, which promises less and less chance of there being produced in this country the very large exportable surplus of wheat popularly expected.

Crop indications are that wheat will be traded in at the Government fair price basis, but if not, any readjustment of price to protect consumers of flour can most readily be made through the flour manufacturing facilities under proper safeguards.

It was also recognized at the conference that it was imperative that the resale price below the Government fair price basis should be reflected to the bread consumer. Another possibility taken into consideration was that crop developments may be such that wheat may be traded in above the Government fair price basis, in which case the Wheat Director would not be an influence in the market, as there was no maximum price policy determined by Congress.

In general, the three days' session on all the problems of administering the wheat guarantee left in the minds of the organization the feeling that, though there were many complications and difficulties, the operation could be carried forward safely and meet the new conditions as they developed without danger of loss to the United States Treasury.

CANADIAN WHEAT TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE UNITED STATES.

Announcement that Julius H. Barnes, United States Wheat Director, had arranged to bring into the United States 4,000,000 bushels of wheat from Canada, was made as follows in a statement emanating from his office in New York on the 8th inst.:

Mr. Barnes stated that he had completed negotiations, which had been under way for some few days, with Canadian authorities, by which 4,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat are definitely arranged to be brought into the United States for distribution in the milling trade; that a survey of these mills that had not made full provision for stocks of wheat to grind indicated that this amount would be sufficient, while other mills have more than they can possibly grind up to the new crop.

Mr. Barnes stated that since the Canadian Government had pledged its entire crop surplus recently to Allied authorities abroad, these negotiations have required some little time, and that he is glad to announce a definite amount at the earliest date possible to do so without violating confidential negotiations, having been obliged in the meantime to confine his references to prospective Canadian imports to discretion, moderate.

Mr. Barnes reiterated that the Grain Corporation will sell from its current stocks and its current movement through the ports, particularly Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore—its standard grades of flour at \$11 50 per barrel, in carload lots, to bona fide users, and that their offices at all these ports are instructed to continue to sell on this basis until the domestic situation is entirely relieved.

Reports reaching the Grain Corporation office indicate that the nervousness and excitement heretofore ruling in the flour market is being gradually allayed and flour prices have shown a distinct decline within the last week. Our idea of a fair reflection of the Government fair price resale basis for wheat is shown by our offers to resell and the price fixed for such resales, and there is no reason why all the domestic grades of flour should not bear a reasonable relation with that basis.

In denying, on the 5th inst., reports that the Grain Corporation had purchased 25,000,000 bushels of wheat from Canada, Mr. Barnes, in a statement made at Minneapolis, said that "arrangements had been made for the purchase of a "moderate amount" of wheat from the Dominion, and added that the Corporation "did not want to bring in an amount of wheat that would endanger the balance in the United States."

On that day (May 5) when conferences were held with Twin City and Southern Minnesota millers and grain men from the Red River Valley, Mr. Barnes stated that a moderate downward revision in prices of foodstuffs was anticipated and added that sufficient wheat was available to keep the price of flour from soaring above \$12 a barrel. He said, however, that no radical price revision could be expected until the American export demands were greatly reduced.

UNITED STATES GRAIN CORPORATION TO CEASE RELIEF SHIPMENTS IN JUNE—EXPENDITURES FROM RELIEF FUND.

In announcing on May 14 that it hoped to make its final relief shipments to Europe by the middle or latter part of June the Food Administration Grain Corporation stated that in preparation for the discontinuance of shipments, rye, flour and cereal flours, would not be bought for shipment from the mills later than June 10. It also states that there will be no further purchases of oils and fats. Its statement follows:

The Food Administration Grain Corporation announces that the big relief program to Europe, under the direction of the American Relief Administration, particularly to the newly liberated countries, is now in its final status. Yesterday, at the four ports of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore alone, there were forty four steamers loading cargoes of food, including the Allied steamers and several German ships. The Grain Corporation hopes to make its final shipments to sail by the middle or latter part of June, and in preparation for the discontinuance of shipments, yesterday announced that rye, flour and cereal flours would not be bought for shipment from the mills later than June 10. Since most of the mills are already sold up that far, it means practically discontinuance of buying of these food articles, following the discontinuance of wheat flour purchases which took place some ten days ago.

The Grain Corporation also has sufficient condensed and evaporated milk and oils and fats to supply the entire call for these articles, and there

will be no further purchases made of these fats. In fact, the Grain Corporation states that they have bought no pork products in the American markets since March 1. It is expected that these shipments now being made and those to follow in cleaning up the program in the next six weeks will carry all of these devastated countries through to the new harvest.

Belgium has been able to dispense with the Relief Commission since the first of May and with the new harvest, these other newly liberated countries are expected also to begin to stand alone.

On the same day, May 14, Edgar Rickard, Joint Director of the American Relief Administration, in reporting an interview the day before at the offices of the organization, 115 Broadway, told the story of America's achievement in rehabilitating devastated Europe under the leadership of Herbert Hoover. Mr. Rickard described in detail how the vast field organization of young American army officers working under Mr. Hoover in the nations of Central Europe toiled day and night in cities without water, light or transportation to bring order out of chaos, distribute a constantly flowing stream of American food to starving women and children, and restore nations at war for four years to productive activity. Mr. Rickard said in part:

It was the American Relief Administration which saved Poland from anarchy by supplying food to the starving. All sections of critical famine are now under successful relief there and as high as 4,500 tons of food a day have been transported by rail from Danzig to Warsaw.

When Mr. Hoover's investigators went to Poland in 1919 they discovered that the people had just enough food to exist. The adult death rate was double and triple the normal one and that of children was four and five times the normal.

The city of Lemberg, for instance, would have capitulated to the Germans but for the American Relief Administration which made it possible for the defenders to hold out a little longer. The town had been surrounded on three sides when Captain Chauncey McCormick arrived with the first armored relief train on Jan. 23. There was no food for children in the city and no water. Women stood at the city drinking fountains for three hours to get water and then stood again for hours in the bitter cold waiting for one litre of barley soup which was their only means of existence.

In the middle of March at Brest in the Brest-Pinsk district of Poland there was no milk or meat whatever, the American Relief Administration investigator found. One-third of the population was sick in bed. The sick were receiving no medical attention. Nothing in the way of soup kitchens or milk stations were operating, because of the entire lack of food-stuffs.

Two weeks after the Americans first went to Pinsk they returned with five cars of American food. Soup kitchens which had been closed the week before were opened and fed 3,000 people. In the hospitals where the patients before had had only infrequent rations of war bread they were eating a well-made white bread and drinking cups of hot condensed milk.

The same rapid rehabilitation which is being accomplished by the American Relief Administration in Poland is being duplicated in the other countries which need American food and American aid—in Armenia, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Serbia, Finland and the Baltic States.

Mr. Rickard was also quoted to the following effect in the "Journal of Commerce" on May 15:

Reviewing the activities of the American Relief Administration, Mr. Rickard announced that only \$2,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 voted by Congress for the relief of European nations had been spent in gratuitous work. While he admitted that perhaps \$50,000,000 of the sum appropriated had been "ear-marked," the director explained that the United States had received securities or collateral in payment for the foodstuffs distributed to the countries.

Only two million of the entire proposition represents actual gifts to the distressed peoples of Europe," Mr. Rickard stated, in answer to the query of how much of the \$100,000,000 had been exhausted. "Europe is divided into three classes of countries: First, the Allied nations that can gain credit easily; second, the countries that have been able to arrange credits with the United States; third, those that have been unable to shape their financial affairs. The United States Government has arranged to give the country of Czechoslovakia a monthly credit of \$9,000,000. Rumania has been granted a similar credit for \$5,000,000, and Serbia has obtained a concession for the same amount. Some of the other countries are not as stable, and in dealing with them the American Relief Administration has been forced to accept whatever securities, bonds, property, collateral and other promises that it might obtain.

It is probable that some of these securities will have to be discounted when sold, but the position of the Administration has been to feed Europe, to make the charity as practicable as possible and not indulge in gifts. It seems very likely that a considerable proportion of the original hundred millions appropriation will be restored to the United States Treasury.

As to the extent to which the United States is assisting in supplying relief to Europe, Mr. Rickard gave out some official figures.

During the month of March the total amount of all relief supplied by Great Britain, France, Italy and the United States, through the Supreme Economic Council, amounted to \$111,000,000. With the exception of \$3,300,000 which was paid in cash, all of these arrangements were made upon a deferred payment credit basis. Of this total the United States activities represented \$99,000,000. The tonnage figures show that 386,000 tons of food were distributed from all sources and indicate that the American Administration supplied 270,000 tons of this amount.

DENIAL BY SECRETARY OF WAR BAKER THAT DISPOSAL OF MEAT SUPPLIES ABROAD BEAR ON PRICE MAINTENANCE.

A statement denying that there was any relation between attempts to support the prices of meat supplies in the United States and the arrangements for the disposal abroad of 250,000,000 pounds of canned meats, was issued by Secretary of War Baker on May 14. Secretary Baker's statement said:

There has been misapprehension with regard to the policy of the Department in disposing of meat supplies. The meats in question are specially prepared products, in special containers and of a kind never sold commercially in the United States—roast beef and especially salted pork—which are not articles or ordinary commercial trade here. The cans are not even

labelled. The question of disposing of these supplies is not one of maintaining price levels—the War Department has no interest in that—but of finding some way to dispose of them.

So much of the supplies as are of the ordinary commercial kind, which people recognize, we are selling in the United States in any way in which we can prevent speculation. But especially prepared army supplies such as seven pound cans of roast beef and things of that sort are not known to the commercial and buying public and they would not be available for ordinary commerce here.

I have talked the whole question over with the sales director and there are a number of questions to be solved. Some products, for instance, by repacking in new tins and being labeled could be resold in the United States. There is a possibility that we may be able to dispose of substantial quantities of food supplies in instances where bulk purchases are made. All avenues will be sought and so far as possible food and clothing will be sold in this country.

There has been no agreement with the meat packers with regard to the distribution of meat supplies, but they have suggested that the most practical thing would be to sell these supplies to Europe instead of disposing of them in this country because of the fact that they are packed for transportation across the ocean. In this way it would not be necessary for the packers to prepare other food for transportation while the present supply is being distributed in this country.

RESIGNATIONS OF MEMBERS OF INDUSTRIAL BOARD OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

As was made known in these columns last week, page 1881, the acceptance of the resignations of the members of the Industrial Board of the Department of Commerce followed the failure of the conference on May 8 between representatives of the Railroad Administration and the steel producers in a final effort to adjust the controversy between the Railroad Administration and the Industrial Board growing out of the latter's price stabilization plan. The resignations, it is stated, were tendered in April, when the Railroad Administration first declined to accept the reduced steel prices agreed on in March by representatives of the steel industry and the Industrial Board. It is stated that with the dissolution of the Board the natural forces of supply and demand will be left to readjust prices from war levels to those of peace. In announcing on May 9 the acceptance of the resignations of the Board members, William C. Redfield, Secretary of the Department of Commerce, said:

At my desire the members of the Industrial Board have retained their official positions until the outcome of the conference between the Railroad Administration and the steel industry which took place on the 8th inst. should be known. That conference was arranged at my suggestion by the Industrial Board with the approval of the Director-General of Railroads. It appears from the statement issued by the Railroad Administration that the conference has failed to bring an agreement and the further assistance of the Industrial Board is not desired. In view of the announcement made by the Railroad Administration, I have regretfully concluded that it is not proper longer to detain from their respective affairs the gentlemen who comprise the Industrial Board.

That Board was conceived in the spirit of unselfish public service and has so acted from the beginning. I repeat what was said yesterday: There has been no change in its viewpoint, policy or attitude from the beginning. No statement nor inference to the contrary has a basis of fact. It has had the widespread support of industry and commerce throughout the country. It has sought merely to serve and has been ready to consider all figures, to respect all facts and to reconsider any statement or conclusion in the light of further knowledge. Its mind has been open and its purpose was directed not to winning a controversy but solely and simply to serving the country. I believe it has developed standards of public cooperation which will be of permanent value.

An identical letter, accepting their resignations, was addressed by Secretary Redfield to the various members of the Board as follows on the 9th:

Respectfully referring to the resignations of the members of the Industrial Board, formally tendered by yours of April 22, let me say that in view of the failure of the conference arranged by the Industrial Board at my suggestion and with the approval of the Director-General of Railroads between the representatives of the steel industry and those of the Railroad Administration and in view of the announcement following said conference made by the Railroad Administration, it becomes my duty to accept your resignation and to relieve you from further service in connection with the Industrial Board.

Let me express my appreciation of the assistance you have given and my regret that this action is necessary.

Letters as above were sent to George N. Peek, Chairman of the Board, and the other members, namely: Samuel P. Bush, President of the Buckeye Steel Castings Co.; Thomas K. Glenn, President of the Atlantic Steel Co., Atlanta, Ga.; George R. James, President of the Wm. R. Moore Dry Goods Co.; William M. Ritter, of the W. M. Ritter Lumber Co., Washington, D. C.; Anthony Caminetti, Commissioner General of Immigration, Department of Labor, Washington, representing Labor, and T. C. Powell, Director of the Capital Expenditures Division of the Railroad Administration. Mr. Redfield also addressed the following letter to Chairman Peek:

May 9 1919.

My Dear Mr. Peek:

When accepting your resignation and that of the other members of the Industrial Board by separate communication of this date, I feel that it is due you and those who have co-operated so earnestly with you in the work of the Board to say something further.

It is not necessary to review the history of the Board. It was conceived in an unselfish spirit, was intended to bring the Government, industry and labor together in a spirit of mutual helpfulness, seeking a common end, and that the good of the country at a time when co-operation seemed a duty urged with compelling force by every patriotic consideration.

To this obligation you and your associates cordially responded. From the beginning you trod a straight path. You have not turned aside to the right or to the left. As your work began so it has ended. Throughout there has been one purpose in view—to serve the country by starting the wheels of industry on an economic basis which would at once protect the wages of labor and make possible continued production by the average producer.

In such a case, with such a purpose, phrases are nothing—the purpose is everything. You have shown a desire to modify statements, to consider facts, to cast aside personal preferences, to do any and everything within your power to be helpful. Repeatedly you have extended the hand of good will and the offer of kindly assistance. You have not sought to control but to co-operate. You have exhausted the resources of courtesy. Your attitude has been unselfish, generous, and your vision broad. This is true not only of yourself but of those who have served with you, between whom and yourself there has throughout been an earnest desire to do the country service in a difficult time.

I believe you have established standards that will not be lost to sight and that the ideals you have made clear of the mutual obligations between the Government, industry and labor will prevail. Please accept for yourself my most cordial congratulations on what you have done and my personal appreciation of your unselfish work.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD, Secretary.

According to the New York "Commercial" Secretary Redfield made public on the 9th his complete file of correspondence on the subject, included in which, it states, was a "hitherto unpublished cable from President Wilson to him, dated April 18, in which the President clearly supports the view of Mr. Hines that the Board was intended to be a mediating and not a price-fixing body." The cable was as follows:

I am sincerely sorry that the efforts of the Industrial Board have met with serious check, but I am afraid that it is partly because the public and some members of the Board itself have been under the impression that they were fixing prices and had been invited to do so, whereas, as I am sure you yourself hold, the office of the Board was merely a court of mediation between buyer and seller. In view of this misapprehension, I think it would be wise not to extend the efforts to new fields. It is hard to think clearly about such matters at this distance, but I instinctively feel this to be a counsel of prudence.

It is stated that Secretary Redfield indicated that if it had been possible to get the Railroad Administration to accept the proposed steel prices, four other industries, coal, cement, and soft and hardwood lumber industries would have been willing to agree to price concessions.

A statement announced on May 12 as issued by the Department of Commerce stated, it is said, that, in view of the resignation of the Industrial Board having made it impossible to proceed with the price stabilization program, all industries that submitted themselves to the Board are released from obligations. The "Wall Street Journal" quoted the following therefrom:

In conducting its investigations, the Board found that very much higher costs of production, resulting from conditions brought about by the war, precluded the possibility of immediately making as large reductions without disturbing labor rates as were thought possible. Labor rates have increased from 85% to as high as 140% in the steel industry, and labor costs in even greater ratio, and as labor either directly or indirectly constitutes approximately 85% of the total cost in many industries, it will be seen that, as compared with pre-war levels, prices must necessarily be very much higher than formerly, unless a general liquidation of all values were effected, which is considered impracticable at this time, or so long as the high cost of the necessities of life prevails.

The Industrial Board had its inception at a conference on Feb. 5 held at the instance of Secretary Redfield and attended by former heads of divisions of the War Industries Board, and the Government representatives, at which action toward evolving plans to establish a fair post-war level of prices was taken. Details were given in our issue of Feb. 22, page 727. We are unable to make room today for Attorney-General Palmer's opinion regarding the legality of the price-stabilization plan.

GEORGE N. PEEK ON INFLUENCES RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILURE OF PRICE STABILIZATION PLAN—REPLY OF SECRETARY GLASS.

The announcement of the resignation of the members of the Industrial Board of the Department of Commerce has been followed by the issuance of a statement by George N. Peek, Chairman of the Board, in which he says: "It is inconceivable that the Railroad Administration's unsubstantial objection to the price of steel rails alone was sufficient to justify the abandonment of a policy of such importance." Mr. Peek further said:

Nor toward the end has the Director-General been alone in thwarting the purpose of the Board. The Secretary of the Treasury has taken a stand in direct contradiction with his message to the President urging the creation of the Board. The Attorney-General has rendered an opinion that the plan of the Board contravenes the Sherman Act, but the facts assumed as the basis of that opinion are so inconsistent with the actual course of conduct of the Board, as to render the opinion inapplicable, yet it has been used as a basis for the abandonment of the Board's plan.

The opinion of the Attorney-General is referred to in another item. In a statement issued on May 12 Secretary Glass, in reply to Chairman Peek, stated that the Board in attempting to "fix minimum prices for the public, did precisely that which it had been warned not to do," and that

the action had been promptly repudiated by him as "contrary to fundamental principles of economics, of public policy and of the law." Secretary Glass also said:

Mr. Peek knows perfectly well that I have never in any way or at any time suggested such action as that taken by the Industrial Board. Hence, his reference to me on this point perverts the actual truth.

Further reference to Mr. Glass's reply is made below. The following is Mr. Peek's statement of the 12th in full:

The Industrial Board has resigned. The plan to make an immediate reduction in the cost of living, to remove the cloud of buying uncertainty, and to anticipate by several months the return to normal business conditions has been abandoned.

The plan was very simple—"Involuntary co-operation with business interests to arrive at a level of prices upon which business activities would be more actively resumed, and the Railroad Administration and other spending agencies of the Government would be justified in buying liberally." In so doing, it planned to study costs of production, to add reasonable profits, and to announce the resulting price as a fair basis for buying.

In theory, the plan has been approved almost unanimously by business men and associations, and by editorial and press comment the country over; in practice, the plan has been proved by the order books of steel producers and the buying revival which immediately followed the announcement of steel prices, and ceased immediately upon the Railroad Administration's rejection of those prices.

Wary of the details of the controversy between the Railroad Administration and the Board, the public will yet demand an explanation of the wrecking, apparently on the obstinacy of a single official, of a plan of such apparent national value.

I can only conjecture an explanation. Throughout the baffling controversy the Board has found itself checked by forces in opposition which it could neither understand, reason with, nor overcome, but which grew in strength until they rendered further progress impossible and forced abandonment of the plan.

It is inconceivable that the Railroad Administration's unsubstantial objection to the price of steel rails alone was sufficient to justify the abandonment of a policy of such importance. Nor toward the end has the Director-General been alone in thwarting the purpose of the Board. The Secretary of the Treasury has taken a stand in direct contradiction with his message to the President urging the creation of the Board. The Attorney-General has rendered an opinion that the plan of the Board contravenes the Sherman Act, but the facts assumed as the basis of that opinion are so inconsistent with the actual course of conduct of the Board as to render the opinion inapplicable, yet it has been used as a basis for the abandonment of the Board's plan.

In all this opposition the Board has sought in vain for a substantial reason. It has urged the Railroad Administration, first, to aid it by one single fact or argument to arrive at a lower price for steel, and, second, to name a price which the Railroad Administration would consider fair. The first suggestion has been met with a stubborn and haughty silence, the second with a suggestion of absolutism—"We will name you the price only on condition that you agree in advance to urge it on the steel producers"—and this in face of the unimpeached cost studies of the Board. Acceptance of such a suggestion would shame the manhood of the Board.

The Railroad Administration's only answer has been that the steel price announced by the Board is "too high." If "too high" means that the Railroad Administration can force lower prices by smashing industry, smashing labor, smashing the public interest, and throwing production into the hands of the most powerful and lowest-cost producers, the Board agrees that the price is "too high." But it was precisely these results the Board was set up to prevent, and the case stands proved that lower prices without these results are impossible. Still, the Railroad Administration persists and announces specifically that its only view of a low price is one that shall, by inherent attractiveness, induce buying, not by the Railroad Administration alone, but also by the old railroad corporations, who are so ably represented in the administration by the Director-General himself and by Messrs. Lovett and Walters, who have headed the opposition to the Board.

That the Administration would commit itself against the public interest merely to support the ancient and discredited railroad slogan, "The public be damned," is unthinkable. Yet, after all, it is the Administration, not the Director-General alone, who had power to thwart the Board.

Thus, there is no question that the Board was set up to do exactly what it has done, and was set up with the full knowledge and assent of the Administration and was given godspeed upon its way by Mr. Glass. The record on this point is so clear that only a quibbling lawyer with an imagination inflated with interest could find an excuse to pervert it. Yet exactly this course has been pursued, and not by the Director-General alone. It serves no purpose save to confuse the issue.

Thus, also, the irrelevant opinion of the Attorney-General is dragged in. Persistently the activities of the Board are referred to as "price-fixing," and "agreement on prices with the steel producers." Price-fixing has never been attempted by the Board. In co-operating with industry, it has studied costs, added reasonable profits and promulgated the result. No one was under the slightest obligation to demand or to accede to these prices. Nor was any agreement by the steel producers to sell at these prices ever sought. Distortion of this course of conduct to make it appear a "combination in restraint of trade" is little short of absurd, and is only a further confusion of the issue. In a public statement May 8, Secretary Redfield said: "There has been no change in the viewpoint, policy or attitude of the Industrial Board from the beginning. All statements and inferences to the contrary have no substantial basis in fact."

Members of the Industrial Board are experienced business men untrained in the devious ways of partisan politics. They came to their present tasks without hope of reward or advancement, believing that the war-time adjournment of politics in national affairs of economic importance had been extended to cover the period of reconstruction. Acclimated to the wholesome aid of that adjournment by services on the War Industries Board, they have become stiffed by the impregnated atmosphere that has come with the armistice, and are leaving gainers only by the conclusion that the inspiration of the war was not sufficient to induce the Administration to give over the business of politics for the business of government.

They have been unable to penetrate the ink cloud in which the political squid has concealed its escape from support of the Board in a position which for some unstated reason was politically undesirable. I can only admit the public to my own perplexity among the following conjectures:

In the beginning, did the present opponents of the Board fail to foresee the far-reaching results to be achieved, and was the growing importance and power of the Board's policy too powerful a political engine to leave outside the Administration's arsenal and in the hands of a nonpartisan board? Does the Administration plan for 1920 a platform of State Socialism which it now finds inconsistent with the results achieved by the Board? Or, after all, am I giving too much credit for an acumen that does not exist, and is what the Board has encountered merely the machinations of the old railroad guard, as represented by Messrs. Lovett and Walters, and

imposed on a too complacent Director-General, or on a Director-General too jealous of his own prerogatives to see beyond the confines of his little Czarism?

The Board cannot answer. It can only depart more in sorrow than in anger, and in great disappointment, from a lost opportunity to serve the country by a simple and sensible plan to reduce the cost of living and to return prosperity. In doing so it leaves a single message.

The plan of the Board was good. It is capable of accomplishing what it promised. The Administration owes it to the nation to put that plan into immediate execution at the hands of some agency in which it can feel political confidence and sympathy.

We also give Mr. Glass's statement herewith:

The Industrial Board, after conferences with the Steel interests, but against the express protest of the representatives of the Railroad Administration, approved a scale of prices, below which, the Industrial Board announced the public should not expect to buy during the year. The attempt thus made to fix minimum prices for the public seemed to me wholly indefensible and contrary to fundamental principles of economics, of public policy and of the law. Surely the healthy restoration of industrial life and activity is not to be found in the perpetuation and exaggeration, months after the cessation of hostilities, of the artificial conditions which in war were tolerated as necessary evils. The Treasury has consistently striven since Armistice Day for the removal of all Government restraints, controls and interferences.

The original plan, which in its general features had my approval, was to endeavor to bring about a meeting of the minds, between the producers and those Governmental agencies which had large purchases to make, upon bed-rock prices which would carry conviction that new enterprises might be undertaken with safety and the hope of profit.

The Industrial Board, having failed to bring about such a meeting of the minds with Governmental buying agencies, attempted to fix minimum prices for the general public and thus did precisely that which it had been warned not to do. This action was promptly repudiated by me, and the Board was fully advised of the reasons and urged to mend its ways. Its subsequent efforts to force these minimum prices upon the Railroad Administration and its failure to recede from the action taken in attempting to fix minimum prices for the general public for a year confirmed me in the view that the Board was hopelessly committed to an unsound and dangerous policy.

There is scarcely one accurate assertion or sane deduction in all of Mr. Peck's intemperate screed; and to me it is now perfectly clear why there has been a sad ending of the movement which had its initial meetings in the Treasury and which had for its purpose the revival of industrial activity through agencies and by methods that were not contrary to the statutes or obnoxious to the elementary principles of economics.

Mr. Peck knows perfectly well that I have never in any way or at any time suggested such action as that taken by the Industrial Board. Hence his reference to me on this point perverts the actual truth. Indeed, it is not inexact to say that Mr. Peck has persistently and consistently practiced deception in nearly every public statement he has made.

FUEL ADMINISTRATOR GARFIELD REMOVED ALL OIL RESTRICTIONS.

The issuance of an order by U. S. Fuel Administrator Garfield, removing all rules and regulations governing the production, manufacture, distribution or transportation of oil in its various forms, including gasoline and natural oil, was announced on May 15.

BILL INCREASING TAX ON CORPORATIONS IN NEW YORK STATE SIGNED BY GOVERNOR.

The bill passed by the New York Legislature before its adjournment on April 19, increasing the tax on net incomes of corporations from 3 to 4½% was signed by Governor Smith on May 15. The law, which previously applied merely to manufacturing and mercantile corporations, is now made to include business corporations in general. As we noted in our issue of May 3, page 1780, wherein we gave the text of the newly enacted measure, the term "entire net income" is defined as meaning "the total net income before any deductions have been made for taxes paid or to be paid to the Government of the United States on either profits or net income or for any losses sustained by the corporation in other fiscal or calendar years, whether deducted by the Government of the United States or not." One-quarter of the tax imposed under the bill will go to the State and three-quarters to the municipalities. A statement issued at the office of State Comptroller Travis following the signing of the bill said, according to the Albany "Argus" of May 15:

The New York statute, in many essential respects, resembles the Federal tax, and its administration by the Comptroller's office will, therefore, be made easier for the taxpayer to understand. Insofar as they affect the majority of taxpayers, gross and net income will mean the same under both laws, as the deductions and exemptions are in substantial accord. The rate is graduated without surtax, 1% being imposed on the first \$10,000; 2% on the next \$40, and 3% above \$50,000, all payable at the same time as the Federal tax.

Corporations are not included, and although partnerships must file a return, they are taxed only as individuals, like the Federal law. A return on incomes from estates and trusts must be made by the fiduciary. Unlike the Federal statute, the entire net income of non-residents earned in this State is taxable—2% of salaries of \$1,000 or over being withheld by their employers, "withholding agents."

The receipts will be divided equally between the State and localities, based on the assessed valuation of realty and not according to amounts collected. Utmost secrecy of the returns is assured under heavy penalty, similar to failure to make return or pay the tax. Arrangements are being made to organize the work and already a series of practical questions and answers interpreting the law are being prepared for distribution shortly.

NEW YORK STATE INCOME TAX BILL SIGNED BY GOVERNOR.

The bill providing for a State income tax in New York was signed by Gov. Smith on May 15. The text of the new law was given in these columns last week, page 1883. It provides for a tax of 1% on income up to and including \$10,000, 2% on income in excess of \$10,000, but not over \$50,000, and 3% on income in excess of \$50,000. There is an exemption of \$1,000 in the case of single persons and \$2,000 in the case of the head of a family or married person. Incomes derived by business in New York State by persons living outside the State will be taxable. Incomes of State employees also are taxable. One-half of the tax will go to the State and the other half to the municipality in which it is raised. The bill carried an appropriation of \$300,000 for collecting the tax by the State Comptroller.

In its issue of May 15 the Albany "Argus" said:

Last year the manufacturing and mercantile companies contributed more than \$16,000,000 by the former tax and more than \$18,000,000 will be collected before June 30 1919. Since the enactment of the corporation tax law in 1881 and up to two years ago business concerns were practically exempt from the payment of any tax. Originally they were relieved with a view of attracting their location in this State. While theoretically assessed on their personal holdings, they frequently escaped payment. After a lapse of 37 years the State now imposes an annual tax but exempts the corporation locally, sharing one-third of the tax returns with the communities.

"How inadequately they were assessed on their personalty," a statement from Comptroller Travis' office states, "is shown in an investigation made in 1915, which revealed a list of 24 companies having \$90,000,000 of taxable personalty, but actually assessed for only \$3,300,000. This condition was due to the practice of filing certificates of incorporation in smaller communities although carrying on the business in the larger centers.

Another amendment narrows the scope of exemption allowed on personalty. Formerly, mercantile, and manufacturing corporations could not be assessed locally on account of machinery and equipment affixed to a building, if such fixtures used for trade or manufacture and not essential for the support of a building, are exempted. Conforming to a recent decision, the new law provides that corporations may no longer deduct, in calculating net income, taxes paid or to be paid to the Government, on either profits or net income."

The income tax will be assessed upon the income of 1919 and will be payable in March 1920.

VETO OF BILL LIMITING TAX ON REAL ESTATE IN NEW YORK CITY TO 2.25%.

The bill limiting the tax rate on real estate in New York City to 2.25% of the assessed valuation, beginning Jan. 1 1922, was vetoed by Mayor Hylan on May 9. The bill as passed by the Legislature was subject to approval by the Mayor. In his veto message Mayor Hylan said:

This bill, if enacted into law, would mislead the property owners, builders and investors and the public generally who might be acquiring or making improvements upon real property, relying upon a limited tax rate of 2.25%.

Financial obligations imposed upon the city by mandatory legislation and direct State taxes may require a repeal of this law. The administrative officers of the city have no control over the direct State tax or the mandatory financial legislation imposed on the city which must be included in the yearly budget and tax levy. As an example the State-wide teachers' bill, which if approved by the Governor would place a yearly burden upon the people of the City of New York of from fifteen to twenty million dollars, increasing the tax rate from twenty to thirty points, which increase in the tax rate, as the realty owners admit, would be ultimately passed along to the rent payer by increasing his rent. We are endeavoring to stop rent profiteering by landlords. To do that honestly and fairly we must stop imposing high taxes upon property by mandatory legislation to satisfy big salary grabbers.

The operation of the pay-as-you-go law, which will be in full effect in the near future, will prohibit the construction of schoolhouses, firehouses or improvements to our charitable and correctional institutions, because of the requirements of this law that the total cost of these improvements be included in the budget in the year in which they are made. With this pay-as-you-go law on the statute books mandatory legislation such as the teachers' State-wide bill, consisting fifteen to twenty million dollars and the direct State tax which can be imposed by the State upon the city without limitation, the city would be hamstrung and could not build schoolhouses, firehouses or make other public improvements that would be necessary because the entire cost of these improvements would have to be continued in the yearly budget, which would be limited to the tax levy of 2.25% on the assessed valuation of real estate.

If the city were not able to meet its obligations because of the operation of this law it would be necessary to have it repealed. It can readily be seen that this would be unfair to those investors who purchased their holdings in good faith with the understanding that the tax rate would be limited to 2.25%.

Such a law would give the land sharks a great opportunity to fleece the honest investor in real estate which would be on a par with some of the stock-jobbing schemes of the public utility corporations. If the mandatory legislation which places a financial burden on the taxpayer and rentpayer by the State authorities is disapproved and the city authorities allowed to administer the affairs of the city without a raid upon its treasury, we have hopes of a further relief to the taxpayers and rentpayers by a reduction in the tax rate for next year.

The bill as originally introduced in January had proposed a tax of 2%. The new legislation is said to have been opposed by the Comptroller; real estate interests had been in favor of its enactment, and an official of the Real Estate Board of New York, which organization had aligned itself in support of the measure, was quoted in the New York "Times" of the 11th inst. as saying:

The Comptroller personally felt aggrieved at the failure of the Legislature to enact a personal tax law with a listing system, and with no exemptions of any kind.

It was unfortunate also, as far as the fate of the tax bill was concerned, that the Mayor's most intimate associates, whose advice he most frequently takes, are men of very great wealth.

Their real estate interests are slight compared with their enormous personal holdings. They feared that a limited tax on real property meant that the excess burdens of extravagance and waste would be placed on personal property.

For years these men have escaped paying any share of the cost of municipal government, and 95% of the tax levy has been placed on real property. When it is remembered that real property is worth but \$8,500,000,000, and that personal property, which certainly needs the protection of Government as much as real estate, is estimated at \$50,000,000,000, the injustice of this is apparent.

The value of the proposed law to real estate was only sentimental, and meant no reduction in taxes until 1922; still its enactment would have accomplished a great deal toward bringing investment money into the market. Building, so much needed, would have been greatly stimulated, and the tenants would have benefited through competition. The history of tax legislation repeated itself with the course of this measure.

There was no open opposition to it at Albany or before the Mayor.

The bill passed the Legislature by a unanimous vote of both houses, and at the hearing before his Honor there was no real opposition. The men who fight to escape personal property taxation do not work openly.

They labor quietly yet effectually, and for years they have blocked the efforts of the 250,000 home owners of Greater New York to make them pay for their share of the cost of Government. Again they have succeeded, and succeeded in spite of a practically unanimous public sentiment and an entirely unanimous vote of the Legislature and a special message from the Governor of the State.

It is idle to underestimate their influence, and the real estate owners and tenants of this city must realize that only by complete and thorough organization and by an absolute demonstration of their strength can they compel personal property to pay its share of taxation. The Real Estate Board of New York has only begun to fight, and will go to the next Legislature with a bill limiting the tax on real property, and that bill will become a law.

CONFERENCES OF ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY EXECUTIVES ON FINANCING OF RAILROADS.

Meetings to consider the plans proposed for railroad legislation were held by the Association of Railway Executives, of which Thomas De Witt Cuyler is Chairman, during the past two days. The principal conferences were held yesterday, these being preceded by a meeting of a few of the executives on Thursday. The standing committee of the Association met yesterday morning, and this was followed in the afternoon by a meeting of the member roads of the Association for the transaction of the general business of the Association. The last previous meeting of the member roads of the Association was held in Washington Feb. 7. The question of the financing of equipment came up at yesterday's meeting, and this was also considered at a conference between private bankers and railroad executives held in this city on the 9th inst. at the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co. Regarding that conference the New York "Times" of the 10th inst. said in part:

No statement was issued following the meeting, but it is understood that the bankers and the railroad men discussed almost exclusively the necessity for a replenishment of the railroad revolving fund at as early a date as possible in view of the fact that the banks are bearing a burden of railroad financing which is assuming large proportions. It is understood that all of those who attended the meeting are agreed that the incoming Congress should meet the financial needs of the Railroad Administration immediately.

The banking fraternity seems to favor the immediate appropriation of the \$750,000,000 which Director-General of Railroads Hines asked from the last Democratic Congress by the new body which will be Republican in majority. While bankers are not unanimous on this point, it is understood that several of the men upon whose institutions has fallen the heavier share of the railroad financing which has been necessary in the emergency period favor such action. The former measure is acknowledged to be a Democratic one, but it was not opposed by the country and would have passed but for the last minute Senatorial filibuster, and it is understood that the bankers who urge that it be adopted by the extraordinary session, do so to avoid unnecessary delay in replenishing the Railroad Administration's purse.

The emergency financing of the carriers which has been taken care of by the bankers amounts approximately to \$150,000,000, including June 1 requirements. On April 1 the roads were in need of about \$70,000,000. Of this amount \$35,000,000 was provided by the War Finance Corporation in direct loans to the carriers. The remainder was provided by the banks.

The May 1 requirements were in the neighborhood of \$60,000,000, half of which was again borne by the banks in addition to some \$34,500,000 in secured notes and \$6,600,000 in unsecured notes. Requirements of the roads on June 1 are approximately \$46,500,000, and it has been generally believed that the banks would have to increase their railroad financing to embrace \$30,000,000 in secured notes and \$15,000,000 in unsecured notes which fall due on that date.

The meeting was attended by J. P. Morgan, Charles Steele and Dwight W. Morrow of J. P. Morgan & Co.; George F. Baker of the First National Bank, and Mr. Cuyler and Alfred P. Thom, General Counsel of the Association of Railway Executives.

Yesterday's conferences were held in the board room of the New Haven RR., Grand Central Terminal. According to R. S. Binkerd, Assistant Chairman of the Association, the equipment involved in the discussion is valued at approximately \$400,000,000, of which \$293,000,000 represents cars and \$107,000,000 locomotives. The number of cars is 100,000 and of locomotives 1,300. Regarding yesterday's conferences, Mr. Cuyler issued a statement saying:

The railway executives discussed with the members of the law committee of the Association the various proposals that have been made for the new railroad legislation that it will be necessary to enact before the Government relinquishes war control of the carriers. There is undoubtedly a very general demand over the country for an early return of the roads to their owners, but, of course, as has been pointed out by the President, by the Director-General of Railroads and by leading members of Congress, it would be a dis-service to the country to return the roads to their management without correcting the recognized evils in the system of railway regulation we had prior to the war.

These mal-adjustments in the old system of regulation were seriously obstructing the free development of transportation facilities, and it is unthinkable that the country would consent to a return of the roads to their owners before insurance had been provided for the future, by a thorough revision of the Act to regulate commerce. The country is now in such general agreement as to the basic principles of remedial railroad legislation that the work of Congress ought to be comparatively easy.

The Association also discussed the working out of the problem of allocating and financing the several hundred million dollars worth of new cars and locomotives purchased by the Government for the use of the roads. The proposal has been made that the financing of this large amount of equipment would be greatly simplified by a single general issue of equipment trust obligations, instead of having individual securities issued by each of the roads. Conferences are being held between the Association and the Railroad Administration for the equitable working out of this problem, and it is hoped that an agreement will soon be reached.

VIEWS OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL WALKER D. HINES AS TO SOLUTION OF RAILROAD PROBLEM.

In a discussion before the Economic Club of New York on May 8 as to "What Shall be Done with the Railroads?" Walker D. Hines, Director-General of Railroads, expressed it as his view that "now is the chance and the only chance to make a really effective plan for public regulation of private management." "If we take the chance," he said, "we will, I believe, enter upon a long period of successful railroad operation without Government ownership, but if we fail to take the chance we invite the failure of public regulation of private management, and when that failure shall next be demonstrated Government ownership will be the next logical step." Mr. Hines's remarks before the Economic Club were along the lines of an address made by him at the annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in St. Louis on April 30, at which the views of Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa and Samuel Rea, President of the Pennsylvania RR., on the railroad problem were likewise presented. In dealing with the subject before the Economic Club, Mr. Hines said in part:

When we consider the diminishing purchasing power of the dollar it is a very conservative estimate to say that at least a billion dollars of new capital must be put into the railroads every year for many years to come, and probably a great deal more than that must be put in; and unless a form of regulation can be adopted which will attract capital into the business, then there is nothing to do but to put the business on a basis where Government credit can be used in the first instance to furnish the money, and that means Government ownership. That condition was not realized under the old system.

I think there ought to be a compulsory consolidation of the railroads of this country into a few large competitive systems. I believe the American public wants competition in service, and I think that can be accomplished through the creation of a few large systems, say, anywhere from twelve to twenty. I believe in each of the three great sections of the country—the West, the East and the South—a few large railroad companies can be constituted, each of which will be a strong system, and the several companies in each of these regions will give effective competition in service at practically every important point which now enjoys competition.

Each of these railroad systems can be made to combine the strong roads and the weak in such a way as to present a fair average in the general situation. In that way we will get entirely away from the insuperable difficulty in the past of trying to apply a single standard to railroads so different in their earning capacity that it was impossible for the same standard to work for all, and that would give one road more than it needed and leave another in such a position that it could not render the public service.

A mere permission to consolidate is not going to get rid of this difficulty as to the weak and strong roads. No prosperous road is going to dilute its prosperity by voluntarily taking on a weak railroad. Now it can be assumed that will be the case, but I tell you that it will not be the case unless there is a definite advantage to the particular strong road in making that transaction.

Since these railroad companies, reconstituted in this way, would have an official capitalization, that official capitalization would put an end for all time to come to this pervading and persistent suspicion as to over-capitalization which has been the cause of so much unrest and of so much discontent with any action that has been taken in recent years with respect to railroad rates or railroad wages, or any other railroad problem of general interest.

Don't deceive yourselves in thinking that this situation will largely take care of itself by the mere return of the railroads to private management. That is not going to be the case, in my opinion. The heavy costs which have come upon the railroads as an outgrowth of the war are not going to be eliminated simply by the return to private management. I would like for you to turn this thought over in your minds; that when the Government took control of the railroads it didn't put a single man who was not a railroad man in charge of operating; every railroad in the country was left in the hands of experienced railroad men to manage; almost without exception in the hands of the very same men who had managed them under private control. And the day that Federal control stops the railroad operation will go right along under the control of the very same men who have been handling them under public control.

The mere change from public control to private control is not going to work any miracle, it isn't going to give either the men who are now operating the railroads, and who will then operate the railroads miraculous power to deal with these questions of operating costs in any way fundamentally different from that in which they are so zealously and earnestly dealing with them to-day throughout the country. So that these great difficulties which have come upon the railroads as an outgrowth of the war and similar

difficulties have come upon every other business in the country, upon businesses which have not been under public control.

It may be said that there is some doubt about the power to do as I propose; the question of constitutional power but the practical power is perfectly clear. I won't take the time to discuss it. It may be said that it will take a long time to work out the plan I have suggested, but I don't think it would take any longer than the one the committee of this organization has in mind, because, as I understand it, the committee's plan contemplates the creation of a rule by which rates shall be made, that rule to be based upon a valuation of the property. That valuation will take time, and I don't believe it will take any more time to carry out the plan which I suggest than to carry out a valuation for any other purpose.

Also bear in mind that if that plan were adopted, and if the railroads were turned back before the valuation were worked out, before the factors of the rule were established, there would be a tremendously difficult situation for the railroads of the country, because there would then be no standards, they would be exactly in the situation they were in before, and we would have no standards by which to test the revenues of the railroads to the heavily increased costs. I take it that no plan can be put into operation until some certain rule has been put into effect, and if that much time must be taken, that is enough time to carry out the sort of plan I have in mind.

Now, I can't emphasize too strongly the tremendous importance of a thorough going solution of this matter. If we stop and think how unsatisfactory the old regulation was, how it started unrest instead of stopping it at the end of every important controversy, then you can let yourselves realize how vastly more difficult the conditions are now, and will continue to be when private management comes back.

The argument has been made that thoroughgoing regulation of the sort I propose would be inconsistent with the idea of private management. The fact is, however, that the regulation of the past was the thing that was inconsistent with the idea of private management. The regulation was uncertain and carried on in an atmosphere of public discontent and suspicion and by tribunals which had no opportunity of being in contact with the business necessities of the situation. Yet the regulation went as deeply into the earning power of the railroad companies and into what they had to expend in operating costs as any regulation that would be involved in the plan I propose. My plan really reconciles public regulation with private management through making that regulation definite and business like and more satisfactory alike to the public and to private capital.

If a plan along the lines outlined by me is not adopted there seems to be no alternative except to go back to the old plan with non essential modifications. My own opinion is that such a result will prove sorely disappointing. I believe many roads will fall entirely on the basis of such a plan of regulation and even the strongest roads will continue to be confronted in the future as they were in the past with great uncertainty, while the public will continue to bear a wholly unnecessary burden which will represent the price it pays for uncertain regulation.

VIEWS OF SENATOR ALBERT B. CUMMINS ON RAILROAD PROBLEM.

United States Senator Albert B. Cummins (of Iowa), ranking Republican member of the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce, reiterated before the Economic Club of New York at the Hotel Astor on May 8 his views regarding the solution of the railroad problem. Senator Cummins advocates the consolidation of the railroads into eighteen or twenty systems, under separate, independent management, these to be operated by private corporations organized under an Act of Congress. In stating before the Economic Club "that there is but one real remedy for the present railway situation," Senator Cummins added: "it lies in the further and compulsory consolidation and unification of the railways." Prior to his address of last week Senator Cummins on several other occasions during the past few months has outlined his ideas in the matter, one of the most recent being the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States on April 30. In his remarks on that occasion he said:

There must be a series of consolidations which will merge weak roads with strong ones, to the end that the resulting systems, and they will be comparatively few in number, may do business upon substantially even terms. When this is done, the test of reasonable rates will be their effect in producing revenue for the system as a whole, and a minimum increase will accomplish the purpose. In many instances, no increase would be required, because the surplus of the favorably situated properties in a given system would make the revenue of the whole system adequate.

The second principle toward which I have been drawn, slowly and reluctantly, but surely, is the Government guaranty, in some form, of a return upon the capital invested in railroads. My reason for this position is not that capital so invested should be favored, but because we are now practically guaranteeing the return, and are not securing the low rate of return which a direct Government undertaking should and would command.

Taking the railway properties together, the people have for years and years been paying a capital charge far in excess of a reasonable rate of interest upon a Government obligation.

This, however, is not the complete story, so far as the future is concerned. The railroads claim and the decisions of the Supreme Court furnish a fair basis for the contention, that under the present law they may demand rates which will enable them to earn a net income of 7, 8 or 9% upon the entire value of the properties which render the service. I am inclined to the belief that gradually they will reach the end they have in view. If so, the people will be paying upon the properties just as they are, without additions or extensions or increase in capital account—a capital charge of more than \$1,200,000,000 per year.

It is my deliberate judgment that it will be far better for capital to accept a low guaranteed return, and I know that it will be infinitely better for the people to give the guaranty, for it cannot by any possibility increase their burdens, and it opens to them the only possible path toward a reduction in the charge for capital and a decrease in the enormous rates they are now paying for transportation. Furthermore, it is the only method which assures the growth in facilities necessary to meet our rapidly developing commerce.

There is another consideration which has strongly influenced me in reaching the conclusion I have just stated. The conflict between railway promoters, railway managers, railway security holders, making up what is

commonly known as railway corporations, and the public, which has been in progress more than forty years, and which has been carried on in conventions, elections, courts, congresses and legislatures, has been the most corrupting, degrading and demoralizing element in our history. It has been passionate, relentless and cruel. Whatever may have been the merits of the controversy at different times, it can be confidently asserted that the struggle has not resulted in that degree of justice which ought to prevail. It is high time that it should be brought to a close and the whole subject forever disposed of in a way that will at once secure to the capital invested in a public business its just reward and protect the people against the unreasonable demand for speculative profit in the performance of a public service.

Let no one imagine that I am advocating a guaranty of return upon railway securities without regard to the value of the property upon which the securities are based. Neither the railway corporation nor the owner of its securities should receive more than a fair return upon the value of the property itself.

I go forward to another and final principle in the solution of the railway problem. I believe that the railways should be operated by private corporations rather than by the Government. I emphasize now and at all times the distinction between Government ownership and Government operation. I understand perfectly that when the Government undertakes that the return upon the capital invested shall be certain—that is, guarantees the return, whether by legislative assurance or by explicit obligation—it may be well termed the equivalent of Government ownership.

Senator Cummins had previously outlined his views before the General Assembly of Iowa on Mar. 27, and from his enunciations at that time as printed in the "Railway Age," of April 25, we take the following:

Some Fundamental Principles.

Some time prior to the first of January of the present year, and in anticipation of the hearings which have been in progress before the Inter-State Commerce Committee of the Senate for two months or more, I announced to the public a series of principles which, as it seemed to me, should be accepted in the enactment of any fundamental legislation. They are:

First. The return upon the capital invested in railways should be made through a Government undertaking.

Second. The railways should be consolidated into comparatively few systems, and by few I mean not more than eighteen.

Third. The railways should be operated by private corporations organized under an Act of Congress.

Many complete plans of reorganization have been laid before the Senate Committee, brought forward by the most intelligent, thoughtful men of the country, some of whom are railway executives, some of whom represent security-holders, some of whom are bankers, some of whom represent commercial and civic institutions, and some of whom are observers and students of economic life in all its varied phases.

It was intensely gratifying to me to discover as the hearing proceeded all these plans, save one, adopted the substance of the principles which I had made public, although there are wide differences in the form of their application to the actual affairs of transportation.

Will you indulge me while I submit, with such brevity as I can command, the reasons which justify the principles to which I have called your attention?

The return upon the capital invested should be made certain by a Government undertaking because:

First, it is highly desirable to remove for all time the demoralizing, corrupting struggle between the owners and representatives of railway property and the public, especially that part of the public directly interested in freight and passenger charges. For more than forty years this conflict has been going on in conventions, elections, legislatures, congresses and the courts. Sometimes the railways have won, sometimes the people have won, but the fight has been so intense that often times otherwise the justice of the matter has been ignored by both sides, and it is high time to bring the contest to an end.

Second, the honest investment in railway properties is entitled to protection, and the public is entitled to fair treatment. It is impossible to conceive of any revision of the law that will accomplish these two things without the elimination of the controversy relating to the return upon capital. The certainty of the return is also demanded because furnishing transportation is a public business, and abstractly considered there should be no speculative profit in the business.

Finally, and chiefly, the return should be made certain in order to reduce the charge for the capital invested in the railway properties. So long as the return is uncertain with respect to many railroads, every railroad will insist upon earning all it can.

Taken as a whole, the roads received in 1917 a net operating income of about a billion dollars, and they were contending earnestly for more. In 1918 Congress authorized the President to pay them as compensation during the Government possession somewhat more than nine hundred millions of dollars per year, and this did not include many of the short line railroads. If the Government makes a certain return it can justly reduce the return to a rate of interest which a Government obligation ought to bear.

Assuming, but not conceding, that the railways are worth in the aggregate seventeen billions of dollars, a return of four and a half per cent under a Government guaranty would be ample. Under such a provision the annual charge for the properties as they now are would be seven hundred and sixty-five millions of dollars. The people paid in 1917 a capital charge of a billion dollars, and we are now paying under Government operation a capital charge of more than nine hundred millions of dollars. The principle I have proposed, if embodied in the law will save the people of the country from two hundred and fifty millions to five hundred millions of dollars annually, for it must be remembered that under the old system the capital charge was gradually increasing, and it is easy to believe that without reckoning any addition to the value of the property the capital charge would soon reach a billion two hundred millions of dollars.

Another vexatious element would be laid at rest. The unearned increment in public utility property is a constant menace. It ought to be understood, once for all, that a fair return upon the actual investment is all that capital can demand. I understand perfectly that many people will instinctively shrink from a guaranteed return, but their reluctance to adopt the principle will disappear upon reflection. There is no possibility of an additional burden; on the contrary, we shall save an immense sum of money every year and at the same time convert railway securities into a stable investment and contribute tremendously to the available credit of the country.

There are various methods in which the principle can be applied. It may take the form of a legislative assurance that the rates shall be sufficient to produce the sum required, but preferable it will be put in a positively guaranty. It may be worked out through the securities as they now exist,

but the simpler plan would be a Government corporation to acquire all the properties or all the securities and issue or substitute new obligations.

It is to be understood that in any event there must be a valuation of railway properties, unless there can be an agreement between a Government agency, such as the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and the owners with respect to value. In my judgment, this principle extends the only hope of a reduction in rates, or of preventing still further increases.

Consolidation, Without Eliminating Competition.

The second principle to which I have referred is that there must be a consolidation of the railroads into comparatively few systems. It is utterly impossible to maintain an efficient system of transportation with reasonable rates for service unless this be accomplished. In my statement of the earning capacity of the various roads it was made entirely clear that if the weaker roads are made self-sustaining so that they can continue to serve the communities through which they pass, the stronger roads will enjoy a revenue so excessively large that the people as a whole will be compelled to pay inordinately for their transportation. This is one proposition upon which all impartial students of the subject agree, no matter whether they come from railway life or from the general community. The weaker roads must be merged with the stronger ones into competitive systems which can endure upon substantially even terms. They must be merged, too, under a law that will require at proper times a common use of terminal facilities and a free interchange of equipment, and thus preserve the great advantages of unification, which is the one superiority in Government operation.

I am not in favor of regional systems, for we must at all hazards perpetuate competition in service. The experts who have studiously examined the matter are of the opinion that all the railroads of the country could be consolidated into—say 18 systems, and that the competition in service in nearly every locality would be even more keen than when the Government assumed control.

I cannot, within the time, which I may properly consume, describe these systems, but I know that it is wholly practicable to do what I have suggested. When this is accomplished if any particular system earns enough as a whole to pay the capital charge and the cost of maintenance and operation the law will be satisfied, and all that will remain for the Inter-State Commerce Commission to do will be to see that the rates as between communities and commodities are not discriminatory.

I would not have you think that it will be easy to bring about this situation. It will require very considerable time and a high order of intelligence but it is largely administrative work, and in the hands of men who have devoted their lives to the subject it can be realized without danger to either the financial, commercial or industrial structure of the nation.

Here again more than one method can be used to embody the principle. It is possible to take railway corporations already in existence and work out the plan with them. My own conviction, however, is that the safer and better method is to put each of these consolidated systems in the hands of a Federal corporation. It is gradually becoming clear that in so far as rates are concerned the national Government must be the arbiter. I have come to this conclusion slowly and reluctantly, but it is folly to resist the inevitable conclusion. State made rates which either discriminate against Inter-State rates, or which do not raise their full share of the required revenue, impair the control over Inter-State commerce which the Constitution has conferred upon Congress and destroy the efficiency of Federal action. I sincerely hope that there will be found some feasible plan for co-operation in this matter between Federal and State authorities, but in the last resort the Federal agency is supreme.

It seems to me, therefore, that all railway common carriers should be organized under an Act of Congress, although I freely admit that the national Government can exercise its full power through State corporations, but with some embarrassment and loss of efficiency.

Government Operation is Undesirable.

The third principle which I have mentioned is that the railways should be operated by private corporations rather than by the Government. I want you to observe that I emphasize the distinction between Government ownership and Government operation. I realize fully that when the Government undertakes that the return upon the capital invested shall be certain, or in other words guarantees the return, whether by legislative assurance or explicit obligation, it is the equivalent of Government ownership, and in so far as I am concerned, I am quite ready for the undertaking. The truth is that we have Government ownership now in its most undesirable form. The Inter-State Commerce Commission, under the present law, determines the revenues which the railways shall receive. It thereby determines the expenses which they may incur, and when the technical owner of property loses the right to say how much he shall have for its use, and the right to say how he shall conduct the business of which it is a part, and the right to fix the cost of its operation, he has parted with the essential characteristics of private property.

I favor the private operation of railways under the strictest control for one reason, and one only. The Government cannot operate the railroads either economically or efficiently. It is not my purpose to examine the experience of other countries. It is sufficient to say that to my mind that experience is not reassuring. But no matter how that may be I know that the Government cannot take seventeen billions of railway property rendering a service which reaches every nook and corner of the land, employing in the service two millions of men or more, and indirectly affecting the fortunes of many other millions, and manage it with either economy or efficiency.

It costs the Government more to do any given thing in a country like ours, where every man is a sovereign, than it costs anybody else to do the same thing. The history of every enterprise of a business character conducted by the Government proves all and a great deal more than the statement I have just made. I disparage no one, and impugn no man's integrity. What I have said is not only the truth, but it is as natural as life itself.

I admit that the result of Government operation during the year 1918—a year of war—is not altogether a fair criterion by which to test the capacity of the Government to manage the business of transportation, and it is not my desire to discredit the officials who have been responsible for what has happened. They have, however, demonstrated that the influences which surround the operation of a great commercial and industrial enterprise are too strong to be resisted.

It is unnecessary for me to enter into the details of this subject and I am content simply to record my opinion in favor of private operation, an opinion based solely upon the ground that the people of the country will get better transportation and at less cost in that way than through Government operation; and that, as I view it, is the chief concern of those to whom the service is to be rendered.

Must Afford Incentive to Efficiency.

If then, private operation is the better plan, how is it to be accomplished, in view of the limited capital charge which I have already considered? I am fully aware that if private corporations are to operate the several systems which I have described there must be an incentive in the way of profit

in order to secure the highest degree of fidelity and efficiency. There must be a reward for good management and honest work, and a penalty for bad management and dishonest work.

Happily, there are several methods through which this problem can be worked out. It can be done through a leasing system, with the rights of lessees carefully prescribed in suitable contracts, but a still better way may be found by providing for a corporate ownership of the several systems into which the country should be divided, each corporation with a capitalization representing the actual value of the particular system, and the establishment of rates which will produce not only the cost of maintenance and operation and the guaranteed return upon capital, but a reasonable sum in excess of the guaranty; the excess to be divided between the stockholders and the workmen. I am a profound believer in profit-sharing, and when the rule is properly applied it will solve many of the problems which now disturb the industrial world. The additional compensation to capital for efficient management, together with the sum distributed among employees as a reward for faithful labor, will be far less than the increased cost of Government operation.

SAMUEL REA ON THE RAILROAD PROBLEM.

Elsewhere we refer to the views of Director-General of Railroads Walker D. Hines and Senator Albert B. Cummins on the railroad problem. At the annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, at which they presented their ideas, Samuel Rea, President of the Pennsylvania RR., also had something to say on the subject, and we take the following from his observations:

I find it rather difficult to present any new constructive feature or arguments, since every phase of the question has been so fully and publicly discussed. We have, however, reached the time when some definite action must be taken, and when, if the best results are to be secured the subject must be treated with absolute candor, impugning the intelligence or judgment of no one, but recognizing the mistakes of the past.

Politics and business have not mixed so far in any country, and even in the countries under autocratic institutions government guarantees or direct government ownership have not brought initiative, low rates or anything to commend them to us here. That is why the railway executives held fast to the essentials requisite to continue public regulation and make it effective. I conclude that the immediate remedy for the railroad situation is:

1. Adequate revenues on which railroad credit may be strengthened and new capital attracted;
2. Concentrated, responsible national regulation, separated as between its executive and administrative functions, and its judicial functions, and founded on equitable legislation, that will require our regulators to insure strong transportation systems, and not weak railroads;
3. All railroads under public regulation to be authorized to lease, acquire or consolidate with any other railroad corporations, and reasonable co-operation permitted in facilities, equipment and train services;
4. Regulation of security issues;
5. Regulation of wages, with the employee, the employer and the consumer represented;
6. Funding of the capital debts incurred during Government control.
7. Rehabilitation of revenues of the existing railroads should begin immediately while they are under Government control.

Neither Government ownership nor a Government guarantee confronts us unless we have reached the conclusion that the American people so undervalue the public service of their railroads, and are so determined not to allow fair returns on the railroads investment, that their legislators, their regulators and their courts, expressing their will, can no longer be trusted to deal equitably with the railroad investment, which affects the welfare of fully one-half of our citizens by direct ownership, or ownership through their participation in the savings, insurance, trust, educational and charitable corporations and institutions; that the States will continue to increase taxation on railroad gross and net results and will not concede adequate railroad rates; that labor will demand the highest wages and give the least return and take no interest in the success or failure of their employers; that the producers will insist upon their prices and profits, and wish the consumers will decide that transportation results concern no one but railroad investors.

Then I am willing to admit that private ownership and initiative cannot exist. Then let the railroads go to a guarantee plan to be consistent with the rest of the country, but call it by its real name, gradual but sure Government ownership and operation.

I cannot accept the proposition that the public interests will be so well served or so continuously guarded under Government ownership or Government guarantee. Our history and the experience here and abroad, are conclusive that bureaucracy, increased expenses, lack of enterprise and failure of initiative will inevitably follow either Government ownership or guarantee.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO CONFER WITH RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION ON RAILROAD EQUIPMENT.

Robert S. Binkerd, Assistant to the Chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, announced on May 2 that, following the conference with the Hon. Swagar Sherley on April 29, referred to in these columns in our issue of May 3, page 1783, the following special committee had been appointed to confer with the United States Railroad Administration on the matter of Federal equipment:

Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, Chairman; Alfred P. Thom, Counsel; Howard Elliott, President Northern Pacific Railway Co.; Julius Kruttschnitt, President Southern Pacific Co.; W. H. Finley, President Chicago & North Western Railway Co.; E. R. Loomis, President Lehigh Valley Railroad Co.; Charles Hayden, President Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co.; Mark W. Potter, President Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Ry.; and E. P. Ripley, President Atchafalaya Topoka & Santa Fe Railway Co.

LETTER OF SENATOR ROOT ADVOCATING WARFIELD PLAN FOR RETURN OF RAILROADS—MR. WARFIELD'S REMARKS.

A letter in which Elihu Root expresses the opinion that the so-called Warfield plan is the only one of the several proposals offered with a view to solving the railroad problem

"which deals adequately with the real difficulty in the railroad situation," figured in the deliberations of last Tuesday's session (May 13) of the Missouri Bankers' convention at St. Louis. The letter was read by S. Davies Warfield, President of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, during the course of an address in which he discussed at length the details of the plan of the Securities Association for the return and regulation of the railroads. The letter of Mr. Root, who is of the Advisory Council of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, was directed to Mr. Warfield as President of the Association, and said in part:

Dear Mr. Warfield.—I have read with much interest and entire agreement Mr. Forney Johnston's brief upon the pending railroad legislation, and I have examined carefully the plans to which he refers by Mr. Morawetz, Mr. Warburg, and the Railroad Executives. All these plans contain very interesting proposals, and the high character and ability of their authors entitle them to great respect. It seems to me, however, that the plan proposed by your Association and called by your name is the only one which deals adequately with the real difficulty in the railroad situation. I think you have put your hook into the key log of the jam in which our railroads are piled up without power to move forward, and I think no one else has.

I should not venture to say this were I not satisfied that the real difficulty is not a matter of banking or of railroad operation, or of division between Federal and State control, but that it is a very simple and stubbornly held opinion about railroad profits which prevails among the people of the United States.

Our railroad experience has been controlled by a succession of single motives.

In the first stage a strong desire to build up the country led the people of all sections to offer inducements for the investment of capital in railroad construction, and the companies were authorized to fix their own rates subject only in some cases to charter provisions and in general to the requirement that rates should be reasonable. The controlling idea was to encourage railroad enterprise, and the real reliance to secure fair rates was upon competition. The result was the construction and operation of a vast system of railroads, which was one of the chief elements in the growth and unity of our country.

After a time, however, as the country became settled and the element of risk had largely disappeared, the people found that competition did not keep rates down, that rates were too high, that they were often unfair and discriminatory, and that the railroad companies were getting an excessive return upon their investments.

Then came the second period in which the Government undertook to regulate rates through the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and similar commissions in each State. The prevailing idea was to keep down rates by official authority, and thus to prevent the railroads from securing excessive returns. The rates were strictly limited, while the cost of operation both as to supplies and labor was left to follow economic laws with no established or necessary relation between the cost of the service rendered and the compensation to be received for it. The result was that while rates were kept down, railroad enterprise was paralyzed. The new construction necessary to enable the railroads of the country to keep pace with the continually increasing demands of business is estimated by good authorities to require new expenditure of not less than a billion dollars a year. This development was prevented under the system of regulation because the uncertainty of any adequate return for investment in the railroad business frightened investors away, and the railroad companies could not get the necessary money. When we went into the war our railroad system as a whole had fallen behind the ordinary peace demands of the country's business, because the railroads could not get the money to keep up with the demands of business.

We are now about to terminate the abnormal condition of Government operation for war purposes. It is apparent that the people of the country do not wish to enter upon a permanent system of Government operation. The railroads are to be returned to private ownership, and they cannot be permitted to go back to the uncontrolled operation of the earlier period. Surely also some provision must be made to prevent the continuance of the steady progress towards bankruptcy which characterized the decade before the Government took possession in 1917. The destruction of values in the \$17,000,000,000 of securities representing the railroad investment of the country in which one-half the people of the United States are interested directly or indirectly is reason enough. The fact that one-quarter of the savings of the thirty million people holding policies in the great life insurance companies is invested through those companies in railroad securities should be sufficient in itself. That, however, is only a small part of the reason for some arrangement which will maintain the value of those securities. Railroad securities are a chief basis of credit upon which depends all the business of the country, and if that credit be destroyed the consequences to all American prosperity will be incalculably disastrous. Moreover, our country must go on in its development. We are only beginning; we must not stop; and enterprise cannot go on without the development of transportation, which is impossible if the credit of the transportation companies be destroyed.

Under these circumstances the vital question to be answered is, Why is it that instead of fostering enterprise at one time without controlling rates and controlling rates at another time without fostering enterprise both cannot be done at the same time? Why is it that rates cannot be so fixed under Government control as to give a reasonably safe return for investment, and at the same time be fair to the public? I think the question was answered by Senator Cummins and Inter-State Commerce Commissioner Clark in the recent hearing. I quote from the report:

"Senator Cummins: Mr. Clark, you recognize of course that the great difficulty in the adjustment of rates in the past year—one of the great difficulties—has been that two roads which must do business upon the same rates cannot do business with the same outcome. That is to say, the rates that will make one road rich will put another road into bankruptcy.

"Commissioner Clark: That would be so. Yes." And it was answered by Director-General Hines in the same hearing when he said: "Any level of rates which will provide enough revenue to sustain the weak roads will give the strong roads more than the public is willing for them to have."

There is the difficulty. The whole system of rate regulation and the whole business of transportation rest upon the necessity that rates for competing roads shall be the same. Yet rates so low as to prevent the most favorably situated railroads from receiving excessive returns for their service will ruin the bulk of the railroads of the country, while rates so high as to permit the bulk of the railroads of the country to live will give to the most favorably situated roads returns that the American people will not stand for. If that difficulty is solved, all other questions are comparatively easy of solution. Our present law leaves that difficulty as an insuperable

obstacle to fair rate-making. I think the simple provisions which you have suggested do solve the difficulty. If Congress follows your suggestion and fixes a fair rate of return for the railroads of each rate-making district as a whole and requires the rate-making authorities to fix rates which will presumptively yield that rate of return, and then require that in case any particular road makes more than the prescribed return, the excess shall be taken by the Government and disposed of equitably as you propose to promote the public interest in transportation, there is no reason why railroad credit should not be re-established and railroad development proceed promptly, and with it the development of the business of the country.

This being done, all the rest of these elaborate plans becomes mere machinery—much of it unnecessary machinery—including doubtless many useful provisions and some necessary provisions which are adequately provided for in your plan also.

I wish, however, to say one thing about the idea of compelling Federal incorporation, whether as applied to existing railroad companies or new consolidated regional companies. I think that comes under the head of machinery, which is not only unnecessary but mischievous. The process of getting all the \$17,000,000,000 of railroad securities of the 2,300 railroads of the country away from the millions of present holders with all the litigation and injustice and dissatisfaction and obstruction of credit involved would require so many years of controversy that it would not meet the present exigency. The patient would be dead before the remedy was applied, and nothing useful would be gained after it was over, for the power of Government to regulate the present corporations is practically as complete as it would be to regulate the proposed Federal corporations. There is really only one avowed purpose which could be accomplished by that plan, and that is to withdraw the railroads entirely from the jurisdiction of the State Commissions. This is unnecessary because Congress has power to authorize the Federal rate-making authorities to overrule the State Commissions in respect of rates which interfere with the Inter-State Commerce rates. The State Commissions ought not to be destroyed. The people along the lines of the railroads in the several States ought to have near their home bodies to which they can go for a redress of grievances against the railroads. They ought not to be compelled to go to Washington for that purpose. The State Commissions have been of great value hitherto, and they ought to continue their useful service under the limitations imposed by the paramount necessities of Inter-State commerce.

If the Federal incorporation plans mean anything more than I have stated, they mean Government ownership.

The same observation applies to the idea of a Government guaranty. That means an attempt to assure a given income independently of rates instead of assuring rates subject to a limit of income. The inevitable result would be that no rates would be permitted beyond those necessary to make the guaranty good, and as the Government must make the guaranty good there would be neither opportunity nor incentive for private enterprise in the management or development of railroads. The only real financial interest and the only active control stimulated by interest would be on the part of the Government, and this would lead inevitably to Government ownership. Your plan makes the railroads work for their living and assures them of a chance to earn it. The guaranty plan gives them their living whether they work for it or not. That is fatal to enterprise and to efficiency.

Very truly yours,

New York, May 7.

(Signed) ELIHU ROOT.

In closing his address Mr. Warfield said:

The danger that confronts the country is not that there is a sentiment at this time for Government ownership or Governmental control and operation; but, that in the multiplicity of plans that have been suggested for the relief of the railroads, legislation may fall altogether at the special session of Congress, and Government ownership may be forced upon us because of non-action. If the railroads are returned without adequate legislation, financial chaos will result. This would disturb not only the financial structure of the country but correspondingly business enterprise. Senator Root has clearly stated the situation. His letter is based upon a complete analysis of the entire evidence presented before the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce at the last session of the 65th Congress. Every member of this Convention should take the time to read this analysis prepared by Forney Johnston, of Advisory Council, and concurred in by Ex-Senator Elihu Root, John G. Milburn, New York; John S. Miller, Chicago, and Hugh L. Bond Jr., Baltimore, the other attorneys constituting our Advisory Council.

This analysis shows the utter impracticability of attempting to correct the present difficulties of the railroads by providing machinery based upon securities to be issued by new and larger regional railroad companies to be formed for the securities of existing companies and proportionately as valuations are completed of the railroads. For the value of railroad securities, whether existing or to be issued, is based, after all, on railroad rates. The fundamentals of the Plan of our Association deal with rates. It can be quickly enacted into law and will solve the difficulties which have heretofore existed and which will continue to exist unless a method is adopted by the Congress based upon the fundamental principles of rate percentage return to the railroads and not dependent upon a Government guarantee on securities that does not necessarily depend upon rates.

REPLY OF S. DAVIES WARFIELD TO CITIZENS SAVINGS & TRUST CO. OF CLEVELAND.

A reply to the criticisms made by the Citizens Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, through its Vice-President, J. P. Harris, to the Warfield plan for the return of the railroads to private ownership, has been made by S. Davies Warfield, President of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, in a letter dated May 3, but only made public this week. The opposition of the Citizens Savings & Trust Co. to the plan was referred to in these columns last Saturday, page 1890. The President of that institution, J. R. Nutt, it may be noted, is a member of the Committee of Seventy of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities. Mr. Warfield, in replying to the criticisms referred to, undertakes to show that the views of Mr. Harris "are wholly unjustified by any provision of our bill," and in part says:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OWNERS OF RAILROAD SECURITIES.

Baltimore, Md., May 3, 1919.

Mr. J. P. Harris (Vice-President, Citizens Savings & Trust Co.) Cleveland, O.: Dear Mr. Harris.—I regret that you did not submit your analysis of the plan of the Association to some of us who have been giving a great deal of

time to the problem and have followed closely the hearings before the Senate Committee, as you would, I think, have found that both the bill (S. 5679) and the explanations of our suggestions before the Senate Committee accomplish exactly the reverse of your analysis. Indeed, so fundamental is your misconception of the entire matter that I am wondering if you could have examined inadvertently some other bill.

For instance, you take exception to the bill because the standard return contemplated by the plan is to be computed on the "property investment," whereas you say: "No attempt whatever is made to define what is meant by 'property investment.'" This misconception on your part is complete. It seems that you confuse "property investment" and "securities." The bill provides (Section 17, page 25, line 17, et seq.) that—

"The Commission shall, as nearly as may be, establish and maintain freight and passenger rates, or levels of rates or charges in each rate-making district that will enable the carriers as a whole in each district and subject of this Act, to earn an annual net railway operating income equal to not less than six per centum on the combined property investment account, determined in accordance with the accounting regulations of the Commission."

Nothing is more definite, certain, easy of ascertainment and impossible to become the matter of controversy than the property investment accounts of the carriers, and as this point was made clear by my testimony, was expressly defended as a proper basis for rate-making in my letter to the Chairman of the Committee which is printed in the record with my testimony, and is clearly stated in that part of the bill which contains the mandate to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, I cannot understand how you could derive any impression to the contrary if you gave to the bill and to the testimony that discriminating reading which the Association had some right to expect before any of its members should reach and circulate unnecessarily vehement conclusions adverse to those of the Executive Committee which were arrived at after careful consideration and were subsequently approved by the Committee of Seventy.

It was, of course, unnecessary to employ the full expression "property investment account," at every point in the bill, but you will find it in a second mandate to the Commission on page 28, line 8. Indeed, the fundamental basis of our plan is to give the Commission a mandatory and definite rule for rate makings, and I am encouraged to know that you are the only one who has given our plan, our efforts or our bill more than a cursory analysis without discovering that we are opposing the regional consolidations, and like mechanical devices, because of their delay, illegality, uncertainty and indefiniteness in assuring an adequate rate factor.

You say: "The Warfield Plan makes no provision whatever for lean years." On the contrary, if you had read either the plan or the bill you would have found that, in addition to the one-third of their earnings over six per cent, the carriers receiving excess earnings may be permitted— "in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the Commission and when and to the extent found desirable in the public interest, to set up and maintain on their books, before the excess earnings reduction shall apply, such corporate reserves as a margin of safety for the protection of their credit, or for working capital or otherwise, &c." (S. 5679, page 29, line 29.)

Other reserves to meet contingencies and disasters are expressly contemplated both by the bill and by the plan, and I am again forced to the conclusion that you have not read either with that care which the importance of the subject and the emphasis of your dissent would warrant.

Your comment on the employment of one-third of the excess earnings fund for the benefit of labor is equally unfortunate in its failure to analyze either the situation on the plan or the bill. You object to the distribution because labor has contended for a uniform rate—I suppose you mean wage scale—on all railroads and say that the use of labor's one-third of the fund, as proposed by us, "to reward employees of prosperous roads, or regions, would immediately create an inequality of rates (?), which would at once result in demands for further increases on all other roads to re-establish uniformity of rates (?), working conditions, insurance or pension allowances, &c."

We are not concerned with the machinery for this distribution, nor whether it be conducted for the benefit of all railway employees or merely for the employees of the respective regions in which the fund is produced. We had carefully considered the point you mention, and found, by analysis of the totals, that the total fund which labor would have received had the plan been in operation during the year 1917 would have been approximately \$35,000,000 as against a total present wage account of \$2,500,000,000, or about 1.4%. It is obvious that a fund of this character must be employed not as a direct distribution but to purchase insurance or similar benefits as a reward for faithful and efficient service and would furnish a constant factor tending to assure loyalty and fidelity. Hence your supposition that the process involves profit sharing in an objectionable sense is not sustained by the facts. There is a consensus of opinion that proper remedial legislation will be greatly expedited if some recognition is made of labor.

Your application of the plan to the supposed case of the expenditure of \$1,000,000 to save annually \$200,000 mystifies me. You say that one-third of the corporate saving would accrue to the corporation for payment of interest on the improvement, "the other two-thirds going to interests that had no responsibility in the providing of the \$1,000,000," and ask how can we conceive that a board of directors would ever authorize the expenditure? By expending \$1,000,000 your property investment account would automatically entitle the road (one which is presumed by you to be earning in excess of the standard return) to retain \$60,000, leaving \$140,000 excess earnings subject to excess earnings reduction, of this the railroad would receive \$46,000 in addition to the \$60,000 which you seem to have lost sight of entirely.

You say that another weakness is that the plan takes too much surplus away from the strong roads and leaves them without means to take over the weaker lines. On the contrary there is a direct incentive to the stronger line to pursue that course in order to retain a larger percentage of its excess earnings. It is readily conceivable that the intercorporate agreement for consolidation would share this resulting benefit equitably between the two lines and further stimulate the process.

Your criticism of the provision of the bill to the effect that the Regional Commissioners must not be peculiarly or otherwise interested in any railroad security or property, &c., as being "little short of Bolshevism" is, I regret to say, as unfortunate as some of the other analyses contained in your letter. If you had examined or considered the bill with any care or discrimination whatever you would have found that the qualifications adopted by us for Regional Commissioners are substantially the qualifications which are now and for years have been the qualifications for members of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and notwithstanding the bad results we have gotten from that Commission due to inadequate legislation, the fact remains that there has never been a breath of scandal or a word of reproach affecting the integrity of any member of the Commission since its organization in 1884 and the general confidence of the public in the good faith of the Commission, with the Bolshevist qualifications which displease you, is the one bulwark making it possible for the railroads to avoid absolute confiscation. If you think that what you term the personal unpopularity of Burleson, and the genuine antipathy of the American people toward Government ownership makes it opportune for the owners of the railroads to go before Congress and demand that established safeguards which have been approved for a generation by the public are now to be junked, your idea of the com-

mon sense of the situation would, I fear, never coincide with the purposes of the Association.

No less startling is your misconception of the National Railways Association which is proposed in order to take over some of the burden of equipment forced on the carriers, assist in liquidating Federal control, and, above all, to bring the members of the Inter-State Commerce Commission in contact with eight of the best operating and financial men in active conduct of the railroads. To call this a step toward bureaucratic methods is positively amusing. The railroad trustees are to be nominated by the boards of directors of all the railroads, for limited terms, without compensation. Bureaucratic! It would provide an agency for the most profound public service and usefulness, with no visitatorial power over the roads but with a desirable opportunity for aiding in a sound program of unification. You refer to the regional commissions and the Railway Association as constituting a large system "which tends to congest both in their traffic and in their official handling." Neither the plan nor the bill bring the regional commissions and the Railway Association in any remote contact whatever, except that they are mentioned in the same bill, so the paragraph in which you misunderstand those features of the plan does not really afford me anything sufficiently definite to respond to.

You are apprehensive lest the National Railway Association accumulate too much money through the excess earnings fund. As this fund is always subject to the general adjustment of rates and as past experience shows that a fund much greater than we can expect could have been absorbed in providing a car supply reserve for the common use of all carriers and as the requirements in the way of extraordinary facilities for the joint use of carriers are increasing in cost and difficulty year by year, it is too obvious for serious concern that the fund would neither be adequate or excessive.

You complain because our bill provides "no assurance whatever that the National (Railway) Association in leasing or subletting this Government equipment to needy roads could not do so on the basis of the original exorbitant and abnormal cost, &c., &c." The bill goes as far in that direction as any thoughtful man could advise. It provides (Sec. 34, p. 59, l. 24) that the National Railways Association—

"shall have power to purchase from the United States all such equipment, cars, engines, or other railway property as may have been purchased . . . by the United States.

The Association and the Railroad Administration shall have the power to agree upon such value, which may be less than the original cost thereof; and the Railroad Administration is hereby authorized to sell and transfer any such equipment to the Association or to other upon fair and reasonable terms."

So you see that it is quite clear that you are absolutely wrong in asserting that the bill does not go as far as it is wise or necessary. The present Federal Control Act and Mr. McAdoo's budgets contemplated purchase by the railroads at cost. We propose that the Railroad Administration shall be authorized to purchase on a fair basis and it is absolutely absurd to suggest that the National Railways Association, operated by railroad men and organized not for profit but to assist the commerce of the people, would not offer a fair rental to the needy lines.

As for your statement that the plan is a "straddle" or a "compromise," I suppose you mean that it shows some faint recognition that we have passed out of the era of Jay Gould and Jim Fisk. The interesting program which you endorse contemplates, I note, the immediate return of the railroads, legislation or no legislation, but preferably with legislation centralizing "rates, wages, security issues and operating conditions in the Federal Government," and instructing the Commission "to correlate rates and wages so as to enable the roads to earn a proper return upon their investment." Permit me to say that there has been a great deal of that kind of talk, but this Association, being desirous of results, formulated a plan and a bill which exhibit a decent respect for the temper of the people and has received sufficient support to justify us in the belief that we may be able to have its fundamentals accepted by Congress.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) S. DAVIES WARFIELD, President.

BIDS FOR STEEL RAILS ASKED FOR—NAVY TO REQUISITION STEEL.

In accordance with his announced intention of a week ago, following conference with steel producers, Director-General of Railroads Hines on May 16 asked for bids for 200,000 tons of steel rails. The bids will be received to-day, and contracts will be let at once. In view of the controversy between the Railroad Administration and the defunct Industrial Board of the Department of Commerce over steel prices, unusual interest attaches to the bids which will be submitted. The standard price for open hearth steel rails, as announced by the Industrial Board, was \$47 a ton.

On May 13 the Navy Department announced that eleven steel companies had submitted practically identical bids for 14,000 tons of steel plates and shapes for the navy, duplicating the situation which caused the rejection of bids on the same material submitted on April 4. The steel is required for the construction of four battleships, two at the New York Navy Yard, one at the Norfolk Navy Yard and one at the Mare Island, Cal., Navy Yard. Some of the steel companies resubmitted detailed bids on the material, while others referred the Navy Department to their old bids submitted on April 4. The former bids were based on the steel price fixed by the Department of Commerce's Industrial Board, and because of the identical proposals of the various companies all were rejected.

On May 14 it was stated that the Navy Department had decided to exercise its authority under war emergency legislation and requisition steel for battleship construction. The price to be paid would be fixed later on a basis of market conditions and quotations rather than on an examination of the steel makers' books. This course of action was determined upon at a conference on the 14th between Acting Secretary Roosevelt and officials of the Department, at which bids submitted the previous day for 14,000 tons of structural steel

were considered. The fact that two of the four battleships for which the steel is needed are authorized under a provision that actual construction work must start prior to July 1 1919, prompted the Department, it is said, to resort to emergency powers to obtain the necessary steel.

NOTES BETWEEN GERMAN DELEGATES AND ALLIES BEARING ON PEACE TREATY TERMS.

Various notes have passed between Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace delegation and the Allies during the past week following the presentation of the Treaty of Peace to the German plenipotentiaries at Versailles on May 7. On May 10 it was announced that in reply to a note submitted by the count to Premier Clemenceau declaring that the treaty contained demands which could be borne by no people, and many of them incapable of accomplishment, the Allies stated that they could admit of no discussion of their right to insist upon the terms of the treaty substantially as drafted. Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau was also informed, in answer to his complaint that Germany was asked to sign the Allied plan for a League of Nations, although not among the States invited to enter it, that the admission of additional member States had not been overlooked, but had been explicitly provided for in the second paragraph of Article 10 in letters sent to the Allied and Associated Powers that on essential points the basis of the peace of right agreed upon between the belligerents had been abandoned. Two letters, it was stated on the 10th, had been sent to the Allies, the first of which read:

The German peace delegation has finished the first perusal of the peace conditions which have been handed over to them. They have had to realize that on essential points the basis of the peace of right agreed upon between the belligerents has been abandoned.

They were not prepared to find that the promise, explicitly given to the German people and the whole of mankind, is in this way to be rendered illusory.

The draft of the treaty contains demands which no nation could endure. Moreover, our experts hold that many of them could not possibly be carried out.

The German peace delegation will substantiate these statements in detail and transmit to the Allied and Associated Governments their observations and their material continuously.

BROCKDORFF-RANTZAU.

The following reply was made on the 10th inst. by the Allied and Associated Powers:

The representatives of the Allied and Associated Powers have received the statement of the German Plenipotentiaries to the draft conditions of peace.

In reply they wish to remind the German delegation that they have formulated the terms of the treaty with constant thought of the principles on which the armistice and the negotiations for peace were proposed. They can admit no discussion of their right to insist on the terms of the peace substantially as drafted. They can consider only such practical suggestions as the German Plenipotentiaries may have to submit.

The second letter from the German representatives read:

The German peace delegation has the honor to pronounce its attitude on the question of the League of Nations by herewith transmitting a German program which, in the opinion of the delegation, contains important suggestions on the League of Nations problem.

The German peace delegation reserves for itself the liberty of stating its opinions on the draft of the Allied and Associated Governments in detail. In the meantime it begs to call attention to the discrepancy lying in the fact that Germany is called on to sign the statute of the League of Nations as an inherent party of the treaty draft handed to us, and, on the other hand, is not mentioned among the States which are invited to join the League of Nations.

The German peace delegation begs to inquire whether, and, if so, under what circumstance, such invitation is intended.

The reply of the Allies to the above follows:

The receipt of the German program of the League of Nations is acknowledged. The program will be referred to the appropriate committee of the Allied and Associated Powers.

The German plenipotentiaries will find on a re-examination of the Government of the League of Nations that the matter of the admission of additional member States has not been overlooked, but is explicitly provided for in the second paragraph of article one.

On May 11 concerning further notes addressed to the Allies on behalf of Germany, the Associated Press, in cablegrams from Versailles, said:

The German delegation at Versailles, in notes transmitted Saturday night to M. Clemenceau, as President of the Peace Conference, proposes changes in the clauses of the peace treaty covering labor problems, and asks that prisoners of war be returned immediately after the signing of the preliminaries.

The notes suggest the holding of a joint labor convention at Versailles for consideration of the points raised. Satisfaction is expressed with the labor clauses in general, but it is pointed out that they cover principles already in force in Germany and that they do not go far enough.

The Germans suggest that the labor agreement be considered at the proposed conference along the lines of the conclusions of the labor conference of July 1917.

The note relating to prisoners criticizes the clause dealing with the return of prisoners of war and asks that they be returned immediately after the signing of preliminaries and that adequate supplies of food and clothing be guaranteed them. It is considered in Peace Conference circles that the treaty as it stands provides amply for this point.

The notes have not yet been considered by the Council of Four, but will be taken up to-morrow.

Other communications from the German peace mission were submitted to-day in sealed envelopes through the French liaison officer to the French

Foreign Office. The Foreign Office alone is cognizant of the nature of the documents.

The replies which the Council of Four sent to the preceding German notes, made public Saturday, were drawn up, according to the "Temps," with the personal and particularly active collaboration of President Wilson.

It is announced that the Council of Four at its meeting on May 12 decided to refer the German notes on labor and war prisoners to experts for consideration, instead of answering them at once as it did with the first two communications from the German delegation. The Associated Press gave the following details, in delayed Paris cablegrams reaching the United States on May 13, regarding the representation of Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau bearing the subject of prisoners of war:

Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, chief of the German peace delegation, in addressing a note to Premier Clemenceau relative to the repatriation of prisoners, asks that the details of the transfer be entrusted to commissions.

He states that the German peace delegation has "noted with satisfaction" that the draft of the treaty recognizes in principle the repatriation of German war and civilian prisoners with great expedition, and says that special commissions might carry on direct oral discussions which would include all belligerent States, it being pointed out that even during hostilities this has proved to be a most effective way of solving difficulties.

The note says that this work should be much easier, now that the war is over, and would remove differences of conception of lack of clearness on particular points, such as legal conceptions in individual countries. The German delegation, it is said, considers it indispensable that war and civilian prisoners detained or undergoing punishment for other than disciplinary offenses should in principle be included among those to be unconditionally repatriated.

"Regarding war and civilian prisoners of Allied and Associated Powers in its hands," the note says, "Germany has recognized the same principle. It appears self-evident to the German delegation, therefore, that on grounds of fairness certain alleviations in the treatment of prisoners should be agreed upon, pending their return."

The note proceeds:

"In a one-sided manner, some feel, the stipulations have been made in favor of the Allied and Associated Governments. For instance, those regarding the surrender of personal property, the search for missing objects, and the care of graves might be cited. It is assumed that in these questions a demand for complete reciprocity is founded on general human rights."

The note then refers to a number of minor points and proposes that deliberations by commissions should be begun speedily to clear up preliminaries in readiness for the time when shipping and similar difficulties may be solved and the removal of the prisoners may be possible. It alludes to the importance to Germany that the prisoners shall return home under orderly conditions, insuring their reinstatement into economic life with the greatest possible dispatch, and says that this seems only possible if everything is done to "raise the moral and physical state of those returning."

Since Germany's economic position prevents her by her own strength from providing the requisite guarantees, the delegation suggests that the deliberations of the commissions might extend to the question of how far it would be possible on the part of the Allied and Associated Governments to help Germany in the matter, and, for example, in return for the repayment of the cost to provide the prisoners with new outfits, underclothing, civilian suits and boots, before their return.

The note concludes:

"Accept, Herr President, the expression of my most particular esteem."

The Paris cablegrams also made known on May 12 that the German delegation had handed to the Council of Four the German plan for a League of Nations. The Associated Press said:

This plan was drawn up by Professor Schuocking, and the principal feature is a proposed international parliament composed of ten representatives from each nation.

Members of the Committee on the League of Nations said that Professor Schuocking's plan was in the form of a general thesis on the merits of a world parliament, which would seek to bring about the proportionate limitation of armaments of all nations alike, on sea as well as on land, and an equality of economic conditions, a sort of economic brotherhood.

"The project," a member of the committee said, "has only academic interest, as the committee will not examine or consider it, for it has no purpose to let the Germans confuse the Allied project, which has unanimous support."

Later accounts concerning this plan said:

The German plan for a League of Nations submitted by the German delegation at Versailles and now in the hands of the Peace Conference Committee on the League of Nations, to which it was referred, contains sixty-six articles, together with a supplement, setting forth the charter for an international labor league. The special aims of the League of Nations devised by the Germans are set forth as follows:

- (a) Prevention of international disputes.
- (b) Disarmament.
- (c) Securing freedom of traffic and general economic equality of rights.
- (d) Protection of national minorities.
- (e) Creation of an international workers' charter.
- (f) Regulation of colonial questions.
- (g) Unity of existing and future international institutions.
- (h) The creation of a Parliament.

Another provision of the draft reads: "The League of Nations shall comprise, (a) all belligerent States taking part in the present war; (b) all neutral States included in The Hague Arbitration League; (c) all others to be admitted by vote of two-thirds of the existing members. Entrance is reserved to the Holy See."

It was learned through the Associated Press at Paris May 13 that the German peace delegation had announced the dispatch of a fifth note, which, it was expected, would be delivered to the Council of Four the following day. It was further said:

It developed to-day that Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German delegation, intends to ask permission to send German delegates to receive the Austrian representatives, according to the Havas Agency. Previously it had been announced that the Allies intended to keep the delegations wholly apart.

The German plenipotentiaries were also reported to be preparing a formal request that they be allowed to communicate with the Austrian delegates during the negotiations.

It became known on the 14th that altogether up to that date seven notes had been received from the German peace delegation, three notes in addition to four previously received, having been delivered to the Council of Four on the 14th. The answers of the Council to the German notes on prisoners of war and labor subjects were also delivered on the 14th. One of the three additional notes from Germany, deals, it is stated, with economic clauses of the treaty and declares that they mean the ruin of Germany if they are enforced.

A note on territorial questions protests particularly against the Sarre Valley arrangement and the transfer of the Malmedy, Moesnet, and Eupen districts to Belgium, as well as the forced evacuation of a part of Schleswig.

A note on reparations does not protest against the payment by Germany for the devastation wrought in Belgium and Northern France which, it says, Germany is ready to do willingly. It is added, however, that Germany will not pay reparation for this damage on the principle that she was responsible for the war.

The Associated Press on May 14 stated that the three new notes from Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau were referred by the Council of Four to special committees, and added:

The report of the committee on the German note regarding changes in the labor convention has been approved and sent to the Germans. Close scrutiny of the treaty revealed several omissions. The Council corrected one of these by deciding to insert a clause providing for the withdrawal of representation on the Reparation's Commission on a twelve months' notice.

It developed on May 15 that the Council of Four had declined to consider Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau's note relative to international labor legislation. The reply sent to the German delegation by M. Clemenceau, President of the Peace Conference, says that the Allied and Associated Governments are "of the opinion that their decisions give satisfaction to the anxiety which the German delegate professes for social justice, and insure the realization of reforms which the working classes have more than ever a right to expect after the cruel trial to which the world has been subjected during the last five years." The text of the note sent by M. Clemenceau follows:

May 14 1919.

Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 10 in regard to international labor legislation, together with a draft of an international agreement on labor law. The reply of the Allied and Associated Government is as follows:

They take note of the declaration made by the German delegates that domestic peace and the advancement of mankind depend upon the adjustment of the labor question, and they are convinced that such adjustment will be rendered easier in the future than in the past, as men's minds are freed from the fear of war, and industry is relieved of the burden of armaments which German militarism had imposed upon it.

Part XIII of the draft of the conditions of peace provides a means by which such adjustments can be made, and Section II of this part of the draft lays down the principles which will progressively guide the labor organization and the League of Nations. Article 427 indicates clearly that the enumeration of the principles set forth is not exhaustive. The purpose of the labor organization is that it should promote the constant development of the international labor regime.

The labor convention has been inserted in the treaty of peace, and Germany will, therefore, be called upon to sign it. In the future the rights of your country to participate in the labor organization will be secured, so soon as she is admitted into the League of Nations, in accordance with Article I of the treaty.

It has not been thought necessary to summon a labor conference at Versailles. The conclusions of a syndical conference at Berne, which are reproduced in the draft of the international agreement on labor law referred to in the first paragraph of your letter of the 10th inst., had already been studied with the closest attention. Representatives of the trade unions had taken part in the preparation of the articles relating to labor.

As appears, moreover, from the annex to Section II of Part XIII, page 200, the program of the first session of the international labor conference, to be held at Washington next October, comprises the most important of the questions raised at the syndical conference at Berne. Trade unions will be invited to take part in that conference, and it will be held under direct rules, which provide for due effect being given to conclusions, subject only to the assent of the competent authorities in the countries represented.

The draft of the international agreement on labor law prepared by the German Government is deficient in that it make no provision for the representation of labor at the international conference which is proposed. It is also inferior to the provisions submitted in Part XIII of the peace conditions in the following respects:

(a) Five years is suggested as a maximum interval between conferences (Article VII). The peace conditions—one year (Article CCLXXX).

(b) Each country has one vote (Article VII). The peace conditions give a vote to each delegate, whether representing a Government, employers, or workers (Article CCGX).

(c) Resolutions are only binding if carried by a majority of four-fifths of the voting countries (Article VII). The peace conditions provide that a majority of two-thirds only of the votes cast shall be necessary on the final vote for the adoption of a recommendation or the draft of a convention by the conference (Article ODV).

The Allied and Associated Governments are, therefore, of the opinion that their decisions give satisfaction to the anxiety which the German delegates profess for social justice and insure the realization of reforms which the working classes have more than ever a right to expect after the

cruel trial to which the world has been subjected during the past five years. "Accept, sir, &c.,

"G. CLEMENCEAU."

The text of the German note which was forwarded on May 10 by Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau was made public at the same time as follows:

The German peace delegation to his Excellency, the President of the Peace Conference:

Versailles, May 10 1919.

Sir: With reference to Articles LV and LVI of the proposals for the establishment of a League of Nations submitted by us, we beg herewith to transmit the draft of an international agreement on labor law prepared by the German Government.

The German Government is of one mind with the Allied and Associated Governments in holding that the greatest attention must be given to labor questions. Domestic peace and the advancement of mankind depend vitally on the adjustment of this question. The demands for social justice, repeatedly raised in this respect by the working classes of all nations, are only partly realized in principle in Section XIII of the draft of peace conditions of the Allied and Associated Governments on the organization of labor. The sublime demands have, for the most part, been realized in Germany with the assistance of the working classes, as is generally acknowledged, in an exemplary manner.

In order to carry them into execution everywhere in the interests of mankind, the acceptance of the program of the German delegation is at least necessary. We deem it requisite that all States should join in the agreement, even though not belonging to the League of Nations.

In order to guarantee to the working classes, for whom the proposed improvements are intended, co-operation in the framing of these provisions, the German delegation is of the opinion that representatives of the national trade union organizations of all the contracting Powers should be summoned to a conference at Versailles to discuss and take decision on international labor law before the peace negotiations are terminated.

The proceedings of this conference, in the opinion of the German delegation, should be based on the resolutions of the International Trade Conference in Berne, Feb. 5 to 9 1919, and the program for international labor legislation addressed to the Peace Conference in Paris, which emanated from the decisions of the International Trade Union Conference in Leeds in 1916. At the request of the trade unions of Germany we beg to inclose a copy of these resolutions, which have been adopted by the representatives of the trade union organizations of Bohemia, Bulgaria, Denmark, Germany, France, Greece, Holland, Italy, Canada, Norway, Austria, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain and Hungary.

Accept, sir, the assurance of my highest esteem.

BROCKDORFF-RANTZAU.

It is pointed out that the international agreement on labor law prepared by the German Government referred to in the note of Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau was prepared in the German Ministry of Labor some months ago, and was first published on May 1. Most of this document is taken up with detailed proposals for labor legislation, a number of which were incorporated in the international labor charter issued by the syndical conference at Berne in February.

Paris press advices yesterday (May 16) said:

The German Peace Treaty, it developed to-day, contains a clause which has not yet been made public providing that ratification by Germany and three of the principal Associated Powers will bring the treaty into force between the ratifying parties, enabling the immediate resumption of trade.

As the result of conferences among the representatives of the Powers, which were being continued to-day, the text of the German Treaty will probably be made public by installments. It is reported that the financial and boundaries sections of the document will be released to-night.

It was pointed out to-day in connection with the stipulation as to the ratification of the German Treaty that any nation which withheld ratification after three of the principal Powers had ratified would be at a disadvantage in a commercial way. This would follow from the fact that the ratifying Powers would be able to resume trade relations with Germany at once, while the States that delayed would have no such privilege.

A peremptory answer to the German note registering objections to the treaty arrangements for the left bank of the Rhine and the Saar Valley has been drafted by the special commission on Andre Tardieu, it was reported this morning.

PROCLAMATION OF PRESIDENT EBERT OF GERMANY ON PEACE TREATY.

The statement that "the German people's Government will answer the peace proposal of violence with a proposal of a peace of right on the basis of a lasting peace of nations" is made in a proclamation issued on May 10 by President Ebert. "From such an imposed peace," he says, "fresh hatred would be bound to arise between the nations and in the course of history there would be new wars." The following is the text of the proclamation:

The first reply of the Allies to the sincere desire for peace on the part of our starving people was the laying down of the uncommonly hard armistice conditions. The German people, having laid down its arms, honestly observed all the obligations of the armistice, hard as they were. Notwithstanding this, our opponents for six months have continued the war by maintaining the blockade. The German people bore all these burdens, trusting in the promise given by the Allies in their note of Nov. 5, that the peace would be a peace of right on the basis of President Wilson's "fourteen points."

Instead of that, the Allies have now given us peace terms which are in contradiction to the promise given. It is unbearable for the German people and is impracticable, even if we put forth all our powers. Violence without measure would be done to the German people. From such an imposed peace fresh hatred would be bound to arise between the nations, and in the course of history there would be new wars. The world would be obliged to bury every hope of a League of Nations liberating and healing the nations and insuring peace.

The dismemberment and mangling of the German people, the delivering of German labor to foreign capitalism for the indignity of wage slavery and the permanent fettering of the young German republic by the Entente's imperialism is the aim of this peace of violence. The German

people's Government will answer the peace proposal of violence with a proposal of a peace of right on the basis of a lasting peace of the nations.

The fact that all circles of the German people have been moved so deeply testifies that the German Government is giving expression to the united will of the German nation. The German Government will put forth every effort to secure for the German people the same national unity and independence and the same freedom of labor in economical and cultural respects which the Allies want to give to all the peoples of Europe, save only our people.

Our nation must save itself by its own action. In view of this danger of destruction the German nation and the Government which it chose must stand by each other, knowing no parties. Let Germany unite in a single will to preserve German nationality and liberties. Every thought and the entire will of the nation ought now to be turned to labor for the preservation and reconstruction of our fatherland. The Government appeals to all Germans in this hard hour to preserve with it mutual trust in the path of duty and in the belief in the triumph of reason and of right.

It was also stated that the imperial and Prussian Governments, in a joint proclamation to Eastern Germany, assuring the populations of the provinces there that the Government will do its utmost to ward off the dangers threatening them and enumerating the territorial changes proposed in the treaty of peace, declare:

These encroachments are entirely irreconcilable with the principles solemnly proclaimed by President Wilson.

In a statement to the Berlin correspondent of the Associated Press on May 11 President Ebert declared that "Germany has seized and unfurled a new banner on which are inscribed President Wilson's fourteen points, which the President apparently had deserted." President Ebert, it was added called the Peace Treaty a "monstrous document" and declared that history held no precedent for such determination to annihilate vanquished people. The brief reports on the 11th of what President Ebert had to say were supplemented by further details in Associated Press dispatches reaching the daily papers on May 14, and published the next day as follows:

Declaring that the terms of peace presented by the Allied and Associated Governments to Germany "contemplate the physical, moral and intellectual paralysis of the German people," that Germans were "hypnotized" by statements made by President Wilson, and that he, himself, is looking forward to the future "with gravest apprehensions." President Ebert said to-day that he still hoped that American democracy would not accept the treaty framed at the Peace Conference.

He rejected with disdain the suggestion that the present German Government would resign rather than accept or reject the terms, saying that the Government would "hold out to the end."

"When in the course of 2,000 years," he asked, "was ever a peace offered a defeated people which so completely contemplated its physical, moral and intellectual paralysis as do the terms enunciated at Versailles?"

In his message to Congress Dec. 14 1917, President Wilson said: "The frightful injustice committed in the course of this war must not be made good by wishing a similar injustice on Germany and her allies. The world would not tolerate the commission of a similar injustice as reprisal and realignment."

"The German people," President Ebert continued, "is only beginning to awake from the hypnosis into which it has been lulled because of its solid faith in the sincerity and truthfulness of Mr. Wilson's program and his fourteen points. The awakening will be terrifying, and we all look forward to it with gravest apprehensions. In the face of the cold, naked realities we still consciously cling to the faith which found its epitome in the names of Wilson and the United States and the conception of the democracy of the League of Nations.

We cannot believe that has all been an illusion and that the confidence and hopes of a whole people have been duped in a manner unknown to history. Even now optimists are saying: "Wilson will not permit it; he dare not possibly permit it."

The President added that he and his party could not blame the pan-Germans for the "immodest haste with which they are now digging up their former speeches and editorials, in which the Social Democrats and other liberals were ridiculed for their belief in President Wilson's program."

"I and my colleagues," he said in conclusion, "upon which rests the terrific burden of the forthcoming decisions, hope and pray the German people who staked all on President Wilson and the United States shall not find themselves deceived. If, however, the American democracy actually accepts the present peace terms as its own, it becomes an accomplice and an abettor of political blackmailers; it surrenders the traditional American principle of fair play and sportsmanship and trails the ideals of true democracy in the dust. Notwithstanding the night now covering it, I have abiding faith in the future of the German people and in the unconquerability of its soul. This people, which has given the world so much in science, learning and industry, must not go down to oblivion. It still has a cultural mission to perform and ethical treasures to bestow."

President Ebert closed his statement by declaring the present Government would "hold out to the last," and scouted the idea that it would "make room for others to accept or reject the treaty."

Cablegram advices from Berlin May 15 report President Ebert as reiterating, in a statement in "Vorwarts," his opposition to the peace terms submitted by the Entente, declaring them unreconcilable with conscience and reason and insisting that they must be drastically and fundamentally corrected. To quote further from these cablegrams:

Above all, practical negotiations were necessary, he declared, and these would quickly result in the attainment of a worthy peace, if a return were made to the fourteen points.

"As long as one remnant of hope remains that reason will triumph," continued President Ebert, "we will not speak our last word, but should it prove that this mangled peace is to be imposed upon us, we shall have to take our decisions."

"To-day I still hope that the attempt will not be made to extort from the German nation an assent which would be nothing but a lie born of desperation. . . . We must keep faith with our countrymen who are threatened with separation by foreign violence and be ready to carry out the hardest resolve."

GERMAN CHANCELLOR, PHILIP SCHEIDEMANN, DECLARES PEACE TERMS UNACCEPTABLE.

In denouncing the terms of the peace treaty Philip Scheidemann, Chancellor of Germany, in the National Assembly on May 12, declared the treaty as unacceptable, in the view of the Imperial German Government. "Should the peace conditions be accepted," he asserted, "Germany no longer could call anything her own which lies outside these narrow bounds. Germany has ceased to exist abroad, but if that were not sufficient, her cables have been taken from her and her wireless stations can send only commercial telegrams, and then only under control of the Allies. This would separate us from the outer world, for what business can be done under the control of competitors need not be described." "We have," said the Chancellor, "made counter proposals and shall make still more. With your consent we regard it as our sacred task to come to negotiations." The following is the account of his declarations as contained in the Associated Press cablegrams from Berlin:

The declaration by Chancellor Philipp Scheidemann in the National Assembly here to-day that the peace terms were "unacceptable" brought members of the Assembly, the spectators, and those in the press gallery to their feet in a hurricane of cheers and applause.

The Chancellor reached the climax of his statement on the peace terms ten minutes after he began. He paused in his address, and then thundered out the word which announced the German Government's rejection of the Versailles conditions.

"This treaty," he said, "is, in the view of the Imperial German Government, unacceptable. I am unable to believe that this earth could bear such a document without a cry issuing from millions and millions of throats in all lands, without distinction to party. Away with this murderous scheme."

With the exception of the Independent Socialists led by Hugo Haase, all factions in the Assembly rose to their feet and cheered vociferously. After the Chancellor's speech the leaders of the various parties, with the exception of the Haase group, made speeches in which they declared that they backed up the Government.

The Chancellor described the peace treaty as a "dreadful" document. He said that it would make an enormous jail of Germany, in which 60,000,000 persons would have to labor for the victors in the war. German trade, he asserted, would be strangled should the terms be accepted. He criticized President Wilson, and said that the President by his attitude had received the hopes of the German people.

The occasion was the turning point in the life of the German people, the Chancellor said, as the Assembly was to decide the attitude toward "what our adversaries call peace conditions."

"The representatives of the nation," he continued, "meet here as the last band of the faithful assemblies when the Fatherland is in the greatest danger. All have appeared except the representatives of Alsace-Lorraine, who have been deprived of the right to be represented here, just as you are to be deprived of the right to exercise in a free vote the right of self-determination."

And I see among you the representatives of all the German races and lands, the chosen representatives of the Rhineland, the Sarre, East Prussia, West Prussia, Posen, Silesia, Danzig, and Memel. Together with the Deputies of the unmenaced regions, I see the Deputies of the menaced provinces who, if the will of our enemies becomes law, are to meet for the last time as Germans among Germans. I know that I am one in heart with you in the gravity and sanctity of this hour, which should be ruled by only one idea, that we belong to one another and must stand by one another and that we are one flesh and one blood and that whoever tries to sever us is driving a murderous knife into the living body of the German people.

To keep our nation alive—that and nothing else—is our duty. We are pursuing no nationalistic dreams. No questions of prestige and no thirst for power have a part in our deliberations. Bare life is what we must have for our land and nation to-day while every one feels a throttling hand at his throat.

Let us speak without tactical considerations. The thing which is at the basis of our discussion is this thick volume in which 100 sentences begin "Germany renounces." This dreadful and murderous volume by which confession of our own unworthiness, our consent to pitiless disruption, our agreement to helotry and slavery, are to be extorted—this book must not become the future code of law.

The world has once again lost an illusion. The nations have in this period, which is so poor in ideals, again lost a belief. What name on thousands of bloody battlefields, in thousands of trenches, in orphan families, and among the despairing and abandoned has been mentioned during these four years with more devotion and belief than the name of Wilson? To-day the picture of the peace bringer as the world pictured him is paling beside the dark forms of our jailers, to one of whom, Premier Clemenceau, a Frenchman recently wrote:

"The wild beast has been put in a cage on bread and water, but is allowed to keep his teeth, while his claws are hardly cut."

All over Berlin we see posters intended to arouse a practical love for our brothers in captivity. They show sad and hopeless faces behind the prison bars—that is the right frontispiece for the so-called peace treaty, a true portrait of Germany's future.

Sixty million are behind the barbed wire and the prison bars—sixty million at hard labor for whom the enemy makes their own land a prison camp. Should the peace conditions be accepted, Germany no longer could call anything her own which lies outside these narrow bounds. Germany has ceased to exist abroad, but if that were not sufficient, her cables have been taken from her and her wireless stations can send only commercial telegrams, and then only under control of the Allies. This would separate us from the outer world, for what business can be done under the control of competitors need not be described.

But this is far from enough. The council therefore determines treaties between enemy countries to be null and void, except such treaties whose execution is in favor of a Government of the Allied Powers.

What does President Wilson so aptly say "that the first principle of peace itself is equality, equal participation in common benefits?"

Herr Scheidemann then argued that this principle had been abrogated in the peace terms. He continued:

That is the jail picture in its external aspects; without ships because the mercantile fleet passes into Entente hands, without cables, without colonies, without foreign settlements, without reciprocity and legal pro-

tection—yes, and even without the right to co-operate in fixing the prices for the goods and articles which we have to deliver as tribute.

I ask you what honest man will say that Germany can accept such conditions. At the same time as we shall have to bestir ourselves to perform forced labor for the benefit of the entire world, our foreign trade, the sole source of our welfare, is destroyed and our home trade is rendered impossible. Lorraine iron ore, Upper Silesian coal, Alsatian potash, the Saare Valley mines, and the cheap foodstuffs from Posen and West Prussia are to lie outside our frontiers. We are to impose no higher tariff or protection than existed on Aug. 1 1914, while our enemies may do as much as they like and every point in strangling us at home. All German revenues must be held at the disposal of our enemies for payments, not for war invalids and widows—all as forced labor for products the prices of which will be fixed by our customers.

What is a people to do which is confronted by the command that it is responsible for all losses and all damages that its enemies suffered in the war? What is a people to do which is to have no voice in fixing its obligations?

Because, perhaps, this humiliation and robbery are even yet insufficient, and in order to utilize every future possibility of destruction, the yoke must finally be placed on our necks and a miserable enslavement established for our children and our children's children. Germany undertakes to put into force and to publish all acts of legislation, all proscriptions and all regulations which might be necessary to insure the complete carrying out of the terms.

Enough. More than enough. These are some examples of the treaty stipulations in establishing which, as Herr Clemenceau yesterday informed our delegation, the Entente will be guided completely by the principles according to which the armistice and peace negotiations were proposed.

We have made counter proposals and shall make still more. With your consent we regard it as our sacred task to come to negotiations.

Here and there insight and the common obligations of humanity are beginning to make themselves felt in neutral countries; in Italy and in Great Britain, above all, too. This is a comfort for us in this last fearful flaming up of the policy of the mailed fist. In socialist France voices are being heard whereby historians one day will measure the state of humanity after four years of murder.

Herr Scheidemann thanked all these in whom the indignant voice of conscience had found expression, and added:

"I am especially thankful for and receive the vow of imperishable devotion and faithfulness ringing across to us from Vienna. Stand by us in paving the way to negotiations; leave no one in world in doubt regarding the fact that you are one with us.

"We protest against hatred being perpetuated forever, a curse being established for all eternity. Members of the National Assembly, the dignity of humanity is placed in your hands. Preserve it."

According to London cablegrams to the daily press May 15, Premier Scheidemann has sent through the Berlin correspondent of "The Daily Herald," the Labor newspaper, an appeal to the British people to realize "the appalling position Germany is placed in by the peace conditions." It is stated that Herr Scheidemann in his appeal makes various points similar to those in speeches of his that have already been reported, and in addition says:

We cannot believe that fellow human beings, however much under the influence of a wicked war, can really intend to reduce a kindred civilized people to slavery, for that is what these conditions mean. We Germans call upon you English not to force us to sign away our birthright and the peace of Europe in our hour of weakness.

AMERICAN BANKERS CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN ST. LOUIS WEEK OF SEPT. 29.

The American Bankers Association, through General Secretary Fred. E. Farnsworth, announces that the invitation of the Clearing House of St. Louis to hold the forty-fifth annual convention of the Association in that city has been accepted and that the week of Sept. 29 1919 has been selected as the time of meeting. The invitation, it is announced, was accepted by the Administrative Committee of the Association after careful consideration of the hotel facilities offered, and the committee is satisfied that ample accommodation can be provided for the large delegation which it is reasonable to expect because of the central location of the convention city. The St. Louis Clearing House will at once name a local hotel committee to handle all reservations. The advisability of designating three of the leading hotels of St. Louis for registration purposes is being considered by the Administrative Committee. St. Louis has been twice the scene of an A. B. A. convention—in 1896 and in 1906.

SPRING MEETINGS OF INVESTMENT AND AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION.

The spring meeting of the Investment Bankers Association at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, held yesterday (May 16) and to-day (May 17) will be followed by the spring conferences of the American Bankers Association, which will take place from the 19th to and including the 21st, the first named having 75 members for their three days session and the latter with 300 members and their families, remaining until May 22. Both meetings will be attended by some of the best known bankers, brokers and investment men in the country, and members of the board from Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore, Detroit, Toledo, Washington, New York and Philadelphia are expected to be present. At both meetings ample provision has been made for time to be spent on the White Sulphur Golf Links, for riding over the mountain trails, for driving to quaint little

mountain inns where old Virginia chickens and waffle dinners are served and the usual amusements of the hotel.

A "bankers' special" train, comprising several cars of bankers from the New England and Middle Atlantic States, left the Pennsylvania terminal yesterday afternoon (May 16) for White Sulphur Springs to attend the spring meeting of the Executive Council. The delegation is the advance guard of a large attendance expected to be present to discuss matters of considerable importance to the bankers.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The only public transaction in bank stock this week was a sale made at the Stock Exchange of 5 shares of National Bank of Commerce stock at 237.

Shares, BANK—New York.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
5 National Bank of Commerce	237	237	237	April 1919 237 3/4

At the annual election of officers of the New York Stock Exchange on Monday last, May 12, William H. Remick was elected President, succeeding H. G. S. Noble. Warren B. Nash was elected Treasurer, succeeding Charles M. Newcombe. The others elected on the ticket of the nominating Committee, the only one in the field, were:

For Trustee of the Gratuity Fund, to serve 5 years: Henry K. Pomroy; For Trustee of the Gratuity Fund, to serve 1 year: Charles M. Newcombe; for members of the Governing Committee, to serve 4 years: Hamilton F. Benjamin, S. L. Cromwell, Jerome J. Danzig, Bayard Dominick, H. G. S. Noble, Arthur J. Rosenthal, Newton E. Stout, Arthur Turnbull, Richard Whitney, Willis D. Wood. For member of the Governing Committee, to serve 3 years: James C. Auchincloss.

At the meeting of the Governors of the Exchange to organize after the election, Seymour L. Cromwell was elected Vice-President.

A. F. R. Martin, Vice-President of the National Newark & Essex Banking Company of Newark, N. J., died suddenly from pneumonia at his home, 25 Badeau St., Summit, N. J., on May 7. He was fifty-three years old. For thirty-seven years he was in the employ of the Essex County National Bank and of the company with which it was merged. Upon receipt of the news of the death of Mr. Martin, the directors of the bank met and named a committee to draft resolutions expressing regret at this demise, and appreciation of his services as a financier and associate.

It was made known on May 12 that interests connected with the Irving Trust Company of this city have purchased the control of the Sherman National Bank, located at Fifth Avenue and 32nd Street. While no definite plans were announced it is understood that within the near future a consolidation of the two institutions will take place, and that the business now conducted by the Sherman National Bank will be continued in connection with the business of the Irving Trust Company at the same address and under the same general management. The Irving Trust Company has a capital of \$2,500,000 and deposits in the neighborhood of \$50,000,000. The Sherman National has a capital of \$500,000 and deposits of over \$7,000,000.

A brief study of the connection between foreign trade and foreign investments and the establishment and maintenance of world trade routes leading to and from our ports has been prepared by Imbrie & Co. of this city, its treatise dealing more particularly with the situation as it applies to South America, which, it feels, is the most logical and profitable field for our foreign investments.

Imbrie & Co. have also prepared a pamphlet dealing with prices of Brazilian Government bonds during the last fifty years.

The corporate name of the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of this city will on Monday next, May 19, become the Mercantile Trust Co. It is announced that the change of name is made solely as a matter of convenience. Henry R. Johnston has been made Assistant to Chellis A. Austin, President, and John J. Teal has been made Assistant Secretary. Mr. Teal had previously been connected with the Lehigh Valley Ry. Co. The full list of officers follows: Chellis A. Austin, President; Charles D. Makepeace, Vice-President; H. D. Campbell, Vice-President and Secretary; Peter S. Duryeo, Vice-President; J. C. Traphagen, Treasurer; John A. Burns, Trust Officer; Cornelius J. Murray and James M. Wade, Assistant Treasurers; F. R. Parkin and John J. Teal, Assistant Secretaries; Henry R. Johnston, Assistant to the President. The institution is a member of the Federal Reserve System.

At a meeting of the directors of the Mercantile Bank of the Americas, on May 15, arrangements were completed whereby the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago will become a stockholder in the Mercantile Bank of the Americas and will join its forces to that institution for the further development of the foreign trade and enterprises in which the Mercantile Bank of the Americas is interested. An announcement issued in the matter says:

This step by the Continental & Commercial National Bank is in line with its policy to expand its facilities, so that it may be able to offer to its customers and to the Middle West all the facilities and advantages that come through direct participation and connection with an American bank for foreign trade with its organization spread throughout the world.

Arthur Reynolds, Vice-President of the Continental & Commercial National Bank, will be a member of the board of directors of the Mercantile Bank of the Americas.

The stockholders of the Fifth Avenue Bank of this city will hold a meeting on May 26 to vote on the question of increasing the capital from \$200,000 to \$500,000. The question as to the price at which the new stock will be disposed of and the date the new capital will become effective will be decided at the meeting.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Asia Banking Corporation on May 6th at the new offices of the Corporation, 35 Broadway, New York, the following directors were elected:

C. F. Adams, Vice-President, First National Bank of Portland, Oregon.
M. F. Backus, President National Bank of Commerce of Seattle, Wash.
Albert Breton, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.
Thatcher M. Brown, Brown Brothers & Co., New York.
Captain Robert Dollar, San Francisco.
Herbert Fleishhaecker, President Anglo & London Paris National Bank of San Francisco.
Fred I. Kent, Vice-President Bankers Trust Co., New York.
W. C. Lane, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.
Alexander Phillips, formerly Manager of the Paris Office, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.
Seward Prosser, President Bankers Trust Co., New York.
Lansing P. Reed of Stetson, Jennings & Russel, New York.
Charles H. Sablin, President Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.
George Ed. Smith, President Royal Typewriter Co., New York.
Eugene W. Stetson, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

On May 8 the Asia Banking Corporation announced the opening of a branch in Peking. This makes the fourth branch of the Corporation which is now doing business in China, the other branches being located at Shanghai, Hankow and Tientsin.

Alexander Phillips, former Manager of the Paris Office, was appointed a Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York at a meeting of the Executive Committee on May 12. Mr. Phillips was formerly secretary of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York and prior to that had been connected with the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris and the Credit Industriel of Paris. In April 1916 he became the Guaranty Trust Company's special foreign representative, and when the Paris Office was opened in May 1917 he was appointed Manager. He was assigned to special work in Belgium last December and as a result of his investigations the company decided to open a branch in Brussels. Mr. Phillips returned to New York on the 12th. Benjamin G. Smith, formerly Auditor of the company and Comptroller of the American Red Cross in Paris during the war, has been appointed as Assistant Treasurer. He has been the Treasurer of the Guaranty's Paris Office since October 1918. Emaunel Appert, head of the Foreign Credit Information Division, has been appointed an Assistant Manager of the Foreign Trade Bureau.

Charles F. Batchelder, formerly Assistant Manager of the Bond Department of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, has been elected Vice-President and Director of the United Financial Corporation, Ltd., of Montreal, Canada, and has left to take up his duties there. The United Financial Corporation, Ltd., was organized recently as successor to the firm of C. Meredith & Co., Ltd., of Montreal, and includes in its board of directors officials of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, the Bank of Montreal, the Merchants' Bank of Canada and the Royal Trust Co. The new company, which is formed for the sale of Canadian securities, is an outgrowth of the changed financial conditions resulting from the war. Canadian financing has hitherto been done chiefly in England, but it is expected that hereafter the proportion of capital secured from the United States will steadily increase. The firm of C. Meredith & Co. was one of the best known in Canada. The offices maintained by it in both Montreal and Toronto have been taken over by the new organization.

At a regular meeting of the directors of the Columbia Trust Co. of this city on May 15, the following changes occurred:

Fred C. Marston, formerly Treasurer, was elected a Vice-President.
J. Sperry Kane, formerly Assistant Secretary, was elected a Vice-President.
Robert I. Curran, formerly Assistant Treasurer, was elected Secretary.
Langley W. Wiggin, formerly Vice-President and Secretary, continues as a Vice-President.
Walter G. Kimball, formerly Assistant Treasurer, was elected Treasurer.
Vernon P. Baker was appointed Manager of the Harlem Branch.

The directors of the Irving Trust Company of this city appointed Philip F. Gray Treasurer of the company at a meeting on May 13.

The Asia Banking Corporation announces that J. H. Wiehers has been made Assistant General Manager of the branches of the Corporation in the Orient, and A. A. Darliac, an Assistant Secretary in charge, temporarily, of the Peking branch.

The National City Bank of New York on May 12 opened in Havana a sub-branch of its main office in that city, located at an important business centre of Havana known as Cuatro Caminos. The steady development of the business of the National City Bank in Havana has necessitated the opening not only of this new office but also another one in an equally important section of the city, on Avenida Italiano (or, as it is more generally known, Gallano Street), and this latter one will be opened during the coming month. With these two in operation the National City Bank will have 11 branches in the Republic of Cuba.

Albert W. Tremain, who had been Secretary and Treasurer of the American Bank & Trust Co. of Bridgeport, Conn., since 1912, was elected President of the institution on May 6. Mr. Tremain is also President of the new Commercial Trust Co. of Bridgeport and a charter member of both the new Haven and Bridgeport Chapter of the American Institute of Banking. Before becoming connected with the American Bank & Trust Co. Mr. Tremain had been identified with banking affairs in Rome, N. Y.

The National Shawmut Bank of Boston has acquired the real estate next adjoining its present property, on Devonshire St., composed of the Parker Building, so called, numbered 78-80 Devonshire St., and the two next adjoining properties numbered 70-72 Devonshire St. and 74-76 Devonshire St., comprising a total area of land about 7,000 square feet, with a rear entrance on Congress Square. This will make a frontage for the bank of 145 feet on Devonshire St. The Bank will shortly begin the erection of a new building on this land, to become a part of the Shawmut Bank Building. This step has become necessary on account of the large increase in business of the bank, requiring more space than the present quarters of the bank afford. The whole of the first floor and a portion of the rest of the addition will be devoted to bank purposes. Large, modern and up-to-date safe deposit vaults will be placed in the basement of the proposed addition and in the present basement of the Shawmut Bank Building. A large portion of the new upper stories of the addition will be devoted to offices for bankers, merchants and business men. This purchase, it is announced, will increase the floor area of the Shawmut Bank quarters between 50 and 60% and will afford opportunities greatly to increase the foreign business, and the facilities of the institution in general.

Roger Pierce, whose appointment as Vice-President of the New England Trust Co. of Boston, Mass., was referred to in our issue of Feb. 8, has been elected a director of the institution.

With regard to reports regarding the proposed merger of the City Trust Co. of Buffalo (capital \$500,000) and the Market Bank (capital \$100,000) with the Bank of Buffalo (capital \$1,000,000), the following official information has come to us from the Bank of Buffalo:

While the boards of directors have approved the merger and the Superintendent of Banks has approved the regularity of the paper, it is yet to be voted on at a meeting of our stockholders on May 27 next. It is proposed to make the capital of the enlarged bank \$2,500,000 and to increase the surplus from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000. The par of the shares will be \$100. Of the 15,000 additional shares, 6,000 of them will be exchanged, share for share, for stock of the City Trust Co. and the Market Bank of Buffalo, and 9,000 shares will be issued to the present Bank of Buffalo stockholders at \$200 per share, which is \$110 per share less than the last sale of Bank Buffalo stock. The stock pays 16% at present and it is hoped we will be

able to continue that rate. It is necessary to give the Bank of Buffalo stockholders new stock at less than it actually is worth, or else assess stockholders of the City Trust Co. about \$100 per share. The consolidation will not, in any event, take place until after June 30. The full list the officials of the large bank has not yet been determined upon, neither has the full list of the board of directors.

John G. Fleek, of Fleek, Brothers & Co., and Winfield F. Caldwell, have been elected directors of the Mutual Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa.

In referring last week (page 1907) to the increase in the dividend of the Fourth Street National Bank of Philadelphia we inadvertently stated that the amount added to the surplus fund was \$50,000; the amount should have been given as \$500,000.

F. D. Conner, for the past thirteen years Manager of the publicity department of the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, has been appointed to a similar position with the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, and has already entered upon his new duties.

The Crawford State Savings Bank of Chicago, which opened for business at 4015 West 12th street in February of last year with capital of \$200,000 and surplus of \$20,000 and to which reference was made in these columns in our April 6 1918 issue, has purchased a three-story brick building at the southwest corner of 12th and Crawford streets, which is in the same block as its present quarters, and will remodel the first floor and basement for the use of the bank. The remainder of the building, we understand, will be devoted to offices. The Crawford State Savings Bank now has deposits of approximately \$400,000 and \$5,000 has been placed to the credit of undivided profits. The officers of the bank are: Howard H. Hanks, President; Arthur E. M. Hanke, Vice-President, and Albert Sedlacek, Cashier.

Adolph G. Sam has resigned as Vice-President of the Stockyards National Bank of South St. Paul, Minn., to become Vice-President of the Livestock National Bank of Sioux City, Iowa, and Vice-President of the Sioux City Cattle Loan Company.

The following changes have been made in the official staff and directorate of the First National Bank of Greeley, Colo.: J. M. B. Petrikin, heretofore Vice-President of the institution, was elected President to succeed the late Asa Sterling; D. B. Wyatt, a member of the board of directors for upwards of thirty years, was made Vice-President in lieu of Mr. Petrikin, and John S. Davis, Cashier of the bank, was elected a director. Mr. Sterling was President of the First National Bank for twenty-five years and one of the pioneers of Greeley. He died on April 6. Mr. Petrikin, the new President, is a brother of W. L. Petrikin, President of the Great Western Sugar Co.

Edward Horman has been elected Cashier of the International Bank of St. Louis, succeeding George A. Held. The latter resigned to become Vice-President of the Jefferson-Gravois Bank of St. Louis. E. H. Downing, heretofore Assistant Cashier of the International Bank, has been made First Assistant Cashier, and John L. Hannegan succeeds Mr. Downing as Assistant Cashier.

Advices from St. Louis report that a consolidation that will give to St. Louis the largest bank west of Chicago has been arranged between three of the financial institutions of that city, namely the Third National Bank (capital \$2,000,000), the Mechanics-American National Bank (capital \$2,000,000) and the St. Louis Union Bank (capital \$2,500,000.) The huge organization thus formed will be operated under the title of the "American Union Third National Bank," and will have a capital of \$10,000,000, surplus and undivided profits of \$5,500,000, deposits of approximately \$121,469,446, and total resources of more than \$156,000,000. F. O. Watts, now President of the Third National Bank, will be Chief Executive of the new institution, and Walker Hill and N. A. McMillan, Presidents of the Mechanics-American National Bank and the St. Louis Union Bank, respectively, will have general supervision of the bank with the title of Executive Managers. All the officials and employees of the three institutions, we understand, will be retained. The new bank will be located in the Third National Bank Building at the southwest corner of Broadway and Olive Street, which is to be enlarged by the erection of

an annex to the present building (see our issue of April 6 1918) on adjacent property.

An amendment to the charter of the North Texas State Bank, changing the name of the institution to the Guaranty State Bank, was recently filed at Austin. Under the re-organization plan, the capital of the institution will be \$100,000 instead of \$50,000 as formerly and R. J. Rhome will be President, D. I. Long First Vice-President and David Booz Second Vice-President. About June 1 the bank will move to the Wheat Building at Eighth and Main streets, Fort Worth, instead of being located in North Fort Worth as at present.

The 103rd annual report of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (head office Hongkong) covering the twelve months ended Dec. 31 1918, submitted to the shareholders at Hongkong on Feb. 22, has come to hand. The report, which is given in Chinese money shows net profits for the period, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, providing for contingencies, bad and doubtful accounts, &c., amounted to \$6,597,183, and which, when added to \$3,223,238, balance brought forward from the last year's profit and loss account, made \$9,820,421 available for distribution. Out of this amount the following appropriations were made: \$1,577,580 to cover interim dividend paid Aug. 12 1918 (£2 3s. per share on 120,000 shares at 3s. 3¼d.); \$30,000 to remunerate the directors; \$2,683,230 to pay final dividend (£2 5s. per share at 3s. 4¼d.) together with a bonus of £1 10s. per share at 3s. 4¼d.; \$1,500,000 transferred to silver reserve (making the same \$21,000,000) and \$750,000 written off bank premises, leaving a balance of \$3,279,611 to be carried to 1919 profit and loss account. The balance sheet of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, as of Dec. 31 1918, shows a paid-up capital of \$15,000,000, a sterling reserve fund of like amount (£1,500,000@ex.2s.) and a silver reserve fund of \$19,500,000, now increased out of profits to \$21,000,000 as already stated. The total assets of the corporation amount to \$431,964,067. During the year the report states a branch office was opened at Vladivostock, Russia, making thirty-four in all, of which two are in this country, namely at New York and San Francisco. N. J. Stabb, Esq., is Chief Manager at Hongkong and Sir Charles Addis and H. D. C. Jones, Esq., the London managers.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of April 17 1919:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £83,793,850, an increase of £140,110, as compared with last week's return.

The Transvaal gold output for March 1919 amounted to £3,025,992, as compared with £2,957,614 for March 1918 and £2,704,647 for February 1919.

Gold to the value of \$550,000 has been reported as having been engaged in New York for shipment to South America.

Advices from America state that the International High Commission sitting at Washington on March 24 approved a scheme for the establishment of a gold pool or international gold settlement fund between all the Americas. A new standard coin of the value of 20 cents is proposed to be made, call the "Panamericano" consisting of 0.33437 of a gramme of gold, nine-tenths fine.

The central gold reserves deposited by the Canadian banks stood as follows:

	Dec. 31 1915.	Dec. 31 1918.
Gold	\$6,210,000	\$10,500,000
Dominion notes	11,150,000	120,400,000
Total	\$17,360,000	\$130,900,000

SILVER.

The movement of the price continues to reflect fluctuations in the American exchange, which lately has shown more steadiness. The Shanghai exchange is still quoted at 4s 9½d. the tael.

Indian Currency Returns.

(In lacs of rupees)—	Mar. 22,	Mar. 31,	April 7.
Notes in circulation	15341	15346	15346
Silver coin and bullion in India	2750	3235	3235
Silver coin and bullion out of India	984	594	594
Gold coin and bullion in India	1737	1737	1437
Gold coin and bullion out of India	12	12	312
Securities (Indian Government)	1608	1608	1608
Securities (British Government)	8250	8250	8250

An unusual feature in the last return is that the note circulation, the total silver holdings, the total gold holdings and the total securities are absolutely the same as at the close of last month. The only change is that 300 lacs in gold have been transferred from within to outside India. The cobage during the week has been extremely small. The total is given as 3 lacs.

The stock in Shanghai on the 12th inst. consisted of about 31,200,000 ounces in sycee and 18,400,000 dollars, as compared with about 30,750,000 ounces in sycee and 17,900,000 dollars on March 29 1919.

Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:

April 11	cash, 48 15-16d.	April 17	cash, 48 15-16d.
April 12	48 5d.	Average	48 89d.
April 13	48 13-16d.	Bank rate	5%
April 15	48 5d.	Bar gold per oz. standard	77s. 9d.
April 16	48 15-16d.		

No quotation fixed for forward delivery. The quotation to-day for cash delivery is the same as that fixed a week ago.

We have also prepared this week the circular written under date of April 24 1919:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £83,649,325, a decrease of £144,625, as compared with last week's return.

Gold to the value of \$500,000 has been reported as having been engaged in New York for shipment to South America.

The net imports of gold into India on private account amounted in 1917-18 to £13,000,000, as against £9,000,000 in 1916-17, and £19,000,000 the pre-war average. These figures take into account imports and exports of gold bullion into and from Bombay on behalf of the Bank of England, movements, which, however, have no relation to India's balance of trade, inasmuch as the gold is not moved in settlement of this balance, but is imported, refined, and warehoused in Bombay on behalf of the Bank alone.

SILVER.

Owing to the steadiness of the American exchange, the quotation did not alter during the week, which comprised only three working days.

The Shanghai exchange has risen to 4s 11d. per tael. Owing to the restrictions imposed upon the transit of silver, quotations abroad have shown little relation to those ruling in this market, as will be seen below:

Table with columns: Quotation of, At Exchange, Per Oz. Standard London Price on Date Specified. Rows include France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, India with various exchange rates.

The Indian par is equal to 47 3/4 d. after deduction of the import tax of 4 annas the ounce.

The stock in Shanghai on the 12th inst. consisted of about 31,200,000 ounces in sycee and 18,400,000 dollars. No fresh news has come to hand. Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:

Table with columns: Date, Quotation, Average. Rows for April 22, 23, 24 showing cash and bank rates.

No quotation fixed for forward delivery. The quotation to-day for cash delivery is 1-16d. below that fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

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

Table with columns: Week ending May 16, London, May 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. Rows for Silver, Consols, British, French Renten, French War Loan.

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz. 119 1/4, 114 1/4, 112, 111, 111 1/4.

TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

UNFILLED ORDERS OF STEEL CORPORATION.—The United States Steel Corporation on Saturday, May 10 1919, issued its regular monthly statement showing unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations as of April 30, to the aggregate amount of 4,800,685 tons, being a decrease of 629,887 tons from the amount on hand as of March 31 last. A year ago at this time the unfilled orders totaled 8,741,882 tons. The current figures are the smallest reported since June 30 1915, when the unfilled tonnage amounted to 4,678,196 tons.

In the following we give comparisons with the previous months:

Large table comparing monthly steel orders in tons from Apr. 30 1910 to June 30 1918. Columns include month/year and tons.

ANTHRACITE COAL SHIPMENTS.—The shipments of anthracite coal in April 1919, as reported to the Anthracite Bureau of Information at Philadelphia, Pa., aggregated

5,224,715 tons. This is an increase of 1,285,807 tons over the small shipments of March 1919. The Bureau says:

Notwithstanding this decided increase over March, the shipments in April this year were 1,143,658 tons less than in the corresponding month last year, when they amounted to 6,368,373 tons. The difference in weather conditions in the winters of 1917-18 and 1918-19, and also the speeding up of production last year because of the war account for the smaller tonnage last month as compared with the corresponding month last year. As compared with April 1917 the shipments last month showed a decrease of less than 370,000 tons.

Shipments for the coal year (begin April 1) 1918-19 aggregated 71,667,757 tons, comparing with 77,752,315 tons for the coal year 1917-18, a shrinkage of 6,084,558 tons.

The shipments by the various carriers in April 1919 and 1918 and for the respective coal years of 1918-19 and 1917-18 were as follows:

Table with columns: Road, 1919, 1918, -12 Mos. to April 1-1917-18. Rows include Philadelphia & Reading, Lehigh Valley, Central RR. of New Jersey, Delaware Lackawanna & Western, Delaware & Hudson, Pennsylvania, Erie, Ontario & Western, Lehigh & New England.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 2051.—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, Cleveland, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, Indianapolis, Total wk. '19, Same wk. '18, Same wk. '17.

Table with columns: Since Aug. 1, 1918-19, 1917-18, 1916-17. Rows for Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended May 10 1919 follow:

Table with columns: Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include New York, Portland, Me., Philadelphia, Baltimore, N'port News, Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Boston, Total wk. '19, Since Jan. '19, Week 1918., Since Jan. '18.

* 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 May 10 are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, Peas. Rows include New York, Portland, Me., Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Total week, Week 1918.

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. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, E. & Cent. Amer., West. India, Brit. No. Am. Colon., Other countries, Total, Total 1917-18.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending May 10 1919 and since July 1 1918 and 1917 are shown in the following:

Table with columns: Exports, Wheat (1918-19, a 1917-18), Corn (1918-19, a 1917-18). Rows include North Amer., Russia, Danube, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. count'rs, and Total.

The quantities of wheat and corn afloat for Europe are omitted for the present, as no figures are available since those for 1916.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports May 10 1919, was as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS. Table with columns: United States (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley), Canadian (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley). Rows list various ports and totals for May 10 1919, May 3 1919, May 11 1918, and May 12 1917.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, 6,000 bushels New York, 5,000 Duluth; total, 9,000 bushels, against 23,000 in 1918; and barley, 76,000 Duluth; total, 76,000, against 35,000 in 1918.

Table with columns: Canadian (Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Other Canadian). Rows show totals for May 10 1919, May 3 1919, May 11 1918, and May 12 1917.

Table with columns: American, Canadian. Rows show totals for May 10 1919, May 3 1919, May 11 1918, and May 12 1917.

Table with columns: Canadian Bank Clearings. Rows show totals for May 10 1919, May 3 1919, May 11 1918, and May 12 1917.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending May 8 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1918, show an increase in the aggregate of 26.8%.

Table with columns: Clearings at— (1919, 1918, Inc. or Dec., 1917, 1916). Rows list various Canadian cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, etc.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following not usually dealt in at the Stock Exchange were recently sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Bonds. Rows list various securities like United Gas & Elec., Knox Hat, Voss Alcohol Export Corp., etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks. Rows list various securities like H. K. Mulford, Continental-Edout, Media Title & Trust, etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Rows list securities like First Nat. Bank, Hamilton Mfg., Andrewsgn Mills, etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Rows list securities like National Shawmut Bank, Webster & Atlas Nat. Bank, National Union Bank, etc.

DIVIDENDS.

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

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

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Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Continued)			
Dominion Text, Ltd., com. (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 14
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30
Eastern Steel, common (quar.)	2 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. July 1
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Eastman Kodak, common (quar.)	2 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. May 31a
Common (extra)	7 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. May 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. May 31a
Electric Investment Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 22	Holders of rec. May 12
Fay (J. A.) & Egan, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 20	May 15 to May 20
Fay (on account accumulated divs.)	63 1/2	May 20	May 15 to May 20
Federal Mills, & Smelt., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 24
Federal Utilities, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 15
Freepore Texas Co.	\$2	May 20	Holders of rec. May 15
General Asphalt, pref. (quar.) (No. 48)	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 17a
General Chemical, common (quar.)	2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 22a
General Cigar, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 20a
Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	\$2	May 21	Holders of rec. May 1
Extra	\$1	May 31	Holders of rec. May 1
Globe Oil (quar.)	1 1/2	June 10	Holders of rec. May 25
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
Goodrich (R. F.) Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
Great Northern Paper, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 24a
Great Western Sugar, common (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Common (extra)	*10	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Harblison-Walker Refract., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 23a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 19	Holders of rec. July 9a
Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Inc., com. (qu.)	1	May 31	Holders of rec. May 20a
Hartman Corporation (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Homestake Mining (monthly) (No. 537)	50c.	May 20	Holders of rec. May 20a
Illinois Pipe Lns.	*8	June 30	Holders of rec. May 30
Inland Steel (quar.)	*2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 10
International Cotton Mills, com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 15
Internat. Harvester, pref. (qu.) (No. 3)	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 10a
Jewell Tea, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20
Kerr Lake Mines, Ltd. (quar.) (No. 7)	25c.	June 10	Holders of rec. June 2a
Keystone Tire & Rubber—			
Common (payable in common stock)	f15	May 20	Holders of rec. May 1a
Lake of the Woods Milling, com. (qu.)	3	June 2	Holders of rec. May 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 15
Lanston Monotype Machine (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 21a
Lehigh Coal & Navigation (qu.) (No. 102)	\$1	May 31	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Liggett & Myers Tobacco, com. (qu.)	3	June 30	Holders of rec. May 15a
Lindsay Light, common (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. May 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. May 31a
Mahoning Investment (quar.)	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 23a
Manat Sugar, common (quar.)	2 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 15
Manhattan Shirt, common (quar.)	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 20
Marconi Wireless Tel. of America	25c.	July 1	June 2 to June 14
Marlin-Rockwell Corp. (monthly)	\$1	May 17	Holders of rec. May 10
Mason Tire & Rubber, com. (quar.)	2	May 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Massachusetts Gas Cos., pref.	2	May 2	May 16 to June 2
May Department Stores, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 15a
Common (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Middle States Oil Corp. (monthly)	1c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 30
Moline Plow, first preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a
National Aerie Co. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 15a
National Bleumt, com. (quar.) (No. 84)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30a
Preferred (quar.) (No. 85)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 17a
Nat. Breweries, Ltd. (Canada), com. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	May 16 to June 1
Nat. Cloak & Suit, pref. (qu.) (No. 20)	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 23a
Nat. Enamel & Stamping, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 10a
National Grocer, common (quar.)	2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 19
Preferred	2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 19
National Lead, common (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 13
National Lead, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 14	Holders of rec. June 13
Noraska Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 22a
New River Company, pref. (qu.) (No. 21)	1 1/2	May 29	Holders of rec. May 17
Niles-Bement-Pond, com. (qu.) (No. 68)	2	June 20	Holders of rec. June 2a
Preferred (quar.) (No. 70)	1 1/2	May 20	Holders of rec. May 22
Oyette Flour Mills, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 22
Ohio Cities Gas, common (quar.)	\$1	July 2	Holders of rec. May 17
Oklahoma Producing & Refg., com. (qu.)	*12 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20
Pabst Brewing, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	June 6 to June 15
Packard Motor Car, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 15	June 6 to June 15
Penn. Rubber, com. (qu.) (No. 11)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.) (No. 11)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15
Pennock Oil (No. 1)	25c.	June 5	Holders of rec. May 23
Philadelphia Electric (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 14	Holders of rec. May 22
Pittsburgh Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Porto Rican-American Tobacco (quar.)	63	June 6	Holders of rec. May 15a
Pratt & Whitney, pref. (quar.) (No. 73)	1 1/2	May 20	Holders of rec. May 8a
Pressed Steel Car, com. (qu.) (No. 35)	2	June 4	Holders of rec. May 14a
Preferred (quar.) (No. 31)	1 1/2	May 27	Holders of rec. May 6a
Quaker Oats, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 1a
Riordan Pulp & Paper, Ltd., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20
St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	25c.	June 20	Holders of rec. May 31a
Savage Arms Corp., common (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 20a
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Semet-Solvay Co. (quar.)	2	May 20	May 6 to May 20
Shattuck Ark. Cop. (capital distribution)	25c.	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30a
Solar Refining	*5	June 20	Holders of rec. May 31
Extra	*5	June 20	Holders of rec. May 31
Southern Pipe Line (quar.)	5	June 2	Holders of rec. May 15
Southern States Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	3	May 1	Holders of rec. May 20
Standard Milling, com. (quar.) (No. 10)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 21a
Preferred (quar.) (No. 38)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 21a
Standard Motor Construction	50c.	June 2	Holders of rec. May 7
Standard Oil (Calif.) (quar.) (No. 42)	2 1/2	June 16	Holders of rec. May 15
Standard Oil (Indiana) (quar.)	3	June 14	May 8 to June 14
Extra	3	June 14	May 8 to June 14
Standard Oil (Kansas) (quar.)	*3	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31
Extra	*3	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31
Standard Oil (Nebraska)	*10	June 20	Holders of rec. May 20
Standard Oil of N. J. (quar.)	*5	June 16	Holders of rec. May 19
Standard Oil of N. Y. (quar.)	4	June 10	May 20 to May 28
Standard Oil (Ohio) (quar.)	*1	July 1	Holders of rec. May 29
Extra	*1	July 1	Holders of rec. May 29
Standard Textile Products, com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Common (extra)	*1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred class A and B	*1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Steel Products, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Studebaker Corporation, com. (quar.)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Texas Company (quar.)	2 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 10a
Tonopah Extension Mining (quar.)	*5c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10
Extra	*5c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10
Underwood Typewriter, com. (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 5a
Common (pay. in U. S. Victory Notes)	25	July 1	Holders of rec. June 5a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 5
Union Tank Line (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 21	Holders of rec. June 5
United Cigar Stores, pref. (qu.) (No. 27)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29a
United Drug 2d pref. (quar.) (No. 13)	1 1/2	June 6	Holders of rec. May 15a
United Dyeoood Corp., common (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 14a
United Profit-Sharing	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 10a
Extra	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 10a
U. S. Industrial Alcohol, com. (quar.)	4	June 16	Holders of rec. June 2
U. S. Steel Corp., common (quar.)	1 1/2	June 23	May 30 to June 2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 29	May 8
Wabash Cotton, Ltd. (quar.) (No. 6)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 13
Waltham Watch, preferred	3	June 2	Holders of rec. May 20
Wayland Oil & Gas, common	10c.	June 11	Holders of rec. June 2
Western Grocer, common	4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20
Preferred	3	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg., com. (qu.)	\$1	July 31	Holders of rec. June 30
Preferred (quar.)	\$1	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30
White (J. G.) & Co., Inc., pf. (qu.) (No. 64)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
White (J. G.) Engineering Corp., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
White (J. G.) Management, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded)			
White Motor (quar.)	*\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 14
Woods Manufacturing, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. May 26
Woolworth (F. W.) Co., com. (quar.)	2	June 1	May 2 to May 21
Woolworth (F. W.) Co., preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10

* From unofficial sources. † Declared subject to the approval of Director-General of Railroads. ‡ The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.
 a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. b Less British income tax. c Correction. d Payable in stock. e Payable in common stock. f Payable in scrip. g On account of accumulated dividends. h Payable in Liberty Loan bonds. i Red Cross dividend. j Payable in U. S. Liberty Loan 4 1/2% bonds. k Transfer books closed for annual meeting from May 3 to May 22, both inclusive. l Less thirteen cents per share war income tax. m Payable in U. S. Government Victory Notes. n One-twentieth of a share in common stock.

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 May 10. 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.
 (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [0,00] omitted.)

CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS (000 omitted.)	Capital	Net Profits	Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash on Hand	Reserve with Legal Depositaries	Net Demand Deposits	Time Deposits	Nat'l Bank Credits	Averages		
									Week ending May 10 1919.	Tr. Cos. Feb. 21	Members of Fed. Res. Bank
Members of Fed. Res. Bank	\$	\$	Average	Amtrage	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average
Bk of NY, NDA	2,000	5,730	50,407	565	5,995	34,235	1,844	771			
Manhattan Co.	2,500	7,210	63,875	1,483	6,838	59,864					
Merchants' Nat	2,000	2,836	35,114	530	3,636	24,917	2,734	1,842			
Mech & Metals	6,000	11,643	166,748	9,991	22,628	153,871	4,272	3,709			
Bk of America	1,500	6,780	32,297	1,023	3,461	26,356					
National City	25,000	54,132	592,755	13,927	92,165	*669,870	25,437	1,433			
Chemical Nat.	3,000	9,578	84,670	1,570	7,077	69,844	5,873	447			
Atlantic Nat.	1,000	958	17,209	495	2,011	15,406	570	139			
Nat. Buteh & Dr	300	109	4,063	134	569	3,092		298			
Amer Exch Nat	5,000	6,167	114,519	1,748	12,259	88,775	5,262	4,940			
N Bk of Comm.	25,000	25,651	405,323	2,361	37,235	271,986	4,804				
Pacific Bank	500	1,134	15,970	1,178	2,747	17,800	120				
Chatt & Phen.	3,500	2,822	113,419	6,774	11,534	90,697	9,403	2,850			
Hanover Nat.	3,000	17,363	127,973	5,712	19,890	126,668		150			
Citizens Nat.	2,550	3,286	39,378	944	5,262	36,238	227	991			
Metropolitan	2,000	2,404	50,058	2,260	5,402	31,363	43				
Com Exchange	4,200	5,290	132,814	7,384	21,790	135,224	3,038				
Imp & Trad N.	1,500	8,163	38,095	714	3,354	25,424	60	51			
National Park	5,000	19,439	211,729	1,511	21,384	168,186	2,874	4,967			
East River Nat.	1,000	926	7,885	287	1,164	8,501	179	50			
Second Nat'l	1,000	4,066	21,291	841	2,457	17,038		644			
First National	10,000	31,297	315,970	1,374	19,633	146,757	2,274	8,296			
Irving Nat'l	4,500	6,112	124,115	4,065	17,931	126,352	1,101	1,450			
N Y County N.	1,000	421	12,821	490	1,781	12,185	742	198			
Continental	1,000	642	7,511	144	1,278	6,287					
Chase National	10,000	16,570	332,317	7,035	29,601	275,633	11,374	1,888			
Fifth Avenue	200	2,301	22,575	1,234	2,696	20,176					
Commer'ial	200	858	7,986	325	1,163	7,578					
Commonwealth	400	762	8,547	460	1,062	8,542					
Lincoln Nat'l	1,000	2,067	13,074	1,405	3,486	18,404		210			
Garfield Nat'l	1,000	1,242	14,015	358	1,851	12,871	36	397			
Fifth National	250	397	7,928	316	1,008	7,753	435	248			
Seaboard Nat'l	1,000	3,782	51,939	1,013	7,025	47,076	140	70			
Liberty Nat'l	3,000	4,704	80,400	535	7,429	55,183	2,057	1,854			
Coal & Iron Nat	11,500	11,333	20,979	767	1,732	12,781	420	412			
Union Exch Nat	1,000	1,271	17,246	659	2,394	18,339	394	397			
Brooklyn Trust	1,500	2,289	43,190	781	3,877	28,498	590				
Bankers' Trust	15,000	17,361	234,136	1,050	30,336	231,923	8,848				
S S Mtg & Tr	2,000	4,531	67,363	918	7,081	63,311	1,862				
Guaranty Trust	25,000	28,635	516,467								

STATEMENTS OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

	Averages.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve Bank	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	10,408,000	549,568,000	549,568,000	514,700,810	34,867,190
Trust companies*	1,786,000	7,222,000	17,690,000	17,204,940	485,060
Total May 10	12,194,000	561,827,000	574,021,000	538,363,700	35,657,300
Total May 3	12,345,000	562,778,000	565,123,000	533,906,400	31,216,600
Total Apr. 26	12,456,000	569,769,000	582,225,000	531,782,120	50,442,880
Total Apr. 19	12,576,000	568,170,000	580,746,000	526,543,110	54,202,890

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve Bank	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	11,000,000	556,481,000	556,481,000	522,305,260	34,175,740
Trust companies*	1,755,000	7,039,000	18,039,000	17,415,900	623,100
Total May 10	12,755,000	568,521,000	581,306,000	540,183,010	35,122,990
Total May 3	11,989,000	560,277,000	572,266,000	535,521,820	36,744,180
Total Apr. 26	12,307,000	565,257,000	577,564,000	532,076,100	45,487,900
Total Apr. 19	12,300,000	575,366,000	587,666,000	531,569,700	56,096,300

* 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: May 10, \$4,832,310; May 3, \$4,583,910; Apr. 26, \$4,624,920; Apr. 19, \$4,579,050.
 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: May 10, \$4,633,170; May 3, \$4,616,280; Apr. 26, \$4,595,280; Apr. 19, \$4,612,800.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—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.

	May 10.	Differences from previous week.
Loans and investments	\$808,501,300	Inc. \$15,888,300
Specie	7,888,000	Dec. 375,800
Currency and bank notes	16,090,800	Dec. 883,900
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	64,046,900	Dec. 5,610,700
Total deposits	844,474,800	Inc. 13,153,800
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchanges and U. S. deposits	759,966,600	Inc. 14,631,200
Reserve on deposits	139,551,700	Dec. 2,534,600
Percentage of reserve, 20.4%		

RESERVE.

	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vaults	\$19,949,700 13.69%	\$69,776,000 12.95%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	12,798,600 8.87%	37,227,400 6.91%
Total	\$32,548,300 22.56%	\$107,003,400 19.86%

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—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.

Week ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	*Total Cash in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories.
Nov. 18	\$ 5,489,226,000	\$ 4,515,346,900	\$ 141,922,100	\$ 667,230,500
Nov. 23	5,470,203,800	4,511,208,200	141,983,700	661,674,400
Nov. 30	5,360,177,900	4,449,150,600	141,405,200	661,755,700
Dec. 7	5,330,133,600	4,458,973,900	142,319,200	646,812,500
Dec. 14	5,284,107,700	4,527,415,100	142,105,300	661,730,900
Dec. 21	5,373,134,600	4,592,634,000	141,455,900	678,028,900
Dec. 28	5,373,730,500	4,587,435,700	140,531,400	649,153,500
Jan. 4	5,416,960,500	4,650,393,400	147,245,300	697,931,000
Jan. 11	5,473,492,200	4,635,056,500	148,938,900	688,196,700
Jan. 18	5,495,539,400	4,673,410,100	141,934,500	676,355,700
Jan. 25	5,544,714,000	4,650,058,300	135,813,100	646,887,000
Feb. 1	5,525,708,300	4,630,229,800	132,677,300	618,143,600
Feb. 8	5,492,269,000	4,539,150,100	130,568,700	645,124,800
Feb. 15	5,509,784,600	4,504,885,000	133,267,700	628,112,400
Feb. 22	5,571,631,800	4,527,389,800	133,632,800	625,109,700
Mar. 1	5,583,221,600	4,566,358,800	131,342,200	643,761,000
Mar. 8	5,629,541,700	4,571,345,100	128,952,600	647,186,900
Mar. 15	5,649,123,500	4,633,702,000	132,655,200	658,275,500
Mar. 22	5,698,070,800	4,733,813,300	130,905,000	692,405,000
Mar. 29	5,633,730,000	4,618,029,500	134,143,000	627,395,900
Apr. 5	5,696,229,300	4,747,993,000	130,736,900	682,895,200
Apr. 12	5,630,305,500	4,722,746,700	135,497,500	651,649,200
Apr. 19	5,730,276,600	4,689,495,300	134,131,300	672,170,700
Apr. 26	5,694,610,000	4,736,482,100	136,428,700	682,036,200
May 3	5,735,152,000	4,773,617,400	139,041,500	665,625,800
May 9	5,817,606,300	4,822,202,600	134,432,800	677,399,900

* This item includes gold, silver, legal tenders, national bank notes and Federal Reserve notes.

New York City State Banks and Trust Companies.—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 May 10.	State Banks.		Trust Companies.	
	May 10 1919.	Differences from previous week.	May 10 1919.	Differences from previous week.
Capital as of Feb. 21.	\$ 25,900,000	-----	\$ 104,600,000	-----
Surplus as of Feb. 21.	43,559,900	-----	172,776,000	-----
Loans & investments	617,348,800 Inc.	13,452,800	2,059,595,500 Inc.	66,602,400
Specie	8,452,300 Dec.	117,300	12,227,900 Inc.	583,800
Currency & bk. notes	28,315,300 Inc.	1,757,900	21,347,000 Dec.	454,700
Deposits with the F. R. Bank of N. Y.	60,057,000 Dec.	3,932,300	214,885,700 Inc.	1,780,400
Deposits	721,396,100 Inc.	6,238,200	2,105,528,600 Inc.	43,668,700
Reserve on deposits.	116,928,400 Inc.	8,149,300	312,567,300 Inc.	9,269,800
P. C. reserve to dep.	21.1% Inc.	1.1%	17.9% Inc.	0.1%

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 following page:

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

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers (000) omitted.)

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS	Capital.	Net Profits.	Loans, Discounts, Investments, etc.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.	Net Bank Circulation.
Members of Fed'l Res. Bank.	\$	\$	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average
Battery Park Nat.	1,500	1,520	13,350	239	1,166	8,593	68	187
Mutual Bank	200	600	11,807	206	1,587	11,335	344	-----
New Netherland	200	195	6,974	209	878	5,983	112	-----
W R Grace & Co's	300	835	6,933	13	766	4,124	763	-----
Yorkville Bank	200	633	11,147	376	1,161	6,491	4,700	-----
First Nat'l, Jr. Cy	400	1,379	12,168	585	897	7,642	-----	394
Total	3,000	5,130	62,378	1,628	6,455	44,168	5,977	581
State Banks Not Members of the Fed'l Reserve Bank.								
Bank of Wash Hts	100	441	2,763	342	156	2,506	-----	-----
Colonial Bank	500	1,137	12,718	1,548	1,121	13,428	-----	-----
International Bank	500	222	6,559	775	346	6,372	447	-----
North Side, Bklyn	200	220	5,517	465	310	5,139	320	-----
Total	1,300	2,021	27,557	3,130	1,941	27,546	767	-----
Trust Companies Not Members of the Fed'l Reserve Bank.								
Hamilton Tr, Bklyn	500	1,045	8,519	489	298	5,977	1,045	-----
Mech Tr, Bayonne	200	384	8,551	304	314	3,927	4,168	-----
Total	700	1,430	17,070	793	612	9,904	5,213	-----
Grand aggregate	5,000	8,581	107,005	5,551	9,008	81,617	11,957	581
Comparison previous week	-----	+ 1,919	+ 231	- 213	+ 764	+ 56	- 2	-----
Gr'd agr. May 3	5,000	8,581	105,086	5,320	9,231	80,853	11,901	583
Gr'd agr. April 25	5,000	8,581	102,977	5,379	9,029	79,237	11,802	588
Gr'd agr. April 18	5,000	8,581	103,047	5,104	9,008	78,042	11,850	589
Gr'd agr. April 11	6,000	9,253	116,956	5,888	11,041	92,542	12,215	590

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$4,411,000.
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$8,111,000.
 Excess reserve, \$21,940 decrease.

Boston Clearing House Bank.—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.

	May 10 1919.	Changes from previous week.	May 3 1919.	April 26 1919.
Circulation	\$ 4,769,000	Inc. 28,000	\$ 4,741,000	\$ 4,672,000
Loans, disc'ts & investments	553,037,000	Inc. 3,805,000	549,172,000	544,470,000
Individual deposits, incl. U.S.	424,739,000	Inc. 691,000	424,048,000	417,826,000
Due to banks	121,406,000	Inc. 7,412,000	113,994,000	113,181,000
Time deposits	11,705,000	Dec. 320,000	12,025,000	12,330,000
Exchanges for Clear. House	15,813,000	Inc. 28,000	15,785,000	13,115,000
Due from other banks	59,076,000	Dec. 933,000	60,009,000	61,895,000
Cash in bank & in F. R. Bank	62,234,000	Dec. 413,000	62,697,000	62,501,000
Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank	14,807,000	Dec. 1,304,000	16,111,000	16,531,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending May 10 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 May 10 1919.			May 3 1919.	April 26 1919.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Cos.	Total.		
Capital	\$29,775.0	\$3,000.0	\$32,775.0	\$32,075.0	\$32,075.0
Surplus and profits	80,025.0	7,031.0	87,056.0	87,056.0	87,056.0
Loans, disc'ts & investments	767,668.0	27,596.0	795,264.0	781,463.0	773,228.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	20,953.0	405.0	21,358.0	22,594.0	21,200.0
Due from banks	100,718.0	13.0	100,731.0	104,490.0	106,770.0
Bank deposits	151,302.0	335.0	151,637.0	149,730.0	150,428.0
Individual deposits	478,994.0	19,687.0	498,581.0	500,394.0	495,632.0
Time deposits	5,790.0	-----	5,790.0	6,961.0	6,938.0
Total deposits	636,086.0	19,922.0	656,008.0	656,065.0	652,108.0
U.S. deposits (not included)	-----	-----	27,716.0	30,204.0	24,944.0
Reserve with Fed. Res. Bank	50,178.0	-----	56,178.0	54,866.0	55,294.0
Reserve with legal depositories	-----	3,399.0	3,399.0	4,324.0	3,932.0
Cash in vault	14,318.0	913.0	15,231.0	15,136.0	16,419.0
Total reserve & cash held	70,496.0	4,312.0	74,808.0	74,296.0	75,645.0
Reserve required	61,035.0	2,925.0	63,960.0	63,497.0	62,965.0
Excess res. & cash in vault	19,461.0	1,387.0	20,848.0	20,799.0	22,680.0

* Cash in vault is not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve bank members.

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 MAY 2 1919.

Large increases in the holdings of Treasury certificates in connection with the latest issue of 590 millions of certificates in anticipation of the Victory Loan, and corresponding gains in Government deposits are indicated by the Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement showing condition on May 2 of 771 member banks in leading cities.

United States bonds, other than circulation bonds, on hand, presumably as the result of further cash purchases of Victory Loan notes by reporting banks, show an increase of about 12 millions. Loans secured by U. S. war obligations, on the other hand, show a decline for the week of 14.6 millions. Other loans and investments went up 62.9 millions, the New York member banks reporting over one-half of this increase.

Combined holdings of United States war securities and war paper in-

creased from 3,804 millions to 4,083.2 millions and constituted 27.8% of the loans and investments of all reporting banks, as against 26.5% the week before. For the New York member banks an increase in this ratio from 30.9 to 32.1% is noted.

Payment for the newly issued certificates was made largely by credit on the books of subscribing banks. This is evidenced by the increase of 202.2 millions shown for Government deposits. Heavy Government disbursements account, in part at least, for the increase of 112.8 millions in other demand deposits. Time deposits show but a nominal increase.

Reserve balances with the Federal Reserve banks fell off 14.9 millions, and cash in vault—5.9 millions, the New York City member banks reporting most of the decreases under both heads.

1. Data for all reporting banks in each district. Two eiphers (00) omitted.

Member Banks.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richm'd.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
No. of reporting banks.....	45	106	56	89	83	47	101	36	35	76	44	53	771
U. S. bonds to secure circula ⁿ	\$ 14,402.0	\$ 50,092.0	\$ 11,597.0	\$ 40,961.0	\$ 25,270.0	\$ 15,265.0	\$ 19,911.0	\$ 16,906.0	\$ 6,870.0	\$ 14,004.0	\$ 18,324.0	\$ 35,685.0	\$ 269,287.0
Other U. S. bonds, including Liberty bonds.....	21,115.0	303,869.0	35,018.0	62,599.0	47,265.0	34,852.0	55,805.0	20,017.0	13,557.0	23,337.0	20,507.0	32,995.0	669,736.0
U. S. certifs. of indebtedness.....	138,680.0	1,081,810.0	147,606.0	155,193.0	85,774.0	78,693.0	308,145.0	80,373.0	44,931.0	61,364.0	43,402.0	121,963.0	2,328,124.0
Total U. S. securities.....	174,197.0	1,415,571.0	194,221.0	258,743.0	158,309.0	128,810.0	383,961.0	117,496.0	64,358.0	98,705.0	82,233.0	21,539.0	1,085,335.0
Loans sec. by U. S. bonds, etc.....	74,913.0	535,315.0	144,805.0	100,237.0	36,533.0	32,481.0	93,365.0	25,448.0	11,797.0	12,215.0	6,635.0	19,611.0	326,714.0
All other loans & investments.....	792,192.0	4,084,907.0	618,851.0	990,109.0	384,352.0	200,877.0	1,410,056.0	386,252.0	237,196.0	445,759.0	170,689.0	519,611.0	10,326,851.0
Reserve bal. with F. R. bank.....	72,777.0	641,271.0	67,135.0	88,354.0	34,380.0	28,505.0	165,537.0	37,665.0	21,526.0	43,292.0	18,979.0	59,726.0	1,273,146.0
Cash in vault.....	24,578.0	117,145.0	17,739.0	35,885.0	16,139.0	13,632.0	62,937.0	9,713.0	8,572.0	14,981.0	8,769.0	19,180.0	347,320.0
Net demand deposits.....	724,766.0	821,834.0	656,935.0	737,541.0	323,397.0	245,931.0	1,235,680.0	299,990.0	221,559.0	396,920.0	163,394.0	444,635.0	10,322,632.0
Time deposits.....	109,700.0	282,323.0	21,889.0	293,739.0	20,726.0	113,759.0	429,250.0	98,856.0	64,596.0	69,366.0	28,718.0	137,350.0	1,720,352.0
Government deposits.....	60,430.0	379,404.0	41,783.0	41,082.0	26,314.0	18,928.0	89,683.0	26,129.0	13,664.0	12,847.0	17,642.0	-----	727,905.0

2. Data for Banks in Federal Reserve Bank Cities, Federal Reserve Branch Cities and Other Reporting Banks.

	New York		Chicago		All F. R. Bank Cities		F. R. Branch Cities		All Other Reportg Banks		Total	
	May 2.	April 26.	May 2.	April 25.	May 2.	April 25.	May 2.	April 25.	May 2.	April 25.	May 2.	April 25.
No. reporting banks.....	65	65	44	44	255	255	159	160	357	357	771	772
U. S. bonds to secure circula ⁿ	\$ 39,677.0	\$ 39,232.0	\$ 1,169.0	\$ 1,169.0	\$ 104,062.0	\$ 103,619.0	\$ 54,829.0	\$ 54,829.0	\$ 110,396.0	\$ 110,375.0	\$ 269,287.0	\$ 268,827.0
Other U. S. bonds, including Liberty bonds.....	262,873.0	261,123.0	22,727.0	22,390.0	380,458.0	376,200.0	112,701.0	111,199.0	176,577.0	170,298.0	669,736.0	657,697.0
U. S. certifs. of indebtedness.....	974,203.0	862,475.0	173,606.0	150,539.0	1,586,950.0	1,390,928.0	358,905.0	309,462.0	382,209.0	345,968.0	2,328,124.0	2,046,358.0
Total U. S. securities.....	1,276,753.0	1,162,530.0	68,590.0	174,104.0	2,071,470.0	1,870,747.0	526,495.0	475,490.0	669,182.0	626,641.0	3,267,147.0	2,972,878.0
Loans sec. by U. S. bds, etc.....	499,065.0	505,495.0	68,990.0	68,037.0	868,323.0	866,143.0	112,743.0	113,429.0	118,267.0	120,326.0	1,085,333.0	1,099,898.0
All other loans & investments.....	3,338,939.0	3,607,373.0	837,145.0	856,974.0	6,805,317.0	6,755,371.0	1,542,635.0	1,540,185.0	1,978,809.0	1,968,451.0	10,326,851.0	10,204,007.0
Res. balances with F. R. Bk.....	609,123.0	621,398.0	113,701.0	112,164.0	200,518.0	206,716.0	153,039.0	151,667.0	174,227.0	173,979.0	1,273,146.0	1,288,044.0
Cash in vault.....	103,498.0	107,025.0	37,388.0	37,049.0	200,518.0	206,716.0	66,830.0	65,870.0	89,972.0	91,587.0	347,320.0	353,173.0
Net demand deposits.....	4,405,685.0	4,351,058.0	833,854.0	823,923.0	7,294,472.0	7,212,962.0	1,279,783.0	1,267,763.0	1,748,377.0	1,729,026.0	10,322,632.0	10,209,754.0
Time deposits.....	221,636.0	216,705.0	163,693.0	164,187.0	698,180.0	701,434.0	501,515.0	499,496.0	620,667.0	618,912.0	1,720,352.0	1,717,842.0
Government deposits.....	349,948.0	270,597.0	49,370.0	34,063.0	548,215.0	409,551.0	87,874.0	61,964.0	91,816.0	62,920.0	727,905.0	525,735.0
Ratio of U. S. war securities and war paper to total loans and investments.....	32.1	30.0	23.4	21.9	29.0	27.7	26.8	25.1	24.4	23.4	27.8	26.5

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on May 9:

Aggregate gains of about 7.7 millions in gold reserves as against an equal increase in Federal Reserve note circulation, and larger net liquidation of acceptances are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on May 9 1919.

War paper on hand went up 4.2 millions, while holdings of other discounted paper show a decrease of 2.6 millions. Acceptance holdings fell off 13.2 millions. Paper held under rediscount for other Federal Reserve banks totaled 93.8 millions compared with 98.7 millions the week before. In addition three banks report among their bill holdings 4.2 millions of bankers' acceptances bought from other Federal Reserve banks with the latter's endorsement, while bill holdings of 3 other banks include 22.3

millions of acceptances bought from other Federal Reserve banks without such endorsement. Treasury certificates of both the 2% type to secure Federal Reserve bank note circulation and of the 4 1/2% type purchased largely for the temporary accommodation of non-member banks, show an increase for the week of 8.1 millions. As a result of all these transactions total earning assets decreased 3.6 millions.

As against a decline of 53.5 millions in Government deposits the banks report an aggregate gain of 44.5 millions in reserve deposits. Net deposits show a decline of 9.6 millions, while Federal Reserve note circulation increased 7.7 millions. As against these changes in liabilities the banks' total cash reserves show an increase of 5.6 millions. The result is seen in a rise of the banks' reserve percentage from 51.7 to 51.9 %.

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 weekly 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 May 9, consisted of "Foreign Government deposits," \$95,842,490, "Non-member bank deposits," \$8,408,548, and "Due to War Finance Corporation," \$5,748,361.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 9 1919.

	May 9 1919.	May 2 1919.	April 25 1919.	Apr. 18 1919.	April 11 1919.	April 4 1919.	Mar. 28 1919.	Mar. 21 1919.	May 10 1918.
RESOURCES									
Gold coin and certificates.....	\$ 345,797,000	\$ 346,707,000	\$ 340,022,000	\$ 346,145,000	\$ 335,162,000	\$ 333,384,000	\$ 326,791,000	\$ 329,741,000	\$ 489,580,000
Gold settlement fund, F. R. Board.....	569,982,000	600,989,000	605,809,000	612,365,000	610,196,000	612,711,000	663,677,000	596,884,000	437,444,000
Gold with foreign agencies.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5,829,000	-----	5,500,000
Total gold held by banks.....	914,879,000	947,696,000	945,831,000	958,510,000	945,358,000	946,095,000	896,197,000	926,434,000	970,524,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	1,134,198,000	1,104,699,000	1,109,949,000	1,085,519,000	1,082,444,000	1,100,173,000	1,113,070,000	1,112,938,000	885,927,000
Gold redemption fund.....	125,271,000	114,223,000	113,436,000	118,128,000	115,078,000	104,682,000	133,035,000	125,470,000	27,584,000
Total gold reserves.....	2,174,348,000	2,166,618,000	2,169,216,000	2,162,157,000	2,142,880,000	2,150,950,000	2,142,305,000	2,140,842,000	1,883,135,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	68,436,000	70,601,000	70,936,000	68,702,000	69,109,000	67,678,000	68,219,000	67,730,000	59,365,000
Total reserves.....	2,242,784,000	2,237,219,000	2,240,152,000	2,230,859,000	2,211,989,000	2,218,628,000	2,210,524,000	2,208,578,000	1,942,500,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by Govt. war obligations.....	1,792,235,000	1,788,098,000	1,760,672,000	1,720,960,000	1,767,459,000	1,674,916,000	1,691,010,000	1,691,678,000	612,324,000
All other.....	176,005,000	178,716,000	189,740,000	201,314,000	200,465,000	193,066,000	195,230,000	189,861,000	326,717,000
Bills bought in open market.....	182,036,000	196,284,000	185,822,000	196,855,000	215,590,000	240,790,000	248,107,000	261,924,000	286,026,000
Total bills on hand.....	2,150,339,000	2,162,067,000	2,136,234,000	2,119,169,000	2,186,514,000	2,108,772,000	2,134,347,000	2,148,463,000	1,225,077,000
U. S. Govt. long-term securities.....	27,144,000	27,132,000	27,132,000	27,137,000	27,136,000	27,134,000	27,135,000	27,222,000	40,116,000
U. S. Govt. short-term securities.....	202,363,000	194,262,000	191,501,000	189,038,000	185,711,000	178,646,000	178,797,000	172,471,000	106,762,000
All other earning assets.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	22,000	8,000	3,000	4,000	1,844,000
Total earning assets.....	2,379,846,000	2,388,461,000	2,354,870,000	2,335,334,000	2,399,383,000	2,314,555,000	2,335,285,000	2,343,160,000	1,373,799,000
Bank premises.....	10,974,000	10,974,000	10,574,000	10,585,000	10,558,000	9,713,000	9,712,000	9,711,000	-----
Uncollected items and other deductions from gross deposits.....	626,034,000	653,926,000	630,614,000	655,446,000	636,384,000	644,959,000	660,066,000	797,303,000	455,726,000
5% redep. fund asst. F. R. bank notes.....	7,588,000	8,636,000	8,176,000	8,454,000	6,988,000	6,792,000	7,067,000	6,901,000	404,000
All other resources.....	9,227,000	8,010,000	8,801,000	7,995,000	7,332,000	7,738,000	7,274,000	7,772,000	66,000
Total resources.....	5,276,723,000	5,302,226,000	5,252,687,000	5,248,846,000	5,272,634,000	5,202,385,000	5,229,928,000	5,373,425,000	3,772,495,000
LIABILITIES									
Capital paid in.....	\$ 82,228,000	\$ 82,198,000	\$ 82,015,000	\$ 81,774,000	\$ 81,750,000	\$ 81,658,000	\$ 81,641,000	\$ 81,612,000	\$ 75,118,000
Surplus.....	9,430,000	49,466,000	49,466,000	49,466,000	49,466,000	49,466,000	49,466,000	49,466,000	1,134,000
Government deposits.....	87,741,000	143,273,000	91,726,000	106,591,000	169,972,000	85,008,000	108,147,000	285,785,000	138,529,000
Due to members, reserve account.....	1,588,996,000	1,644,434,000	1,664,329,000	1,655,800,000	1,628,693,000	1,655,298,000	1,631,167,000	1,604,719,000	1,548,137,000
Deferred availability items.....	483,501,000	512,703,000	491,805,000	496,783,000	487,153,000	487,593,000	484,906,000	555,388,000	399,773,000
Other deposits, incl. for Govt. credits.....	129,175,000	128,466,000	135,057,000	131,307,000	128,481,000	120,426,000	117,271,000</		

	May 9 1919.	May 2 1919.	April 25 1919.	Apr. 18 1919.	April 11 1919.	April 4 1919.	Mar. 28 1919.	Mar. 21 1919.	May 10 1918.
Gold reserve against net deposit liab.	51.8%	53.4%	54.0%	55.2%	53.2%	55.5%	51.5%	51.0%	58.9%
Gold res. agst. F. R. notes in act. circ'n	49.2%	47.8%	48.0%	47.3%	47.0%	47.3%	49.4%	42.4%	58.1%
Ratio of gold reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	50.3%	50.1%	50.4%	50.5%	49.5%	50.8%	50.3%	50.0%	58.5%
Ratio of total reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	51.9%	51.7%	52.1%	52.1%	51.1%	52.2%	51.9%	51.6%	60.3%
Ratio of gold reserves to F. R. notes in circulation after setting aside 35% against net deposit liabilities	63.5%	63.4%	63.8%	63.8%	62.4%	63.7%	63.5%	63.3%	---
Distribution by Maturity—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	\$ 62,919,000	\$ 64,796,000	\$ 60,702,000	\$ 68,050,000	\$ 78,832,000	\$ 1,531,100,000	\$ 1,529,010,000	\$ 1,529,010,000	\$ 773,755,000
1-15 days bills discounted	1,706,881,000	1,677,868,000	1,648,426,000	1,607,271,000	1,731,817,000	75,751,000	75,660,000	75,660,000	75,474,000
1-15 days U. S. Govt. short-term secs.	33,827,000	29,234,000	28,738,000	29,896,000	29,375,000	24,704,000	23,919,000	23,919,000	---
1-15 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
16-30 days bills bought in open market	42,458,000	49,055,000	51,327,000	46,792,000	50,859,000	154,729,000	103,831,000	53,574,000	125,590,000
16-30 days bills discounted	49,507,000	58,491,000	74,823,000	70,400,000	57,467,000	61,563,000	71,995,000	72,289,000	656,000
16-30 days U. S. Govt. short-term secs.	3,331,000	68,000	103,000	250,000	1,611,000	---	---	---	32,000
16-30 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
31-60 days bills bought in open market	55,530,000	53,034,000	52,688,000	67,807,000	78,501,000	108,788,000	115,870,000	221,940,000	183,404,000
31-60 days bills discounted	70,308,000	84,453,000	80,574,000	99,412,000	103,634,000	87,303,000	81,882,000	81,343,000	15,744,000
31-60 days U. S. Govt. short-term secs.	3,840,000	7,017,000	6,715,000	3,326,000	3,024,000	4,078,000	518,000	221,000	739,000
31-60 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
61-90 days bills bought in open market	21,079,000	27,499,000	21,105,000	14,176,000	10,398,000	52,050,000	51,427,000	50,922,000	120,498,000
61-90 days bills discounted	123,761,000	120,086,000	123,022,000	58,325,000	52,742,000	16,173,000	15,507,000	21,135,000	1,199,000
61-90 days U. S. Govt. short-term secs.	270,000	101,000	373,000	3,184,000	3,749,000	3,890,000	6,506,000	6,409,000	---
61-90 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	17,846,000	25,905,000	23,567,000	23,806,000	23,284,000	21,315,000	21,252,000	21,015,000	21,800,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	161,059,000	167,842,000	155,672,000	151,882,000	147,362,000	145,974,000	142,854,000	141,542,000	13,698,000
Over 90 days U. S. Govt. short-term secs.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Over 90 days municipal warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Federal Reserve Notes—									
Issued to the banks	2,735,798,000	2,731,274,000	2,732,403,000	2,730,334,000	2,724,097,000	2,714,089,000	2,705,708,000	2,696,544,000	1,707,522,000
Returned to the Comptroller	179,049,000	182,234,000	183,851,000	192,680,000	175,500,000	166,419,000	183,932,000	185,857,000	137,994,000
In circulation	2,556,749,000	2,549,040,000	2,548,552,000	2,537,654,000	2,548,597,000	2,547,670,000	2,521,776,000	2,510,687,000	1,569,528,000
Fed. Res. Notes (Agents Accounts)—									
Received from the Comptroller	4,419,140,000	4,390,120,000	4,358,520,000	4,316,500,000	4,268,400,000	4,212,880,000	4,192,440,000	4,141,060,000	2,335,760,000
Returned to the Comptroller	1,279,342,000	1,241,901,000	1,211,173,000	1,173,891,000	1,143,348,000	1,103,556,000	1,071,062,000	1,044,331,000	369,468,000
Amount chargeable to agent in hands of agent	3,139,798,000	3,148,219,000	3,147,348,000	3,142,609,000	3,125,052,000	3,109,324,000	3,121,378,000	3,096,729,000	1,966,292,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks	2,735,798,000	2,731,274,000	2,732,403,000	2,730,334,000	2,724,097,000	2,714,089,000	2,705,708,000	2,696,544,000	1,707,522,000
How Secured—									
By gold coin and certificates	232,498,000	230,493,000	236,498,000	232,747,000	235,747,000	237,747,000	245,147,000	243,000,000	253,452,000
By lawful money	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
By eligible paper	1,601,600,000	1,626,575,000	1,622,454,000	1,650,805,000	1,641,054,000	1,613,918,000	1,592,638,000	1,583,906,000	822,495,000
Gold redemption fund	84,133,000	84,094,000	84,829,000	78,595,000	84,538,000	84,538,000	83,550,000	83,000,000	48,584,000
With Federal Reserve Board	817,567,000	799,107,000	788,622,000	777,177,000	782,158,000	779,908,000	780,290,000	791,927,000	583,021,000
Total	2,735,798,000	2,731,274,000	2,732,403,000	2,730,334,000	2,724,097,000	2,714,089,000	2,705,708,000	2,696,544,000	1,707,522,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent	2,087,062,000	2,069,765,000	2,044,106,000	2,064,724,000	2,111,610,000	2,037,260,000	2,080,228,000	2,084,708,000	1,178,056,000

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 9 1919

Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richm'd.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.													
Gold coin and certificates	\$ 3,778.0	\$ 255,610.0	\$ 607.0	\$ 25,539.0	\$ 2,298.0	\$ 8,160.0	\$ 23,111.0	\$ 2,065.0	\$ 8,411.0	\$ 161.0	\$ 7,210.0	\$ 8,847.0	\$ 345,797.0
Gold Settlement Fund, F. R. B'g	36,148.0	130,017.0	42,651.0	49,649.0	24,527.0	10,945.0	124,955.0	33,248.0	36,537.0	34,271.0	4,200.0	41,928.0	609,682.0
Total gold held by banks	39,926.0	385,627.0	43,258.0	75,188.0	26,825.0	19,105.0	148,066.0	35,313.0	44,948.0	34,432.0	11,410.0	50,776.0	914,879.0
Gold with Fed. Reserve Agents	55,319.0	290,073.0	69,393.0	132,239.0	32,975.0	45,111.0	207,308.0	50,032.0	36,484.0	32,791.0	15,993.0	106,465.0	1,134,198.0
Gold redemption fund	16,321.0	25,000.0	13,838.0	2,789.0	13,899.0	4,775.0	26,078.0	3,891.0	4,309.0	9,362.0	3,218.0	1,734.0	125,271.0
Total gold reserves	111,566.0	700,700.0	126,489.0	210,216.0	73,699.0	69,021.0	441,452.0	89,236.0	85,778.0	76,886.0	30,632.0	188,974.0	2,174,348.0
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	7,251.0	61,370.0	418.0	1,115.0	449.0	1,575.0	1,146.0	2,436.0	84.0	131.0	2,211.0	280.0	68,436.0
Total reserves	118,817.0	762,070.0	126,907.0	211,331.0	74,148.0	70,596.0	442,598.0	91,672.0	85,862.0	76,716.0	32,843.0	189,254.0	2,242,784.0
Bills discounted: Secured by Government war obligations (a)	145,668.0	741,711.0	178,113.0	126,460.0	87,626.0	73,241.0	200,037.0	59,592.0	36,688.0	50,583.0	20,478.0	73,038.0	1,792,235.0
All other	4,499.0	20,174.0	12,240.0	5,223.0	11,237.0	11,681.0	14,266.0	8,003.0	6,795.0	3,207.0	28,128.0	15,622.0	176,068.0
Bills bought in open market (b)	13,932.0	43,737.0	930.0	20,881.0	7,555.0	6,104.0	23,252.0	3,806.0	12,278.0	2,278.0	1,498.0	45,036.0	182,036.0
Total bills on hand	164,099.0	805,622.0	191,283.0	152,584.0	106,418.0	90,026.0	238,255.0	71,401.0	55,761.0	91,110.0	50,104.0	133,696.0	2,150,339.0
U. S. Gov't long-term securities	539.0	1,304.0	1,385.0	1,033.0	1,234.0	377.0	4,476.0	1,153.0	128.0	8,867.0	3,966.0	2,632.0	27,144.0
U. S. Gov't short-term securities	10,916.0	74,722.0	18,600.0	16,048.0	5,460.0	9,024.0	20,812.0	14,190.0	9,335.0	6,632.0	4,900.0	5,934.0	202,363.0
All other earning assets	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total earning assets	181,554.0	881,648.0	211,358.0	169,695.0	113,112.0	99,427.0	263,345.0	86,744.0	65,224.0	106,509.0	69,970.0	142,262.0	2,379,846.0
Bank premises	800.0	3,772.0	500.0	875.0	312.0	217.0	2,936.0	541.0	---	400.0	221.0	400.0	10,974.0
Uncollected items and other deductions from gross deposits	51,628.0	159,230.0	69,807.0	52,314.0	41,107.0	32,147.0	70,323.0	45,451.0	15,456.0	48,467.0	22,145.0	27,939.0	626,034.0
5% Redemption fund against F. R. bank notes	831.0	1,854.0	170.0	763.0	248.0	443.0	1,158.0	597.0	327.0	730.0	379.0	1,358.0	7,858.0
All other resources	435.0	2,074.0	1,534.0	527.0	645.0	308.0	956.0	370.0	204.0	394.0	1,038.0	842.0	9,227.0
Total resources	354,065.0	1,800,648.0	400,276.0	435,505.0	229,472.0	203,138.0	781,314.0	225,375.0	167,073.0	233,216.0	115,599.0	331,045.0	5,276,723.0
LIABILITIES.													
Capital paid in	6,908.0	21,226.0	7,597.0	9,166.0	4,191.0	3,240.0	11,404.0	3,829.0	2,980.0	3,740.0	3,255.0	4,703.0	82,228.0
Surplus	2,996.0	21,117.0	2,008.0	3,562.0	2,196.0	1,510.0	6,416.0	1,003.0	1,415.0	2,421.0	1,184.0	2,448.0	49,466.0
Government deposits	7,557.0	19,753.0	6,100.0	9,389.0	2,139.0	2,797.0	18,424.0	5,848.0	4,259.0	2,109.0	1,511.0	9,876.0	89,761.0
Due to members, reserve account	99,578.0	706,952.0	107,433.0	125,356.0	54,409.0	46,688.0	237,826.0	58,066.0	50,654.0	77,356.0	40,520.0	84,068.0	1,688,906.0
Deferred availability items	40,795.0	120,475.0	51,993.0	42,226.0	38,171.0	23,061.0	54,799.0	37,743.0	12,294.0	34,273.0	12,356.0	18,815.0	483,501.0
All other deposits	1,318.0	113,039.0	682.0	778.0	365.0	170.0	3,259.0	714.0	1,219.0	1,098.0	697.0	5,836.0	129,175.0
Total gross deposits	149,248.0	960,219.0	166,208.0	177,749.0	95,084.0	72,716.0	314,308.0	102,371.0	68,426.0	114,836.0	55,584.0	114,594.0	2,391,343.0
F. R. notes in actual circulation	176,024.0	751,273.0	203,709.0	227,838.0	121,152.0	115,854.0	424,024.0	104,081.0	87,791.0	97,037.0	47,605.0	200,361.0	2,556,749.0
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liability	16,432.0	34,935.0	17,487.0	14,990.0	5,240.0	8,687.0	22,040.0	12,326.0	5,570.0	13,346.0	6,745.0	6,667.0	194,415.0
All other liabilities	2,467.0	11,828.0											

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, May 16 1919.

The Money Market and Financial Situation.—Extraordinary activity continues in the security markets. As was the case last week the transactions in shares averaged more than 1,500,000 per day and there has been no cessation in the upward movement then commented on. There has been, it is reported, a steady absorption of railway and some high grade industrial issues by investors, but there is apparently no abatement of the purely speculative trading which has characterized the market for more than a month past.

This new interest in railway stocks seems to indicate that legislation is expected at the approaching extra session of Congress which will relieve the present deplorable railway situation and perhaps go so far as to provide for the return of the roads to ownership management.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling opened the week firm, but then declined. Continental exchange was irregular, with French and Italian exchange both showing new low records.

To-day's (Friday) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 62 1/2 @ 4 62 1/2 for sixty days, 4 65 1/2 @ 4 65 1/2 for cheques and 4 66 @ 4 66 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks sight 4 64 1/2 @ 4 64 1/2, sixty days 4 62 @ 4 62 1/2, ninety days 4 60 1/2 @ 4 61 and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 61 1/2 @ 4 61 1/2. Cotton for payment 4 64 1/2 @ 4 64 1/2 and grain for payment 4 64 1/2 @ 4 64 1/2.

To-day's (Friday) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 6 41 @ 6 46 for long and 6 36 @ 6 41 for short. Germany bankers' marks were not quoted. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 39 1/2 for long and 39 7-16 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 29.55 francs; week's range, 29.06 francs high and 29.55 francs low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Sterling, Actual—Sixty Days. Cheques, 4 62 1/2. Cables, 4 69 1/2. High for the week, 4 65 1/2. Low for the week, 4 62 1/2.

Paris Bankers' Francs—High for the week, 6 24. Low for the week, 6 46.

Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—High for the week, 39 50. Low for the week, 39 1/2.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$28.125 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

State and Railroad Bonds.—Sales of State bonds at the Board are limited to \$45,000, New York Canal 4 1/2 @ 107 1/2 to 108 and \$49,000 Virginia 6s deferred trust receipts at 65 to 67 1/2.

The market for railway and industrial bonds has been more active than of late and prices are for the most part higher. Of a list of 20 notably active issues only 2 are fractionally lower and 1 unchanged.

The tractions have again been notably strong. Interboro R. T. 5s close 5 points higher than last week, Inter-Met. 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2 points, B. R. T. 7s 4 1/2 and Third Ave. adj. 5s 3 3/4. Among other relatively strong features are Union Pac. 4s, Ches. & Ohio issues, Balt. & Ohio gold 4s and Inter. Mer. Mar. 6s up an average of about 2 points within the week.

United States Bonds.—For to-day's prices see third page following.

Railway and Miscellaneous Stocks.—An important characteristic of this week's stock market has been an increasing demand for railway shares at advancing prices. Leaving out of the account Brooklyn Rapid Transit, which made an abnormal movement from 21 1/2 to over 28, or 33%, St. Paul advanced over 6 points, New York Central 4 1/2, Union Pacific 3 1/2, Northern Pacific 4, Great Northern 3 3/8, Reading 3 3/8 and others from 2 to 3 within the week.

Industrial shares have fully sustained a reputation for erratic and irregular movement. Gen. Cigars closes over 11 points higher than last week and Texas Co. 11 1/2 points lower. U. S. Sm. & Ref. has covered a range of 10 points, Bald. Loco. and Cent. Lea. 9, At. Gulf & W. I. S. U. S. Ind. Al. 6, Am. H. & L. 6 1/2, Am. Int. Corp. Chalm. Motors, Royal Dutch, Sinc. Oil, and Studebaker 5. On the other hand Gen. Motors and Mex. Pet. have declined 5 points and other issues in this group have moved irregularly over a range of 2 to 5 points and generally close higher than last week.

Outside Market.—"Curb" transactions this week were in record-breaking volume. The tone of the market continues strong, though profit taking caused prices to move in irregular fashion. Oil stocks continue to monopolize the attention. A sensation was caused in last Saturday's trading by the sudden drop in Sinclair Gulf Corp. from 63 3/4 to 42 but it quickly recovered to 62. The close to-day was at 59 1/4. Houston Oil com. lost some 20 points to 115, closing to-day at 117. Midwest Ref'g moved down from 196 to 185 and up to 192, finishing to-day at 189. Boone Oil was heavily traded in up from 11 1/2 to 16 1/2, but to-day reacted to 12 1/2, with the close at 12 3/4. Glenrock Oil fell from 7 3/4 to 6 3/4 and ends the week at 6 7/8. Home Oil & Ref. advanced from 29 3/4 to 39 1/2 and closed to-day at 39. Hudson Oil weakened from 3 3/4 to 2 1/2. Internat. Petroleum lost 3 1/2 points to 31, with the final figure to-day 31 1/4. Kentucky Oil & Ref. rose from 15 1/2 to 22 1/2. Merritt Oil lost almost three points to 31 1/2 and closed to-day at 31 1/2. Among industrials Endicott-Johnson com. was conspicuous for a rise of 19 points to 90, though it reacted finally to 80. Famous Players Lasky sold down at first from 90 to 85, but recovered to 91 1/4. Intercontinental Rubber, after early loss of some 3 points to 29, ran up to 34 3/4, with a final reaction to 31 3/4. Lima Locomotive com. was more than ordinarily active and

improved from 47 to 56, with the final transaction to-day at 52. Savold Tire Corp. advanced from 56 to 64, sold back to 56 and to-day at 57. N. Y. Savold Tire rose early from 56 to 58 1/2, but later sank to 54 and was traded in to-day at 57. Remington Typewriter com. lost five points to 75. Submarine Boat improved over two points to 17. Mining shares were active with the interest in the silver issues. For daily volume of business see page 214.

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

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending May 16, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Adams Express, Amer. Bk. Notes, Am. Bosch Magn., etc.

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

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALES PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT., Saturday May 10, Monday May 12, Tuesday May 13, Wednesday May 14, Thursday May 15, Friday May 16, Sales for the Week Shares, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots., PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1915.

* Bid and asked prices. no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ Ex-dividend.

BONDS		Price		Week's		Bonds	Range	
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE		Friday		Range or			Since	
Week ending May 16		May 16		Last Sale		Sold	Jan. 1.	
Interest	Period	Bid	Ask	Low	High		No.	Low
Delaware & Hudson—								
1st lien equip g 4 1/2	1922	J	97	97	May '10	96	97	
1st & ref 4 1/2	1943	M	84	85 1/2	84	84 1/2	83 1/2	85 1/2
20-year conv 5 1/2	1935	A	93	93 1/2	93	94	90 1/2	95 1/2
Alb & Susq conv 3 1/2	1946	A	78	80 1/2	78 1/2	77	73 1/2	77
Renss & Saratoga 1st 7 1/2	1921	M	102 1/2	104	102 1/2	Apr '19	102 1/2	102 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande—								
1st cons g 4 1/2	1936	J	72 1/2	73	71	72 1/2	35	66 1/2
Consol gold 4 1/2	1936	J	74 1/2	80	74	74	72	78
Improvement gold 5 1/2	1923	J	77	80	75	May '19	76	79 1/2
1st & refunding 5 1/2	1934	F	51 1/2	53	51	51 1/2	34	45
Rio Gr June 1st gu g 5 1/2	1939	J	77	77	77	Nov '16	77	77 1/2
Rio Gr Sou 1st gold 4 1/2	1940	J	38	38	61 1/4	Apr '11	39	71 1/2
Guaranteed	1940	J	39	39	71 1/2	Nov '16	39	71 1/2
Rio Gr West 1st gold 4 1/2	1939	J	72	Sale	71 1/2	72	63 1/2	73 1/2
Mtge & coll trust 4 1/2	1949	A	59	59 1/2	60	May '19	60	60
Det & Mack—1st lien g 4 1/2	1905	J	65	78	82	Dec '16	60	60
Gold 4 1/2	1905	J	50	78	75 1/2	July '10	50	60
Det Riv Tun Ter Tun 4 1/2	1941	M	80 1/2	81 1/2	80	May '19	80	84 1/2
Dul Missabe & Nor gen 5 1/2	1941	J	97 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	June '18	97 1/2	98 1/2
Dul & Iron Range 1st 5 1/2	1937	A	92 1/2	94	92 1/2	Apr '19	92 1/2	94 1/2
Registered	1937	A	92 1/2	94	92 1/2	Apr '19	92 1/2	94 1/2
Dul Sou Dock consol 1st 5 1/2	1937	J	84 1/2	87	84 1/2	Apr '19	83	84 1/2
Hghn Joliet & East 1st g 5 1/2	1941	M	95	95 1/2	93 1/2	May '19	93 1/2	93 1/2
Erie 1st consol gold 7 1/2	1920	M	99 1/2	100	100	May '19	99 1/2	100 1/2
N Y & Erie 1st ext g 4 1/2	1947	M	81 1/2	81 1/2	78 1/2	Oct '18	81 1/2	81 1/2
2d ext gold 4 1/2	1919	M	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	June '18	99 1/2	100 1/2
3rd ext gold 4 1/2	1923	M	91 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '18	91 1/2	93 1/2
4th ext gold 5 1/2	1920	A	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	July '17	90 1/2	90 1/2
5th ext gold 4 1/2	1928	J	82 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	Nov '15	82 1/2	84 1/2
N Y L E & W 1st g 7 1/2	1920	M	97 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	July '18	97 1/2	100 1/2
Erie 1st cons g 4 1/2 prior	1906	J	67 1/2	84 1/2	67 1/2	Dec '16	65	70 1/2
Registered	1906	J	67 1/2	84 1/2	67 1/2	Dec '16	65	70 1/2
1st consol lien g 4 1/2	1906	J	59 1/2	84 1/2	57	Dec '16	57	57
Registered	1906	J	59 1/2	84 1/2	57	Dec '16	57	57
Penn coll trust gold 4 1/2	1911	F	79	82	77 1/2	Feb '19	77 1/2	78
50-year conv 4 1/2 Ser A	1953	A	50	Sale	48	50	40	50
do Series B	1953	A	49 1/2	Sale	48	49 1/2	24	46
Gen conv 4 1/2 Series D	1953	A	53	Sale	50 1/2	53	47 1/2	53
Chlo & Erie 1st gold 5 1/2	1932	M	90	93	90	90	90	95 1/2
Clev & Mahon Vall g 5 1/2	1938	J	92 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	Jan '17	92 1/2	101
Erie & Jersey 1st g 5 1/2	1935	J	101	101	101	Apr '19	101	101
Genesee River 1st g 5 1/2	1935	A	107	109	108	Mar '19	108	108
Long Dock consol 1st g 4 1/2	1935	A	93 1/2	103	103	Jan '18	93 1/2	103
Cons RR 1st cur gu 6 1/2	1922	M	90	102 1/2	102 1/2	July '17	90	102 1/2
Dock & Impt 1st ext 5 1/2	1943	J	87	87	85	Jan '18	87	87 1/2
N Y & Green L gu g 5 1/2	1946	M	71	79	71	Apr '19	71	78 1/2
N Y Susq & W 1st ref 5 1/2	1937	F	45	100 1/2	100 1/2	Dec '06	45	100 1/2
General gold 5 1/2	1940	F	88 1/2	93	90	Dec '18	88 1/2	93
Terminal 1st gold 5 1/2	1943	M	86	97 1/2	97	Dec '18	86	97 1/2
Mid of N J 1st ext 5 1/2	1940	A	85	97 1/2	97	Dec '18	85	97 1/2
Wilk & East 1st gu g 5 1/2	1943	J	90	97 1/2	97 1/2	Jan '17	90	97 1/2
Kvay & T H 1st cons 6 1/2	1921	J	96	98	96	Feb '19	96	98
1st general gold 5 1/2	1942	A	70 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	Jan '17	70 1/2	85 1/2
Mt Vernon 1st gold 6 1/2	1923	A	108	108	108	Nov '11	108	108
Sull Co Branch 1st g 5 1/2	1930	A	98 1/2	98 1/2	95	June '12	98 1/2	98 1/2
Florida E Coast 1st 4 1/2	1951	J	82 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	Aug '10	81	85
Fort St U D Co 1st g 4 1/2	1941	J	87	87	80	Dec '18	87	87
Fy Worth & Rio Gr 1st g 4 1/2	1923	J	67	80	80	Oct '17	67	80
Galv Hous & Hen 1st 5 1/2	1943	A	95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	Oct '17	95 1/2	96
Great Nor O B & Q coll 4 1/2	1921	J	95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	Oct '17	95 1/2	96
Registered	1921	J	95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	Oct '17	95 1/2	96
1st & ref 4 1/2 Series A	1961	J	86	88	86	86 1/2	7	88
Registered	1961	J	86	88	86	86 1/2	7	88
St Paul M & Man 4 1/2	1933	J	88	88	88	88	88	88
1st consol g 6 1/2	1933	J	104	108	108 1/2	Apr '19	104	108 1/2
Registered	1933	J	102	113	113	Apr '17	102	113
Reduced to gold 4 1/2	1933	J	93 1/2	93	94	10	94	95 1/2
Registered	1933	J	90 1/2	99	102 1/2	May '16	90 1/2	99
Mont ext 1st gold 4 1/2	1937	J	86	87	86 1/2	Mar '19	86 1/2	87 1/2
Registered	1937	J	83 1/2	85	85	Nov '15	83 1/2	85
Pacific ext 1st g 4 1/2	1940	J	77	77	85	Nov '15	77	85
E Minn Nor Div 1st g 6 1/2	1948	A	75 1/2	80	80	Nov '15	75 1/2	80
Minn Union 1st g 6 1/2	1922	J	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	May '18	100 1/2	107 1/2
Mont C 1st gu g 6 1/2	1937	J	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	2	106 1/2
Registered	1937	J	102	107 1/2	107 1/2	May '06	102	107 1/2
1st quar gold 5 1/2	1937	J	98 1/2	98	98	Apr '19	98	99 1/2
Wll & S F 1st gold 5 1/2	1938	J	95 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	Aug '19	95 1/2	100 1/2
Green Bay & W deb 4 1/2 "A"	Feb	50	79 1/2	51 1/2	Feb '19	51	52	52
Debenture 4 1/2 "B"	Feb	12 1/2	81 1/2	10 1/2	13 1/2	322	6 1/2	13 1/2
Outf & S I 1st ref & t g 6 1/2	1932	J	78 1/2	Sale	78 1/2	Jan '19	80	82 1/2
Rocking Val 1st cons g 4 1/2	1906	J	78 1/2	Sale	73 1/2	Jan '19	77	83
Registered	1906	J	78 1/2	Sale	73 1/2	Jan '19	77	83
Col & H V 1st ext g 4 1/2	1948	A	76 1/2	76 1/2	73 1/2	Oct '18	76 1/2	76 1/2
Col & T 1st ext 4 1/2	1955	F	74 1/2	74 1/2	70 1/4	Apr '19	76 1/2	76 1/2
Houston Belt & Term 1st 6 1/2	1937	J	85	95	85	Dec '18	85	95
Illinois Central 1st gold 4 1/2	1951	J	85	85	87	Mar '19	86	88
Registered	1951	J	85	85	87	Mar '19	86	88
1st gold 3 1/2	1951	J	76	76	76	76	76	76
Registered	1951	J	71 1/2	84	84	Nov '15	71 1/2	84
Extended 1st gold 3 1/2	1951	A	71 1/2	80	80	June '17	71 1/2	80
Registered	1951	A	71 1/2	80	80	June '17	71 1/2	80
1st gold 3 1/2 sterling	1951	M	80	80	80	July '09	80	80
Registered	1951	M	80	80	80	July '09	80	80
Collateral trust gold 4 1/2	1952	A	77	81	77	Feb '19	77	79
Registered	1952	A	77	81	77	Feb '19	77	79
1st refunding 4 1/2	1956	M	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	80	84 1/2
Purchased lines 3 1/2	1952	J	72 1/2	78 1/2	71 1/2	Apr '19	71 1/2	72 1/2
L N O & Texas gold 4 1/2	1953	M	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2	77 1/2
Registered	1953	M	70 1/2	85	71 1/2	Apr '19	71 1/2	71 1/2
Cairo Bridge gold 4 1/2	1950	J	78 1/2	78	78	Nov '18	78 1/2	78
Litchfield Div 1st gold 4 1/2	1951	J	60	79	79	Feb '14	60	79
Louis Div & Term g 3 1/2	1953	J	71 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	Nov '18	71 1/2	73 1/2
Registered	1953	J	71 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	Nov '18	71 1/2	73 1/2
Middle Div 1st g 5 1/2	1951	A	97 1/2	102	102	June '18	97 1/2	102
Omaha Div 1st gold 3 1/2	1951	F	61 1/2	62 1/2	62	Oct '18	61 1/2	62
St Louis Div & Term g 3 1/2	1951	J	70 1/2	73 1/2	65 1/2	Oct '18	70 1/2	73 1/2
Gold 3 1/2	1951	J	64 1/2	80	80	June '18	64 1/2	80
Registered	1951	J	64 1/2	80	80	June '18	64 1/2	80
Spring Div 1st g 3 1/2	1951	J	67 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	Nov '16	67 1/2	81 1/2
Western Lines 1st g 4 1/2	1951	F	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Registered	1951	F	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Bellev & Car 1st 6 1/2	1923	J	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	Mar '10	73 1/2	73 1/2
Carb & Shaw 1st gold 4 1/2	1932	M	97 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	Apr '19	94 1/2	99 1/2
Chic St L & N O gold 4 1/2	1951	J	97 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	Feb '19	95 1/2	95 1/2
Registered	1951	J	97 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	Feb '19	95 1/2	95 1/2
Gold 3 1/2	1951	J	90 1/2	90 1/2	86 1/2	July '18	87	95
Registered	1951	J	90 1/2	90 1/2	86 1/2	July '18	87	95
Joint 1st ref 5 1/2 Series A	1963	J	90 1/2	92	91	May '19	87	95
Memph Div 1st g 4 1/2	1951	J	73 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	Oct '18	73 1/2	70 1/2
Registered	1951	J	70 1/2	78	65	Nov '17	70 1/2	78</

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N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE					N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE				
Week ending May 16					Week ending May 16				
Interest	Price	Week's	Range		Interest	Price	Week's	Range	
Period	Friday	Range or	Since		Period	Friday	Range or	Since	
	May 16	Last Sale	Jan. 1.			May 16	Last Sale	Jan. 1.	
N Y Cent & H R RR (Con.)	84d	Aak	Low High	No.	P. C. C. & St. L. (Con.)	84d	Aak	Low High	No.
N Y & Pu lat cons gu 4s 1903	A	78 1/4	78 1/4	Apr '15	Series F guar 4s gold 1953	J	89 1/2	91	Sept '18
Pine Creek reg guar 6s 1932	J	103 3/4	113	May '15	Series G 4s guar 1957	M	89 1/2	93	Apr '19
R. W. & O con lat 4s 1912	A	95 1/2	99	Apr '19	Series L cons gu 4 1/2s 1953	F	90 1/2	91	Apr '19
Rutland lat cons gu 4 1/2s 1941	J	77	67	Jan '19	C St L & P lat cons gu 5s 1932	A	100 1/2	104 1/2	Jan '19
Og & L Cham lat gu 4s 1914	J	62	61 1/2	Feb '19	Peoria & Pekin Div lat 5s 1921	Q	100	100	June '17
Rur-Canada lat gu 4s 1919	J	56 1/2	67	Feb '19	2d gold 4 1/2s 1921	M	87	87	Mar '16
Law & Adir lat gu 5s 1906	J	87 1/2	101	Nov '16	Pere Marquette lat Ser A 5s 1956	J	87 1/2	87 1/2	40
2d gold 6s 1906	A	89 1/2	103	Nov '16	1st Series B 4s 1956	J	70 1/2	70 1/2	3
Utica & Bk RR 4s 1922	J	95 1/2	95 1/2	Apr '19	Philippine Ry lat 30-yr w f 4s 1957	J	48	48	3
Lake Shore gold 3 1/2s 1927	J	73 1/2	72	73	Pitts St & L E 1st & 5s 1940	A	98 1/2	99	Jan '18
Registered 1907	J	70	72 1/2	Nov '18	lat consol gold 6s 1943	J	94 1/2	97 1/2	Dec '17
Debenture gold 4s 1928	M	89	88 1/2	89 1/2	Reading Co gen gold 4s 1927	J	84	84	30
25-year gold 4s 1931	M	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	Registered 1997	J	82	80 1/2	81 1/2
Registered 1931	N	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	Jersey Central coll g 4s 1951	A	82 1/2	84 1/2	May '19
Ka A & O R lat gu 5s 1938	J	92	92	Dec '15	Atlantic City guar 4s 1947	J	60 1/2	67	60
Mahon C'I RR lat 5s 1934	J	95 1/2	104 1/2	Dec '15	St. Joe & Grand lat 4s 4s 1947	J	60 1/2	67	60
Pitts & L Erie 2d g 6s 1928	A	85	103	May '17	St. Louis & San Fran (reorg Co)	J	63 1/2	63 1/2	94
Pitts MeK & Y 1st g 6s 1932	A	85	130 1/2	Jan '09	Prior Lien Ser A 4s 1950	J	76	76	24
2d guar debent 6s 1934	J	102 1/2	123 1/2	Mar '12	Caro Gen Ser B 5s 1950	M	68 1/2	75 1/2	70
Michigan Central 5s 1931	M	93 1/2	99 1/2	Aug '17	Cum adjust Ser A 6s 1955	A	68 1/2	68 1/2	104
Registered 1931	Q	82 1/2	84	Mar '19	Income Series A 6s 1950	Oct	48 1/2	49	302
4s 1940	J	82 1/2	83 1/2	84	St. Louis & San Fran gen 6s 1931	J	103 1/2	103 1/2	Apr '19
Registered 1940	J	82 1/2	83 1/2	84	General gold 6s 1931	J	97 1/2	97 1/2	5
J L & S lat gold 3 1/2s 1951	M	70 1/2	70 1/2	June '05	St. L & S F RR cons g 4s 1936	J	70	78	May '16
lat gold 3 1/2s 1952	N	73	70 1/2	Apr '19	South Div 1st g 5s 1947	A	102 1/2	102	May '19
20-year debenture 4s 1929	A	82 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	K C P S & M cons g 6s 1928	M	69 1/2	69 1/2	40
N Y Chl & St L lat g 4s 1937	A	81	82	81 1/2	K C P S & M Ry ref g 4s 1936	A	89	89	May '19
Registered 1937	A	81	82	81 1/2	K C & M R & R lat gu 6s 1929	A	89	89	6
Debenture 4s 1931	M	73 1/2	74	Nov '17	St. L S W lat g 4s bond etc 1930	M	68 1/2	70 1/2	66
West Shore lat 4s guar 1934	J	79 1/2	82 1/2	May '19	2d g 4s income bond etc 1930	J	58	65 1/2	58
Registered 2301	J	76	76	76	Consol gold 4s 1932	J	62	62	40
N Y C Lines eq tr 5s 1919	M	99 1/2	99 1/2	Feb '19	lat terminal & uniting 5s 1952	J	62	60 1/2	62
Equip trust 4 1/2s 1919	1925	J	102	98 1/2	Gray's Pt Ter lat gu 6s 1947	J	85	98 1/2	Jan '14
N Y Connect lat gu 4 1/2s A 1953	F	85	85 1/2	84	S A & A Pass lat gu 4s 1943	J	64 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2
N Y N H & Hartford	S	53	53	53 1/2	Seaboard Air Line g 4s 1950	A	70 1/2	71 1/2	70
Non-conv debent 4s 1947	M	53	53	53 1/2	Gold 4s stamped 1950	A	70	72	72
Non-conv debent 3 1/2s 1947	M	53	53	53 1/2	Adjustment 6s 1949	F	51	51	84
Non-conv debent 3 1/2s 1954	A	50	52	50 1/2	Refunding 4s 1959	A	55	57	58
Non-conv debent 4s 1955	J	52 1/2	55	53	Atl Birm 30-yr lat g 4s 1933	M	75	75	10
Non-conv debent 4s 1956	N	52 1/2	55 1/2	53	Fin Cent & Ten lat ext 6s 1923	J	100 1/2	100 1/2	Apr '19
Conv debenture 3 1/2s 1956	J	49	50	50 1/2	lat land grant ext g 5s 1930	J	100 1/2	101	Dec '15
Conv debenture 6s 1948	J	81 1/2	81	81 1/2	Consol gold 5s 1943	J	90 1/2	90	Jan '19
Cons Ry non-conv 4s 1930	F	60	60	Oct '17	Ca & Ala Ry lat con 6s 1945	J	91 1/2	90 1/2	June '18
Non-conv debent 4s 1954	J	60	60	Jan '12	Ca Car & No lat gu 5s 1929	J	94 1/2	94 1/2	Apr '19
Non-conv debent 4s 1955	J	60	60	July '18	Seaboard & Roan lat 5s 1926	J	95	95 1/2	May '19
Non-conv debent 4s 1956	J	60	60	60	Southern Pacific Co	J	75 1/2	75 1/2	76
Harlem R-Pt Ches lat 4s 1954	M	74 1/2	73 1/2	Dec '18	Gold 4s (Cent Pac coll) 1949	J	76	76	Feb '14
B & N Y Air Line lat 4s 1955	F	72 1/2	71 1/2	Dec '17	Registered 1949	J	76	76	76
Cent New Eng lat 4s 1961	J	59	60 1/2	Apr '19	20-year conv 4s 1920	M	80 1/2	80 1/2	563
Hartford St Ry lat 4s 1931	M	81 1/2	81 1/2	Apr '19	20-year conv 6s 1934	D	108 1/2	107	108
Hamontale R cons g 5s 1937	M	91 1/2	106 1/2	May '16	Cent Pac lat ref gu 4s 1949	F	103 1/2	103 1/2	81
Naugatuck RR lat 4s 1942	M	70 1/2	87	July '14	Mort guar gold 3 1/2s 1929	J	84	84	20
N Y Prov & Boston 4s 1954	A	81 1/2	83	Aug '13	Through St L lat gu 4s 1954	A	79	81	80
N Y W Ches & B lat ser J 4 1/2s 1946	J	47	45 1/2	48	G H & S A M & P lat 5s 1931	M	91 1/2	101	100
Boston Terminal lat 4s 1939	A	90 1/2	94	94	2d exten 5s guar 1931	J	85	97	96 1/2
New England cons 6s 1945	J	90 1/2	94	94	Gla V G & N lat gu g 5s 1924	M	91 1/2	102	95
Consol 4s 1945	J	74 1/2	70	Sept '17	Hons E & W T lat g 6s 1933	M	94	95	92 1/2
Providence Secur deb 4s 1957	M	85	40	Feb '19	lat guar 5s red 1933	M	92 1/2	100	Oct '16
Prov & Springfield lat 5s 1922	J	85	99 1/2	Dec '13	H & T C lat g 5s lat gu 1937	J	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Providence Term lat 4s 1956	M	69	88 1/2	Feb '14	Gen gold 4s lat gu 1921	J	93 1/2	94 1/2	93 1/2
W & Con East lat 4 1/2s 1933	J	67 1/2	70	66 1/2	Waco & N W div lat g 6s 1930	A	94	97	94
N Y C & W ref lat g 4s 1912	M	67 1/2	70	66 1/2	La S W lat gu g 5s 4s 1941	J	91	95	93
Registered & \$5,000 only 1922	M	64 1/2	60	Apr '18	Louisiana West lat 6s 1921	J	99 1/2	100 1/2	Apr '17
General 4s 1955	J	68	68	69 1/2	Morgan's La & T lat 6s 1920	J	97	102	100
Norfolk Son lat & ref A 5s 1901	F	87 1/2	95	81 1/2	No of Cal guar 5s 1938	A	94 1/2	102 1/2	Oct '18
Norfolk Son lat gold 5s 1941	M	109	109	109	Ore & Cal lat guar g 5s 1927	J	99 1/2	99	99
Norfolk & West gen gold 6s 1931	M	108	122	Nov '16	So Pac of Cal-Gu g 5s 1937	M	96 1/2	107 1/2	Sept '16
Improvement & ext g 6s 1934	F	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	So Pac Coast lat gu 4s 1937	J	92 1/2	93	93
New River lat gold 6s 1923	A	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	San Fran Term lat 4s 1950	A	74 1/2	78 1/2	Apr '19
N & W Ry lat cons g 4s 1936	A	81	81	Dec '10	Tex & N O con gold 5s 1943	J	81	80 1/2	81 1/2
Registered 1936	A	81	81	81	Tex & N O lat ref 4s 1949	J	81	81	81
Div 1st lat cons g 4s 1944	J	72 1/2	84 1/2	Feb '19	Southern lat cons g 6s 1934	J	94 1/2	94	95
10-25-year conv 4s 1932	D	117 1/2	117 1/2	May '17	Registered 1934	J	100 1/2	100 1/2	Aug '16
10-20-year conv 4s 1932	M	104 1/2	104 1/2	Apr '19	Develop & gen 4s Ser A 1956	A	68 1/2	68	68
10-25-year conv 4 1/2s 1933	M	107 1/2	110	107 1/2	Mob & Ohio coll tr g 4s 1938	M	66 1/2	67 1/2	66
10-year conv 6s (w f) 1929	J	84	84	84	Mem Div lat g 4 1/2s-6s 1936	J	91 1/2	91 1/2	May '10
Poach C & O Joint 4s 1941	J	88	88	88	St Louis div 1st g 4s 1941	J	72	72	72
C C & T lat guar gold 5s 1922	J	97 1/2	103	Sept '16	Alt Ot Son lat cons A 5s 1943	J	89 1/2	93	Jan '19
Seco V & N E lat gu 4s 1930	M	79 1/2	77 1/2	May '19	Alt & Charl A L lat A 4 1/2s 1944	J	88 1/2	88 1/2	11
Northern Pacific prior lien rail-way & land grant g 4s 1907	Q	83 1/2	84	83 1/2	lat 30-year 5s Ser B 1944	J	94 1/2	94 1/2	7
Registered 1907	Q	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	Alt & Danv lat g 4s 1948	J	74	74	74
General lien gold 5s 1907	Q	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	2d 4s 1948	A	70 1/2	75	Feb '17
Registered 1907	Q	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	Atl Yad & G W guar 4s 1944	A	95 1/2	97	Mar '19
Ref & Imp 4 1/2s ser 2 1947	J	89	89	89	E T V & G Div g 6s 1930	J	95 1/2	99 1/2	97
St Paul-Duluth Div g 4s 1904	J	78	80	78	Cons lat gold 5s 1956	M	93 1/2	96	Apr '19
St P & N P gen gold 6s 1923	F	102 1/2	104 1/2	102	E Tenn reorg lien g 5s 1938	M	92	93	95 1/2
Registered certificates 1923	F	100 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	Ga Midland lat 3s 1946	A	56	57	52
St Paul & Duluth lat 5s 1931	F	97 1/2	97	98 1/2	Ga Pac Ry lat g 6s 1922	J	100 1/2	100 1/2	May '19
lat consol gold 4s 1908	J	76 1/2	85	78	Knox & Ohio lat g 6s 1925	J	101 1/2	101 1/2	Oct '18
Wash Cent lat gold 4s 1943	Q	76 1/2	85	80 1/2	Mob & Btr prior lien g 6s 1945	J	91 1/2	91 1/2	Oct '18
Nor Pac Term Co lat g 6s 1934	J	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	Mortgage gold 4s 1945	J	68 1/2	68	Jan '18
Oregon-Wash lat & ref 4s 1961	J	77 1/2	81 1/2	78	Rieh & Dan deb 5s stamp 1927	J	90 1/2	95	Jan '18
Pacific Coast Co lat g 5s 1948	J	85 1/2	85 1/2	May '19	Rieh & Mohk lat g 5s 1948	M	60	60 1/2	71
Paduach & Ills lat g f 4 1/2s 1955	J	80 1/2	95	100 1/2	So Cal & G lat g 5s 1931	M	95 1/2	99 1/2	Apr '19
Pennsylvania RR lat g 4s 1923	M	95 1/2	95 1/2	Apr '19	Virginia Mid Ser D 4-5s 1921	M	95 1/2	102 1/2	June '11
Consol gold 1st g 4s 1919	M	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	Series E 5s 1926	M	93 1/2	100	Apr '18
Registered 1919	Q	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	Series F 5s 1926	M	92 1/2	104 1/2	Dec '16
Consol gold 4s 1943	M	86 1/2	91	90 1/2	General 6s 1936	M	95 1/2	96 1/2	96
Consol gold 4s 1948	M	86 1/2	86 1/2</						

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		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	
Virginia 1st 5s series A	1902	M	N	91 1/2	92	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	
Wabash 1st gold 5s	1939	M	N	95	95 1/2	95	95	95	
2d gold 5s	1939	F	A	87	87 1/4	85	87	88	
Debenture series B	1939	J	J	97 1/4	97 1/2	95	97	97	
1st lien equip 1st 5s	1921	M	S	95	95	93	93	93	
1st lien 30-yr fr term 4s	1924	J	J	65	65	63	63	63	
Det & Ch 1st 1st 5s	1941	J	J	91	91	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	
Des Moines Div 1st 4s	1939	J	J	77 1/2	77 1/2	74	74	74	
Om Div 1st 3 1/2s	1941	A	O	89	89	87	87	87	
Tol & Ch Div 1st 4s	1941	M	S	65	65	64	64	64	
Wash Term 1st 3 1/2s	1945	F	A	75	77	75	75	75	
1st 40-yr guar 4s	1945	F	A	82 1/2	82 1/2	82	82	82	
West Maryland 1st 4s	1932	A	O	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	
West N Y & P 1st 4s	1937	J	J	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	
Gen gold 4s	1943	A	O	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	
Income 6s	1943	Nov	Nov	83 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	
Western Pac 1st 5s	1940	M	S	93 1/2	93 1/2	93	93	93	
Whitell & L R 1st 5s	1926	J	J	93 1/2	93 1/2	93	93	93	
Wheel Div 1st gold 5s	1928	J	J	96	96	93	93	93	
Exten & Imp't gold 5s	1930	F	A	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	
Refunding 4 1/2s series A	1936	M	S	59	60	59	59	59	
RR 1st consol 4s	1940	M	S	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	
Winston-Salem 8 B 1st 4s	1900	J	J	75	77	75	75	75	
Wla Cent 50-yr 1st 4s	1949	J	J	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	
Sup & Div 1st & term lat 4s 3/4	1930	M	N	75	78	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	

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Adams Ex coll tr 4s	1948	M	S	59 1/2	60	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	
Alaska Gold M deb 6s A	1925	M	S	27	27	28	28	28	
Coav deb 6s series B	1920	M	S	27	27	29	29	29	
Am RR of Va 1st 5s	1920	M	N	86 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	
Armstrong & Co 1st real est 4 1/2s '39	J	D	86 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	
Booth Finance deb 5 1/2s	1924	A	O	91	91	90	90	90	
Braden Cop M coll tr 4 1/2s 1921	F	A	O	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	
Bush Terminal 1st 4s	1932	A	O	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	
Consol 5s	1955	J	J	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	
Building 5s guar tax ex.	1960	A	O	79 1/2	80	80	80	80	
Chic C & Con Ry 1st 5s	1927	A	O	40	40	40	40	40	
Chic Up St 1st 4 1/2s A	1963	J	J	84 1/2	85	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	
Chic Copper 10-yr conv 7s	1923	M	N	115 1/2	117 1/2	119	119	119	
Rece (part paid) conv 6s ser A	A	O	90 1/2	91	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	
Coll tr & conv 6s ser A	1932	A	O	90	90	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	
Computing Tab-Rec a f 6s	1941	J	J	83 1/2	84	84	84	84	
Granby Cons M S & P con 6s A 28	M	N	98	107	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	
Stamped	1925	F	N	95	95	95	95	95	
Great Oil debent 1st 5s	1941	M	N	94	94	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	
Int Mercon Marine 1st 5s	1941	A	O	101 1/2	102	102	102	102	
Montana Power 1st 5s A	1943	J	J	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	
Morris & Co 1st 4 1/2s	1939	J	J	83 1/2	87 1/2	83	83	83	
Mtge Bonds (N Y) 4s ser 2	1966	A	O	83	84	83	83	83	
10-20-year 5s series 3	1932	J	J	94	94	94	94	94	
N Y Dock 50-yr 1st 4s	1951	F	A	68	70 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	
Niagara Falls Power 1st 5s	1932	J	J	94 1/2	95 1/2	96	96	96	
Ref & gens	1932	A	O	101	102	101	101	101	
Niag Lock & O Pow 1st 5s	1954	M	N	90 1/2	93	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	
Nor States Power 25-yr 5s A 1941	A	O	85 1/2	86	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2		
Ontario Power N Y 1st 5s	1943	F	A	90 1/2	91 1/2	90	90	90	
Ontario Transmission 6s	1945	M	N	95	95	94	94	94	
Pan-Am Pot & Trist conv 6s 19-27	J	J	140	140 1/2	140 1/2	140 1/2	140 1/2		
Pub Serv Corp N J 1st 5s	1969	A	O	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	
Tennessee Cop lat conv 6s	1925	M	N	91 1/2	93 1/2	92	92	92	
Wash Water Power 1st 5s	1939	J	J	90 1/2	92 1/2	90	90	90	
Wilson & Co 1st 25-yr 1st 6s 1941	A	O	100	100	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2		

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Am Agrie Chem 1st 6s	1928	A	O	101	101	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	
Conv debent 5s	1924	F	N	108	108	110	110	110	
Am Oil debent 1st 5s	1941	M	N	88	89	87	87	87	
Am H & L 1st 1st 5s	1919	M	S	100	100 1/2	100	100	100	
Am S & R 1st 30-yr 5s ser A	1947	A	O	91 1/2	91 1/2	90	90	90	
Am Tobacco 40-year 6s	1944	A	O	118 1/2	119	119	119	119	
G. I. 4s	1951	F	A	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	
Am Fruit Paper 1st 1st 5s	1919	J	J	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	
Trut Co etts of deposit				90	90	90	90	90	
Baldw Loco Works 1st 5s	1940	M	N	100 1/2	101	100	100	100	
Cent Foundry 1st 1st 6s	1931	F	A	81	84	80	80	80	
Cent Leather 20-year 6s	1925	A	O	96	96	96	96	96	
Consol Tobacco 4s	1951	F	A	74	74 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	
Corn Prod Ref's 1st 5s	1931	M	N	99 1/2	101 1/2	100	100	100	
1st 25-yr 1st 1st 5s	1934	M	N	99 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	
Diall Sec Cor conv 1st 5s	1927	O	S	90	91	90	90	90	
E. I. du Pont Powder 1st 5s	1936	J	D	92 1/2	100	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	
General Baking 1st 25-yr 6s	1936	J	D	85	88	85	85	85	
Gen Electric deb & 3 1/2s	1942	F	A	72 1/2	75	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	
Debenture 5s	1952	M	S	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	
Ingersoll-Rand 1st 5s	1935	J	J	96	96	96	96	96	
Int Agrie Corp 1st 20-yr 6s	1932	M	N	81 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	
Int Paper conv 1st 1st 5s	1935	J	J	98	98	98	98	98	
Int & ref 1st conv 5s ser A	1947	J	J	88	92	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	
Liggett & Myers Tobac 7s	1944	A	O	113	113 1/2	113	113	113	
1st 25-yr 1st 1st 5s	1951	F	A	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	
Lordhard Co (P) 7s	1944	A	O	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	
Ontario Power N Y 1st 5s	1943	F	A	90 1/2	92	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	
Mexican Petrol Ltd con 6s & 10 1/2s	A	O	105	105	105	105	105		
1st 1st & ref 6s series C	1921	A	O	185	185	185	185	185	
Nat Enam & Stamp 1st 5s	1929	J	D	96 1/2	97	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	
Nat Starch 20-year deb 5s	1930	J	J	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	
National Tube 1st 5s	1942	M	N	97 1/2	99	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	
N Y Air Brake lat conv 6s	1928	M	N	100 1/2	102 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	
Pierce Oil 5-year conv 6s	1920	J	D	132	140	139	139	139	
10-year conv deb 6s	1924	J	J	103 1/2	104	112	112	112	
Standard Oil of Ind	1920	F	A	143	140	141	141	141	
do without warrants attach	F	A	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2		
Standard Milling 1st 5s	1930	M	N	95	95	95	95	95	
The Texas Co conv deb 6s	1931	J	J	102 1/2	103	103	103	103	
Union Bag & Paper 1st 5s	1930	J	J	88	89	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	
Stamped	1930	J	J	86 1/2	87	87	87	87	
Union Oil Co of Cal 1st 5s	1931	J	J	94	94	94	94	94	
U S Realty & 5-year deb 6s	1924	J	J	70 1/2	74 1/2	77	77	77	
U S Rubber 5-year conv 7s	1923	J	D	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	
U S Steel Ref & M conv 6s	1926	F	A	102	103	102	102	102	
U S Smelt Ref & M conv 6s	1926	F	A	102	103	102	102	102	
Va-Car Chem 1st 15-yr 5s	1923	J	D	95 1/2	96	96	96	96	
Con deb 6s	1924	A	O	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	
West Electric 1st 6s Dec	1922	J	J	97 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	

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Saturday May 10	Monday May 13	Tuesday May 13	Wednesday May 14	Thursday May 15	Friday May 16		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest		
*135 136	*135 135	135 135	135 136	135 135	135 135	95	Boston & Albany	131 Jan 8	145 Apr 3	122 1/2 Apr	146 Nov	
73 1/2 73 1/2	73 1/2 75	73 1/2 74	74 74	73 1/2 74	74 74	452	Boston Elevated	51 1/4 Mar 2	80 1/4 Apr 5	37 Jan	80 Nov	
*91	*91	91 91	*88 91	91 91	91 91	16	Boston & Lowell	85 Feb 8	95 Jan 3	80 July	104 Nov	
32 32 1/2	32 1/2 32 1/2	32 1/2 32 1/2	32 1/2 33 1/2	33 33	33 35	733	Boston & Maine	28 Jan 30	35 May 16	19 Jan	40 Sept	
*150 160	*150 160	*160	*160	*160	*160	100	Boston & Providence	150 Apr 15	168 Jan 6	150 Apr	170 Aug	
5 5	5 5	5 5	5 5	5 5	5 5	5	Boston Suburban Elec.	50c Apr 28	50c Apr 28	50c Dec	3 June	
*134	*134	*134	*134	*134	*134	50	Do prof.	61c Apr 28	11 Jan 14	10 1/4 Mar	15 June	
*85	*85	*85	*85	*85	*85	134	Chic June Ry & U S Y.	134 Apr 17	135 Jan 4	138 July	147 Apr	
*112 1/2	*112 1/2	*112 1/2	*112 1/2	*112 1/2	*112 1/2	182	Do prof.	84 Feb 14	88 1/2 Apr 8	82 1/2 Apr	85 1/2 Dec	
*54 55	*54 55	*54 55	*54 55	*54 55	*54 55	100	Connacott River	111 1/2 May 14	115 Apr 9	104 Feb	125 Nov	
*103	*103	*103	*103	*103	*103	100	Fitchburg pref.	51 1/2 Apr 24	58 Jan 2	53 Jan	65 Jan	
*78 79 1/2	*78 79 1/2	*78 79 1/2	*78 79 1/2	*78 79 1/2	*78 79 1/2	100	Georgia Ry & Elec stamp	99 1/2 Mar 15	103 Apr 5	106 Sept	116 1/4 Jan	
29 1/2 30	29 1/2 30 1/4	29 1/2 31 1/4	31 1/2 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	31 3/4 33 1/4	17	Do prof.	70 Mar 15	74 Feb 27	70 Oct	81 Feb	
88 88	88 88	88 88	88 88	88 88	88 88	100	Maine Central	79 1/2 May 6	83 Jan 6	77 1/2 June	85 Nov	
*95 96	*95 96	*95 96	*95 96	*95 96	*95 96	100	Mass Electric Cos.	1 Mar 21	17 1/4 Jan 14	8 1/2 Jan	33 May	
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99 99	99 99	99 99	99 99	99 99	99 99	49	N Y C & H Hartford	88 May 10	94 Mar 1	84 Oct	95 May	
*45 46	*45 46	*45 46	*45 46	*45 46	*45 46	140	Old Colony	95 Apr 12	105 Jan 3	283 1/2 June	12 1/2 Dec	
55 55	55 55	55 55	55 55	55 55	55 55	100	Rutland pref.	18 Apr 14	22 May 14	20 Jan	25 Jan	
108 1/2 111	110 1/2 110 1/2	*110 110 1/2	111 111	109 1/2 109 1/2	109 1/2 110	100	Vermont & Massachusetts	93 May 8	100 Jan 18	80 Aug	90 Oct	
101 1/4 101 1/4	101 1/4 101 1/4	101 1/4 101 1/4	101 1/4 101 1/4	101 1/4 101 1/4	101 1/4 101 1/4	100	West End Street	50 Mar 21	50 Apr 3	37 Feb	50 July	
87 87 1/2	88 1/2 89 1/4	93 100	100 102	95 95 1/2	94 1/2 95	127	Do prof.	49 1/2 Mar 13	55 Apr 5	47 Jan	62 Apr	
*35 1/4	*35 1/4	*35 1/4	*35 1/4	*35 1/4	*35 1/4	209	Amer Agricul Chemical	100 Jan 29	114 May 2	75 1/2 Jan	106 Oct	
5 5	5 5	5 5	5 5	5 5	5 5	305	Do prof.	97 1/2 Jan 3	102 1/2 Mar 15	88 1/2 Jan	100 Dec	
133 1/2 133 1/2	133 134 1/2	133 1/2 134	132 1/2 132 1/2	129 134	129 134	1,776	Amer Bosch Magneto no par	64 1/4 Mar 10	102 May 14	40 July	2 1/4 Mar	
119 119	118 120	117 1/2 117 1/2	118 118	118 118	118 118	295	Amer Pneumatic Services	25 Jan 2	14 Feb 3	10 July	15 Mar	
103 1/2 103 1/2	103 1/2 104 1/2	103 1/2 104	103 1/2 104 1/2	103 1/2 104 1/2	103 1/2 106	255	Do prof.	50 Jan 8	6 Jan 8	4 Sept	16 1/2 Mar	
80 1/2 80 1/2	*81 83	82 82	79 80 1/2	*70 78	*77 70	46	Amer Sugar Refining	111 Jan 2	136 May 9	99 Jan	115 1/2 May	
101 1/2 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	3,560	Do prof.	113 Jan 2	119 Apr 5	107 June	115 Dec	
100 102	98 98	100 100	100 102	103 1/2 103 1/2	101 102	455	Amer Teleg & Teles.	99 Jan 29	108 1/4 Mar 10	90 1/2 Aug	109 1/2 Oct	
*80	*80 1/2	*80 1/2	*80	*80 1/2	80 1/2 80 1/2	636	American Woolen of Mass.	46 Jan 20	84 May 9	45 1/2 Jan	80 1/2 May	
*19 1/2 22 1/2	*19 1/2 22 1/2	*19 1/2 22 1/2	*19 1/2 22 1/2	*19 1/2 22 1/2	*19 1/2 22 1/2	125	Do prof.	94 Jan 21	104 1/2 May 9	90 Jan	97 1/2 Dec	
*166 168	*161 163	161 163	169 169	169 169	167 169	245	Art Metal Construc Ind.	79 Jan 9	83 1/2 Mar 22	76 Jan	82 Nov	
21 1/4 21 1/4	21 1/4 21 1/4	21 1/4 21 1/4	22 1/4 22 1/4	21 1/4 21 1/4	21 1/4 21 1/4	25	Art Metal Construc Ind.	97 Feb 3	174 May 5	98 Jan	120 1/2 Feb	
14 14 1/4	14 14 1/4	14 14 1/4	14 14 1/4	14 14 1/4	14 14 1/4	445	Booth Fisheries	13 1/2 Feb 7	23 1/2 Apr 23	21 Jan	28 1/2 Sept	
16 1/2 17	16 1/2 17	16 1/2 17 1/2	17 17	17 17	17 17	95	Century Steel of Amer Ind.	13 1/2 Jan 10	15 1/2 Mar 21	10 1/4 May	14 1/2 Dec	
6 6	6 6	6 6	6 6	6 6	6 6	1,083	East Boston Portland Cement	10 Mar 26	18 1/2 May 6	11 1/2 Nov	17 1/2 May	
157 157	157 157	156 157	156 157	157 157	157 158	480	Cuban Boston Land	41 1/2 Jan 4	6 1/2 May 6	4 Jan	5 1/2 May	
62 62 1/2	62 62 1/2	62 62	62 63	62 1/2 63	62 1/2 62 1/2	299	Edison Electric Illum.	155 Apr 26	172 Jan 2	134 June	186 Nov	
*162 164	*164 166	164 1/2 164 1/2	165 165	167 167	165 1/2 165 1/2	270	Fairbanks Co.	52 1/2 Jan 21	65 1/2 May 6	27 1/2 June	64 1/2 Nov	
33 1/2 34	33 1/2 33 1/2	34 35 1/2	35 1/2 36 1/2	35 1/2 36 1/2	35 1/2 37 1/2	12,108	General Electric	146 1/2 Feb 7	167 May 15	124 Jan	157 1/2 Aug	
7 1/4 8	*7 1/4 7 1/4	7 1/4 7 1/4	7 1/4 7 1/4	7 1/4 7 1/4	7 1/4 7 1/4	807	Gorton-Pew Fisheries	50 Apr 11	50 May 16	27 Aug	35 Oct	
*24 28	*23 26	*23 26	*23 26	*23 26	*23 26	50	Internat Port Cement	4 1/2 Mar 20	9 1/4 May 6	4 1/2 Oct	7 1/2 Dec	
34 34 1/2	*33 35	*34 35 1/2	33 1/2 33 1/2	34 1/2 34 1/2	34 1/2 34 1/2	5,805	Do prof.	15 Jan 4	23 May 6	12 Apr	23 Nov	
*94 95	*95 95 1/2	*95 95 1/2	*94 95	*94 95	*94 95	10	Internat Products	6 Jan 2	9 1/2 Feb 20	3 1/2 Aug	6 1/2 Dec	
76 76 1/2	76 76 1/2	76 76 1/2	76 76 1/2	76 76 1/2	75 76	50	McElwain (W H) 1st pref.	90 Jan 17	99 Mar 26	88 Sept	93 Nov	
68 68	68 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	68 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	67 1/2 68 1/2	821	Massachusetts Gas Cos.	74 Apr 30	85 Jan 9	27 1/4 Jan	91 1/2 Nov	
*140 145	*140 141	140 141	*141 142	141 1/4 141 1/4	142 142	288	Do prof.	68 Apr 11	71 Jan 13	62 June	71 Nov	
*92 92 1/2	*92 92 1/2	92 92 1/2	*92 92 1/2	92 92 1/2	92 92 1/2	106	Mergenthaler Linotype	130 Feb 10	142 May 16	107 June	147 Nov	
*80 83 1/2	*80 85	80 85	*80 85	80 85	80 85	226	New England Telephone	90 Jan 22	96 Mar 10	82 1/2 July	100 1/2 Oct	
*120 121 1/4	*120 121 1/4	121 1/4 121 1/4	*126 129	126 129	126 129	1,405	Nova Scotia Steel & C.	46 Mar 5	54 Apr 24	53 Dec	59 Jan	
56 56 1/4	55 1/2 56 1/2	56 56 1/4	*55 1/2 56 1/2	55 55 1/2	55 1/2 55 1/2	1,405	Pullman Company	113 1/2 Feb 13	132 1/2 Jan 15	102 Jan	130 Nov	
*15	*15	*15 1/4	*15 1/4	16 16	16 16	2,096	Punta Alegre Sugar	48 Feb 1	60 1/4 Apr 29	102 Jan	111 Dec	
46 1/4 47 1/4	47 47 1/4	46 1/4 47	47 47 1/4	46 1/4 47	46 1/4 47	3,538	Reece Button-Hole	14 Jan 3	16 May 15	11 Jan	13 1/2 Mar	
14 1/4 14 1/4	14 1/4 14 1/4	14 1/4 14 1/4	14 1/4 14 1/4	14 1/4 14 1/4	14 1/4 14 1/4	2,096	Swart & Co	32 1/2 Jan 23	49 May 6	37 Oct	41 1/2 Nov	
*98	*98	98	98	98	98	115	Terrace & Co	150 Jan 30	150 May 5	102 Aug	146 1/4 Aug	
180 1/2 185	184 185 1/2	182 1/2 183 1/2	183 184	183 184	182 1/2 183	80	Torrington	52 1/2 Jan 13	58 May 2	45 Jan	58 Dec	
63 1/2 64 1/2	63 1/2 64 1/2	63 1/2 64 1/2	63 1/2 64 1/2	63 1/2 64 1/2	63 1/2 64 1/2	1,004	United Fruit	157 1/2 Feb 17	187 May 9	115 1/2 Jan	166 Dec	
*27 27 1/2	*27 27 1/2	27 27 1/2	27 27 1/2	27 27 1/2	27 27 1/2	5,846	United Shoe Mach Corp.	44 Jan 13	55 May 6	38 1/2 July	40 1/2 May	
99 1/2 100 1/2	99 1/2 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	101 1/2 103 1/2	103 104 1/2	102 1/2 103 1/2	2,559	Do prof.	26 1/2 Jan 2	31 Jan 25	24 1/2 Aug	26 1/2 May	
12 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	39	U S Steel Corporation	108 Feb 10	104 1/2 May 15	87 Mar	116 1/2 Aug	
*60 1/2	*60 1/2	60 1/2	*68 70	68 70	68 70	39	Do prof.	113 Jan 2	117 Apr 14	108 Mar	113 1/2 Nov	
70 70	*70 71	*70 71	70 70	95 90	*90 1/2	35,474	Ventura Consol Oil Fields	7 1/4 Jan 21	15 1/2 May 15	6 Jan	9 Nov	
35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	325	Adventure	50 Apr 22	99 1/2 May 15	1 1/2 June	1 1/2 Jan	
40 40	45 45	45 45	45 45	45 45	45 45	681	Almeida	63 1/2 Mar 22	75 Mar 4	69 Dec	86 Nov	
*35 35 1/2	*35 35 1/2	35 35 1/2	37 37	37 37	37 37	905	Alaskan Gold	3 Apr 5	4 1/4 Mar 11	1 1/2 Apr	5 1/2 Nov	
*16 17	*16 17	17 17	17 17	17 17	17 17	2,760	Algonquin Mining	10 Apr 30	95 1/2 May 14	15 July	45 May	
*48 50	*48 50	48 50	48 50	49 1/2 49 1/2	49 50	361	Allouez	33 1/2 May 1	44 Jan 21	40 1/2 Dec	54 Feb	
12 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 13	12 1/2 13	12 1/2 13	12 1/2 13	590	Amer Zinc, Lead & Smelt	10 1/2 Feb 11	18 1/2 May 5	10 Dec	21 1/2 July	
*35 50	*40 40	55 75	60 90	50 70	50 70	10	Do prof.	39 Feb 15	49 1/2 May 15	40 1/2 Dec	54 July	
59 1/2 60 1/2	60 1/2 61	61 61 1/2	62 62 1/2	62 1/2 63	63 64	2,630	Arizona Commercial	5 10 1/2 Feb 28	11 May 13	11 Jan	19 1/2 Aug	
370 375	370 375	370 380	380 385	385 385	390 395	5,105	Butte-Balaklava Copper	20c Jan 30	25c May 14	20c Dec	45c Nov	
13 1/4 13 1/4	13 1/4 13 1/4	13 1/4 13 1/4	13 1/4 13 1/4	13 1/4 13 1/4	13 1/4 13 1/4	67	Butte & Sup Con (Ltd)	17 1/2 Jan 25	25 Feb 13	19 1/2 Dec	23 May	
*123 1/2	*123 1/2	123 1/2	*123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	812	Calumet & Arizona	25 Mar 14	44 1/2 Jan 14	42 1/2 Dec	47 1/2 Dec	
45 1/2 45 1/2	45 1/2 45 1/2	45 1/2 45 1/2	45 1/2 45 1/2	45 1/2 45 1/2	45 1/2 45 1/2	2,316	Calumet & Hecla	12 1/2 May 5	14 1/2 May 13	10 1/2 Dec	14 1/2 Nov	
*21 1/2	*21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2									

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange May 10 to May 16, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like U S Lib Loan 3 1/2's, 1st Lib Loan 4's, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh May 10 to May 16, compiled from official sales lists.

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Rolling Mill, Amer Sewer Pipe, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago May 10 to May 17, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Straw Board, Amer Shipbuilding, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Booth Fish & Co, Chicago City Ry, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange from May 10 to May 16, 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 (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alliance Insurance, American Gas, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like U S Lib Loan 3 1/2's, 1st Lib Loan 4's, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Complete record of the transactions at the Baltimore Stock Exchange from May 10 to May 16, 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 (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alabama Co, Second preferred, etc.

Bonds.	Friday	Week's Range		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.	
	Last Sale Price.	Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Cons G. E. L. & P 4 1/2s 1935	84	84	84	\$10,000	84	Apr 85 1/2 Jan
5% notes	97 1/2	98	98	28,000	95 1/2	Jan 98 1/2 Mar
6% notes	98	98	98	11,000	97	Mar 98 1/2 Feb
7% notes	101	100 1/2	101	10,000	100 1/2	Mar 101 1/2 May
Consol'n Coal conv 6s 1923	100	100	100	2,000	99 1/2	Jan 100 1/2 Apr
Cosden & Co ser A 6s 1932	94 1/2	94	94 1/2	47,000	84 1/2	Jan 94 1/2 Apr
Series B 6s 1932	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	30,000	87 1/2	Jan 94 1/2 Apr
Elkhorn Coal Corp 6 1/2s 1925	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	22,000	98 1/2	Jan 99 1/2 Jan
Georgia & Ala cons 5s 1945	93	93	93	4,000	93	May 95 1/2 Jan
Gas Car & N. 1st 5s 1924	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	4,000	94 1/2	May 95 1/2 Jan
Kirby Lamb Cont 6s 1923	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	81,000	98 1/2	Apr 99 1/2 Feb
Mary'd Elec Ry 1st 5s 1931	89	89	89 1/2	3,000	89	May 89 1/2 May
Petersburg Class B 6s 1926	104	104	104	2,000	104	May 104 May
United Ry & Elec 4s 1949	71 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2	59,000	70	Apr 70 1/2 Jan
Income 4s 1940	52	52 1/2	52 1/2	18,000	48	Apr 55 1/2 Mar
Funding 5s 1936	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	3,200	69 1/2	Apr 76 Mar
do small 1936	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	500	69 1/2	May 76 Mar
Wash Balt & Annap 5 1/2s 1941	80	80	80	18,000	80	May 83 1/2 Jan

Volume of Business at Stock Exchanges

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

Week ending May 16 1919.	Stocks.		Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
	Shares.	Par Value.			
Saturday	986,650	\$94,522,500	\$1,838,000	\$429,000	\$5,529,000
Monday	1,533,350	136,398,500	2,468,000	612,000	7,590,000
Tuesday	1,440,755	130,693,000	3,279,000	886,000	7,771,000
Wednesday	1,902,403	180,193,800	4,187,000	1,465,000	8,324,000
Thursday	1,503,100	143,072,000	4,769,000	995,000	8,594,000
Friday	1,578,460	145,113,000	3,293,000	1,591,000	8,607,800
Total	3,944,718	\$329,907,800	\$19,855,000	\$5,978,000	\$46,415,800

Sales at New York Stock Exchanges.	Week ending May 16.		January 1 to May 16.	
	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Stocks—No. shares	8,944,718	6,907,962	89,500,412	63,705,842
Par value	\$329,907,800	\$441,229,000	\$3,787,927,555	\$5,023,407,550
Bank shares, par.	\$500		\$46,700	\$12,900
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$46,415,800	\$30,607,500	\$889,393,200	\$341,516,000
State, mun., &c., bonds	5,978,000	5,230,000	152,930,500	82,672,000
RR. and misc. bonds	19,855,000	9,421,000	190,679,500	111,954,000
Total bonds	\$72,248,800	\$45,258,500	\$1,233,012,200	\$536,142,000

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week ending May 16 1919	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	26,845	\$55,700	12,911	\$15,500	2,069	\$33,000
Monday	46,471	52,750	10,013	28,400	8,592	120,000
Tuesday	56,279	85,850	11,535	36,180	3,919	112,600
Wednesday	65,830	144,600	12,305	11,700	3,363	64,200
Thursday	34,924	117,900	HOLIDAY	1,780	58,000	
Friday	42,404	29,000	12,997	13,000	4,724	28,000
Total	272,753	\$485,500	59,761	\$104,780	24,447	\$418,800

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from May 10 to May 16, both inclusive. It covers the week ending Friday afternoon.

Week ending May 16.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Aetna Explosives. r (no par)	10 1/2	11 1/4	11,600	6 1/2	Jan 12 1/4	May	
Air Reduction. r. (no par)	60	59	65	7,200	53	May 65	May
Amer Chem Prod. r. (no par)	1 1/16	1 1/16	4,900	1	Apr 1 1/2	Apr	
Amer Malt & Grain. r. (t)	42	42	42	100	34	Apr 42	Apr
Anglo-Am Comm'l Corp (t)	19	18 1/4	19 1/2	6,900	18 1/4	May 19 1/2	May
Brit-Amor Tob ordinary 2 1/2	28 1/2	25 1/4	28	26,900	23	Mar 28	May
Ordinary beaver. (t) 2 1/2	27	29	30	200	25	Apr 33	May
Brit-Amor Tob 2 1/2 (t)	39 1/2	38 1/2	40 1/2	15,240	35	Feb 40 1/2	May
Cities Sav Bankers sha. (t)	8	7 1/2	9	3,000	7	Apr 16	Apr
Chalhorn & Annap Ferry r. 100	110	119	120 1/2	1,300	110	May 124	Apr
Cudahy Packing. r. 100	18	20	500	18	May 20	May	
Curt Aerop & M com vte (t) 5	6 1/2	7	900	2	Feb 7	May	
Emerson Photograph. r. 5	71	90	10,600	44	Apr 90	May	
Endicott Jenson Corp. r. 50	62	62	63	900	54 1/2	Apr 65	May
Fairbanks & Co. r. 25	85	91 1/4	8,000	46	Apr 92	May	
Famous Players-Lasky Corp. (no par)	33 1/2	33 1/2	9,600	29	Apr 39	Apr	
Flak Rubber new w. l. r. 25	45	45	47 1/2	7,400	33	Feb 49	May
Freeport Tex Co r (no par)	45	49	72	7,300	39 1/2	Jan 74 1/2	May
General Asphalt com. 100	105 1/2	107	500	83 1/2	Jan 113	May	
Preferred r. (t)	150	153	800	109	Jan 153	May	
Gillette Safety Razor. r. 100	3 1/2	3 1/2	2,600	9-16	Apr 9 1/2	May	
Grape Oils common. 1	1 1/2	1-16	1 1/2	2,300	1-16	Apr 1 1/2	Apr
Preferred. r. 100	2 1/2	2 1/2	7,300	1 1/2	Jan 3 1/2	May	
Havana Tobacco com. r. 100	5 1/2	7	7,100	3	Jan 7	May	
Preferred. r. 100	8	7 1/2	72,000	6	May 9 1/2	May	
Hayden Chemical (no par)	8 1/2	9 1/4	18,000	4 1/2	Jan 9 1/2	Mar	
Hupp Motor Car Corp. 100	15 1/2	16 1/2	500	14 1/2	Feb 17 1/2	Feb	
Imperial Tob of GB & Ir 100	31 1/2	29	34 1/2	23,600	10 1/2	Jan 35	May
International Rubb. 100	36	35	36	400	35	Apr 41	Mar
Internat Products. r. 100	17	22	3,500	10 1/2	Feb 36	Mar	
Lackawanna Coal r. 100	30	31 1/2	7,800	19	Jan 34 1/2	Apr	
Libby, McNeil & Libby r. 10	52	47	56	6,550	27 1/2	Feb 58	May
Ima Locom com. r. 100	4 1/2	4 1/2	4,500	4	Jan 5	Mar	
Marconi Wire Tel of Am. 5	11 1/2	13	34,000	7	Feb 14	Apr	
Morris (Phillip) & Co. 100	12 1/2	30	31 1/2	2,500	24	Mar 33 1/2	Apr
Nat Andlino & Ch. com. r. 100	10 1/2	10 1/2	400	9 1/2	Feb 12 1/2	May	
Nat Fireproofing com r 50	62	65	600	40	Jan 47 1/2	Mar	
Preferred r. 50	62	65	600	40	Jan 47 1/2	Mar	
Nat Ice & Coal. r. 100	4 1/2	3 1/2	12,300	3 1/2	Apr 6 1/2	May	
New Mex & Ariz Co (no par)	55	54	58 1/2	45,700	50	May 60	May
N Y Savold Tire r (no par)	6 1/2	5 1/2	7 1/2	90,000	2 1/2	Jan 7 1/2	Apr
No Am Pulp & Pap. (no par)	67 1/2	63	69	6,100	63	May 69	May
Pacific Devel Corp. r. 50	2 1/2	3	610	1 1/2	Jan 3 1/2	Feb	
Pearson Coal. r. 100	29	34 1/2	24,200	18	Jan 34 1/2	May	
Peerless Tr & Mot Corp. 50	1	1 1/2	280,000	1 1/2	Apr 1 1/2	Apr	
Perfection Tire & Rubb r. 100	75	72	80	6,600	41 1/2	Apr 82	May
Rem'ton Typew com. r. 100	37 1/2	36 1/2	39	30 1/2	May 41	May	
Santa Cecilia Sugar. r. 100	57	56	57	50,500	27	Apr 64	May
Savold Tire. r. 25	8 1/2	7 1/2	1,500	6 1/2	Apr 11 1/2	Apr	
Simpson Coal. r. 100	39	42	4,400	29 1/2	Apr 42	May	
Stand'd Gas & Elec com r 50	6 1/2	7 1/2	3,500	6 1/2	May 9 1/2	Mar	
Stand Mot Constr. r. 10	48 1/2	47 1/2	300	38	Apr 49	May	

Stocks (Concluded)—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.		
	Low.	High.	Low.		High.		
Submar Boat Corp v te. 5	17	14 1/2	17	24,000	10	Feb 18	Apr
Triangle Film Corp v te. 5	58 1/2	57	63 1/2	27,100	40 1/2	Jan 65 1/2	Mar
Union Intern'l. r. (t)	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	34,000	1 1/2	Jan 1 1/2	May
Wells Carb & Carbon. r. (t)	70	72	2,000	60 1/2	Feb 73	Apr	
United Profit Sharing. 25s	115-16	1 1/2	2 1/2	57,800	7 1/2	Jan 2 1/2	May
United Zinc Smelt. (no par)	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	30,300	1 1/2	May 1 1/2	May
U S Light & Ht com. r. 10	10	10	2,000	1 1/2	Jan 2 1/2	May	
U S Steamship. 10	2 1/2	2 1/2	2,550	3	Mar 5 1/2	Jan	
Waltham Watch com. r. 100	45 1/2	40 1/2	45 1/2	5,400	35 1/2	May 45 1/2	May
Warren Bros. r. 100	48	43	48 1/2	3,400	42 1/2	May 48 1/2	May
Wayne Coal. 5	4	3 1/2	4	6,700	3 1/2	May 4 1/2	Apr
Wright-Martin Aire r. (t)	5	4 1/2	5 1/2	25,500	3	Feb 5 1/2	May
Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries							
Anglo-Amer Oil. r. 100	25 1/2	20 1/2	5,670	16 1/2	Jan 20 1/2	May	
Galena-She Oil com. r. 100	128	131	75	88	Feb 137	May	
Illinois Pipe Line. r. 100	195	195	105	10	Jan 195	May	
Indiana Pipe Line. r. 100	104	104	10	99	Mar 107	Apr	
Northern Pipe Line. r. 100	113	114	20	107	Jan 114	May	
Ohio Oil. r. 100	390	395	93	315	Jan 404	Apr	
Prairie Oil & Gas. r. 100	784	788	40	630	Jan 800	May	
Prairie Pipe Line. r. 100	312	317	165	263	Mar 317	May	
South Penn Oil. r. 100	319	318	321	70	Apr 325	May	
Standard Oil (Calif). r. 100	284	280	286	70	Jan 258	May	
Standard Oil of N J. r. 100	732	732	738	608	Jan 760	May	
Standard Oil of N Y. r. 100	391	392	75	310	Jan 395	Apr	
Union Tank Line. r. 100	130	134	395	107	Jan 134	May	
Vacuum Oil. r. 100	405	477	145	395	Jan 490	May	
Other Oil Stocks							
Allen Oil. r. 100	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	36,550	3 1/2	Jan 4 1/2	Apr
Alliance Oil & Ref. r. 5	5 1/2	5	5 1/2	2,400	4 1/2	Apr 5 1/2	May
Amalgamated Royalty. r. 1	1 1/2	1 1/2	24	91,700	1 1/2	Apr 2 1/2	Apr
Atlantic Oil & Ref. r. 1	1	1	1-16	700	1	May 1	Apr
Barnett Oil & Gas. r. 1	3-16	3-16	5,900	3-16	Jan 5-16	Jan	
Boons Oil. r. 100	12 1/2	10 1/2	170,000	3	Mar 10 1/2	May	
Boston-Wyoming Oil. r. 1	61	60	67	207,000	18	Jan 67	May
Caddo Oil & Ref. (no par)	46	51 1/2	35,500	37 1/2	Apr 51 1/2	May	
Com'n'th Petr L r w i t	48 1/2	47	48 1/2	12,000	37	Mar 51 1/2	Mar
Continental Refg. 10	10	12 1/2					

Mining (Concluded)	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.				
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Jan.	Apr.	
Hecla Mining.....	55c	5 1/4	5 3/4	7,760	4 1/4	Jan	5 1/4	Apr	
Howe Sound Co.....	1 1/2	4 3/4	4 3/4	6,000	3 3/4	Mar	4 1/4	May	
Iron Blossom.....	10c	1/2	1/2	100	1/2	Apr	5/8	Feb	
Jim Butler.....	40c	30c	44c	25,000	30c	May	44c	Feb	
Jumbo Extension.....	10c	14c	15c	5,200	10c	Apr	16c	Mar	
Kerr Lake.....	5c	5 1/2	6	600	5 1/2	Jan	6	May	
Knox Divide.....	10c	25c	30c	80,000	24c	Apr	30c	May	
La Rose Mines Ltd.....	5c	1/2	1/2	82,200	15c	Apr	1/2	May	
Liberty Bell Divide.....	1c	17c	19c	88,000	14c	May	40c	Apr	
Lone Star Condr.....	1 1/2	11c	15c	22,000	6c	Feb	30c	Mar	
MacNamara Mining.....	1c	1	1	610,000	34c	Feb	1 1/2	May	
Magma Chlet.....	1 1/2	9c	13c	85,000	22c	Feb	1 1/2	May	
Magma Copper.....	5	34	34	2,400	25	Feb	34	May	
Manmoth Divide.....	10c	72c	67c	73,100	62c	May	76c	Apr	
Manqu of Am. r.....	1c	1	1 1/2	45,300	50c	Apr	2 1/4	Apr	
Marsh Mining.....	1c	9c	7c	10,400	3c	Feb	10c	May	
Mason Valley.....	5c	3	2 1/2	25c	1	Apr	3 1/4	Jan	
McKinley-Darragh-Sav.....	1c	60c	58c	103,000	45c	Jan	65c	May	
Mecca Divide.....	1c	30c	47c	42,500	25c	Apr	53c	May	
Mothers Lode.....	1c	41c	40c	10,700	38c	Feb	47c	Apr	
Nat Tin Corp.....	50c	3 1/2	3	40,500	1 1/2	Mar	4	May	
Nevada Divide.....	10c	20c	18c	35,200	17c	Apr	25c	May	
Nevada Ophit Mining.....	10c	50c	25c	50c	15c	Apr	50c	May	
Nipissing Mines.....	5	11 1/2	11 1/2	53,500	8 1/2	Jan	11 1/2	May	
Nixon Nevada.....	1c	23c	25c	13,700	17c	Apr	45c	Jan	
Onondago Mines Corp.....	1c	3 1/2	3 1/2	10,800	3	Jan	3 1/2	May	
Potts Canyon.....	1c	60c	55c	61c	17,700	55c	61c	May	
Ray Hercules Min. r.....	5c	2	2	2 1/2	1,000	1 1/2	Jan	8 1/2	Jan
Rex Consolidated Min.....	1c	15c	15c	17c	62,000	11c	Apr	10c	May
Rochester Mines.....	1c	25c	21c	28c	17,000	17c	Mar	32c	Feb
Royal Divide.....	1c	21c	21c	23c	20,000	21c	May	23c	May
Senece Corp (no par)	1c	20	15	21 1/2	14,900	13 1/2	Feb	21 1/2	May
Silver Dollar M. r.....	1c	1 1/4	1 1/4	2,000	1	May	1 1/4	Apr	
Silver King Arizona.....	1c	1 1-10	1	1 1/4	750,000	13-32	Feb	1 1/4	Apr
Silver King Divide.....	1c	29c	25c	32c	110,750	21c	Apr	37c	Mar
Silver Pluck Consl. r.....	1c	12c	12c	1,000	4c	Apr	14c	Apr	
Silver Plume Consl. r.....	1c	97c	68c	97c	63,280	68c	May	97c	May
Standard Silver-Lead.....	1c	1 1/2	1 1/2	7-18	8,200	1 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	May
Star of the West.....	1c	25c	21c	25c	57,400	14c	Mar	30c	Apr
Stewart.....	1c	24c	23c	32c	53,000	23c	Apr	47c	Apr
Sutherland Divide.....	1c	3 1/2	3-10-14	4,350	2-9-10	Jan	4	May	
Tonopah Belmont Dev. r	1c	9 1/2	9 1/2	11c	15,750	5 1/2	Jan	12c	Apr
Tonopah Extension.....	1c	2 1/2	3 1/2	18,000	1 1/2	Jan	3 1/2	May	
Tonopah Mining.....	1c	2 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	7,275	2 1/2	Jan	5 1/2	Mar
United Eastern.....	1c	4 13-10	4-11-16	4 1/2	4,525	3-10	Jan	5 1/2	Mar
U S Continental Mines.....	1c	16 1/2	16c	17 1/2	26,200	6c	Jan	19c	May
Unity Gold Mines.....	1c	5 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	17,000	4 1/2	Mar	7 1/2	May
Victor Power & Mining.....	1c	5	4 1/2	5 1/2	4,100	4 1/2	May	5 1/2	Apr
Ward Min & Milling.....	1c	24c	24c	26c	2,300	20c	Apr	40c	Feb
Washington Gold Quartz.....	1c	75c	73c	75c	15,200	71c	Apr	94c	Mar
West End Consolidated.....	5c	2 1/2	1-18-2	15-16	40,900	1	Mar	3	May
West End Extension.....	1c	6c	2-5-16c	7c	34,500	2c	Jan	7c	May
White Caps Extension.....	1c	6	6	1,000	2c	Jan	7c	Apr	
White Caps Term.....	1c	20c	20c	32c	104,400	10c	Jan	35c	Apr
White Knob pref. r.....	1c	10c	13c	20c	1 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	Jan	
Wilson Silver Mines.....	1c	1 1/4	1-1-16	1 1/2	11,100	1-1-16	May	1 1/2	May

* Odd lots. † No par value. ‡ Listed as a prospect. † Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. † New stock. ‡ Unlisted. † When issued. ‡ Ex-dividend. † Ex-rights. ‡ Ex-stock dividend. † Dollars per 1,000 lbs. flat.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies

All prices now dollars per share.

Stk.	Ask.	Bid.	Ask.	Bid.	Ask.
Alliance R'ty	60	70	Lawyers Mgt	130	140
Amer Surety	65	68	Mtge Bond	94	98
Bond & M G	256	263	Nat Surety	260	268
City Investing	27	35	N Y Title & Mortgage	115	125
Preferred	70	80			
Realty Assoc (Brooklyn)	95	105			
U S Casualty	185	195			
U S Title Guar	60				
West & Bronx Title & M G	150	170			

Quotations for Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "L"

Standard Oil Stocks	Per Share	RR. Equipments—Per Ct	Basis
Anglo-American Oil new	£1 25	Baltimore & Ohio 4 1/2	5.90 5.50
Atlantic Refining	1340 1360	Buff Roch & Pittsburg 4 1/2	5.95 5.65
Borae-Serymans Co	100 500 520	Equipment 48	5.95 5.65
Buckeye Pipe Line Co	20 103 106	Equipment 68	5.95 5.65
Chesapeake & Ohio	100 330 350	Equipment 78	6.00 5.60
Continental Oil	100 645 665	Caro Clinchfield & Ohio 5	6.25 5.70
Crescent Pipe Line Co	100 97 10	Central of Georgia 4 1/2	6.25 5.75
Cumberland Pipe Line	100 230 250	Chesapeake & Ohio	6.00 5.50
Eureka Pipe Line Co	100 163 168	Equipment 58	6.00 5.50
Galena-Signal Oil com	100 125 130	Chicago & Alton 4 1/2	7.00 6.00
Preferred old	100 120 140	Equipment 58	7.00 6.00
Preferred new	110 115	Chicago & Eastern Ill 5 1/2	7.00 6.00
Illinois Pipe Line	100 192 197	Chicago Ind & Loulev 4 1/2	6.30 5.75
Indiana Pipe Line Co	50 102 105	Chic St Louis & N O 5	5.80 5.30
International Petroleum	£1 31 32	Chicago & N W 4 1/2	5.55 5.25
National Transit Co	12.50	Chicago R I & Pac 4 1/2	6.37 5.75
New York Transit Co	100 184 188	Equipment 58	6.37 5.75
Northern Pipe Line Co	100 112 115	Colorado & Southern 58	6.50 5.75
Ohio Oil Co	25 390 395	Equipment 58	6.50 5.85
Penn-Mex Fuel Co	25 70 73	Missouri Pacific 5	6.50 5.85
Prairie Oil & Gas	100 785 790	Hocking Valley 4 1/2	6.50 5.85
Prairie Pipe Line	100 317 320	Equipment 58	6.50 5.85
Solar Refining	100 390 400	Illinois Central 58	5.75 5.25
Southern Pipe Line Co	100 167 172	Equipment 4 1/2	5.75 5.25
South Penn Oil	100 320 324	Kanawha & Michigan 4 1/2	6.25 5.75
Southwest Pa Pipe Line	100 105 110	Louisville & Nashville 58	5.75 5.30
Standard Oil (California)	100 280 285	Michigan Central 58	6.00 5.70
Standard Oil (Indiana)	100 825 835	Equipment 68	5.90 5.60
Standard Oil (Kansas)	100 620 640	Min St P & S M 4 1/2	5.80 5.40
Standard Oil (Kentucky)	100 450 460	Missouri Kansas & Texas 58	7.10 6.00
Standard Oil (Nebraska)	100 550 560	Missouri Pacific 58	7.10 6.00
Standard Oil of New Jer	100 730 735	Mobile & Ohio 58	6.35 5.75
Standard Oil of New Yk	100 390 395	Equipment 4 1/2	6.25 5.75
Standard Oil (Ohio)	100 520 540	New York Central Lines 58	5.90 5.50
Swan & Finch	100 110 114	Equipment 4 1/2	5.90 5.50
Union Tank Line Co	100 141 143	N Y Central RR 4 1/2	6.00 5.70
Vacuum Oil	100 455 465	N Y Ontario & West 4 1/2	6.25 5.75
Washington Oil	100 40 40	Norfolk & Western 4 1/2	5.80 5.25
		Pennsylvania RR 4 1/2	5.60 5.20
		Equipment 48	5.60 5.20
		St Louis Iron Mt & Sou 58	6.75 6.00
		St Louis & San Francisco 58	6.85 6.00
		Seaboard Air Line 58	6.50 5.90
		Equipment 4 1/2	6.50 5.90
		Southern Pacific 4 1/2	6.15 5.65
		Equipment 58	6.15 5.65
		Toledo & Ohio Central 48	6.50 5.75
		Tobacco Stocks—Per Share	
		American Cigar common	100 135 140
		Preferred	100 88 94
		Amer Machine & Ptry	100 80 95
		British-Amer Tobac ord	21 25 26
		Ordinary, beaver	21 25 26
		Conley Pk	100 205 215
		Johnson Tin Foli & Met	100 80 100
		MacAndrews & Forbes	100 200 210
		Preferred	100 90 100
		Reynolds (R J) Tobacco	100 400 430
		B common stock	100 350 375
		Preferred	100 111 114
		A dividend scrip	98 100
		B dividend scrip	98 100
		Young (J S) Co	100 150 160
		Preferred	100 100 110
		Short Term Notes—Per Cent	
		Amer Cot Oil 58 1919—M&S	99 100
		7% notes Sept 1919	100 100 100
		Amer Tel & Tel 68 1924—F&A	100 100 100
		Balto & Ohio 68 1919—J&J	99 100 99
		Canadian Pac 68 1924—M&S	101 101 101
		Del & Hudson 58 1920—F&A	98 99 98
		Fed Sugar Rfg 58 1920—J&J	98 99 98
		General Elec 68 1920—J&J	100 100 100
		5% notes (2-yr) 1919—J&D	100 100 100
		Great North 58 1920—M&S	99 99 99
		K C Term Ry 4 1/2 1921—J&J	96 97
		5 Nov 15 1923—M&S	100 100 100
		Liggett & Myers Tobac 2 1/2 J&D	100 100 100
		N Y Cent 58 1919—M&S	100 100
		Penn Co 4 1/2 1921—J&D	97 97 97
		Pub Ser Corp NJ 78 22—M&S	97 97 97
		Southern Ry 68 1923 M&S	99 99 99
		Swift & Co 68 1921 W I F&A	100 100 100
		Utah Sec Corp 68 22—M&S	91 92
		Industrial and Miscellaneous	
		American Brass	100 220
		American Chicel com	100 115 119
		Preferred	100 84 88
		American Hardware	100 148 152
		Amer Typefounders com	100 43 46
		Preferred	100 88 92
		Borden's Cond Milk com	100 107 109
		Preferred	100 98 100
		Carb Synicate Ltd	25 190 160
		Celluloid Company	100 135 140
		Columbia Graphoph Mfg (1)	313 316
		Preferred	100 95 96
		Preopt Texas Co (1)	44 46
		Havana Tobacco Co	100 3 3
		Preferred	100 5 6 1/2
		1st g 58 June 1 1922—J-D	745 55
		Intercontinent Rubb com	100 31 1/2 32 1/2
		Internat Banking Co	100 160
		International Salt	100 54
		1st gold 58 1915—A-C	70 71 1/2
		International Silver pref	100 88 92
		Lehigh Valley Coal Sales	50 57 90
		Ohio Elevator common	100 80 85
		Preferred	100 90 95
		Remington Typewriter	
		Common	100 78 80
		1st preferred	100 96 98
		2d preferred	100 95 97
		Royal Baking Pow com	100 135 145
		Preferred	100 97 100
		Singer Manufacturing	100 200 205
		Texas Pac Coal & Oil	100 187 192 1/2
		Rights	340 345
		W Hough's Church & Co	100 61 64
		Preferred	100 81 85

* Per share. † Basis. ‡ Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. † New stock. ‡ Flat price. † Nominal. ‡ Ex-dividend. † Ex-rights. (†) Without par value.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies

All prices now dollars per share.

Banks—N.Y.	Bid.	Ask.	Banks.	Bid.	Ask.	Trust Co's.	Bid.	Ask.
America*	550		Irving (trust certificates)	350	360	Bankers Trust	420	425
Amer Exch.	250	260	Liberty	650	675	Central Union	453	458
Atlantic	175	185	Lincoln	265	285	Columbia	345	355
Battery Park	203	210	Manhattan*	310	325	Commercial	100	110
Bowery*	425		Mech & Met.	385	395	Empire	290	305
Broadway Com	135	145	Merchants	145	155	Equitable Tr.	455	495
Brook Bor'o*	125	175	Metropolitan	180		Farm, L & Tr.	400	470
Brox Nat.	150	160	Mutual*	375		Fidelity	215	225
Bryant Park	145	155	New Neth*	200	215	Fulton	240	260
Butch & Drov	30	35	New York Co	140		Guaranty Tr.	415	420
Cent Merc.	180	170	New York	440		Hudson	135	145
Chase	460	470	Pacific*	150		Irving Trust.	See Irving	
Chat & Phen.	400	412	Park	700	715	Law Tit & Tr	128	135
Chelsea Exch.	100	115	Prod Exch*	2				

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). Lists various railroads and their earnings.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

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

† Road ceased to operate all steam lines Dec. 31 1918. * We no longer include Mexican roads in any of our totals.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of May. The table covers 12 roads and shows 2.52% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

First Week of May.	1919.	1918.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ann Arbor	\$ 67,475	\$ 59,136	\$ 8,339	
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	183,328	359,993	176,665	
Canadian National Rys	1,543,413	1,393,791	149,622	
Canadian Pacific	2,856,000	3,033,000	177,000	
Colorado & Southern	431,200	329,068	102,132	
Grand Trunk of Canada				
Grand Trunk Western	1,130,352	1,069,998	60,354	
Detroit Grand Hav & Milw				
Canada Atlantic				
Nevada-California-Oregon	5,837	4,437	1,400	
Tennessee Alabama & Georgia	1,293	1,810	517	
Texas & Pacific	620,194	419,871	200,323	
Total (12 roads)	6,839,092	6,671,104	522,170	354,182
Net increase (2.52%)			107,988	

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:

Roads.	Gross Earnings		Net Earnings	
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Midland Terminal b. Mar	70,635	---	20,064	---
Jan 1 to Mar 31	181,374	---	64,226	---
Oahu Ry & Land Co. b. Mar	110,265	113,530	38,725	72,678
Jan 1 to Mar 31	329,074	337,343	129,988	157,700

b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes.

	Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Other Income.	Gross Income.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
Cuba Railroad—						
Mar '19	1,283,088	420,028	10,272	430,300	106,858	323,442
'18	1,233,503	488,046	1,181	489,227	106,967	382,260
9 mos '19	8,581,268	2,032,156	112,378	2,144,534	961,216	1,183,318
'18	8,181,418	2,630,288	11,960	2,642,248	953,161	1,589,087

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Companies.	Gross Earnings		Net Earnings	
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
American Ry. Express Co.—				
Total from transportation	21,975,696	---	128,128,621	---
Express privileges—Dr.	10,927,699	---	64,237,728	---
Revenue from transport'n.	11,047,997	---	63,890,893	---
Oper. other than transport'n.	413,743	---	2,538,952	---
Total operating revenues	11,461,740	---	66,429,845	---
Operating expenses	14,075,687	---	75,527,534	---
Net operating revenue	def2,613,947	---	df9,097,689	---
Uncoll. rev. from transport'n.	2,270	---	6,927	---
Express taxes	122,808	---	765,700	---
Operating income	def2,739,025	---	df9,870,316	---

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.
Alabama Power Co. a. Mar	225,859	220,442	132,262	126,829
Apr 1 to Mar 31	3,112,379	2,274,838	1,607,352	1,366,030
Atlantic Shore Ry. b. Apr	10,832	14,285	def1,778	3,741
Amer Tel & Tel Co. b. Mar	3,618,138	2,983,975	1,965,850	1,949,592
Jan 1 to Mar 31	10,410,957	8,675,227	5,573,702	4,967,939
Brazil Tr L&P Co Ltd. Mar	9,330,000	8,094,000	5,013,000	3,925,000
Jan 1 to Mar 31	25,824,000	23,246,000	13,160,000	11,866,000
Iowa Telephone. b. Mar	335,861	362,020	139,016	112,052
Jan 1 to Mar 31	1,268,915	1,053,952	381,755	313,311
Nebraska Telephone. b. Mar	301,782	256,066	78,254	90,569
Jan 1 to Mar 31	867,247	738,072	219,144	229,360
New England Tel & Tel b. Mar	2,115,229	1,862,900	576,809	449,464
Jan 1 to Mar 31	6,249,982	5,762,014	1,693,955	1,569,253
Pennsylv Utilities Syst. Apr	140,076	126,081	47,794	33,799
Pacific Telep & Teleg. b. Mar	1,975,578	1,731,380	503,149	502,743
Jan 1 to Mar 31	5,655,122	5,040,913	1,395,726	1,488,903
Santiago El Lt & Trac. Mar	60,639	54,096	23,687	21,012
Jan 1 to Mar 31	180,035	161,867	71,019	63,999
Western Powof Can. Ltd. Mar	38,260	36,035	23,604	22,210
Apr 1 to Mar 31	455,857	446,669	296,840	318,455
Western Union Tel Co. b. Mar	7,347,166	7,197,030	1,325,305	703,737
Jan 1 to Mar 31	20,957,262	20,160,691	3,038,136	5,044,194

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes.
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	Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
Bangor Railway & Electric Co	83,717	25,855	20,217	5,638
12 mos '19	76,107	28,659	19,621	9,038
'18	949,357	332,569	241,040	91,529
'18	892,826	365,661	231,360	134,301
Caddo Oil & Ref Co of Louisiana, Inc	259,013	59,457	12,423	47,034
12 mos '19	187,597	67,705	12,245	55,460
'18	2,281,389	687,440	143,567	543,873
'18	2,023,797	625,503	141,350	484,153
Chattanooga Ry & Light Co	140,116	30,316	21,771	8,545
12 mos '19	151,533	39,559	30,747	8,812
'18	1,854,044	403,523	276,874	126,649
'18	1,467,675	218,379	362,665	def144,256
Cleveland Palmsville & East RR Sys	44,266	12,119	12,261	def1,142
12 mos '19	35,397	8,898	11,320	def2,422
'18	91,802	26,179	32,380	def6,201
'18	76,169	21,697	22,641	def9,441
Commonwealth Pow Ry & Lt Co	2,073,565	759,189	540,983	219,106
12 mos '19	1,756,688	579,886	488,934	90,952
'18	23,101,251	7,807,914	6,210,565	1,597,349
'18	20,093,104	6,993,585	5,440,473	1,553,112
Consumers Power Co	655,424	276,071	125,744	150,327
12 mos '19	508,078	249,596	112,756	136,840
'18	7,100,182	2,943,840	1,427,991	1,515,949
'18	5,885,643	2,404,262	1,014,280	1,369,982
Cumberland Co Power & Light Co	202,919	46,836	56,434	def9,598
12 mos '19	145,270	36,166	73,881	def7,715
'18	3,156,626	979,351	813,436	165,915
'18	3,077,458	937,676	836,718	100,858
East St Louis & Sub. Co System	369,786	107,114	69,545	37,563
12 mos '19	328,221	77,939	67,281	10,659
'18	4,351,502	946,426	822,133	124,298
'18	3,783,627	1,114,736	792,345	322,391

		Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
Havana Elec Ry. & Lt & Power Co	Mar '19	657,255	332,052	160,101	177,740
'18	642,110	335,920	161,246	174,674	
3 mos '19	2,086,769	1,031,101	456,956	574,145	
'18	1,904,191	1,036,367	483,737	552,630	
Huntington Delvel & Gas Co	Mar '19	89,243	37,702	16,091	21,611
'18	84,353	37,753	16,341	21,412	
12 mos '19	1,009,813	465,196	191,630	273,566	
'18	741,169	382,607	194,233	188,374	
Keystone Telephone Co	April '19	130,491	41,618	28,521	13,097
'18	134,147	58,166	28,552	29,614	
4 mos '19	519,900	173,664	116,709	56,955	
'18	539,026	233,406	114,399	119,007	
Lake Shore Electric Ry System	Feb '19	174,416	33,642	36,006	def2,364
'18	141,162	29,792	36,298	def6,506	
2 mos '19	365,870	72,663	71,846	817	
'18	282,717	56,039	72,423	def16,384	
Milwaukee Electric Ry & Lt Co	Apr '19	1,158,790	268,317	158,839	118,096
'18	903,596	205,473	141,489	63,986	
4 mos '19	4,769,882	954,168	656,625	297,543	
'18	3,752,286	683,368	563,994	119,374	
Nashville Ry & Light Co	Mar '19	267,284	72,382	39,880	32,502
'18	218,584	77,108	40,980	36,128	
12 mos '19	3,036,775	943,688	478,712	464,976	
'18	2,471,564	870,949	489,600	381,349	
Olean Electric Light & Power Co	Mar '19	267,159	67,103	36,377	33,726
'18	223,349	49,415	33,834	22,581	
Portland Railway, Light & Power Co	Mar '19	736,167	294,190	186,152	108,038
'18	621,145	249,087	178,148	70,939	
12 mos '19	8,905,241	2,635,947	2,240,505	395,442	
'18	6,387,407	2,532,211	2,139,509	392,702	
Tennessee Power Co	Mar '19	208,594	103,392	51,975	51,417
'18	169,357	89,708	62,671	27,037	
12 mos '19	2,387,029	964,262	635,868	328,394	
'18	1,993,852	704,782	625,162	115,620	
Tennessee Ry, Lt & Power Co	Mar '19	547,641	209,099	136,860	73,239
'18	478,528	208,843	137,710	71,133	
12 mos '19	6,425,389	2,346,508	1,662,043	684,465	
'18	5,389,037	1,860,319	1,641,098	219,221	

z After allowing for other income received.

Subsidiary Companies of the General Gas & Electric Co.
Preliminary Statement of Gross Rev. for April 1919 and 1918 and Comparison.

	1919.	1918.	Increase.
System—			
Rutland Railway, Light & Power Co	42,527	39,517	3,010 7.5
Northwestern Ohio Railway & Power Co.	26,500	23,777	2,723 11.5
Sandusky Gas & Electric Co	42,329	39,787	2,542 6.4
Binghamton (N Y) Light, Heat & Power Co	38,035	33,432	4,603 13.8
Sayre (Pa) Electric Co	10,392	10,223	169 3.7
New Jersey Power & Light Co.	26,754	21,477	5,277 24.5
Interurban Gas Co	699	660	39 5.95
Total	187,236	168,673	18,563 11.

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

The Delaware & Hudson Company.

(89th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1918.)

The usual comparative tables of income, balance sheet, &c., were given in last week's "Chronicle" (page 1925), together with condensed extracts from the text of the report of President L. F. Loree.

On subsequent pages of the present issue will be found much more extended excerpts from Mr. Loree's remarks, covering fully the main features of this interesting statement.

The temporary operation of the property by the Federal Government suggests a review of the eleven year's period of development which began in 1907, and this development Mr. Loree briefly outlines, remarking especially on the following:

(a) The modernization of motive power; (b) the increase of 32.79% in number of freight cars, the average capacity of each car at the same time increasing 5.37%; (c) the construction of additional tracks (second, third and fourth track, &c.); (d) improvement in yard facilities, engine terminals and shops; (e) grade revision, &c.—V. 108, p. 1923, 1924.

Havana Electric Railway, Light & Power Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1918.)

The text of the report, signed by President F. Steinhart, together with a comparative income account, profit and loss account and balance sheet, will be found on subsequent pages of this issue.—V. 108, p. 1822.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co.

(54th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1918.)

Pres. R. M. Calkins, in April 1919, wrote in substance:

Compensation Agreement with Director-General.—This agreement was finally executed and delivered March 29 1919. It provides for the payment to the company as annual compensation (compare V. 108, p. 1610):
Chic. Milw. & St. P. Ry. \$27,154,551 | Bellingham & Northern Ry. 340,305
Tacoma Eastern RR 133,525 | Milwaukee Terminal Ry. 32,557
Puget Sound & Willapa | Gallatin Valley Ry. Co. (def.) 8,981
Harbor Ry. 82,149
Seattle Pt. Ang. & W. Ry 72,665 Total "stand. return" \$27,506,771
Extra allowance granted the company on account of recent expenditures made by it for the installation of electrical operation of 440 miles of line between Harlowton, Mont., and Avery, Idaho 440,000

Total annual compensation \$27,946,771

Income Account—Temporary Financing to Meet Maturing Interest, &c.—**Outlook for Dividends.**—Only \$6,275,000 was received from the Railroad Administration on account of the compensation which the company was entitled to receive for the use of its railroad for the year 1918. The net corporate income for the year was \$6,241,510. [This is the amount remaining out of the annual compensation accrued for 1918, after deducting the net sum of \$4,440,289, due on account of operations prior to Jan. 1 1918, as required by the I. S. C. Commission. See "Income Statement,"

If, after the floating or unfunded debts are paid and a reasonable amount as working capital or surplus has been reserved, there remains a balance, it would be proper for the board to apply such balance toward the payment of a dividend on the preferred stock.

On Dec. 31 1918 the floating debt included [in addition

borrowed from the U. S. RR. Administration, was used for the payment of bond interest due Jan. 1 1919. These loans are covered by demand notes and were made necessary because at that time the agreement between the company and the Director-General had not been executed and adjustment of accounts completed. As a result the U. S. RR. Administration withheld the payment of further amounts on account of compensation.

The \$4,500,000 borrowed from the New York banks was also covered by demand notes and was used for the payment of interest on the bonds of the company which became payable during the early part of 1918. The company was required to deposit with the War Finance Corporation as collateral security for the \$8,500,000 loan, its General & Refunding Mgtg. bonds which it held in its treasury to reimburse it for expenditures made out of prior earnings for additions and betterments to the property.

There is still due the company from the U. S. Railroad Administration on account of its 1918 compensation \$21,671,771, which, however, is subject to further adjustments under the terms of the agreement between the company and the Director-General with respect to expenses incurred for maintenance of way and structures and maintenance of equipment. The result of these adjustments will not be known for some months. This amount, \$21,671,771, or such part thereof as is paid to the company, will, when paid, be applied in payment of the \$2,912,846, the amount due to the U. S. Railroad Administration for open accounts, and to the payment of the amounts borrowed from the War Finance Corporation, the New York banks and the U. S. Railroad Administration.

If the amount due from the Railroad Administration to the company, \$21,671,771, is not materially changed by the adjustments which may be made, there will remain on account of approximately \$4,900,000, which when received, will be available for working capital, surplus and dividends; but until these adjustments are made it will not be proper for the board under the provisions of the articles of association of the company to take action respecting the disposition of whatever balance may remain.

Further Loan.—In addition to items in foregoing table, this company, in order to take up the \$3,000,000 trust certificates of the Puget Sound & Willapa Harbor Railway Co., which matured June 1 1918, found it necessary to borrow from the War Finance Corporation \$3,000,000. This loan is represented by a demand note secured by General & Refunding Mgtg. bonds, and will be taken up as soon as the company can finance itself by the sale of bonds. (Compare V. 108, p. 1610.)

Further Advances on Account of Additions, &c.—Funds amounting to \$10,872,712 to pay for additions and betterments to the property for expenditures made during the year were provided by the U. S. Railroad Administration and such amounts have been charged to the company.

Arrangements for financing the cost of these additions and betterments will be made as soon as conditions will permit.

Material and supplies to the value of \$15,231,983 were taken over by the Government and no credit has been allowed for the reason that the same unit quantities of material and supplies are to be returned to the company at the termination of Federal control.

Acquisition of Subsidiary Railways.—Deeds of conveyance have been filed dated Dec. 31 1918, conveying to the company the railway franchises, &c., of the following companies, all of whose outstanding capital stock (excepting directors' shares) have heretofore been owned by it:

Tacoma Eastern RR. Co. Bellingham & Northern Ry. Co.
 Puget Sound & Willapa Har. Ry. Co. Milwaukee Terminal Ry. Co.
 Seattle Port Ang. & Western Ry. Co. Gallatin Valley Ry. Co.

The railway of the Tacoma Eastern RR. Co. was conveyed subject to \$884,000 outstanding mortgage bonds, and the railway of the Bellingham & Northern Ry. Co., subject to outstanding mortgage bonds, of \$515,000. Henceforth the railways of these subsidiary companies will be owned by this company and operated as part of its system.

Cash.—The U. S. Railroad Administration took over all cash on hand and balance due from agents on Dec. 31 1917.

Equipment.—The Director-General assigned to the company 100 heavy freight locomotives and 3,000 box cars (1,000 of which are to be built in the company's shops at Milwaukee). The board protested against this allocation on account of high prices due to war conditions, and succeeded in reducing the number of cars from 5,000 to 3,000; the cost of this equipment will be reduced as a result of this protest.

Fifteen electric passenger and two electric switch locomotives have been purchased and delivery is expected during May 1919 and July 1 1919, for service on the additional 217 miles now being electrified between Othello, Wash., and Seattle and Tacoma.

During the year 1,785 cars of various classes have been purchased or built, as follows: 1,002 box cars, 751 coal cars, 1 stock car, 1 coach, 1 locomotive crane, 26 work train cars.

During the year 142 locomotives and 4,065 cars were destroyed by wreck or fire, sold or taken down on account of small capacity.

Other Additions.—New freight yards and engine terminals have been completed and put into operation at Atkins, Ia., Sioux City, Ia., and Ottumwa, Ia. New freight yards and terminal facilities at Godfrey, Ill., near Chicago, have been completed and placed in operation.

New automatic, alternating current, light signals were installed during 1918, as follows: Rocky Mt. Division, 34.2 miles; Missoula Div., 100 miles; Twin City Terminal Div., 3.0 miles. The direct current semaphore signals formerly in service on 194 miles of the Columbia and Coast divisions are also being replaced with alternating current signals.

The cut-off between Bensenville, Ill., and Techy, Ill., has been completed and the line is now in operation.

Electrification.—Work on the electrification of the line from Othello, Wash., to Seattle and Tacoma, 217 miles, has been continued and will be completed during the coming year, making a total of 657 miles of electrically operated main track.

Funded Debt.—The funded debt has been decreased by \$138,000 Dubuque Division 6% bonds, and \$45,000 Wisconsin Valley Div. 6s retired. It has been increased by \$884,000 of Tacoma Eastern RR. Co. 1st M. bonds (of which \$30,000 was previously carried as an investment and \$515,000 was carried in the Insurance Reserve Fund) and \$515,000 of Bellingham & Northern Ry. Co. 1st M. bonds, assumed, and the issue of \$9,958,000 of General & Refunding Mortgage bonds.

The amount of bonds issued at the close of this fiscal year is \$501,474,155, of which \$17,247,200 are in the treasury and \$384,226,955 outstanding.

Treasury Bonds.—On Dec. 31 1917 the amount of the company's bonds in the treasury was \$107,259,200. It has been increased by: General & Refunding Mgtg. 4 1/2% bonds issued, \$9,958,000; Tacoma Eastern RR. Co. 1st M. bonds heretofore carried as an investment, \$30,000. At the close of this fiscal year, bonds in treasury composed of General & Refunding Mgtg. bonds and First Mgtg. bonds available for additions and betterments amounted to \$117,247,200.

Results of Government Operations.—From the results of operation under Federal control during the year 1918, it will be noted that there has been an abnormal increase in operating expenses, which is largely accounted for by the large increase in wages, effective as of Jan. 1 1918, and on various other dates throughout the year, also to the high cost of material, supplies and fuel, due to the war.

Substantial increases in freight and passenger rates were put into effect in June 1918, but they were not sufficient to provide for the increased cost of operation. Since the signing of the armistice every effort has been made to limit these operating expenses to those essential for the proper maintenance of the property, and to meet immediate traffic demands.

CONSOL. INCOME ACCOUNT (INCL. THE SIX SUB. COS.) YEAR 1918.

* Compensation under Fed. control.....	\$27,946,771	Deduct—	Int. accr. on fund. debt.....	\$16,767,186
Interest on bonds.....	1,096	Interest on notes.....	693,084	
Dividends on stocks.....	170,341	Exp. prior to Jan. 1 '18.....	5,583,965	
Int. on other securities.....	514,341	Corporate organiz'n exp.....	103,215	
Rents received.....	234,214	Taxes accrued.....	376,628	
Rev. prior to Jan. 1 '18.....	1,143,676	Rents paid.....	27,520	
Miscellaneous.....	370,333	Miscellaneous.....	600,667	
Gross income.....	\$30,423,776			
Net income [after allowing for deductions of \$1,440,289 net on account of period prior to Jan. 1 1918, viz.: expenses, \$5,583,965, less revenue of \$1,143,676]	\$6,241,510			

* Of this amount accrued for the year 1918, \$6,275,000 was received to Dec. 31 1918. These items are included in income account of the current year under instructions of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

The foregoing statement does not include items of accrued interest which are due to or from the Government growing out of liquidation of assets and liabilities, deferred payments on compensation and advances for additions and betterments for the reason that the accounts have not yet been so stated as to enable computation of such interest. It is estimated, however, that the interest due to the company is somewhat in excess of that due to the Government.

INCOME ACCOUNTS OF SUB. COMPANIES YEAR ENDING DEC. 31 1918.

(These companies were operated independently during the year.)

	Tacoma Eastern RR.	Gallatin Valley Ry.	P. S. & W. Har. Ry.	S. P. A. & W. Ry.	Bell & Nor. Ry.	Mt. Wash. Ry.
Compensation accrued.....	\$133,525	\$88,981	\$82,149	\$72,665	\$40,305	\$32,557
Int. on other securities.....	7,125	—	—	—	—	—
Rents received.....	380	—	—	—	—	3,030
Rev. prior to Jan. 1.....	7,895	52	\$8,563	\$2,051	3,677	\$14,354
Miscellaneous.....	1,902	1,905	314	1,764	5,859	210
Gross income.....	\$150,918	\$7,023	\$73,914	\$72,388	\$52,871	\$18,413
Deduct—						
Int. accr. on fund. debt.....	\$44,200	—	—	—	\$26,483	—
Interest on notes.....	111,021	—	5,642	2,008	34,456	35,069
Exp. prior to Jan. 1.....	35,489	12,792	8,219	25,468	1,511	12,129
Corp. organiz'n exp.....	96	—	44	—	—	—
Rents paid.....	54	556	—	1,005	537	718
Miscellaneous.....	8,799	—	63,196	—	17,634	703
Net income.....	\$48,741	\$20,372	\$3,186	\$43,906	\$27,781	\$30,207

COMMODITIES CARRIED FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	Agriculture.	Animals.	Mines.	Forests.	Manufactures.	Miscell.
1918.....	7,757,695	2,632,963	12,550,260	6,364,433	7,011,089	3,990,607
1917.....	7,009,902	2,169,679	11,715,375	6,430,357	6,965,658	4,153,382
1916.....	7,996,020	2,236,503	11,406,398	6,404,785	7,401,425	4,541,005

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1918.	1917.	1916.
Miles operated, average.....	10,303	10,257	10,196
Equipment—			
Locomotives.....	1,840	1,982	2,021
Passenger equipment.....	1,565	1,577	1,599
Freight, misc., &c., cars.....	64,923	67,191	67,384
Operations—			
Passengers carried.....	13,175,371	15,484,374	15,969,377
Passengers carried one mile.....	885,254,305	980,723,974	921,993,832
Rate per passenger per mile.....	2.654 cts.	2.174 cts.	2.143 cts.
Freight (tons) carried.....	40,307,047	38,444,353	39,986,136
Freight (tons) carried 1 mile.....	11,504,301,469	10,545,443,466	10,747,323,415
Rate per ton per mile.....	0.8399 cts.	0.7582 cts.	0.7411 cts.
Avg. rev. train-load (tons).....	536	468	442
Earns. per pass. train mile.....	\$1.4152	\$1.0793	\$1.0106
Earns. per freight train mile.....	\$4.5002	\$3.5449	\$3.2753

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1918.	1917.	1916.
Operating Revenues—			
Freight.....	\$6,623,658	\$7,957,271	\$7,948,513
Passenger.....	23,492,931	21,329,946	19,756,835
Mail, express, &c.....	10,432,733	10,258,110	9,338,667
Incidentals, &c.....	2,346,033	2,193,875	1,865,673
Total operating revenues.....	132,894,455	113,739,202	110,609,689
Expenses—			
Maintenance of way, &c.....	18,906,980	10,953,309	12,516,338
Maintenance of equipment.....	38,069,987	22,015,201	17,533,448
Traffic expenses.....	1,244,658	1,803,964	1,961,979
Transportation.....	60,740,935	48,083,125	40,307,996
General expenses.....	3,026,821	2,162,192	1,970,637
Miscellaneous operations.....	932,122	813,679	732,050
Transportation for investment.....	Cr. 725,397	Cr. 635,506	Cr. 1,257,308
Total operating expenses.....	122,106,105	85,195,964	73,765,051
Per cent oper. expenses to earnings.....	(91.95)	(74.90)	(66.69)
Net operating revenue.....	10,698,350	28,543,238	36,844,638
Taxes.....	6,185,935	6,517,212	5,480,119
Operating income.....	4,512,415	22,026,026	31,364,518

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1918.	1917.	1918.	1917.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Road & equip.....	\$616,807,395	\$592,800,195	Common stock.....	\$117,411,300
YStks. control. eos.....	5,586,667	11,304,856	Preferred stock.....	116,274,900
YBonds, &c., of controlled cos.....	110,000	140,000	From cap. stk.....	36,184
Advances to controlled cos.....	223,413,771	30,049,953	Funded debt.....	\$383,833,955
Misc. phys. prop.....	632,162	677,602	Bills payable.....	16,857,000
Cash.....	4,487,118	7,418,940	Traffic, &c., bals.....	254,423
Other misc. inv.....	295,023	24,322	Payrolls & yench.....	350,095
Loans & bills rec.....	432,188	439,663	Coup. not pres.....	690,763
Traffic, &c., bals.....	414,555	825,285	Miscellaneous.....	317,641
Arts. & conduc.....	3,889,509	1,915,287	Acer. bd. int., &c.....	5,632,509
Mac's & suppl's.....	15,231,984	14,688,555	Taxes not yet due.....	925,176
Miscellaneous.....	1,630,641	4,584,187	French Govt. tax.....	767,703
Unmatured int.....	124,335	89,263	European loan.....	2,800,976
Secur. in lia. fd.....	2,835,100	2,835,100	Ins. res'vd fund.....	2,775,842
Staking fund.....	276,628	442,147	Other def. items.....	1,859,099
Other deferred debt items.....	2,330,781	5,021,240	Stnk. funds, &c.....	469,583
Comp. acer. less amount rec'd.....	21,671,771	—	Surplus.....	\$36,504,991
U. S. Govt. acct.....	—	—	U. S. Govt. acct.....	—
Cash.....	5,315,871	—	Liab'l' paid.....	15,534,827
Assets collect'd.....	6,490,974	—	Expenses prior to Jan. 1.....	4,861,323
Rev. prior to Jan. 1.....	1,378,603	—	Additions and betterments.....	10,872,712
Corp. trans.....	408,346	—		
Equip. retired.....	1,671,137	—		
Special deposits.....	153,493	121,136		
Total.....	\$715,587,456	\$715,587,456	Total.....	\$715,587,456

* After deducting \$11,229,387 reserve for accrued depreciation. y Unpledged. z Advances to controlled companies for construction, equipment and betterments. * After deducting as of Dec. 31 1918 \$117,500,200 stock and bonds unsold held by company against \$102,602,200 as of Dec. 31 1917. n After adding \$295,077 net credits, and deducting \$1,079,404 extinguishment of book value of equipment destroyed, sold or taken down, and \$13,746 miscellaneous.—V. 108, p. 1511.

Boston & Maine RR.

(86th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1918.)

Temporary Receiver J. H. Hustis, Mar. 27 wrote in subs:

Reorganization.—Reorganization with the help of the Director-General, under the provisions of the Federal Control Act, seems likely to be fulfilled. The plan has been submitted to the stockholders and approved by them, as well as by the stockholders of the leased lines involved, and has also been approved by the Legislature of New Hampshire and by the Public Utilities Commission of Maine, and the Public Service Commissions of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Hearing has been had upon it before the P. S. Commission of N. Y., but decision has not yet been rendered. (See pages 18 to 20 of "Railway & Industrial" Section and "Chronicle."—V. 107, p. 1918, 2007, 2288, 2375, 2474.)

Compensation.—The Director-General and the representatives of the Boston & Maine RR. have agreed upon the terms of the contract for compensation to be made with the reorganized company.

Electric Railways, &c.—The Federal Government relinquished the control of the three street railways which have been operated in connection with the system—the Concord & Manchester Electric Branch, the Portsmouth Electric Branch, and the Conway Electric Street Ry. Co. The operation of these railways, therefore, has been under the control of the corporation. The Government also relinquished control of the Mount Washington Ry. Co., which was not operated last summer.

All property, the income of which has been included in "Miscellaneous Rents," has remained in the corporate control. The corporation was continued to have an interest in the subjects of railway mail pay and valuation of railroads, and in these two matters has co-operated with the Federal management.

Capital Stock.—The 426,549 shares are owned by 7,155 stockholders, of whom 4,715 owning 332,603 shares reside in Mass.

Funded Debt.—The funded debt remains at \$43,335,000.

Floating Debt.—Notes of the company were outstanding Dec. 31 1918 to the amount of \$13,306,060 as follows: Extended to Aug. 31 1916, \$13,101,160; extended to July 17 1916, \$198,400; extended to June 2 1916, \$5,500; extended to March 2 1916, \$1,000.

INCOME ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1918.

Railway operating revenues (incl. electric street railways).....	\$241,777
a Lease of road.....	\$9,636,771
Miscellaneous rent income.....	257,327
Misc. non-oper. phys. prop.....	3,178
Dividend income.....	74,817
Funded securities.....	4,500
Unfunded securities & accts.....	47,314
Sinking and other res. funds.....	27,575
Release of prem. on fund. dt.....	23,725
Miscellaneous income.....	4,414
Total income.....	\$10,351,398
Operating expenses (incl. elec. Street railways).....	\$288,973
Tax accruals (inc. el. st. rys.).....	187,031
Gross income.....	\$9,875,394
Deductions—	
Rent for leased roads.....	\$5,562,924
Miscellaneous rents.....	1,994
Interest on funded debt.....	1,754,980
Interest on unfunded debt.....	798,364
b Misc. income charges.....	1,530,202
Total deductions.....	\$9,648,464
Net income.....	\$226,930

a Includes estimate of annual compensation from Federal Government of \$9,618,771 (contract pending). b Charges reported by U. S. RR. Administration as having been paid by it, representing expenses of the corporation incurred prior to Jan. 1 1918, all of which is subject to verification and revision.

COMBINED INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.
Including the Boston & Maine, Vermont Valley, Sullivan County, York Harbor & Beach, St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain, Montpelier & Wells River, and Barre & Chelsea Railroads. (In 1917 and 1918 includes Mt. Washington Ry. and Conway Electric St. Ry.)

Operating Revenues—	1918.	1917.	1916.
Freight.....	\$44,576,474	\$36,480,913	\$34,990,617
Passenger.....	19,560,094	18,339,950	16,569,638
Mail and express.....	3,397,101	2,895,188	2,384,210
All other transportation.....	2,239,071	1,942,665	1,812,695
Incidental.....	2,368,886	1,929,624	1,660,150
Railway operating revenues.....	\$72,141,626	\$61,588,340	\$57,407,310
Operating Expenses—			
Maintenance of way and structures.....	\$10,450,378	\$6,530,198	\$6,439,133
Maintenance of equipment.....	14,492,181	9,017,324	7,318,602
Traffic.....	493,314	459,394	441,824
Transportation.....	38,076,900	31,007,568	23,885,983
Miscellaneous operations.....	441,471	299,202	249,154
General.....	1,862,356	1,511,830	1,302,900
Transportation for investment.....	Cr. 12,550	Cr. 324	
Railway operating expenses.....	\$66,404,110	\$48,825,092	\$39,637,596
Net revenue from railway operation.....	\$5,737,515	\$12,763,248	\$17,769,714
Tax accruals and uncollectibles.....	2,325,505	2,295,831	2,203,679
Railway operating income.....	\$3,412,010	\$10,467,417	\$15,566,034

Equipment Owned and Acquired from Leased Roads.

Calendar Years—	1918.	1917.	1916.
Locomotives.....	1,132	1,132	1,131
Passenger cars.....	1,814	1,841	1,900
Freight cars.....	21,543	22,258	22,387
Company service cars.....	1,333	1,336	1,322
Electric St. Ry. equip't.....	68	68	68
Floating equipment.....	1	1	2

INCOME ACCOUNT OF SUB. COS.—YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1918.

Credits—	Vermont Val. RR.	Sullivan Co. RR.	Y. H. & W. RR.	St. J. & L. C.
Miscellaneous income.....	\$5			\$23
Income from lease of road.....	133,499	\$184,754	\$5,500	
Miscellaneous rent income.....	2,280	1,244	734	
Dividend income.....	107,945			
Inc. from unf. sec. & accts.....	1,310		1,739	
Release of prem. on fd. dt.....	959			
Total credits.....	\$245,908	\$185,819	\$7,973	\$23
Debits—				
Expenses.....	\$946	\$891	\$182	\$5,438
Miscellaneous rents.....	402	423		\$80
Interest on funded debt.....	67,500	14,280		
Int. on unfunded debt.....	138,000			a125,000
Miscellaneous inc. charges.....	19,534	4,641	541	
Tax accruals (war taxes).....		36,000	1,375	675
Dividend approp.....		40,000		
Total debits.....	\$226,383	\$96,236	\$2,097	\$6,113
Surplus for the year.....	19,525	89,583	5,876	def108,286

a Includes interest accrued, \$58,600, on bonds owned by the Boston & Maine and Boston & Lowell Railroads.

Credits—	B. & Chel. RR. Co.	Mont. P. & W. R. R.	Con. El. St. Ry. Co.
Income from lease of road.....	\$33,970	\$3,372	
Miscellaneous rent income.....	898	2,040	
Income from funded securities.....	75		
Income from unf. securities and accts.....	6,028		
Miscellaneous income.....	4,892	3,589	
Total credits.....	\$45,863	\$9,082	\$5,916
Debits—			
Expenses.....	\$88	\$97	\$7,148
Tax accruals (war taxes).....		2,650	888
Dividend appropriations.....		20,000	
Rent for leased road.....			1,000
Miscellaneous.....			1,743
Total debits.....	\$22,738	\$2,840	\$14,703
Surplus for the year.....	\$23,125	\$6,242	def\$8,797

b Operation discontinued Nov. 27 1918.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

Assets—	1918.	1917.	Liabilities—	1918.	1917.
Road & equip. on leased.....	\$92,018,616	\$2,572,495	Common stock.....	\$9,505,391	\$9,505,391
Improv. on leased.....	2,862,757	2,862,757	Preferred stock.....	3,149,800	3,149,800
ry. property.....	\$1,521,439	1,493,864	Prem. on com. stk. sold.....	6,501,620	6,501,620
Sinking fund.....	233,996	235,131	Funded debt: Held by public.....	42,577,000	42,577,000
Misc. phys. prop.....	2,158,470	2,032,947	Held in skg. fd.....	761,000	761,000
Invest. in affil. cos.....			Non-neg. debt to affil. cos.....	598,857	661,001
Other investments: Stocks.....	7,223,815	7,223,815	Loans & bills pay.....	13,306,060	13,306,060
Bonds.....	108,000	108,000	Traffic, &c., bal.....	54,009	2,817,402
Notes.....	1,482,578	1,482,578	Accts. & wages.....	168,952	3,420,215
Advances.....	2,474,019	2,480,779	Int. mat. unpa. pay.....	369,177	2,206,280
Cash.....	276,143	2,465,069	Mat. divs. unpa. pay.....	5,686,423	3,227,889
Time drafts & dep. Special deposits.....	572	4,293,000	Interest accrued.....	81,278	52,494
Traffic, &c., bal.....	8,265	10,665	Rents accrued.....	625,405	625,405
Agents & conduct.....	135,124	855,278	Expiration of leases.....	513,963	555,185
Misc. accta. receiv.....	810	3,345,900	Accts. with U. S. RR. Admin'n.....	1,852,346	1,852,346
Mat. & supplies.....	7,075,871	2,624,558	RR. Admin'n.....	12,914,506	
Rents, &c., receiv.....	8,231,581	128,960	Accrued deprec'n.....	7,539,009	7,678,345
Accts. with U. S. RR. Admin'n.....	22,438,594		Other unadj. cred.....	865,264	1,076,111
Other def. assets.....	80,969	87,965	Additions to prop. through income.....	191,341	191,341
Unadjusted debits.....	743,775	1,229,750	Skg. fd. res. for reimprov't bds.....	1,521,439	1,493,864
Total.....	\$141,462,377	\$134,150,470	Profit and loss.....	2,690,449	2,401,722

Total.....\$141,462,377 \$134,150,470

a Does not include equipment acquired from leased roads at inception of leases appraised at \$8,194,708. b The bonds of the Boston & Maine RR. purchased by the trustee of sinking fund at a cost of \$716,804 are reported above at par (\$761,000), in compliance with the rule of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Contingent liabilities, \$4,628,000.—V. 108, p. 1935.

International Harvester Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1918.)

The remarks of President Harold F. McCormick, together with the income account and balance sheet, will be found on subsequent pages of this issue. A comparative income account for two years was published last week.—V. 108, p. 1932.

American Bosch Magneto Corporation.

(Report to New York Stock Exchange, Dated April 23 1919.)

The statement made to the New York Stock Exchange relative to the listing of the 60,000 shares of capital stock, will be found on a subsequent page. This gives not only the particulars regarding the organization and property of the present American-owned company which began business Jan. 10 1919, with its income account and balance sheet, but also similar particulars concerning the predecessor company and its operations for five years past. The new corporation's output of magnetos for the year 1919 is estimated approximately at 225,000, which will represent a total value of about \$6,000,000.—V. 108, p. 1938, 1166.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1918.)

Chairman John D. Ryan, N. Y., May 5 1919, wrote in sub.

Demand.—The extraordinary demand for metals, created by the war, continued until the signing of the armistice in November. Production was forced to the limit of available labor supply, the entire product being subject to the call of the Government. With the cessation of hostilities this demand abruptly terminated, except that for gold and silver.

Price for Copper.—The price of 23½ cents a pound for electrolytic copper, fixed by the War Industries Board in Sept. 1917, continued until July 2 1918, when an increase to 26 cents a pound became effective and remained the nominal price until Dec. 31, although practically no sales were recorded subsequent to the date of the signing of the armistice.

Reduction in Profits.—As compared with 1916 and 1917, respectively, the year 1918 witnessed a marked reduction in our profits, due to the following: (a) The continuation of the fixed price of 23½ cents to July 2 resulted in a lower price being realized on the production sold. The lack of future sales necessitated the carrying over of inventories of unsold metals at the end of the year, at cost; thus the gross income was substantially decreased.

(b) The increases in wages, freight charges, cost of supplies and of treating custer ores, and refining metals, reduced the net income realized on the business done.

Results.—The profit for 1918, before charging depreciation of \$6,104,185, amounted to \$26,907,055, compared with \$27,115,499 of estimated profit to Sept. 30, as shown by our circular of Jan. 2 1919. The profits of the last three months were absorbed by the adjustment for inventory purposes to a cost basis of copper which had been reported in the September estimate as sold at 26 cents, the orders for which were subsequently canceled by the Govt.

Mines.—Our mines produced 4,918,468 tons of ore and 6,553.69 tons of precipitates, a total of 4,925,022 tons (against 4,203,606 tons in 1917).

Development work in the form of drifts, crosscuts, upraises, shafts and winzes, aggregated 41.85 miles in 1918 and 38.61 miles in 1917. The shafts were sunk additional depths aggregating 4,991 feet. The results were quite satisfactory.

For exploration purposes the Bonanza shaft was sunk an additional 512 feet to the 1,000-foot level, with crosscuts in both directions from the 500 and 1,000-foot levels; while several veins were cut, none of them contained any values worthy of note. The shaft on the Orphan Girl claim was sunk to a depth of 525 feet with a crosscut which cut the Orphan Girl vein, but showed practically no values; a north crosscut was started for the purpose of cutting the veins which apex on Orphan Boy and Anglo-Saxon claims.

Copper.—The copper reduction works treated for all companies during the year 4,959,580 tons of ore and other cupriferous material at Anaconda, and 57,000 tons of ore and other cupriferous material at Great Falls. Of this amount 4,350,446 tons of ore were produced by company mines, 618,256 tons of ore were either purchased from or treated for other companies, and 47,878 tons of precipitates and cleanings from the old works at Anaconda and Butte were treated.

Production in 1918—

	Fine Copper (lbs.).	Silver (oz.).	Gold (oz.).
At Anaconda.....	279,030,318	10,091,605	59,403
At Great Falls.....	14,573,408	966,300	4,915

Total production.....	293,603,726	10,967,905	64,318
do do 1917.....	263,508,332	9,031,026	58,546
do do 1916.....	331,893,273	11,837,769	92,999
do do 1915.....	254,311,574	9,005,618	106,703
do do 1914.....	223,720,292	20,835,558	99,651
do do 1913.....	270,301,644	10,321,296	64,398
do do 1912.....	294,474,161	11,014,737	61,314

Of the total production of these plants in 1918, 272,923,031 lbs. of fine copper, 10,076,748 ounces of silver and 64,318 ounces of gold were produced for the company.

The electrolytic copper refinery at Great Falls produced, during the year, 191,404,125 lbs. of cathodes, 189,067,167 lbs. of which were melted into shapes at Great Falls. The copper leaching plant at Anaconda treated, during the year, 500,688 tons of tailings, and 64,978 tons of copper ore, from which there were produced 6,862 tons of cement copper.

Zinc.—The zinc plants at Anaconda and Great Falls treated, during the year, 393,193 tons of ore and other zinciferous material, of which amount 255,057 tons of ore were produced by mines of the company, and 138,136 tons of ore and concentrates were purchased from other companies. At Great Falls there were produced, during the year, 72,131,238 lbs. of electrolytic zinc. The electrolytic zinc plant at Great Falls operated continuously with excellent results, running under pressure, in order to meet the requirements of the Government, largely for munition purposes.

Anaconda Construction.—The new stack was completed, having a height of 585 ft. and an inside diameter of 70 ft. at the bottom and 60 ft. at the top. Work on the Cottrell treaters, previously delayed, is now progressing rapidly and should be completed some time the coming summer. A system of three earth dams for impounding tailings was started, one of which is now in commission.

At the zinc plant in Great Falls, 14 of the 28 roasting furnaces for the copper leaching plant were remodeled for roasting zinc concentrates. An experimental 25-ton acid plant was started in November in order to test out a new method of making sulphuric acid.

Great Falls Construction.—The rod and wire mill was completed during the summer, and the rod mill was put in operation on June 9, and both were in continuous operation during the latter part of the year.

It was found that by a proportionately small expenditure the output of the electrolytic zinc plant at Great Falls could be increased from 100 to 150 tons per day, making possible a more complete utilization of all equipment at Anaconda and Great Falls, and also a reduction in the cost of production; on Dec. 31 the increase in the plant had been almost completed.

At the solicitation of the U. S. Government, five electric ferro-manganese furnaces were installed at Great Falls, one starting work in September and two more in October and November. The furnaces had a capacity for treating 250 tons of manganese ore per day, and up to the time of the armistice, produced upwards of 1,900 tons of ferro-manganese, made from ores purchased from the Butte Copper & Zinc Co. With the signing of the armistice the furnaces were shut down.

An electric furnace was installed in the casting department of the zinc plant, and is operating quite satisfactorily in melting cathodes, superseding the use of reverberatory furnaces for that purpose.

Subsidiary Departments.—These realized a profit for the year of \$354,187. The coal mines produced, shipped to other departments, &c.:

	Produced.	To Other Dep.	Sold.	Used.
Diamondville, Wyo.....	625,601	398,858	180,409	46,334
Washoe, Mont.....	147,775	72,513	65,258	10,003
Sand Coulee, Mont.....	292,367	160,642	131,471	254

The sawmill at Hamilton, Hope, Bonner and St. Regis cut, during the year, 82,950,859 feet of lumber and purchased 41,219,639 feet, of which 72,162,891 feet were shipped to the mines, 35,765,541 feet were sold.

Operations of Butte Anaconda & Pacific Ry. Co. (1915-17 Inserted.—Ed.)

Year	Tons.	Passenger.	Income.	Gross Income.	Net Interest.	Divid.	Balance.	Surplus.
Number.	Number.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1918	5,630,451	245,682	2,095,714	586,883	213,960	-----	372,923	-----
1917	6,800,161	355,224	1,789,396	367,176	219,590	-----	147,585	-----
1916	8,416,003	408,865	2,199,611	734,315	207,648	a300,000	227,167	-----
1915	6,506,525	230,684	1,671,651	675,779	195,760	b150,000	330,029	-----

a 12% paid in 1916. b 6% paid in 1915.

Subsidiary Corporations.

International Smelting Co.—The smeltery of this company at Tooele, Utah, treated during the year 262,723 tons of copper ore and 297,347 tons of lead ore, from which there were produced 21,821,657 lbs. of fine copper, 62,034,920 lbs. of fine lead, 5,827,134 oz. of silver and 36,317,307 oz. gold.

The copper smeltery at Miami, Ariz., treated during the year 332,644.21 tons of concentrates and 45,290.40 tons of purchased ores, or a total of 377,934.61 tons, from which there were produced 173,043,136 pounds of fine copper, 252,437.47 ounces of silver and 4,255,804 ounces of gold.

International Lead Refining Co.—The lead refinery at East Chicago, Ind., treated 31,765.89 tons of lead bullion from the Tooele plant and 34,119 tons of purchased ore and other bullion, from which there were produced 113,074,263 lbs. of common and corroding lead, 13,018,043 lbs. of anti-monial lead, 7,004,175.68 oz. of silver and 36,360,57 oz. of gold.

Barrick Copper Works.—The refinery at Perth Amboy, N. J., treated for all companies, during the year, 22,628.15 tons of copper bullion and 7,016,212.52 oz. of silver bullion, from which there were produced 394,968,011 lbs. of fine copper, 21,440,610.74 oz. of silver, 132,253,488 oz. gold.

Investments.—During the year your company and its subsidiaries added to their investments, expending the sum of \$8,883,628 on this account. The principal items, aside from advances made to the South American Companies, for which your company has received or is entitled to receive stock of such companies, issued at par, are the following:

(a) **Walker Mining Co.**—On Oct. 1 1918 the International Smelting Co. exercised its option on 630,000 out of a total of 1,250,000 shares of the Walker Mining Co. stock. This property is located in Plumas County, Calif., approximately 22 miles by wagon road from Portola, a station on the Western Pacific R.R. The holdings consist of 38 patented lode claims and two placer claims, all forming a compact block of ground.

Exploration to the depth of 346 feet has been accomplished by two shafts and drifts therefrom have opened up a body of ore approximately 800 ft. in length, averaging 16 ft. in width, and a grade of about 4% copper. Diamond drill holes indicate an additional length of vein approximating 900 ft. There is still a considerable amount of unexplored territory.

We are now increasing the capacity of concentrator to 200 tons per day and installing a new tailings dam and an aerial tramway 8.2 miles in length to handle concentrates to and supplies from the railroad. We are also driving a crosscut tunnel from the concentrator site 3,500 ft. to strike the extension of the vein, then following the vein to the shaft, 1,200 ft. This tunnel will develop the property to a depth of approximately 800 ft.

(b) **Arizona Oil Co.**—To insure fuel oil supply for the International Smelting Co. at Miami, we purchased jointly with the Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co. 180 acres of oil-producing land in the Bakersfield District of California. The Arizona Oil Co., formed to take title to the property, has an authorized capital of \$2,500,000, of which 16,320 shares, having a par value of \$100 each, have been issued. Your company and the Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co. each owns one-half of the issued stock. The net investment of your company in this stock amounts to \$794,563. This transaction was consummated May 21 1918, since which date 329,622 barrels of oil were produced to Dec. 31 1918.

New Bonds.—On Dec. 31 1918 the directors authorized an issue of \$50,000,000 10-year secured gold bonds. \$25,000,000 of said bonds, designated as Series "A," bearing interest at the rate of 6%, were issued on Jan. 2 1919. (See circular letter of the Chairman in V. 108, p. 81.)

South American Properties.

Andes Copper Mining Co.—Additional churn drilling was done, aggregating 11,800 ft., by which approximately 5,000,000 tons of ore were added to the reserves; 2,990 ft. of drifts and upraises were driven, exploring different sections of the mine; 295 ft. of tunnels were driven, through which the water supply will be carried. At the mill site 184 houses are being constructed for employees and are from 30% to 100% completed.

Potrillo Ry.—Grading was completed to the mill site and 39 miles of track were laid. The tunnel rock work was completed and 30 lines. The line between the main railway and the mine railway is 95% complete.

Work on the mine railway was carried on continuously on tunnels 1, 2 and 3, but tunnel 1 has still to be enlarged for 62% of its length, while tunnel 3 must be enlarged for 35% of its length. The main adit was driven 2,650 ft. during the year, making a total of 3,730 ft. driven.

Santiago Mining Co.—At the La Aguirre mine 11 holes, aggregating 4,029 ft., were drilled during the year, and drifts, raises and crosscuts amounting to a total of 6,900 ft. were driven, in many cases to prove the results obtained by previous drill holes. The main shaft of the African mine was sunk to a depth of 250 ft. and 2,427 ft. of development work was done in the form of drifts, crosscuts and raises. The developments thus far have proved satisfactory.

PROFIT & LOSS ACCT. YEARS END. DEC. 31, INCL. SUBSIDIARIES.

	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Receipts—				
Sales of copper, silver and gold	109,504,744	109,055,593	96,097,709	61,473,678
Royalties, &c.	10,248,791	6,668,384	7,675,167	3,004,049
Rental of properties, &c.	-----	-----	-----	73,431
Sales of merchandise	-----	7,514,591	7,191,366	3,778,635
Income from invest., &c.	2,867,515	2,749,083	2,350,641	112,922
Metals in process (at cost) and on hand (sold at contract prices)	27,865,266	32,966,589	37,225,804	18,944,075
Total receipts	150,486,317	158,954,240	150,540,687	87,386,809
Disbursements—				
Metals in process and on hand	\$32,966,589	37,225,804	18,944,075	17,554,757
Mining exp., incl. devel.	29,844,525	24,591,950	24,709,071	17,254,622
Ore purch. (incl. trans.)	19,474,604	21,156,714	15,227,458	13,647,705
Trans. of ore to red. wks.	-----	-----	-----	1,029,671
Reduction expenses	23,695,832	18,960,027	19,183,023	10,694,032
Trans. of metals, refining and selling expenses	8,552,862	6,956,883	6,760,480	4,492,172
Cost of mids. sold	5,845,701	6,419,288	5,210,178	2,559,686
Admin. exp. & taxes on mine & on timber lands	2,522,616	3,396,110	1,613,424	573,545
Depreciation, &c.	6,104,185	5,387,437	7,113,463	1,900,578
Total deductions	129,006,914	124,094,213	98,761,171	69,706,769
Balance	18,611,888	34,860,027	51,779,516	17,680,040
Interest	676,533	526,275	951,145	984,233
Dividends	17,484,375	19,815,625	17,484,375	9,325,000
Per cent.	(15%)	(17%)	(15%)	(8%)
Balance, sur., for year	3,318,495	14,518,127	33,343,997	7,370,806

* Metals in process at cost and on hand sold, at contract prices.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

(Including assets and liabilities of subsidiary companies owned.)

	1918.	1917.		1918.	1917.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Mines & mining claims, land, &c.	74,886,262	74,704,518	Capital stock issued	116,562,500	116,562,500
Bldgs., mach., &c.	56,416,775	51,881,399	Accts. & wages payable and taxes, &c., accrued	35,435,350	31,402,619
Timber lands	5,328,362	5,397,880	Dividend payable February	3,496,875	4,662,500
Invest. in sundry cos. not entirely owned	28,592,856	22,545,610	Reserve for depreciation	15,476,482	10,316,448
Mat'l. & supplies & prepaid exp.	12,121,614	10,154,674	Surplus	83,232,484	63,913,939
Mdcs. for sale	1,290,520	1,097,566			
Met. in proc., &c.	27,865,266	32,966,589			
Accts. rec. & cash	30,702,634	27,109,819			
Total	237,203,698	225,858,055	Total	237,203,698	225,858,055

—V. 108, p. 1823.

Wells Fargo & Company.

(Report for the Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1918.)

President B. D. Caldwell, N. Y., May 8, wrote in subst.:

Results in 1917.—The net income from express operations during 1917 was \$758,001, a decrease of \$2,364,967 from 1916, notwithstanding gross earnings increased \$9,408,833. These figures reflect war conditions—a great increase in business, especially in heavy traffic ordinarily moving by freight, which the company was not equipped to handle to advantage, a shortage of experienced employees; increases in wages and in cost of materials and supplies, and large increase in cost of loss and damage, due mainly to shortage of express cars, many of which were diverted to troop movement and replaced with freight box cars unfit for the safe and expeditious handling of the express shipments. Another factor seriously affecting operations was the unprecedented weather of the winter of 1917-1918. The decrease of \$299,921 in returns from investments during 1917 reflects the sale of securities in connection with the payment of the special dividend in January of that year.

Half-Year to June 30 1918—Enforced Retirement from Domestic Express Business.—The period from January to June 1918, inclusive, was a most difficult one as affecting not only the current operations but the future interests of your company. The loss of its contracts with the railroads because of Government control and operation, and inability to effect an arrangement with the Railroad Administration for continuing its individual operations culminated in an enforced retirement from domestic express business and the transfer of the company's property used in the express business to the American Railway Express Co. on June 30 1918. (See "Railway & Industrial Section," p. 137, and "Chronicle," V. 106, p. 2346, 2452; V. 107, p. 1580.)

Operating conditions became progressively worse in 1918, with the result that the company was subjected to heavy losses—the loss and damage account alone increasing in 1918 100%, and being four times that in 1917.

A rate advance applied for in November 1917, fully justified by existing conditions, and which it was expected would have been granted early in 1918, was withheld, pending the reaching of an adjustment with the Director-General, until July of that year, after your company had retired from business. Subsequently a claim made by this company to the Railroad Administration for losses sustained during the six months—January to June 1918 inclusive—by reason of the conditions described, was granted in part, but proved insufficient to protect the company in full against the losses sustained.

Corporate Surplus.—The corporate surplus shown in the balance sheet of Dec. 31 1918, of \$3,278,369, is subject to probable reduction for uncollectible charges in case efforts to collect should fail; personal injury and other damage claims; payments to the new company for out-of-pocket costs incurred for liquidation of the old accounts, &c. It is probable that during 1919 there will be charges against the surplus of approximately \$1,000,000 on account of these items.

Estimated Income for 1919.—The net income of the current operations of your company derived from securities and miscellaneous sources, is estimated to be, for the year 1919, at \$780,000, or about 3 1/4% on capital.

Valuation.—Stock Interest in American Railway Express Co.—In considering the actual value of the company's property the following must also be taken into consideration, namely (1) a current market depreciation of approximately \$2,000,000 in securities and real estate, exclusive of the \$10,500,000 par value of stock of the American Railway Express Co. previously issued to this company in exchange for equipment and property, previously used in its express business and upon which it is not possible to place any actual value at the present time; (2) considerable depreciation in the book value of \$500,000 invested in the Wells Fargo & Co.'s Mexican Express due to the conditions existing in that country; (3) The contract between the Government and the American Railway Express Co. is limited to the period of Federal control of the railroads and the value of your interest in the property of that company will undoubtedly depend in large measure upon the solution of the railroad problem and of the relation established between the express business and the railroads upon the termination of Government control.

Relations With American Railway Express Co.—Latter's Earnings Show a Deficit.—The operations of the American Railway Express Co. have not as yet resulted in any net earnings, each month so far showing a deficit, due mainly to wage increases, which are in many respects similar to those which have been made on the railroads. While under the contract between that company and the Government the latter assumes any loss in operation, no provision is made for any guaranteed net returns to the express company, although during the negotiations with the Railroad Administration the express companies sought to secure a basis of guarantee similar to that given the railroads. (The Director-General on May 6 reported a deficit for the eight months ended Feb. 28 1919 of about \$14,540,000. See V. 108, p. 1891, and news item for our contracts with railroads over which we operated prior to the taking over of the properties of the railroads by the Government, were, in the opinion of our counsel, abandoned on Dec. 28 1917, when the railroads were deprived of the power or facilities to carry out such contracts, and we have notified all of the railroad companies interested as to the position of this company with respect to such contracts, some of the railroads have not as yet signified their acceptance of this view.)

Immediate Resumption Deemed Inadvisable.—Under the conditions existing with your company as above set forth your directors are of the opinion that until the general situation clears it would be inadvisable to resume payment of dividends.

OPERATIONS YEAR 1918 COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS YEARS. (On June 30 1918 retired from domestic express business under Govt. plan.)

	1918.	1917.	1916.
Charges for transportation	\$34,115,902	\$59,795,849	\$50,387,016
Express privileges—Dr	17,736,261	31,586,320	25,854,218
Revenue from transportation	\$16,379,641	\$28,209,529	\$24,532,797
Revenue from other operations	643,713	1,351,260	1,191,925
Total operating revenues	\$17,023,354	\$29,560,798	\$25,724,729
Operating expenses	19,993,358	28,397,633	22,312,796
Express tax	280,265	511,849	465,332
Operating income	def. \$3,250,268	\$651,117	\$3,043,393
Other income from express operation	3,446	106,584	79,673
Net income from express oper.	def. \$3,246,822	\$758,001	\$3,123,967
Net income from investments	1,070,739	866,851	1,166,772
Total net income	def. \$2,176,084	\$1,624,852	\$4,290,739

* Note.—Net deficit of \$2,176,084 for 1918 does not give recognition to the reduction in express privileges Federal operated railroads for the six months ended June 30 1918, in the sum of \$1,724,325, which was credited direct to profit and loss.

OPERATIONS FOR 6 MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30 1918 (FINAL PERIOD OF COMPANY'S DOMESTIC EXPRESS BUSINESS.)

	1918.	1917.
Half-Years to June 30—		
Charges for transportation	\$33,792,210	\$28,020,216
Express privileges—Dr	17,834,525	14,707,798
Revenue from transportation	\$15,057,694	\$13,312,418
Revenue from other operations	601,504	671,654
Total operating revenues	\$16,559,198	\$13,984,072
Operating expenses	17,667,159	13,254,793
Express taxes	280,265	272,232
Operating income	def. \$1,388,226	\$457,047
Other express income	15,612	39,394
Net express operations	def. \$1,372,614	\$496,441
Net from investments	471,308	427,964
Total net income	def. \$901,306	\$924,405

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1918.	1917.		1918.	1917.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Property & equip.	12,046,775	12,046,775	Capital stock	23,967,400	23,967,400
Misc. phys. prop.	843,326	198,085	Loans & notes pay.	1,100,000	500,000
Affil. cos. invest.	10,000	10,000	Unpaid checks, &c.	714,559	4,493,942
Other investments	26,538,046	19,247,575	Express privilege	655,241	3,266,556
Cash	1,053,951	8,978,505	Other cur't liab.	330,994	8,014,002
Loans & notes rec.	608,590	293,586	Oper. and inaur.		
Misc. accts. rec.	289,500	1,315,025	Acc. reserves	1,130,494	572,466
Material & supp.	-----	438,015	Accrued deprec'n	28,006	2,682,213
Other current assets	-----	3,854,853	Other unad. cred.	3,411	33,430
Deferred assets	1,046,665	1,086,866	Profit & loss surp.	3,278,369	4,122,785
Unadjusted debts	824,888	183,728			
Total	\$31,214,773	\$47,652,824	Total	\$31,214,773	\$47,652,824

—V. 108, p. 1941.

American Beet Sugar Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ended March 31 1919.)

Pres. H. Rieman Duval, New York, April 28, wrote in sub.:

Results.—The income statement shows receipts of \$7,931,747 and expenses and taxes, \$6,731,007, leaving earnings of \$1,200,739. If to these earnings we add the surplus April 1 1918, \$1,642,385, we have a total amounting to \$2,843,124, which was applied as follows: Preferred dividends, 8% (payable 1 1/2% quar. July 1 1918 to April 1 1919), \$300,000; dividends on common stock, 8% per share (payable \$2 quar. April 30 1919 to Jan. 31 1920), \$1,200,000; additions and improvements to factories and lands, \$320,976; adjustment of Govt. taxes for quarter ended March 31 1918, \$267,742; sundry adjustments, \$44,276; balance, total profit and loss surplus March 31 1919, \$710,130.

Additions and Improvements.—Appropriations for additions and improvements to factories and lands amounted to \$320,976.

Market Review.—**Beet Sugar Production.**—The domestic beet sugar production for the crop year 1918-19 was 15,250,000 bags, or 26,000 bags less than for 1917-18. The decreases, aggregating 1,700,000 bags in California and 1,100,000 bags in the producing territory between California and the Missouri River, were offset by increases in Eastern producing territory.

Due to war restrictions in consumption and distribution during the first three months of the manufacturing campaign, there was an unusual accumulation, and there are still unsold 6,286,000 bags, compared with 3,400,000 bags a year ago. These are now being gradually distributed and will, no doubt, be disposed of before the next beet production.

This company produced 918,562 bags in 1918-19, as compared with 1,686,544 bags in 1917-18, and has on hand 410,039 bags at cost as against 334,346 bags a year ago.

Total Sugar Production, &c.—During the war various Food Administration regulations on the use and distribution of sugar were made effective. Some of these restrictions were removed Nov. 1918, the certificate plan abolished Nov. 27, consumption given free rein again by Dec. 1, followed by the discontinuance Jan. 9 1919 of the zoning plan. The world's production of sugar for the crop year 1918-19 is estimated at 16,600,000 long tons, a shortage of 2,000,000 tons compared with the pre-war year of 1913-14.

Prices of Sugar.—Price changes have been few. Raws, which on March 31 1918 were approximately \$6 per cwt., N. Y., duty paid, were advanced June 24 to \$6 5/8, and Sept. 9 to \$7 2/8, the present price. Refined cane, which March 31 1918 was \$7 45 per cwt. seaboard basis, advanced June 24 to \$7 50, and Sept. 9 to \$9, since which date there has been no change.

Excepting the period April 8 to July 1 1918, when in territory Colorado and West only, the beet sugar basis was 10 points below cane, beet refined continued throughout the year on the same basis as cane on Jan. 13 1919, a ten-point differential was established east of the Rockies, and on Feb. 25, Rockies and West, making the beet basis \$8 90 per bag.

Operating Costs.—Receipts from sugar decreased \$5,112,984; expenses decreased \$3,386,069; receipts per bag of sugar increased \$1 14; expenses per bag of sugar increased \$1 77; so that net earnings per bag decreased 63c.

The average cost of sugar sold, including freight and other selling expenses was \$7 98 per bag of 100 lbs., compared with \$6 21 per bag last year. The increase in expenses of \$1 77 per bag is accounted for as follows: Factory cost—beet, labor and other operations, varying more or less during each campaign, \$2,326,558, making net liquid assets of \$2,667,958.

Outlook for New Crop.—The company will farm 16,548 acres, and 8,473 acres will be farmed by tenants. There are held under lease 12,363 acres near Rocky Ford and 1,953 acres near Lamar, which are used for grazing purposes. There will be 6,832 acres planted to beets, 7,097 acres planted to alfalfa and other hay crops and 11,092 acres planted to barley, wheat, oats and other grain crops.

In Colorado and Nebraska, where planting has not been started, there have been 32,550 acres contracted, an increase over that harvested last year of 13,476 acres. An abundance of snows and rains the past winter practically assures capacity operations for the Grand Island and Rocky Ford factories, and under continued favorable conditions, the operation of the Las Animas plant, which was kept closed last year.

In California there have been contracted 27,106 acres, an increase over that harvested last year of 11,362 acres. There have been 25,061 acres planted, and it is expected that with favorable growing conditions there will be a sufficient tonnage of beets harvested to insure an increased production for the Oxnard factory. Chino factory, as last year, will not be operated.

Cause of Reduced Earnings.—The almost unprecedented conditions existing in California, due to the failure of the usual winter rains of the planting season of 1917-18, and other untoward causes mentioned in last year's report, were so disastrous as to result in a production of only 448,105 bags of sugar at the Oxnard factory (Chino factory remaining closed), as compared with 1,047,394 bags produced there and at Chino in 1917-18. This decrease, 599,289 bags, together with a net decrease in Colorado and Nebraska of 168,693 bags, records the smallest output for the company since the campaign of 1904-05, and accounts for the comparative large decrease in net earnings for the year.

OPERATIONS FOR YEARS ENDING MARCH 31.

	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1915-16.
Production (bags).....	918,562	1,686,544	2,155,963	1,752,662
Sales (bags).....	842,869	1,629,298	2,136,067	1,904,332
Average cost per bag.....	\$7.98	\$6.21	\$4.24	\$5.95
Unsold March 31 (bags).....	410,039	334,346	277,100	307,204

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING MARCH 31.

	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Gross sugar sales.....	\$7,471,383	\$12,684,367	\$14,971,116
Expenses			
Factory cost of sugar sold.....	\$4,770,325	\$7,117,276	\$7,280,224
Selling exp. (freight, discount, &c.).....	545,918	877,775	1,319,870
Administration, interest, &c.....	731,901	394,102	325,902
Depreciation.....	372,551	327,957	—
Factory and corporate taxes.....	\$310,313	1,399,965	342,115
Total expenses.....	\$6,731,007	\$10,117,076	\$9,268,112
Net earnings.....	\$740,376	\$2,467,291	\$5,703,004
Other Income			
Potash receipts.....	47,710	—	—
Pulp receipts (net).....	102,086	314,324	198,023
Interest and discount received.....	200,732	166,161	106,852
Farm and live stock operations (net).....	97,356	157,080	106,164
Miscellaneous income.....	12,478	30,332	12,634
Gross income.....	\$1,200,739	\$3,135,188	\$6,126,677
Preferred dividends (6%).....	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Common dividends.....	(8%) 1,200,000	(8%) 1,200,000	(20) 3,000,000
Purchase Riverside Lands, Lamar, Col.....	—	—	328,233
Depreciation and additions.....	—	—	1,243,697
Total deductions.....	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$4,871,930
Balance, surplus.....	def. \$299,261	\$1,635,188	\$1,254,747

x Not including farm and live stock taxes.

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31.

	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Assets				
Factories, lands, equipment, &c. 30,000,000 20,000,000	31,709,051	30,521,780	31,709,051	30,521,780
Cap. stock & acquir. of other cor.....	272,770	261,350	272,770	261,350
Cash.....	829,527	1,702,229	829,527	1,702,229
Sec. of U. S. Govt. 3,988,919	2,014,000	2,014,000	2,014,000	2,014,000
Unsold sugar (cost) 2,534,592	1,618,247	1,618,247	1,618,247	1,618,247
Accts. & bills rec'd. 6,511,877	1,303,876	1,303,876	1,303,876	1,303,876
Comm'live stock.....	402,299	437,916	402,299	437,916
Material & supp. 2,288,723	2,730,136	2,288,723	2,730,136	
Adv. acct. next campaign.....	650,344	453,125	650,344	453,125
Total.....	31,709,051	30,521,780	31,709,051	30,521,780
Liabilities				
Common stock.....	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000
Preferred stock.....	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Accounts payable.....	375,317	472,304	375,317	472,304
Bills payable.....	3,285,000	—	3,285,000	—
Accrued taxes.....	55,559	55,217	55,559	55,217
Accr. Govt. taxes.....	347,263	1,272,022	347,263	1,272,022
Dividends declared.....	1,275,000	1,275,000	1,275,000	1,275,000
Res'vs for deprec'n.....	585,279	545,945	585,279	545,945
Approp. for adms. and improv'ts.....	491,116	1,011,306	491,116	1,011,306
Res. for work. cap. 4,284,386	4,247,002	4,284,386	4,247,002	
Surplus.....	710,130	1,642,385	710,130	1,642,385
Total.....	31,709,051	30,521,780	31,709,051	30,521,780

—V. 108, p. 81.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

Government Control of Railroads.—*Net Earnings for March—Deficit for First Quarter of 1919, &c.*—See "Current Events," &c., on a preceding page and also in V. 108, p. 1869, 1890.—V. 108, p. 1935, 1822.

Alabama Tennessee & Northern RR. Corp.—*Offering of Bonds.*—Conrad B. Shovlin Co., Boston, are offering \$500,000 Prior Lien 30-year gold 6s, dated Oct. 15 1918, due July 1 1948.

Int. J. & J. in New York. Callable at 102 1/2 and int. on 30 days' notice. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 e*. Principal and interest payable without deduction of normal Federal income tax, not to exceed 2%. Authorized, \$3,500,000; outstanding, \$850,000. Trustee, Metropolitan Trust Co., New York. Full particulars another week.

Earnings for Calendar Years 1914-18, Inclusive.

	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	At 5 Yrs.
Total oper. rev. \$398,838	\$483,246	\$487,837	\$584,763	\$684,158	\$227,708	
Net oper. inc. \$116,565	\$104,416	\$53,599	\$98,568	\$103,412	\$65,318	

From the above statement of earnings, it will be seen that even during the European War, with its export business entirely suspended, a period covering also the receivership of the predecessor company, the net operating income of the road, after deducting taxes, &c., was equivalent to approximately double interest charges on the present outstanding \$550,000 Prior Lien ts, requiring \$51,000. Compare V. 108, p. 1720.

American Cities Co.—*Increased Rates of Subsidiary Legal.*—See New Orleans Ry. & Light Co. below.—V. 108, p. 1273, 572.

Ann Arbor RR.—*Federal Manager.*—General Manager E. F. Blomeyer has been appointed Federal Manager with headquarters at Toledo, to succeed F. H. Alfred.—V. 108, p. 1935.

Atlantic & Western RR.—*Federal Contract Signed.*—This company on May 13 signed the Federal operating contract with the Director-General of Railroads, Walker D. Hines, fixing the annual compensation at \$12,660.—V. 95, p. 1038.

Aurora Elgin & Chicago RR.—*New Directors.*—At a special meeting of the board of directors, held in Chicago on May 3, R. M. Stinson, of R. M. Stinson & Co., Philadelphia, Lewis B. Williams, of Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland, and A. B. Conant, of A. B. Conant & Co., Boston, were elected to the board of directors.

Messrs. Stinson, Williams and Conant (who are members of the protective committee recently formed to safeguard the interests of the company's First & Refunding Mtge. bonds and 3-year Collateral Trust notes) accepted places on the board for the better protection of the interests which they represent.—V. 108, p. 971, 682.

Bath & Hammondsport RR.—*To Extend Bonds.*—See Erie RR. below.

Boston Elevated Ry.—*Bill for Revaluation Defeated.*—The Massachusetts House on May 8, by a vote of 101 to 27, defeated a resolution ordering a revaluation of the company's property. The Committee on Street Railways had previously unanimously reported the resolution.—V. 108, p. 1935, 1604.

Bowdon Ry. Co.—*Operative Contract Signed.*—See Kalamazoo Lake Shore & Chicago Ry. below.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—*Application to Issue Receiver's Certificates.*—Lindley M. Garrison, receiver for the company, made application before Judge Mayer of the Federal District Court on May 15, to approve an immediate issue of \$15,000,000 6% receiver's certificates maturing June 1 1920.—V. 108, p. 1510, 1390.

Canadian National Railway.—*Incorporation Act Passed by Canadian House of Commons.*—The House of Commons at Ottawa on May 6 passed by a vote of 110 to 54 the Act to incorporate this company for the purpose of taking over and operating the various railroads now controlled by the Canadian Government (together aggregating at present 13,491 miles of road), and also, if pending negotiations go through, the Grand Trunk Ry., either in fee or under lease.—V. 108, p. 1610.

Canadian Northern Ry.—*Sale of Equipment Trust 6% Gold Certificates.*—Wm. A. Read & Co. are offering on a 5 1/2% basis for Nov. 1919, 5 3/4% for May and Nov. 1920, 5 1/8% for May 1921 and 6% for all other maturities, an issue of \$7,500,000 Equipment Trust 6% gold certificates, Series C, 1919, issued under the Philadelphia plan. Dated May 1 1919. Total auth., \$7,500,000. Due in semi-ann. installments of \$375,000 each, Nov. 1 1919 to May 1 1920, incl.

Denom. \$1,000 e*. The company agrees to pay the normal U. S. income tax up to 2% if exemption is not claimed by the certificate holder. Div. M. & N. 1 at the office of Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee.

Data from Letter of Pres. D. B. Hanna, Dated Toronto, May 10 1919.

This Issue.—Issuable under trust agreement of May 1 1919 between Canadian Northern Ry., Canadian Northern Rolling Stock, Ltd., and Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee, for an amount not exceeding \$7,500,000, secured by the following new standard equipment, the cash contract price of which is \$10,724,705 (being considerably less than present list prices), viz.: 445 40-ton steel under frame box cars, 445 40-ton steel frame flat cars, 550 50-ton composite dump cars, 10 consolidation locomotives, 15 Pacific type locomotives, 270 30-ton wooden stock cars, 140 40-ton refrigerator cars, 25 steel baggage cars, 25 steel coalmin sleeping cars, 10 6-wheel switching locomotives. Title to all equipment remains vested in the trustee clear and unencumbered for the benefit of the certificate holders, and the lessee must fully maintain both cars and locomotives in number and condition.

Further secured by assignment to the trustee of a lease of the equipment to the company which is obligated to pay rentals sufficient to enable the trustee to retire as due the total issue of these certificates, with dividends and charges.

Rentals Rank as Operating Expenses.—Under the provisions of the statutes of Canada, the rentals payable by the company under the lease of the equipment rank as a working expenditure of the railway and constitute a claim against the railway company's earnings prior to both principal and interest of all its mortgage debt.

Guaranty.—The following guaranty is endorsed on each certificate: "The Canadian Northern Ry. for a valuable consideration guarantees the prompt payment by it to the trustee of the par value of the within certificate and of the dividends thereon according to the terms of said certificate and the dividend warrants thereunto attached."

Government Ownership.—Though the ownership of all the \$100,000,000 capital stock of the railway is vested in the Dominion of Canada as a national asset, its management and operation continue under the control of the corporation with practically the same officers as have heretofore operated the property. The board of directors, selected by the Government, is representative of the most substantial commercial, agricultural and manufacturing interests of Canada.

Total Equipment Issues.—On May 1 1919 the company had outstanding unamortized equipment obligations of only \$21,466,500. Its equipment purchases have aggregated \$79,259,635 since 1903, a total of \$57,793,135 having thus been paid in cash and in retiring equipment obligations.—V. 108, p. 1822, 1721.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—*Stock Listed.*—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$5,000 6% prof. stock, with authority to add \$195,000 of said stock, making the total amount authorized to be listed \$25,308,100.—V. 108, p. 1936, 1603.

Chicago & West Indiana RR.—Bonds Called.—One hundred and sixty-three (\$163,000) General Mtge. bonds of 1882 have been drawn for redemption on June 1 next at 105 and interest at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., N. Y.—V. 108, p. 784.

Chinese Railways.—Status.—The "Railway Age" of May 9 has an article, accompanied with map, on the railways of Northern China, showing the railways under the control of the Chinese Ministry of Communications and the concessioned or Japanese railways.—V. 107, p. 1191.

Cleve. Alliance & Mahoning Vall. Trac. Co.—Wages.—Conductors and motormen of the company were granted an increase in wages on May 8 of five cents an hour. The new pay schedule provides 40 cents an hour for the first year, 43 cents an hour the second and 45 cents the third year.—V. 107, p. 401.

Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Ry.—Receivership.—George M. Taylor, Colorado Springs, was appointed receiver on May 10 by Judge Robert E. Lewis of the Federal Court, acting at the request of the bondholders' protective committee. See V. 108, p. 170, 578.

Commonwealth Power, Ry. & Light Co.—Fares of Subsidiary Increased to Six Cents.—See Michigan United Rys. below.—V. 108, p. 1822, 1056.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—Usual Dividend Contingent on Receipt of Funds from U. S. Government.—

The directors, repeating their action of previous quarters, have declared a dividend of \$2.25 on the stock, payable June 29 1919 to holders of record at the close of business on May 23 1919, provided that before said date there shall be received from the U. S. Government a sum sufficient in the opinion of the President of the company with other available funds, to pay the same and payable at a later date when, as and if said sum shall be received.

Physical Condition of Property.—The stockholders at their annual meeting on May 13 1919 voted that the statement made to them by President Loree regarding the condition of the property be sent to each shareholder. This statement in circular of May 14 says in substance:

When your property was taken over by the Government, a rental was fixed which, while in no sense generous, was yet sufficient to meet your requirements if regularly and promptly paid. Some embarrassment is experienced in this regard because of the failure of the last Congress to place at the disposal of the Railroad Administration funds sufficient to meet its obligations. Especially is this so now when the financial results of the Administration's operations are so disappointing and when many of the roads are failing to carry their operating expenses.

The President of the United States in taking over your railroad gave assurance that your property would "be maintained during the period of Federal control in as good repair and as complete equipment as when taken over by the Government."

In the matter of locomotive power, you need feel no present apprehension. The situation in regard to your freight cars is not so reassuring. Whereas formerly the great majority were on your own rails, now nearly 90% are on foreign lines, and no clear idea can be had of their condition. During the past year 131 freight cars were dismantled and not replaced.

In the matter of maintenance of way, there has been a serious falling off in the application of material. During the test period the average annual tonnage of new rails applied was 8,117 tons; in 1918 5,836 tons, a deficiency in tonnage of 2,281 (28%), or say at \$45 per ton, \$102,645 (reduced by salvage), while the supply in stock is only about 66% of normal. During the test period the average annual tie renewals was 339,575 ties per year; in 1918 241,504, deficiency 98,071 (29%), or at \$1.12 per tie a deficiency of \$109,839. Moreover, the quality of the ties used in 1918 was much below that of the ties used during the test period and the supply in stock is now only 21% of normal. You will, of course, understand that this condition is not singular to your property, but is general throughout the U. S.

The President of the United States in taking over the properties said that "investors in railway securities may rest assured that their rights and interests will be as scrupulously looked after by the Government as they could be by the directors of the several railway systems," and this pledge I have no doubt will be made good in every particular.

Should the value of your property be in any way impaired by the Government, which I do not for a moment believe possible, no mistake will be made in fixing the responsibility therefor and an honest-minded public will be depended upon to promptly redress the wrong.

The annual report is cited in full on other pages of this issue. See also V. 108, p. 1928.

Denver Boulder & Western RR.—May be Sold for Junk.—It is reported that the railroad of this company, known as the "Switzerland Trail," may be sold for junk. Protests against the proposed junking of the road have been filed with the Colorado P. U. Comm. by a number of the leading mining companies of the district, as it is claimed that the road is essential to the proper conduct of the mining business in that locality and that if the road is discontinued the mines of the region will be compelled to close.—V. 105, p. 2542.

Eastern Massachusetts St. Ry.—Public Trustees to Take Control June 1.—

It is announced that under the Public Control Act, passed by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1918, the public trustees will assume control of the company on June 1. The five public trustees appointed by Governor Coolidge, Homer Lorring (Chairman) of Boston, Arthur G. Wadleigh of Lynn, Fred J. Crowley of Lowell, Isaac Sprague of Wellesley and Earle P. Charlton of Fall River, will begin rehabilitation work soon after they take over the management.—V. 108, p. 1721, 973.

Erie & Michigan Ry. & Nav. Co.—Co-Operative Contract Signed.—

See Kalamazoo Lake Shore & Chicago Ry. Co. below.

Erie Railroad.—To Extend Sub. Co. Bonds.—The company informs us that the First Mtge. 5% bonds of the Bath & Hammondsport R.R., due June 1 1919, will be extended; the details of the extension, however, have not yet been completed.—V. 108, p. 1274.

Georgia Railway & Power Co.—Offering of Notes.—Edward B. Smith & Co., Phila., are offering \$2,500,000 2½-year 6% secured notes at 99¼ and int. to yield 7.05%. These notes, while issued in 1917 on account of additional hydro-electric developments, are only now offered for sale.—V. 108, p. 1721, 784.

Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon Ry.—Rates.—See United Light & Rys. below.—V. 108, p. 78.

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.—Overdue Coupons.—See Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada below.—V. 108, p. 1274.

Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada.—Coupons.—The company announced on April 12 that on and after April 15 it would pay at the office of the company in London, New York or Montreal the coupons due on the 1st inst. upon the under-mentioned bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., viz.:

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. 4% bonds, Series "A," Prairie section.
Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. 4% bonds, Series "B," Mountain section.
Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. 4% bonds, Lake Superior branch.
—V. 108, p. 1511, 1390.

Grand Trunk Western Ry.—Federal Manager.—General Manager H. E. Whittenberger has been appointed Federal Manager, with headquarters at Detroit, to succeed F. H. Alfred.—V. 107, p. 1003.

Hagerstown & Frederick RR.—Purchases Control.—See Northern Virginia Power Co. below.—V. 106, p. 2757.

Hudson & Manhattan RR.—Federal Manager.—General Manager Kenyon B. Conger has been appointed Federal Manager with headquarters at New York.—V. 108, p. 1610.

International Ry., Buffalo, N. Y.—Valuation of Property.—The Board of Arbitration selected by the company and the city of Buffalo is now taking evidence to determine the valuation of the company's property within the city, to be used as a basis of an agreement between the company and the city whereby the street railway lines will be placed under municipal control.

After the evidence has been taken the Board will determine upon a figure upon which the company shall be allowed an 8% return. As the result of a law passed by the Legislature and approved by the Mayor, the city and company will then enter into negotiations for a service-at-cost agreement in which a rate of fare will be specified. This agreement must then be submitted to the voters for their approval. Jay H. Perkins of the United Gas & Electric Engineering Corp., engineers for the company, has placed the total figure on which the company should be allowed a return as \$44,654,436.—V. 108, p. 1060, 878.

Kalamazoo Lake Shore & Chicago Ry.—Co-Operative Contract Signed.—

Co-operative contracts were signed on May 13 between this company, Erie & Michigan Ry. & Nav. Co., and the Bowdoin Ry. and the Director-General of Railroads, Walker D. Hines. For standard form of contract for short line railroads see V. 108, p. 235.—V. 108, p. 378.

Kansas City Rys.—Fare Arbitration.—Federal Judge John C. Pollock has appointed A. L. Berger of Kansas City, Kan., and Frank Hagerman of Kansas City, Mo., as arbitrators to adjust the fare and other disputes between the company and the city of Kansas City, Kan. The Kansas Public Utilities Commission has agreed to the arbitration plan. Judge Pollock retains the right to modify the findings of the arbitrators if he desires to do so. The city has bound itself to adopt such ordinances as may be necessary to enforce the findings of the arbitrators.—V. 108, p. 1610, 1390.

Knox County Electric Co.—New Name.—In connection with the change in name from the Rockland Thomaston & Camden St. Ry. to the above we are officially informed that the stocks and bonds of the company are in no way disturbed and its affairs will be managed and carried along as previously.—V. 108, p. 1938.

Lehigh & New England RR.—Federal Contract Signed.—This company on May 13 signed the Federal contract with Director-General of Railroads Hines, fixing the annual compensation at \$1,135,760.—V. 108, p. 1936.

Louisville Ry.—Application Abandoned.—

The company on May 10, in a letter to Mayor Smith of Louisville, agreed to his proposal that more efficient management of the street railways be adopted instead of an increase in fares. The city authorities will agree to certain franchise modifications, which will eliminate duplication of service on unprofitable lines.—V. 108, p. 878, 784.

Massachusetts Electric Cos.—Public Trustees to Take Control of Reorganized Company June 1.—See Eastern Massachusetts St. Ry. above.—V. 108, p. 1511.

Michigan Central RR.—Bonds Listed.—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$424,000 First Mtge. 5% registered bonds, due March 1 1931, making the total amount authorized to be listed \$4,000,000.—V. 108, p. 973.

Michigan RR.—New Company—Offering of Bonds.—The National City Co. are offering, at 95, to yield 7.21%, \$4,500,000 1st M. 5-year 6% gold bonds, dated May 1 1919, due May 1 1924, of this new company, incorporated in Michigan April 17 1919 as successor of Michigan Railway Co. (electric). Int. M. & N. in New York.

Redeemable as a whole or in part at 101 and int. at any time on 45 days' notice. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Trustees, The Equitable Trust Co. of New York and the Michigan Trust Co. Issuance authorized by the Michigan RR. Commission. The company agrees to pay the interest without deduction for normal Federal income taxes up to 2%. Tax-exempt in the State of Michigan.

Company.—Incorp. April 17 1919 in Michigan, and has acquired the railway properties formerly owned and operated by Michigan Railway, with the exception of certain leased properties. Owns and operates approximately 156 miles (single track equivalent) of electric interurban railway, comprising two divisions, one extending from Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo and to Battle Creek, and the other from Bay City through Saginaw to Flint, all in Michigan. Population served estimated to exceed 450,000.

Cap'n (upon Completion of Present Financing)—Authorized. Outstanding.

Stock	\$5,000,000	\$4,000,000
First mtge. 5-year gold bonds (this issue)	10,000,000	4,500,000
General mtge. 5-year gold bonds	4,000,000	4,000,000

The General Mtge. bonds will be junior in lien to the First Mtge., and will not be offered for public sale. The present financing is for the purpose of meeting at maturity \$6,500,000 Michigan Ry. First Lien notes, due June 1.

Security.—Will be secured by a direct first mtge. on the entire property, located largely on private right of way.

This issue.—The first mtge. will authorize a total of \$10,000,000, issuable in series bearing different rates of interest, but not to exceed 6% per annum. An additional \$500,000 of bonds may be issued, provided net earnings for 12 consecutive months 60 days prior to the issuance, after deducting all operating expenses, taxes, rentals, &c., shall be not less than twice the annual interest charges on all first mtge. bonds outstanding, including those proposed. The remaining \$8,500,000 bonds may be issued for not to exceed 75% of expenditures made after May 1 1919, for permanent extensions, &c., provided net earnings satisfy the same requirements as above.

Sinking Fund.—Sinking fund will retire semi-annually \$50,000 bonds, either by purchase in the open market or by redemption at 101 and int.

General Reserve Fund.—The company must either expend annually or deposit in cash with the New York trustee in a general reserve fund an amount equal to not less than 20% of its gross earnings, to be expended for maintenance, repairs, replacements and renewals, for the purchase or retirement of bonds of this issue, or for extensions, enlargements and additions. Such expenditures for extensions, enlargements and additions shall not be used as a basis for the issuance of bonds, except as the general reserve fund is reimbursed to the extent of moneys used or withdrawn therefrom for such expenditures. This fund is distinct from and has no connection with the sinking fund.

Property.—The Western Division, comprising over 108 miles of track, extending from Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo and to Battle Creek, is constructed almost throughout in accordance with steam railroad practice, the track being located entirely on private right of way; rail, 80 lbs., except for 13 miles. The Northeastern Division, located largely on private right of way, is laid with rail weighing 70 and 80 lbs. The rolling stock is relatively new and well maintained.

In Grand Rapids the terminal station is located within one block of the main business section. In Battle Creek owns valuable real estate, affording it entrance over private right of way into the centre of the city, and providing adequate facilities for both freight and passenger traffic. In the remaining principal cities served, obtains its entrances under trackage agreements. In most cases, with affiliated lines.

Business.—Of the gross business, about 80% is derived from passenger traffic and about 20% from freight and miscellaneous sources. Interchanges freight with steam roads at several points served. Freight is handled on the same schedule of tariffs in effect on the steam railroads.

Franchise.—The track is located entirely on private right of way, with the exception of about 17 miles operated under franchises, which are either unlimited in time or expire in 1932.

Earnings and Expenses 12 Mos. ending March 31 1919.—Gross earnings, \$1,464,510; oper. exp. maint., & taxes, \$966,156; net earnings, \$498,354. annual int., this issue, \$270,000; balance, \$228,354. Net earnings nearly 1.55 times annual first mortgage bond interest charges. The earnings resulted from the operation of the property on the basis of passenger rates of 2c. per mile. The Michigan Legislature recently enacted a law under which the company will be permitted to charge 2½c. per mile.

Michigan United Rys.—Fares Increased to Six Cents.—

The city of Battle Creek, Mich., on April 28 allowed the company to return to six-cent fares, but required it to sell nine tickets for 50 cents and to give a flat 5-cent fare to workmen between 6 and 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 to 7 o'clock at night.—V. 96, p. 1423.

New Orleans Ry. & Light Co.—Increased Rate Legal.—

The Louisiana Supreme Court on May 5 affirmed the validity of the ordinance permitting this company to increase street-car fares and gas rates. A petition to enjoin the collection of six-cent fares was denied. The case of the Louisiana Board of Public Utilities, in which the Board claimed jurisdiction over rate fixing in New Orleans, was also dismissed, the Court holding that the Act of the General Assembly of 1916, purporting to create the Board of Public Utilities, was unconstitutional.—V. 108, p. 1391, 878.

New York Railways Co.—Certificates Listed.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list New York Railways Co. \$5,592,000 Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. certificates of deposit for 30-year bonds.

Time for Deposit of Bonds Expires June 21.—

The bondholders' committee (V. 108, p. 1165) for the First Real Estate & Ref. Mgtg. 4% bonds gives notice that the time for the deposit of the bonds expires June 21 and that after that date no deposits will be received except upon such conditions as the committee may impose.—V. 108, p. 1937, 1721.

Norfolk & Western Ry.—Offering of Convertible Ten-Year 6% Bonds.—Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, Bankers Trust Co. and Bernhard, Scholle & Co., recently offered \$2,500,000 convertible 10-year 6% bonds (V. 107, p. 2098). Bonds have all been sold.

Dated Sept. 1 1919, due Sept. 1 1929. Int. M. & S. Denom. \$1,000 e*. r* \$1,000 & \$5,000. Auth. and outstanding, \$17,945,000, represented by subscription receipts which bear 6% int. from Jan. 25 1919 to Sept. 1 1919, after which date subscription receipts are exchangeable for bonds carrying int. from Sept. 1 1919. Convertible after Sept. 1 1919 into common stock at par. Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., trustee. The bankers say:

"Of previous issues of convertible bonds amounting to \$55,740,000, sold since June 30 1906, 98%, or \$54,577,000, have been converted into stock. The surplus earnings after dividends during that period have approximated \$60,435,000. This substantially represents a cash investment during the last 12 years of \$115,000,000 subordinate to these bonds and amounting to six times their par value."

The report for 1918 will be found in V. 108, p. 1332.—V. 108, p. 1512.

Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co.—New President.—

A. Stuart Pratt has been elected President.—V. 108, p. 1512.

Oakland Antioch & Eastern Ry.—Reorganization.—

Application was made to the California RR. Commission on May 5 for the approval of the terms of the plan of reorganization (V. 106, p. 1127). More than 93% of the holders of securities of this company, the Oakland & Antioch Ry. and the San Ramon Valley Ry., comprising the Oakland-Antioch system, have deposited their securities and signified acceptance of the plan. The reorganization includes the formation of a new corporation to take over the properties of the other three, to be known as the San Francisco Oakland & Sacramento Ry.—V. 108, p. 785.

Pitts. Bessemer & Lake Erie RR.—Bond Payment.—

The \$2,000,000 5% debenture bonds, due June 1 1919, will be paid off at maturity at office of Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.—V. 106, p. 924.

Portland Terminal Co.—Offering of Guaranteed Bonds.—

Kidder, Peabody & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc., Estabrook & Co., and R. L. Day & Co. are offering, at 91¼, yielding about 5½%, \$805,000 First Mgtg. 5% gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1911, due July 1 1961. Denom. \$1,000 e*. r \$1,000, &c.* Int. J. & J. in Portland, Boston or New York. Trustee, Fidelity Trust Co., Portland, Me. Principal and int. guaranteed by the Maine Central RR. by endorsement on each bond. Legal for savings banks in Mass., Maine and N. H. Full particulars another week.—V. 107, p. 2188.

Republic Railway & Light Co.—Quarterly Earnings.—

	March 1919.	1918.	3 Mos. to Mar. 31—1918.	1918.
Gross earnings.....	\$525,271	\$481,600	\$1,552,767	\$1,426,031
Oper. exp., depr'n and taxes.....	380,605	360,874	1,130,243	1,053,478
Net earnings.....	\$144,665	\$120,726	\$422,524	\$372,553
Other income.....	6,546	10,824	18,004	30,652
Gross income.....	\$151,211	\$131,550	\$440,529	\$403,205
Int., discount & sub. co. divs.....	114,397	102,487	341,270	298,571
Preferred dividend.....	25,957	25,957	77,871	77,871
Balance, surplus.....	\$10,857	\$3,106	\$21,388	\$26,762

—V. 108, p. 1609.

San Francisco Oakland & Sacramento Ry.—Reorg.—

See Oakland Antioch & Eastern Ry. above.—V. 108, p. 785.

Sharon Railway.—To Extend Bonds.—

The company informs the "Chronicle" that it intends to extend the \$164,000 First Mgtg. 4½% bonds, due June 1 1919; the details are not worked out as yet.—V. 108, p. 380.

South Carolina & Georgia RR.—Offering of First Mgtg. 5½% Extended Guaranteed Gold Bonds.—

Bull & Eldredge, New York, are offering at 99½ and interest, to yield 5.57% (see advertisement on another page), \$2,126,000 First Mgtg. 5½% gold bonds, guaranteed principal and int. by endorsement by Southern Ry. Dated May 12 1894, due May 1 1919. Extended to May 1 1929. Int. payable M. & N. at J. P. Morgan & Co., N. Y., without deduction of normal 2% income tax. Redeemable on any int. date at 107½ and int. Denom. \$1,000 e*. Auth. and outstanding (closed mortgage), \$5,250,000. Trustee, Central Union Trust Co., N. Y. City. See full particulars V. 108, p. 1512.—V. 108, p. 1512, 1166.

Southern Pacific Co.—Bonds Listed.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list: Southern Pacific Co., \$5,400,000 Central Pacific stock collateral 4% gold bonds; \$14,000,000 Southern Pacific RR. Co. First Refunding Mgtg. 4% bonds; \$6,000,000 San Francisco Terminal First M. 4% bonds.—V. 108, p. 1938, 1823.

Southern Ry.—Offering of Sub. Co. Guaranteed Bonds.—

See South Carolina & Georgia RR. above.—V. 108, p. 1938, 1512.

Underground Electric Railways of London.—Payment of Interest on Debenture Stock of London United Tramways Co.

The books of the 4% First Mgtg. Deb. stock of London United Tramways were closed from April 23 to May 5 for the preparation of warrants for the 12 months' interest to Dec. 31 1918, payable in accordance with the terms of the plan of arrangement sanctioned by the court on April 8. See terms, V. 1 8, p. 581, 685, 785. The several holdings of debenture stock are reduced to 32% of the former amounts.—V. 108, p. 1605, 785.

United Gas & Electric Corp.—Val. of Property of Subsid. See International Ry., Buffalo, N. Y., above.—V. 108, p. 1827, 380.

United RR.'s of San Francisco.—Tentative Reorg. Plan.

It is reported that a tentative plan for the reorganization of the company is under discussion by interests identified with the company, which will provide that holders of the \$23,500,000 of General Mortgage first sinking fund gold 4% bonds, may be given in exchange for their holdings, new first mortgage bonds bearing 5% or 6% interest, to the extent of 15% of their holdings, new 6% debenture bonds or 7% prior preferred stock to a total of 50% of their holdings, new preferred stock to the extent of 20% and sufficient new common stock to make a total of 100% or possibly more, of the par value of the bonds.

The company is said to be carrying more than the interest charges on its \$23,500,000 General 4% and \$12,146,000 of underlying bonds and since the suspension of interest payments on the general 4s, all cash resources in excess of operating costs and taxes have been applied to payment of interest on underlying bonds and strengthening of their sinking funds. President Lillenthal is quoted as saying that the company is now accumulating cash to facilitate the proposed reorganization plan and that earnings are showing marked improvement over those of the previous year, in spite of competition of the municipal lines. For the first 117 days of the current year, net earnings are reported as showing an increase of 13.6% over the corresponding period of 1918.—V. 108, p. 1823, 1722.

United Rys. of Havana & Regla Warehouses.—

The London Stock Exchange has granted an official quotation for an additional £1,000,000 5% Irredeemable Debenture stock (1906), making the total quoted £3,699,500.—V. 107, p. 2377, 1580.

United Railways Investment Co.—Tentative Reorganization Plan of Subsidiary Discussed.—

See United RR. of San Francisco above.—V. 108, p. 1823.

United Traction Co. of Pittsb.—Coupon Payment.—

Funds to pay coupons have been deposited as follows: (a) at Mellon Nat. Bank of Pittsburgh to meet coupons due Jan. 1 1919 of \$588,000 1st M. 5% 30-year gold bonds of Pittcairn & Wilmington Street Ry. Co. (b) At the Fidelity Title & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, to meet coupons No. 38, due Dec. 1 1918, of \$250,000 1st M. 5% bonds of the East McKeesport Street Railway.—V. 108, p. 1938.

United Traction & Electric Co., Providence.—Time for Deposit of 5% Bonds Extended.—

The protective committee for the First Mgtg. 5% bonds has extended until June 2 the time for depositing these bonds with either the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., Providence, or the First National Bank, Boston. Of the total issue of \$9,000,000 between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 of the bonds, it is stated, have been deposited.—V. 108, p. 1938, 1611.

Western Pacific Railroad Corporation.—Dividend Reduction.—Pres. Alvin W. Krech, in circular of May 2, says in substance:

The board has declared a dividend of 1% upon the pref. shares, payable May 15 1919 to holders of record May 9 1919. This dividend will be in lieu of dividend (heretofore 1¼% quarterly) which would have been paid in regular course on April 1 1919. The reason for the delay in payment is that this company is dependent for means wherewith to pay its dividends upon dividends received from the Western Pacific RR. Company (the so-called "operating company"), substantially all of the stock whereof is held by this company. The operating company cannot lawfully pay dividends except as permitted by the Director-General of Railroads, who did not act upon the operating company's application for leave to pay the dividend ordinarily paid by it shortly prior to April 1 until late in the month of April. The reduction in dividend rate is due to the fact that the officials of the Railroad Administration have advised the operating company that the award of annual compensation to it for the use of its property will be (net) \$1,086,580.

Although during a portion of the so-called test period the company's property was controlled by the Denver & Rio Grande RR. Co. and treated as insolvent, and during another portion (18 months) of that period was in the hands of receivers, and although during the final period of 18 months, when the property had come into the hands of its present owners, it had begun to enjoy distinct prosperity and to be rapidly improved and expanded (its net income for 1917 exceeding \$3,000,000), the representatives of the Director-General allowed as compensation only the average earnings of the three-year test period, plus a small amount of interest upon the cost of equipment which had been paid for by the company and placed in operation after the expiration of the test period.

From the award, if accepted, bond interest, sinking fund charges, rentals, Federal taxes and company miscellaneous expenses are payable, amounting, all told, to about \$1,360,000. The balance which in that case would remain together with the non-railway corporate income of the company would be about sufficient to provide for dividends upon the stock of the operating company sufficient to permit dividends upon the pref. stock of this company at the rate of 4% per annum. The operating company has in addition a substantial surplus account. The Director-General, however, has not so far approved the declaration of any dividend by the operating company other than the dividend paid herewith (i. e., 1%, payable May 15), but has expressly reserved decision concerning future payments. The board of directors of this company has advised the board of directors of the operating company that in the opinion of the former the award of compensation above referred to is inadequate and inequitable, and that the operating company would be justified in declining to accept it.—V. 108, p. 1938, 1823.

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American Sugar Refining Co.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of ¼ of 1% has been declared on the \$45,000,000 outstanding common stock, along with the regular quarterly of 1¼%, both payable July 2 to holders of record June 2. An extra ¼ of 1% has been paid quarterly since July 1918.—V. 108, p. 1166, 1163.

American Sumatra Tobacco Co., N. Y.—Bonds Offered to Shareholders.—

A block (\$5,879,691) of the \$6,000,000 bonds underwritten as stated last week, is offered to shareholders of record May 20 at par. An official circular, dated May 9 1919, says in substance:

During the past ten years your company, starting with a small beginning, has increased its volume of business many times over. In addition, it has acquired and developed a large acreage of tobacco lands in Connecticut and Massachusetts, including the necessary equipment therefor. Other additions of a substantial nature have also been made. These acquisitions and the large expansion in the business, have with the exception of the issue of approximately \$1,000,000 additional pref. stock and \$800,000 of common stock, been provided for entirely out of earnings and short-time borrowings. The business and earnings continue to show consistent growth, and plans have been consummated for a further expansion that should serve to stabilize the present business and substantially increase earnings.

In order to procure the additional capital needed, the directors on April 30 1919 authorized an issue of not to exceed \$6,000,000 of 10-year 7% Sinking Fund Convertible Debenture Bonds, convertible into common stock at par, for 30 days from the date of the bonds, or from the date of their issuance (either as temporary bonds, permanent bonds or interim receipts) if later, and thereafter at \$110 per share, subject to reduction in certain cases if additional common stock be subsequently issued at less than \$110 per share (see below).

The privilege is to be given to the holders of the pref. and com. stock of record on May 20 to subscribe after that date, and up to 3 p. m. June 10 1919, for so much of such issue of bonds as shall equal 60% of the amount of pref. and com. stock outstanding May 20 1919, at par and int. at the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., 115 Broadway, N. Y. City. Subscriptions must be made on the company's warrants which will be issued shortly after May 20, and are payable forthwith by certified check to the order of said trust company. The remainder (\$5,879,691) of such bonds will not be issued without being first offered to pref. and com. stockholders.

The company has arranged with the Chase Securities Corporation and Tucker, Anthony & Co., both of the city of New York, to underwrite the purchase of said issue of bonds. Eugene V. R. Thayer, Vice-Pres. of the

Chase Securities Corp., and William A. Tucker, a member of the firm of Tucker, Anthony & Co., are directors of this company.

No subscription may be made on a fractional warrant, but if surrendered on or before 3 p. m. June 10 1919, to said trust company, with other fractional warrants aggregating in amount at least \$100, a subscription warrant for one \$100 bond will be issued in exchange. The company will not sell or purchase fractions.

Condensed Description of the Convertible Bonds and of the Privilege of Conversion, &c.

Dated June 1 1919, due June 1 1929; interest 7% per annum from June 1 1919, payable semi-annually (J. & D.), and to be issued under a trust agreement with the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of N. Y., as trustee. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 (all c^{ts}), and \$1,000 and multiples c^{ts} & c^{ts}. Principal and interest payable in U. S. gold coin or of equal to the standard of weight and fineness as it existed on June 1 1919, without deduction for any tax or taxes (other than Federal income and excess profits taxes), which the company or the trustee may be required to pay thereon or to retain therefrom under any present or future law of the United States of America or of any State, county, municipality or other taxing authority therein.

[Exchangeable at option of holders at any time prior to maturity and up to ten days prior to date fixed for redemption in case of bonds being called] for common stock at the rate of par for par during the period of 30 days from date of bonds or the date of their delivery, either in the form of temporary bonds, definitive bonds or interim receipts therefor, if later, and thereafter upon the basis of 110% of bonds for par of stock, with a cash adjustment of interest during such 30 days, and thereafter of interest and dividends accrued, and an adjustment in exchange price after such 30 days in certain cases where the company shall issue additional common stock, all as shall be provided in the trust agreement.

Redeemable in whole or in part at the option of company at any time, on at least 60 days' notice by publication, at 105 and int., and are subject to like redemption for the sinking fund, to which the company will covenant to pay on June 1 of each year, beginning with 1921, a sum equal to 5% of the aggregate face amount of the bonds then outstanding. In case convertible bonds shall be changed for common stock pursuant to the right of exchange above specified, the company is to be entitled to be immediately credited on the sinking fund obligation for subsequent years with the principal amount of the convertible bonds so exchanged.

The company is also to covenant (1) not to declare or pay any dividends on its pref. com. stock after Dec. 31 1919, when its quick assets shall not equal at least 1 1/2 times its liabilities; (2) that the quick assets shall at all times be double its liabilities, excluding the amount of the debenture bonds then outstanding; and (3) that its quick assets shall at all times equal the amount of its liabilities, including the amount of debenture bonds at the time outstanding.

The trust agreement is also to contain limitations upon the right of the company and its subsidiaries to mortgage or otherwise encumber their properties and provisions for the appointment of a bondholders' committee. —V. 108, p. 1938, 1612.

American Window Glass Mach. Co.—Div.—Directors.

A dividend of 7% has been declared on the common stock, payable June 6 to holders of record May 23 in 4 1/4% Liberty bonds. In Oct. 1918 a dividend of 5% was paid in Liberty bonds.

James D. Callery and George H. Russell have been elected directors to succeed Hay Walker Jr. and Charles N. King. —V. 108, p. 1938.

Anglo-American Commercial Corp.—Offering of Common Stock.

F. S. Smithers & Co. and Colgate, Parker & Co. offered early this week at 18 1/2 41,000 shares common stock, no par value. Transfer agent, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. Registrar, Bankers Trust Co., New York. The entire issue has been sold. A circular shows:

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
8% preferred stock	\$500,000	\$400,000
Common stock (no par value)	150,000 shares	116,000 shares

Data from President H. S. Dudley, Dated New York, May 12 1919.

Corporation.—The Anglo American Commercial Corp. has been incorp. in the State of New York, to acquire all the property and business of River Plate Commercial Co., Inc., a company incorporated in N. Y. State about 4 1/2 years ago, to do an international exporting and importing business succeeding to the business which had been established by prior companies since 1911. Maintains offices in New York, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Yokohama and London, besides owning the Compagnie Commerciale Nord Americaine, a French concern with offices in Paris and connections in other cities of France and Belgium. Has representatives in Montevideo, Uruguay, Port of Spain, Trinidad, and San Jose, Costa Rica, and correspondents in many other cities throughout Central and South American and on the Continent.

Earnings.—From 1914 to 1918, inclusive, after deducting taxes and all charges, the net earnings averaged \$75,000 per year and in 1918 reached a total, after deducting all charges including estimated income taxes, in excess of \$99,000. From net earnings there was expended \$137,046 in the organization of the London, Paris and Yokohama offices during the war.

Net earnings for the first three months of 1919 have averaged \$25,000 per month, or at the rate of \$300,000 a year, without the advantage of the new capital.

The corporation will acquire from the River Plate Commercial Co., Inc., contracts for new business in excess of \$1,000,000 on which there is an estimated gross profit of \$210,000, and also pending business uncompleted amounting to about \$4,000,000 additional.

Pro Forma Balance Sheet Adjusted as of March 31 1919 (After Acquisition of Property of River Plate Commercial Co., Inc., and Payment into Treasury of Additional Working Capital.)

Assets—		Liabilities	
*Stocks of cos. (all stock of each company owned)	\$458,401	Preferred stock	\$400,000
Cash on hand and in banks	505,172	Common stock (116,000 shares)	850,000
Liberty Loan bonds	139,950	Accounts payable	102,069
Drafts and bills receivable	592,275	Bills and drafts payable	357,200
Accounts receivable	274,984	Advances on drafts	495,990
Advances to associated cos.	58,195		
Merchandise stores at cost	176,281	Total, both sides	\$2,205,259

* North American Commercial Corp. (N. Y. company), registered and operating in London and Yokohama; Compagnie Commerciale Nord Americaine (French company), organized and operating in Paris, France; North American Warehouse Corporation (N. Y. company), warehousing business.

Directors (and Officers).—S. G. Schermerhorn, Chairman of the Board; H. S. Dudley, President; Archibald Le Roy, Secretary and Treasurer; Marshall J. Dodge, Lawrence B. Elliman, George F. Hurd, John S. Melcher, Henry S. Parker, C. D. Smithers.

Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd.—Earnings.

Calendar Year (Latest Available)	1917.	1916.
Profit (after excess profits duty)	£1,396,730	£1,122,979
Depreciation (ships, plant, &c.)	348,987	252,715
Interest and exchange	29,853	12,973
Income tax	214,248	222,399
Dividends	750,000	500,000

Balance, surplus. £53,942 £104,892
—V. 107, p. 2378.

Bridgeport (Conn.) Metal Goods Mfg. Co.—Status.

"The Iron Age" of May 8 has an illustrated article on this company's history, plant, production, &c.

British-American Tobacco Co.—To Issue Stock.

The stockholders will vote May 19 on authorizing the issuance of 1,137,773 ordinary shares at par to present stockholders in the proportion of one to three shares now held and also on issuing 141,000 shares to directors. —V. 108, p. 975, 576.

Bronx Gas & Electric Co.—Minimum Charge Declared Unreasonable.

The New York P. S. Commission for the First District, in a decision on the lawfulness and reasonableness of a minimum charge for electric service by this company, holds that the provision in the new rate schedule for a minimum charge of \$1 in connection with the statutory maximum of 12

cents per k. w. hour, and the company's action in collecting such a minimum charge are in violation of law, and are accordingly prohibited. —V. 108, p. 1513, 1277.

Caddo Central Oil & Refining Corp.—Stock Listed.

The New York Stock Exchange has admitted to list this company's entire \$15,000,000 stock. Pritchett & Co., New York, have issued a circular describing the company's property. For full particulars see V. 108, p. 1938.—V. 108, p. 1938, 1722.

California Wine Assn.—Sale of Vineyard Land.

This company, which is gradually disposing of all its wine grape property as a result of prohibition, has sold the Great Western Vineyard of Reedley, containing 3,700 acres, to W. B. Nichols, J. J. Farrar and J. H. Lindley, for \$1,300,000.—V. 108, p. 881.

Calumet & Hecla Mining Co.—Production.

Output (in lbs.)—	Cal. & Hecla Subsidiaries.	Total.
April 1919	4,361,645	4,192,488
April 1918	—	11,734,820
4 months in 1919	20,037,078	20,108,476
4 months in 1918	—	49,736,909

Cambris Steel Co.—Extra Dividend Reduced.

An extra dividend of 1/2 of 1% has been declared on the \$45,000,000 capital stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%, both payable June 14 to holders of record May 31. This compares with 1 1/2% extra paid quar. since Dec. 1916.—Vol. 108, p. 1823, 1612.

Canton (O.) Steel Foundry Co.—Status.

"The Iron Trade Review" of May 8 has an illustrated article on this company's organization, plant, production, &c.

Carborundum Co.—Officers.

Frank J. Tone has been elected President to succeed Frank W. Haskell, deceased, and Geo. R. Rayner succeeds R. B. Mellon as Vice-Pres.—V. 98, p. 157.

Central Foundry Co.—New President—Merger.

George A. Harder has been elected President to succeed de Courcey Cleveland, resigned.

Plans now reported under consideration calling for a merger of the company and its subsidiary, the Central Iron & Coal Co., with the Essex Foundry Co. of New Jersey, of which Mr. Harder is President.—V. 108, p. 1823, 1722.

Chalmers Motor Corp.—Merger Plan.

See Maxwell Motor Co. below.—V. 107, p. 1722.

Chino Copper Co.—Production (in lbs.).

Month of April	1919.	1918.	1917.
Jan. 1 to April 30	3,498,747	6,290,513	6,268,874
	15,062,423	27,596,392	25,593,985

Cities Service Co.—Oil Leases &c.—Financial Plan.

The company announces that through various subsidiaries it controls leases on approximately 4,000,000 acres of proved or prospective oil lands in the United States. Approximately 2,000,000 acres of these leases are in the State of Texas. Of the Texas leases approximately one-eighth, or 250,000 acres, is in the Ranger field.

It was reported yesterday that the company is preparing a financing plan for the development of the oil and gas leaseholds of its operating companies located in the Texas and mid-continent fields.—V. 108, p. 1513, 1384.

Columbia Graphophone Mfg. Co.—Offering of 7% Cumulative Sinking Fund Pref. Stock.

Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. and William Salomon & Co. are offering at 95 and accrued dividends \$7,200,000 7% Cumulative Sinking Fund pref. stock, preferred as to both assets and earnings. Dividends quarterly, Jan., &c. Redeemable at 110 and accrued dividends. Transfer agent, Franklin Trust Co., N. Y. Registrar, New York Trust Co., N. Y.

Data from President Francis S. Whitten, dated New York, May 7.

History.—Established in 1887 as the American Graphophone Co. In 1918 the assets and business were taken over by the present company incorporated under the laws of Dela. (per plan in V. 105, p. 2367, 2458).

This Issue.—Proceeds of this \$7,200,000 pref. stock will be used for the purpose of (a) paying off \$1,936,800 First Mtge. 6% bonds, (b) retiring \$2,200,000 serial 8% notes, (c) supplying additional working capital.

Capitalization on Completion of Present Financing. Authorized, Outstanding, 7% cum. pref. stock (par \$100) (*Incl. this issue) \$15,000,000 \$210,781,890 Common stock (without par value) 150,000 shs. 70,886 shs.

Business.—The production and distribution of the Columbia gramophones, Columbia records and dictaphones. The musical product has been on the market for the past 32 years, retailing at moderate prices, now selling at from \$25 up. The dictaphone, manufactured exclusively by this company, is used quite generally in business offices throughout the country for the purpose of dictating and transcribing letters. Among the large customers for this instrument are Pennsylvania RR., N. Y. Central RR., Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Du Pont Chemical Works, Willys-Overland Co., United States War Department.

Net Profits for 3 1/2 Years ended Mar. 31 1919 and First Quarter of 1919.

Average annual net profits for 3 1/2 years, after allowance for depreciation and taxes (but before paying interest charges eliminated by the present financing) \$1,731,058

Annual rate for 15 months ended March 31 1919 \$2,159,303

x Being over 2 1/2 times annual div. requirements on total \$10,781,890 7% pref. stock x Being over 2 1/2 times said dividend.

Net profits for first quarter of 1919 on basis outlined above were \$1,375,952. The net profits for the year 1919, it is expected, will aggregate over \$4,000,000, or between 5 and 6 times the annual pref. div. requirements.

Bal. Sheet Mar. 31 1919 as Modified to Show Effect of This Sale of Pref. Stock.

Real estate, buildings, &c. (less reserve)	\$3,892,027
Patents, franchises and good-will	1,000,000
Current assets (cash in banks and on hand, \$3,816,789; acc'ts. & notes receiv., less reserve, \$3,541,478; inven'ts, \$7,480,267)	14,838,524
Investment Col. Graphophone Co., Ltd., London, at cost—	685,000
Advance payments, &c.	111,099
Current liabilities (accounts payable and accruals, \$1,764,169; royalties accrued, \$234,771)	\$1,998,940
Purchase money mortgage, due 1923	20,000
Preferred stock 7% cumulative	\$10,781,890
Common stock (65,030.48 shares, without par value)	5,202,438
Surplus	2,523,381

Total of assets and liabilities. \$20,526,650

The total net assets (exclusive of patents, franchises and good-will) aggregate \$17,507,709, or \$162 per share of pref. stock, and the net current assets alone are equal to \$119 per share of pref. stock.

Annual Sinking Fund for Retirement of Pref. Stock at Not Over 110 and Dies.

Out of surplus profits, after payment of preferred dividends (a) a sum equal to 3% of the total pref. stock then on issue, whether or not then outstanding, this obligation to be cumulative, (b) a further sum equal to 3% of the net profits after interest, taxes and the foregoing sinking fund, the sums so set aside to be payable semi-annually, beginning Oct. 1 1919.

Voting Power.—The pref. stock has no voting power except that in case of 6 months' default on any quarterly dividend or in any payment to the sinking fund, the holders of the pref. stock shall be entitled to vote equally and ratably with the holders of the common stock. The vote of two-thirds of the outstanding pref. stock is necessary in order to issue any pref. stock in addition to the present authorized amount or any prior pref.

Plants.—The manufacturing properties at Bridgeport, Conn., consist of two plants of reinforced concrete fireproof or substantial brick construction; total floor space upward of 700,000 sq. ft.; total land, 21 acres; employees over 7,000. Also has two smaller plants, one at Toronto and at London, Eng., the latter controlled through a subsidiary.

Patents.—This company and the Victor Talking Machine Co. entered into an agreement in 1911 under the terms of which each company was licensed under certain patents of the other. This agreement affects prin-

cially the patents relating to the manufacture of records under the so-called "zigzag" process as distinguished from the "up and down" process. They are the only companies permitted to manufacture these records under existing patents. The records produced by both companies are interchangeable from the standpoint of being played on either the Columbia or Victor machines.

Dividends.—Regular preferred dividends at the rate of 7% per ann. have been paid on the outstanding pref. stock of this company and its predecessor since 1912. Dividends on the common stock are being paid at the annual rate of \$10 per share in cash and one-fifth of a share in com. stk.

Directors.—Charles W. Cox, N. Y. City; Eugene E. du Pont, Greenville, P. O., Dela.; Henry F. du Pont, Winterthur, Dela.; Van Horn Ely, Philadelphia; William M. Johnson, Hackensack, N. J.; Walter H. Lippincott, Philadelphia; Francis S. Whitten (Pres.), N. Y. City; C. W. Woodrop (V.-Pres.), N. Y. City.—V. 108, p. 1939, 881.

Consolidated Gas Co., New York.—Right to Sue for Abrogation of 80-Cent Law Sustained.

Federal Judge Julius M. Mayer on May 9 denied the motion of District Attorney Swann to dismiss the company's suit to set aside the 80-cent gas law. District Attorney Swann, Chas. D. Newton, State Attorney-General, and the P. S. Commission, were named as defendants in the suit. Judge Mayer held that the allegations of the bill were sufficient to constitute a cause of action and that the constitutional provisions against the confiscation of property without due process of law were fundamental. A motion for the appointment of a special master was granted.—V. 108, p. 1723, 881.

Copper Range Co.—Dividend Reduced.

A quarterly dividend of 60 cents has been declared on \$9,758,400 outstanding capital stock, payable June 16 to holders of record May 21. This compares with \$1 in March last and \$1 50 in the four quarters of 1918.—V. 108, p. 1612, 786.

Davis Daly Copper Co.—Earnings for the Quar. end. Mar. 31.

Ore returns	\$201,065	Development expenses	\$88,674
Miscellaneous revenues	12,854	Mining cost	100,944
Total receipts	\$213,919	Equipment	5,449
		General expenses	17,289

Net after deducting disbursements as above.....\$3,583
Shipments for the quarter amounted to 10,395 tons, producing 1,754,726 pounds of copper and 66,312 ounces of silver.—V. 108, p. 686.

Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.—Buys Mill.

See Canadian Cottons, Ltd., above.—V. 108, p. 1939.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Stock Purchase Case Goes to United States Supreme Court.

On May 7 Wm. A. Glasgow Jr., Henry P. Brown and Robt. Pennington, attorneys for Philip F. du Pont and other stockholders, applied to the U. S. Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari in the appeal from the decision of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Third District. The petition alleges that the defendant made "by fraud" profits of \$60,000,000 by purchasing the shares of common stock of the company formerly owned by P. Coleman du Pont. Compare V. 105, p. 1107, 1525, 1901, 2001; V. 106, p. 300, 1233, 1581.—V. 108, p. 1834, 1723.

Erie Lighting Co.—Offering of Preferred Stock.

Webber & Co. are offering \$500,000 7% cumulative preferred stock, preferred as to assets and dividends. Divs. quarterly, Jan. 1, &c. Philadelphia Trust Co., Phila., transfer agent. Full particulars another week.—V. 108, p. 484.

Freeport Texas Co.—Dividend.

In regard to the dividend announcement made in this column last week, a circular dated May 7, says:

The company has declared a dividend of \$2 per share (subject to the entry of a decree based on the decision of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals; and on the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court denying the application for a writ of certiorari in the action of Union Sulphur Co. vs. Freeport Texas Co.), payable May 20 1919 to stock of record May 15.

The report of the company for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30 1918 (V. 108, p. 1517), after reserving for depletion \$1,238,700, showed net income of \$4,934,950, from which was deducted for taxes, insurance, depreciation and amortization of plant and equipment—\$1,001,901, leaving a surplus for the period of \$3,933,049.

The dividend now declared hence does not reflect the net earnings of the company, but in the opinion of the board of directors, in view of payments to be made for account of income and excess profit taxes which are not yet fully determined, and in an abundance of caution, it was deemed advisable to declare a dividend in the above amount.—V. 108, p. 1940, 1506.

General Electric Co.—Directors.

George F. Baker Jr. and Charles Steele have been elected directors to succeed S. L. Schoonmaker, deceased, and M. F. Westover, resigned.—V. 108, p. 1166, 1163.

General Motors Corporation.—Debenture Stock Offered.

Dominick & Dominick, New York; Montgomery & Co., Philadelphia, New York and Chicago; Laird & Co., Wilmington, Del., and Hayden, Stone & Co., New York and Boston, are offering at 90 flat by advertisement on another page \$50,000,000 6% cumulative debenture stock, preferred as to assets and dividends. Par, \$100. Callable at 115 and accrued dividends. Dividends payable quarterly, Q.-F.

Condensed Extracts from Letter of President W. C. Durant, May 9.

Affiliation With Du Pont Interests.—In 1918 the du Pont interests acquired by purchase over 25% of the total capital stock of the General Motors Corporation. This affiliation has already proved of great benefit to the corporation and has brought to it not only a large and highly trained force of engineers, salesmen and accountants, but has added to its management and directorate a number of successful business executives of wide experience and great financial ability. These men are now directing the financial policy of the General Motors Corporation and are adopting for it the same methods which they have used with so much success in the management of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Co.

No Bonded Debt.—The corporation has no bonded debt and its property and the properties of its subsidiary companies are free and clear of mortgages or other liens, except certain unmaturing purchase money mortgages on individual properties, aggregating \$1,170,000.

Capitalization.—The capitalization as of May 1 1919, including the proposed issue of \$50,000,000 par value of debenture stock, would be:

6% debenture stock	Authorized.....	Issued.....
6% preferred stock	\$150,000,000	\$85,315,000
Common stock	20,000,000	*16,037,700
	200,000,000	151,301,100

Exclusive of preferred stock in treasury exchanged for debenture stock. A meeting of the stockholders has been called for June 12 1919 (V. 108, p. 1824) to vote upon a proposed increase in the authorized amounts of the debenture and common stocks to \$500,000,000 each, in order that the corporation may have available securities with which it may finance its future growth and development. No further issues, however, are contemplated at this time, as the proceeds of the present issue of debenture stock is expected to provide for the corporation's financial requirements for the next twelve months or more.

Debenture Stock.—The debenture stock shares equally with the preferred stock as to dividends and in any distribution of assets, but is superior to the preferred in voting power and redemption price.

Previous to the proposed issue, \$30,756,300 debenture stock was issued in connection with the acquisition of certain properties and assets of the corporation. This stock is listed on the N. Y. Stock Exchange, and immediate application will be made for the listing of this additional issue.

The proceeds from the sale of the present issue will, for the time being, be carried as cash on the working capital accounts of the corporation and later will be invested along such lines as the directors may determine will best further the interests of the corporation in the growth and development of its business.

The pref. stock is convertible at any time up to and including Jan. 2 1921 into the debenture stock, share for share, and a sufficient amount of debenture stock is specifically reserved for this purpose.

Equity.—At the present market value of the common stock, there is an equity of over \$250,000,000 behind the debenture and preferred stocks.

Net Earnings and Sales.—The net sales for the cal. year, including subsidiaries (other than those purchased in 1918, during the period prior to their acquisition), amounted to \$269,796,829, with net profits before deduction of taxes and extraordinary expenditures of \$35,504,576. If such sales are included, the total net sales for the year amount to \$326,044,755. On this total volume the net earnings (before taxes) were \$45,541,726.

Annual Earnings of the Corporation and Its Predecessor, General Motors Co. [For cal. years 1917 and 1918 and years ending July 31 1914, 1915 and 1916.]

	Net Profits.	Federal Taxes	General Motors Corporation and Extraordinary Non after Taxes and Expenditures.	Extraord. Expend.
1918	\$35,504,576	\$20,113,548	\$14,825,530	
1917	34,634,854	5,254,713	27,889,747	
1915-16	29,146,108	317,603	28,789,560	
1914-15	14,926,322	156,712	14,557,804	
1913-14	7,947,413	90,852	7,249,733	

For the last five years the net earnings (after taxes) have averaged \$18,542,472 yearly, or more than 18% per annum upon \$101,352,700, the total amount of debenture and preferred stock which it is proposed shall be outstanding in the hands of the public, including the proposed \$50,000,000 of the present issue, and not include in the net earnings any benefit to be derived from the proceeds of such stock.

Estimated for 1919.—Net earnings for the first quarter of 1919, before taxes, were \$21,626,594 (which compares with \$10,146,000 for the same quarter in 1918). This does not include any benefits to be derived from the investment of the proceeds of the above issue.

Assets.—On Dec. 31 1918 the net quick assets amounted to \$150,390,492, to which should be added the proceeds of the proposed issue of debenture stock. Of the quick assets of Dec. 31 1918, \$59,485,639 was in cash and Liberty bonds.

The plants and equipment, after the deduction of liberal depreciation, are carried at a net valuation of \$76,756,431. With \$150,390,492 of net quick assets, this brings net tangible assets to \$227,146,923, or about \$227 per share on the proposed debenture and preferred stock outstanding, to which assets should be added the proceeds of the present issue.

Products.—General Motors Corporation and subsidiaries have 41 manufacturing and assembling units and 49,118 employees, and their manufacturing capacity for the season from July 1 1919 to June 30 1920, will be as follows: (a) 512,000 motor cars, viz.: Buick, 140,000; Cadillac, 25,000; Oldsmobile, 40,000; Oakland, 72,000; Scripps-Booth, 15,000; Chevrolet, 220,000. (b) G. M. C. and other trucks, 40,000. (c) Samson tractor, 25,000. (d) Farm implements (horse and motor-drawn farm tools, &c.), 75,000 (making a total of 652,000 vehicles and implements). (e) Automobile parts: Delco and Remy starting, lighting and ignition systems, Hyatt roller bearings, New Departure ball bearings, Harrison radiators, A-C spark plugs, motors, axles, rims, gears and miscellaneous parts. (f) Refrigerating machines: Frigidaire ice plants.

Compare annual report in V. 108, p. 1606, 882, 584, 574.

Description of the 6% Debenture Stock.—An official (condensed) description of the deb. stock follows:

Description of Debenture and Preferred Stock.

Stock Issues.—The total authorized capital stock is \$370,000,000 in shares of \$100 each, viz.: \$20,000,000 pref. stock, \$150,000,000 debenture stock and \$200,000,000 common stock. Additional stock of said classes may be issued in such amounts and proportions as shall be determined by the board as may be permitted by law, except that no debenture stock shall be issued unless the net assets above all direct liabilities, except capital stock liability, shall amount, after the issue of said debenture stock, to at least 1 1/2 times the debenture stock issued and outstanding.

Dividends, &c.—The holders of the debenture stock and of the pref. stock shall be entitled pari passu to receive, when and as declared, from the surplus or from the net profits arising from its business yearly cumulative dividends at the rate of 6% per annum, and no more, payable quarterly.

In case of liquidation, whether voluntary or otherwise, the holders of the pref. stock and of the debenture stock, before any amount shall be paid to the holders of the common stock, shall be entitled to be paid pari passu in full both the par amount of their shares and the unpaid dividends accrued thereon, and after such payment is made the remaining assets and funds shall be divided among and paid to the holders of the common stock pro rata according to their respective shares.

Redemption.—The pref. stock at the option of the board shall be subject to redemption in whole or in part at \$110 per share and accrued dividends thereon on Nov. 1 1918 or on any subsequent dividend-paying date. The debenture stock shall be subject to redemption, all or part, at \$115 per share and accrued dividends thereon on Nov. 1 1919 or on any subsequent dividend-paying date.

Voting Rights.—The holders of the pref. stock and of the debenture stock shall not have any voting power whatsoever except upon the question of selling or otherwise disposing of the property and assets of an entirety, provided, however, (a) in case the corporation shall for six months fail to pay any dividend upon the pref. stock, the holders of the pref. stock shall have the right to vote on all matters in like manner as the holders of the common stock until the corporation shall have paid all accrued dividends upon the pref. stock; or (b) if similar default shall be made as to any dividend on the debenture stock, the holders of the debenture stock shall have the sole and exclusive right of voting on all questions whatsoever, to the exclusion of the holders of the common and pref. stock until the corporation shall have paid all accrued dividends on the debenture stock; or (c) in case the earnings during any calendar year shall amount to less than 9% on the debenture stock issued and outstanding, the holders of the debenture stock shall have an equal right to vote on all questions with the holders of the common stock until such time as the annual net earnings shall equal 9% on the debenture stock.

Application.—Any pref. stock, debenture stock or common stock, in the discretion of the board, may be issued in payment for property or services or as bonuses to employees, or for other assets or securities, or as a dividend upon the common stock payable in preferred, debenture or common stock of the corporation.

Subscription Rights.—No holders of stock of whatever class shall have any preferential right of subscription to any class of stock issued or sold, or to any obligations convertible into stock other than such, if any, as the board in its discretion may determine to offer to the exclusion of any other class or classes of stock then existing, provided, however, that no additional common stock or obligations convertible into common stock shall be issued or sold for cash, except after first having been offered for subscription to the holders of the then outstanding common stock pro rata.

Mortgage Limitation.—Unless the holders of at least 75% of the debenture stock then outstanding shall consent thereto the board shall not mortgage the whole or any part of the property, but this prohibition shall not apply to any purchase money mortgage nor to the assumption of any mortgage, nor shall it prevent the directors from pledging securities in the ordinary course of the business for not more than three years, nor shall any change in the rights of the debenture stock be authorized unless consented to by the holders of 75% of the debenture stock then outstanding.

Exchange of and Right to Retire Pref. Stock.—\$20,000,000 of said debenture stock shall be set aside immediately for exchange for the outstanding pref. stock, share for share, subject to such rules as may be prescribed by the board, and the balance thereof remaining unexchanged after Jan. 2 1921, together with the whole or any part of said pref. stock so exchanged, may be issued by the board as prescribed by law.—V. 108, p. 1824, 1606.

Granby Mining & Smelting Co.—Bonds Called.

One hundred forty-nine First Mtge. 5% bonds of 1916 of \$1,000 each and 14 bonds of \$100 each, aggregating \$150,400, have been called for payment June 1 at the Northern Trust Co., Chicago.—V. 106, p. 1904.

Haynes Automobile Co., Kokomo, Ind.—Offering of Convertible Notes.

Counselman & Co., Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 100 to 97 1/2%, according to maturity, \$1,600,000 7% Convertible Serial gold notes, dated March 1 1919, due \$160,000 each May 1 1920 to 1929. An adv. shows:

Redeemable at 102 1/2% and int. on any int. date upon 30 days' notice. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Interest payable at Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., or the Merchants Loan & Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, without deduction for any normal Federal income tax now or hereafter deductible at the source not in excess of 2% so far as may be lawful.

Convertible.—Convertible, par for par, into a like amount of 7% cumulative preferred stock, which is exempt from personal property taxes in State of Indiana.

Company.—Incorporated in Indiana in 1898.
Security.—Direct obligation of the company. No mortgage can be created on any of the property without the consent of the holders of 75% of outstanding notes. The company is required to maintain 250% of total net assets and 200% of net quick assets while any of these notes are outstanding.

Net Earnings.—Net earnings for four fiscal years ending June 30 1918 averaged \$1,001,887 per year, or more than 8½ times maximum annual note interest. Total net assets, \$5,634,208, or more than 3½ times this issue. Net quick assets, \$3,223,660, or more than 2 times this issue.—V. 103, p. 668.

Holly Sugar Corporation.—Earnings.

Years ended March 31—	1919.	1918.	Inc. or Dec.
Net profits*	\$483,793	\$1,196,995	dec. \$713,202
Preferred dividends	276,500	297,210	dec. 20,710
Preferred stock redeemed	95,046	1,019,440	dec. 924,394

Balance, surplus.....\$112,247 def. \$119,655 inc. \$231,902
* After deducting depreciation and Federal taxes.—V. 107, p. 602.

International Radio Co., Wilmington, Del.—Suit.
The company on May 14 filed suit in the Federal District Court against the Western Electric Co. alleging (a) that six patents owned by it and granted to Reginald A. Fessenden of Manteo, S. C., (b) that the apparatus covered by the patents is being used by the Western Electric Co. in making radio-telephones which are being sold to the Government.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Offering of 6% Gold Notes.—Lehman Bros. and Goldman, Sachs & Co. are offering at 99⅞ to 97⅞, according to maturities, \$3,500,000 6% Serial gold notes dated May 1 1919, the only outstanding obligations. Company covers 20,000 different routes and does business in all the principal cities from the Pacific Coast to and including the Eastern States.

Total authorized and issued, \$3,500,000. Maturing \$500,000 each May 1 and Nov. 1 1920, \$750,000 each May 1 and Nov. 1 1921, and \$1,000,000 May 1 1922. Int. M. & N. in N. Y. City, without deduction for any tax or governmental charge (except succession, inheritance and income taxes). Denom. \$1,000 c*. Redeemable on any int. day on 30 days' notice as a whole or as to any one maturity (but not less than all the notes of any one maturity) at 101 and int. Central Union Trust Co. of New York, trustee.

Data from President F. V. Skiff, Dated Newark, May 12 1919.

[For complete statement of history see V. 101, p. 1811.]
Business.—The business is selling coffee, tea, baking-powder, soap and certain like articles direct to the consumer from wagons which radiate along regular routes. Sales of coffee and teas make up about 80% of the business; 75% of the business is for cash. From headquarters we ship goods directly to more than 530 so-called "branches," from which our wagons, in turn, sell and deliver goods to the customers. At present, we cover over 20,000 different routes, and do business in nearly all the principal cities from the Pacific Coast to and including the Eastern States, serving directly over 1,000,000 customers.

Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing (no bonds or long-term obligations):

	Outstanding.
6% gold notes (this present issue)	\$3,500,000
7% cumulative preferred stock	3,760,000
Common stock	12,000,000

Security.—A direct obligation of the company but not a mortgage.

Restrictions.—The company or its subsidiaries will not create any mortgage upon their real or personal property, but may allow purchase money mortgages or liens to be created on hereafter acquired property to the extent of 75% of the fair value of the property so acquired, subject to existing liens or mortgages not in excess of 75% of the value of the property so purchased or acquired. (b) Maintain its cash and quick assets, including the cash and quick assets of its subsidiary companies, at an amount at least equal to 150% of all the liabilities and indebtedness, secured and unsecured (including all notes then issued and outstanding). (c) Shall not declare any dividends on the common stock at any time when the cash and quick assets shall not be at least equal to twice the sum of all the liabilities and indebtedness, nor shall such dividend be declared if the payment thereof will reduce the amount of such cash and quick assets below the ratio of two to one to said liabilities and indebtedness.

Earnings.—(For cal. year 1918 see V. 108, p. 970.) After giving effect to the adjustment of interest arising from the issuance of these notes, the amount available for the payment of interest on the same, on the basis of the 1918 results, would be \$940,738, or 4½ times the amount required for this purpose. The net sales for the cal. year 1918 were \$15,598,496, and for the first four months of 1919 show an increase of about 8% over the same period of 1918.—V. 108, p. 1940, 1514.

Jones Brothers Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.

	1919.	1918.	1917.
Month of April	\$1,309,346	\$1,109,130	\$916,371
Jan. 1 to April 30	4,933,541	4,261,702	3,520,089

S. S. Kresge Company.—Sales.

	1919.	1918.	1917.
Month of April	\$3,463,150	\$2,639,337	\$2,360,758
Jan. 1 to April 30	11,851,985	9,795,389	8,475,286

Langston Monotype Machine Co., Phila.—Earnings.

	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1915-16.
Year ended Feb. 28	\$658,442	\$502,033	\$522,518	\$429,995
Net profit after deprec'n	360,000	360,000	360,000	-----
Deduct—Divs. on stock (6%)	360,000	360,000	360,000	-----
Balance, surplus	\$298,442	\$142,033	\$462,518	\$429,995

Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp.—Bond Application.
The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for authority to issue \$250,000 bonds, proceeds to be used to reimburse its treasury for expenditures made for permanent extensions, &c.—V. 106, p. 2653.

Magma Copper Co.—Earnings for Calendar Years.

	1918.	1917.	1916.
Metal sales	\$3,041,978	\$3,251,104	\$2,274,725
Inventory decrease	144,156	Inc. 16,972	Inc. 308,422
Operating expenses, &c.	2,219,285	2,083,947	1,376,967
Depreciation	118,715	94,273	82,431
Selling expenses and taxes	59,339	33,005	27,211
Net profit	\$500,483	\$1,056,851	\$1,096,538
Other income	18,867	11,136	796
Net income	\$519,350	\$1,067,987	\$1,097,334
Dividends	480,000	504,000	480,000
Surplus	\$39,350	\$563,987	\$617,334

Manhattan Shirt Co.—Common Dividend Increased.
A quarterly dividend of 1¼% has been declared on \$5,000,000 outstanding common stock, payable June 9 to holders of record May 30. This compares with 1% paid quar. since June 1916.—V. 108, p. 265.

Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., Ltd.—Offering of Pref. Stock.—F. B. McCurdy & Co., Montreal, are offering \$100,000 7% cum. pref. stock (par value \$10) at \$10 50 per share, to yield 6.2-3%. Registrar and transfer agents, Eastern Trust Co., Halifax, N. S. Dividends payable quarterly, Jan. 1 &c., at any branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in Canada.

Earnings.—The report for 1918 states that from 1911 to 1918 the company's gross revenue has grown from \$230,461 to \$953,847, its assets from \$3,245,854 to \$5,108,519, and the number of telephones in use from 12,908 to 24,636.—V. 108, p. 1893.

Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.—Offering of 7% Convertible Sinking Fund Mgt. Debenture Stock.—Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at 94 and int., to yield over 7½%, \$2,000,000 7% convertible sinking fund mortgage debenture stock.

Dated May 1 1919; due May 1 1949. Certificates in multiples of \$100 or sterling equivalent. Montreal Trust Co., Montreal, trustee. Convertible at the holders' option into common shares, par for par, at any time up to May 1 1929. If debenture stock is called by the company (at 115 and accrued interest) prior to May 1 1929, the holders shall have 3 months' notice of the company's intention to redeem debenture stock, during which time they may convert. Full information another week.—V. 108, p. 1940, 485.

Maxwell Motor Co.—Merger Pending.—The following statement is understood to accord with the facts:

It is understood that a syndicate is being organized to underwrite the merger and reorganization plan which as now contemplated proposes the retirement of all the present stock issues of both the Maxwell and Chalmers companies, for which will be substituted a small issue of preferred stock to take care of fixed obligations and an issue of \$10,000,000 debentures or notes to provide working capital. After this the plan as at present drawn contemplates the retirement of all the preferred stocks in exchange for new common stock, the basis of the scheme being the union of the Maxwell and Chalmers companies.

Walter E. Flanders has retired as General Manager of the Maxwell Motor Co., his duties being assumed by the President, W. L. Mitchell.

Officer.—President W. Ledyard Mitchell has been elected Chairman of the board to succeed Walter E. Flanders.—V. 108, p. 1724.

Meadow River Lumber Co.—Bonds Called.
Fifteen (\$15,000) First Mgt. 6% gold bonds due Dec. 1 1922 (Nos. 411-425 incl.) and 15 (\$15,000) bonds (Nos. 426-440 incl.) due June 1 1923 have been called for payment June 1 at 105 and int. at Citizens Trust Co., Clarion, Pa.—V. 107, p. 2013.

Merck & Co.—Stock Sold by Alien Property Custodian.
On May 9 Alien Property Custodian Francis P. Garvan sold 8,000 of the 10,000 shares of the capital stock of this company for \$3,750,000 to the McKenna Corporation. It was rumored that the purchaser represented a syndicate of bankers and others representing Merck interests in this country, but confirmation of this could not be obtained. The sale must be confirmed by a committee of the Custodian's office.
Merck & Co. ranks as one of the largest importers of medicinal drugs and chemicals in the United States, its products comprising from 3,500 to 4,000 items. Approximately 25% of the sales represent the proportion of the manufactured product of the company.

Mexican-Panuco Oil Co. (of Delaware).—Stock Offered.
—A. E. Fitkin & Co. having sold the larger part of their block of \$676,900 stock, are offering the remainder at the market price. See advertisement on another page.

Data from Letter of President Howard Willets, N. Y., April 2 1919.

Organization.—Incorporated in 1916 in Delaware to acquire all the stock of the English Oil Co., S. A., a going concern, owning valuable leases on proven producing oil lands situated in the celebrated Panuco oil fields, in the Tampico district of Mexico. Capital stock, authorized and issued [including the stock now offered for sale], \$3,000,000, par \$10. No bonds or preferred stock outstanding.

Property.—Consists of six leases in the well-known Panuco oil field near Tampico, Mexico. The present production of the company is estimated to be 10,000 barrels per day, and additional drilling is now planned.

Purpose of Sale of Stock.—All of the proceeds of the sale of the treasury stock will be used for the drilling of additional wells, erection and installation of steel storage tanks, construction of pipe lines and loading racks, terminal station steam plants, pumps and miscellaneous equipment.

Officers.—Howard Willets, President (director Gotham Nat. Bank); H. G. Curran, V.-Pres.; W. B. Lewis, Sec. & Treas. Directors: The former going and W. B. Lewis, J. Macy Willets, Addison S. Pratt and A. E. Fitkin, all of New York.

Midway Gas Co., San Francisco.—Bonds Called.
Ninety (\$90,000) First & Refunding Mgt. 6% gold bonds (Nos. 311-400 inclusive) have been called for payment June 1 at par and int. at Mercantile Trust Co. of San Francisco.—V. 108, p. 175.

Montgomery Ward & Co.—April Sales.
Sales for April increased 45¼% over April 1918, and for the four months of 1919 increased 26% over the same period of 1918.

The company is quoted as saying: "Our May sales to date have maintained the 45¼% increase for April, despite cool weather, and we feel sure of enormous business all the year, as people throughout the country have lots of money and will spend most of it. Our sales have shown increases every month this year, the smallest showing relatively having been for February, which was abnormally warm. Most of this year has been out of season somewhat in one way or another."—V. 108, p. 1064, 977.

Moore Oil Refining Co.—Organized.
See Ohio Cities Gas Co. below.

National Aniline & Chemical Co., Inc.—All Stockholders Invited to Become Parties to Voting Trust.—The voting trustees in circular of May 7 say in substance:

About a year ago substantial amounts of the company's outstanding preferred and common shares, constituting in the aggregate a majority, were deposited with the voting trustees named below, until April 20 1923, in order to facilitate the establishment and maintenance of a strong management and consistent policy during the organization period.

It is believed that the more complete the co-operation of stockholders in the voting trust the greater will be the resulting benefits to all concerned. Accordingly, all holders of the shares, preferred or common, which have not yet been deposited in the voting trust, are now invited to deposit their holdings. The rights of holders of voting trust certificates are practically the same as the rights of holders of stock certificates except as regards voting power.

Stockholders desiring to join the voting trust should endorse their stock certificates in blank (or to "Wm. H. Nichols, H. H. S. Handy, Wm. H. Childs, W. J. Matheson and Eugene Meyer Jr., as voting trustees under voting trust agreement, dated April 20 1918") and deposit them with Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, agent of the voting trustees, in exchange for voting trust certificates. The necessary State and Federal stock transfer tax stamps will be affixed and canceled by the voting trustees without expense to depositing stockholders.

(Returns of a plan of consolidation of this company and other large interests already closely allied with it are discontinued by officials of the several companies in question.)

National Association Building Corporation, N. Y. City.—Bonds on New Office Building.—S. W. Straus & Co. are offering, at par and int., to net 6%, \$2,500,000 First Mgt. Serial 6% bonds, dated May 1 1919. The building location is at 21-31 West 43d St., running through the block to 24-28 West 44th St., New York City.

Int. M. & N. Total issue \$2,500,000. Trustee, S. W. Straus. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500, in all maturities; \$100 in 1929 maturity only. c*. The corporation covenants to pay Federal income tax not in excess of 4%. Bonds mature \$100,000 each May 1 1922-24; \$50,000 each Nov. 1 1924 and May 1 1925; \$60,000 Nov. 1 1925; \$65,000 each May & Nov. 1 1926 to 1927; \$75,000 May 1 1928; \$80,000 Nov. 1 1928, and \$1,625,000 May 1 1929. Redeemable at 102 and int. on any interest date on 30 days' notice, in reverse of numerical order.

Building.—The building will be 20 stories in height, of absolutely fireproof steel frame construction, containing shops and offices.

The property, land and building is appraised at \$3,700,000.
Earnings.—Net annual rental earnings of this property on a conservative basis, after deducting operating costs, taxes and insurance, with a liberal allowance for repairs and sundry expenses, is estimated at \$355,000, or nearly 2½ times the greatest annual interest charge, and much more than ample to take care of both interest and principal requirements.
Security.—The bonds are the obligation of the National Association Building Corp. of N. Y., and are secured by a first mortgage on land and building. The President and controlling stockholder is James T. Lee, a prominent New York business man, owner and successful operator of New York real estate.—V. 108, p. 1825.

National Conduit & Cable Co., Inc.—Earnings.

3 Mos. end. Mar. 31—	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Sales	\$3,084,469	\$2,485,846	\$82,973	\$72,214
Net loss	82,682	126,839	63,498	76,297
Other income	23,071	13,580	13,612	30,642

Total income, loss \$59,611 loss \$113,259 Balance, def. 219,694 def. \$292,412

Balance Sheet.

Mar. 31 '19. Dec. 31 '18.		Mar. 31 '19. Dec. 31 '18.			
Assets—		Liabilities—			
Cash	1,333,686	632,870	Capital stock	8,750,000	8,750,000
Accts. & notes rec. net	1,943,469	2,961,249	1st. M. 6% sink.		
Raw mat., work in process, &c.	3,157,122	4,388,572	fd. gold bonds	4,804,000	4,804,000
Investments	763,698	660,028	Notes payable		1,500,000
Special accounts	42,565	4688,967	Accts. pay'le, &c.	277,078	646,343
Def'd charges, net	117,190	102,607	Accrued pay roll	55,287	41,213
Plant, land, bldgs., mach., &c., net	5,714,318	5,739,063	Deferred credits	59,837	56,483
Patents goodwill, &c.	1	1	Reserve for liabli. compens insur.	117,657	215,100
P. & l. deficit	1,059,470	839,776	Deferred profits	87,500	
Total	14,151,359	16,013,139	Total	14,151,359	16,013,139

x Includes fund created by sale of capital assets requiring replacement or substitution under terms of mtge. Indenture of \$662,266.—V. 108, p. 788.

National Fuel Gas Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1918.	1917.	Inc. or Dec.
Total earnings	\$9,086,268	\$8,604,623	Inc. \$481,645
Expenses and taxes	3,781,343	2,883,548	Inc. 897,795
Gas purchased	1,359,311	1,274,580	Inc. 84,731

Net earnings \$3,945,614 \$4,446,495 Dec. \$500,881—V. 106, p. 1799.

National Tool Co., Cleveland.—Stock Reduction.

A certificate has been filed in Ohio reducing the capital stock from \$1,800,000 to \$1,724,000.—V. 104, p. 2557.

Nevada Consol. Copper Co.—Production (in Lbs.).

Month of April	1919.	1918.	1917.
Jan. 1 to April 30	15,850,000	25,710,000	25,579,512

—V. 108, p. 1825, 1614.

Northern Virginia Power Co.—Control Purchased.

Control of this company, operating in Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan counties, W. Va., Clarke, Warren, Frederick and other counties in Virginia, has been acquired by interests said to be allied with the Hagerstown & Frederick Ry. The plant, located on the Shenandoah River near Charlestown, W. Va., is operated by water power and furnishes light and power to a large number of concerns. It is stated that the transmission lines of this company and the Hagerstown company will be connected at Martinsburg.

Ohio Cities Gas Co.—Acquisition.

The following statement has been officially revised for the "Chronicle": "It is officially announced that the Moore Oil Co. has been purchased by the Ohio Cities Gas Co. The Moore Oil Co. is a retailer of oil, with 21 stations in Columbus and Cincinnati, O., and Logansport, Ind. In addition to its retail business it manufactures soap, grease and kindred products, with a total business of about \$5,000,000 annually. "The Ohio Cities Gas Co. has caused to be organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, with a capital stock of \$15,000,000, the Moore Oil Refining Co., which will take over the property and business of the Moore Oil Co. The business of the company will be extended and enlarged."—V. 108, p. 1825, 1614.

Oil Well Supply Co., Pittsburgh.—Bonds Called.

New Mortgage.—Sale of \$3,000,000 new 1st Mortgage Sinking Fund 6% Bonds.

The entire issue of First Mortgage 5% bonds at present outstanding, amounting to \$770,000, have been called for redemption on June 1 1919, at par and accrued interest.
 The company has sold to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh \$3,000,000 First Mortgage 6% Sinking Fund serial gold bonds, maturing \$150,000 each June 1 1920 to 1939, incl. The proceeds of the issue will be used to increase the facilities of the company, in order to meet the constantly growing demand for machinery and supplies for drilling and operating oil and gas wells.—V. 97, p. 1508.

Owens Bottle Co.—New Stock—New Name—Report.

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of an additional \$3,000,000 7% cumulative preferred stock (offered at par to common stockholders of record April 21) on official notice of issuance and sale, making the total preferred listed \$10,126,700, along with \$10,556,900 common. Compare V. 108, p. 1825.
 On May 1 1919 the Owens Bottle Machine Co. adopted this name and certificates of stock bearing the new name will be issued in exchange for the old certificates and when and as exchanged will be listed on the Stock Exchange.
 For annual report see "Reports" above.—V. 108, p. 1825.

Owens Bottle Machine Co.—New Name, &c.

See Owens Bottle Co. above.—V. 108, p. 1825.

Paraffine Companies, Inc.—Notes Called.

The \$500,000 of 7% collateral notes of the company issued and sold last fall, have been called for payment June 1, and Messrs. Girvin & Miller, LeRoy T. Ryone, and Stephens & Co., all of San Francisco, will on that date offer the remainder of the issue of First Mtge. 6s as deposited as security for the above notes.—V. 108, p. 788.

Pierce Oil Corp.—Stock Listed.

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$1,294,200 additional of this company's common stock.—V. 108, p. 1941, 1826.

Pittsburgh-Texas Oil & Gas Co.—Offering of Stock.

R. C. Megargel & Co. are offering (by advertisement on another page) 161,000 shares of stock at 8½. Total authorized, \$5,000,000; to be issued, \$2,650,000; par value, \$5. A circular shows:

Company.—Incorp. in West Virginia for the purpose of producing and refining and developing oil lands.
Properties.—The Texas properties are practically all located on the Pennsylvania formation which runs through the Ranger and Burk Burnett oil field in Texas, and were originally selected for the Benedum-Trees interests of Pittsburgh. The holdings comprise leases on over 100,000 acres in Texas, being in five separate blocks, located in Edwards, Real, Uvalde and Oldham counties; leases on over 1,700 acres in Brown County; four leases aggregating 336 acres in Somervell County; two leases of 80 acres each in Kimble County. Negotiations are in progress for producing properties in Oklahoma, adjacent to the company's refinery.

The company recently purchased from the Benedum-Trees interests a new 1,500-barrel refinery situated at Boynton, Okla., and it is proposed to immediately increase the capacity of the refinery to 3,000 barrels. With this refinery are included over 50 miles of pipe line and 60 tank cars, while 50 additional tank cars are under lease. The refinery now has 850 barrels of oil per day under contract. Arrangements have also been made to secure for the refinery as much more oil as is needed from the Duke Pool in Texas, which is controlled by the Benedum-Trees interests.

Officers.—T. A. Neill, Pres. and Manager; George J. Wolf, V.-Pres.; T. R. Cowell, V.-Pres. & Treas.; John L. Mullen, Sec. & Asst. Treas.
Directors.—T. A. Neill, George J. Wolf, T. R. Cowell, John W. Leonard, Harry B. Clark, S. A. McCaskey, Winston T. Smith.—V. 108, p. 978.
Registrars: Equitable Trust Co., New York; Colonial Trust Co., Pittsburgh. **Transfer Agents:** U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., New York; office of company, Pittsburgh.

Pullman Co.—Earnings.—A statement filed in Massachusetts is reported as showing:

Results for Calendar Year.

Operating revenue	\$49,967,146	Taxes	\$1,508,547
Operating expenses	40,593,069	Operating income	7,762,856
Net revenue	9,374,077	Other income	2,340,178
Auxiliary oper. deficit	12,674	Total net	10,103,034
Dividends at the usual rate of 8% called for \$9,600,000.—V. 108, p. 885.			

Ray Consolidated Copper Co.—Earnings—Prod. (in Lbs.).

3 Mos. to Mar. 31—	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Gross prod. lbs.	12,291,381	20,522,558	Total income, def.	\$152,298
Net profits—def.	\$244,667	\$1,025,236	Dividends	\$788,590
Miscell. income	92,369	80,626	Balance, def.	\$940,888

Month of April, 1919, 3,763,000 1918, 7,350,000 1917, 7,902,724
 Jan. 1 to April 30, 16,175,000 29,366,000 25,593,985
 —V. 108, p. 1826, 1716.

Safety Car Heating & Lighting Co.—Officers.

W. L. Conwell has been elected President to succeed R. M. Dixon, deceased. The following directors have also been elected: Chellis A. Austin, Robert Barbour, E. M. Bulkeley, Henry R. Carse, W. L. Conwell, J. A. Dixon, E. P. Fitzpatrick, E. Le B. Gardner, A. B. Hepburn, R. Paruly, G. D. Pope, Alexander C. Soper, James P. Soper and Henry H. Wehrhane.—V. 108, p. 1826.

Savannah Electric Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1918.	1917.	Inc. or Dec.
Railway department	\$657,182	\$544,803	Inc. \$112,379
Light and power department	525,383	422,927	Inc. 102,456
Miscellaneous earnings	326	443	Dec. 117

Total earnings	\$1,182,891	\$968,174	Inc. \$214,718
Operating expenses	\$682,765	\$503,937	Inc. \$178,827
Maintenance	105,905	78,958	Inc. 26,948
Taxes	67,482	62,695	Inc. 4,784
Interest charges	282,947	270,549	Inc. 12,398
Sinking fund requirements	20,000	20,000	

Balance, surplus, sur. \$23,794 sur. \$32,033 dec. \$8,239—V. 108, p. 80.

Sawyer-Massey Co., Hamilton, Ont.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Net profits—(loss)	\$141,736	(p) \$117,423	(p) \$72,208	(p) \$116,606
Bond interest, &c.	38,667	50,382	50,382	49,655

Balance, sur. or def. def. \$180,403 sur. \$67,041 sur. \$21,826 sur. \$66,951
 Total p. & l. def. \$310,114 x \$129,711 y \$161,611 sur. \$106,196

x After deducting bills and accounts receivable, amounting to \$35,142.
 y After deducting \$289,634 appropriation for revaluation of bills receivable and other liquid assets.—V. 105, p. 915.

Shattuck Arizona Copper Co.—Production.

April	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Four months	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.

A quarterly dividend of 25 cents has been declared payable July 19 to holders of record June 30. In April 25 cents was paid and in Jan. 50 cents.—V. 108, p. 1516, 1065.

Sholan Company, Inc.—Possible Merger.

This company was incorporated in Del. May 8 with a capital of \$100,000,000 to deal in securities, investments, etc. Incorporators, T. L. Croe-teen, P. B. Drew, M. M. Clancy, all of Wilmington, Del. A press report suggests that this may be the company which will succeed by merger the Sinclair Oil & Refining Corporation and Sinclair Gulf Co. if pending plans are consummated.

Sinclair Gulf Corp.—Bonds Called.

The remainder of the \$20,000,000 issue of 1st lien 10-year convertible 6% gold bonds dated March 1 1917, of which \$10,172,000 were outstanding in March 1919, have been called for payment June 18 at 110 and int. at the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y.—V. 108, p. 1394.

Sinclair Oil & Refining Corp.—Building—Merger Rumors.

Announcement was made on May 13 that this company had purchased from the Garden City Co. the 32-story office building, located at Liberty and Nassau streets, New York, known as the Liberty Tower. The purchase price is said to have been about \$2,100,000. The property is assessed by the city at \$1,950,000.

An officer of the company stated yesterday that there was no official statement to be given out at this time in regard to the rumor that this company and the Sinclair Gulf Corp. were to consolidate under the name of Sholan Co., Inc. (see above).—V. 108, p. 1615, 177.

Solar Refining Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$5 per share on the \$2,000,000 outstanding capital stock in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of \$5, both payable June 29 to stockholders of record May 31. A similar amount was paid in June and Dec. 1918.—V. 107, p. 1925.

South Bend (Ind.) Watch Co.—Offering of Notes.

John Burnham & Co., Chicago, are offering at 97½ and int., to net over 7%, \$180,000 of an authorized issue of \$500,000 3-year 6% gold notes. Dated March 1 1919, due March 1 1922. Compare V. 108, p. 1170.

Southern California Edison Co.—To Issue Stock.

The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for authority to sell its employees 2,500 shares of stock.—V. 108, p. 1394, 1157.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Subsidiary Declared to Have Violated Franchise.

See Louisville Gas & Elec. Co. above.—V. 108, p. 1724, 1394.

Standard Oil Co. of Kansas.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of \$3 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$3 have been declared on the capital stock, payable June 15 to stock of record May 31. An extra dividend of \$3 per share has been paid along with the regular quarterly dividend since Feb. 1918.—V. 108, p. 1394.

Standard Oil Co. of Ohio.—Extra Dividend.

The usual extra dividend of \$1 has been declared along with the quarterly \$3, both payable July 1 to holders of record May 29. An extra of 1% has been paid in each quarter since Jan. 1917.—V. 108, p. 1394, 1171.

Standard Refractories Co.—Bonds.

Glover & MacGregor, Pittsburgh, Pa., and P. N. Risser & Co., Bedford, Pa., recently offered at 97½ and int. yielding about 6.35% \$500,000 First Mtge. 6% Ten-Year Sinking Fund gold bonds (closed mtge.) Total auth. and issuable, \$500,000.

The bonds are dated April 1 1919, due April 1 1929, denom. \$500 and \$1,000, registerable as to principal. Callable, all or part, at any interest period, on 30 days' notice, at 102½ and int. Tax exempt in Pennsylvania. Interest A. & O. at the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh (Trustee) without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Data From Pres. Thos. N. Kurtz, Dated Claysburg, Pa., March 1 1919.
Organization.—Chartered and began operating in March 1914. Manufactures refractory products for use in open hearth steel furnaces, by-product coke ovens, gas retorts, copper smelters, &c. Present capacity 140,000 brick per day of 9-inch equivalent, comparing with 25,000 in 1915; during 1918 manufactured 23,238,000 brick of 9-inch equivalent. Replacement value of property and equipment estimated over \$1,500,000.
Capitalization After Present Financing. Authorized. Outstanding
 First mortgage bonds (closed issue) \$500,000 \$500,000
 Capital stock (all one issue) \$200,000 \$200,000
 (Surplus earned over \$300,000)
Purpose of Issue.—To retire \$125,000 1st M. bonds to complete payment on town site (120 acres), purchase additional ganister rock properties, liquidate bank loans, &c.
Sinking Fund.—Monthly \$1 per M. brick manufactured; minimum, \$30,000 p. a.
Earnings.—Net earnings have shown a progressive increase, and for the four years ended Dec. 31 1918 were in excess of \$610,000.

Standard Textile Products Co.—Stock Increase.—This company, formerly the Standard Oil Cloth Co., has authorized a capital increase of \$6,000,000, equally divided among Classes "A" and "B" preferred stock and common stock, making the total authorized capital \$15,000,000, consisting of \$5,000,000 of each class.
 Of the new stock \$2,000,000 Class "A" preferred will be offered to all stockholders of record as of April 15 to the extent of 2-9 of their total holdings, while \$1,000,000 of the new common stock will be offered exclusively to common stockholders of record April 15 to the extent of one share of new for every three shares of old held on April 15. Both offers are made at par and subscription books will close on June 5. This will make outstanding \$5,000,000 Class "A" preferred, \$3,000,000 Class "B" preferred and \$4,000,000 common stock. The \$2,000,000 Class "B" and remaining \$1,000,000 common of the newly authorized stock will not be issued at present.

Extra Dividend of 1/4 of 1% on Common Shares.—In addition to the regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% each on Classes "A" and "B" preferred and 1% on common an extra dividend of 1/4 of 1% has been declared on the common, payable with the regular distributions on July 1 to holders of record as of June 15.

	1918.	1917.
Net sales	\$16,201,811	\$10,901,550
Total net income	\$1,980,047	\$1,300,070
Fixed charges	275,359	428,717
Dividends	630,000	526,399

Balance, surplus, \$1,074,688 \$344,954
 Total p. & l. surplus, 1918, after deducting \$977,109 "deprec'n, replacements, development and other deduction," \$1,235,197.—V. 108, p. 1724.

Sun Company (Phila.), Oil Producers, Refiners, &c.—Offering of 6% Gold Debentures.—Montgomery & Co., N. Y., Phila. and Chicago, are offering at 98 1/2 and int. \$6,000,000 10-year 6% sinking fund gold debenture bonds, dated May 1 1919, due May 1 1929. Authorized, \$20,000,000. Denom. \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000 (e & r*). Int. M. & N. in Philadelphia and New York, without deduction of normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Penna. State tax refunded. Callable in whole or in part on any interest date at 101 and interest; redeemable for the sinking fund at par and interest on notice as provided in the trust agreement. Commercial Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee. A circular shows:

Data from President J. Howard Pew, dated May 7 1919.
Company.—Incorp. in N. J. May 2 1901, successor to the Sun Oil Co., an Ohio corporation, organized in 1893. Business originally started in Ohio in 1886, comprises, in addition to the Sun Co., the operation of certain allied and subsidiary companies which are operated as part of the general business of producing, refining, transportation and marketing of petroleum products. The property embraces the following:
 (a) Producing wells in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Ohio, Louisiana, Kentucky and West Virginia; (b) refineries at Marcus Hook, Pa., Toledo, O., Yale and Avoy, Okla.; (c) Transportation equipment: 7 steel screw ocean-going tankers totalling 54,800 d.w. tons, 3 barges, also 775 steel tank cars; (d) Railroad facilities and equipment at Marcus Hook, Pa.; (e) Pipe lines in Texas and Ohio; (f) Oil leases in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Louisiana, Kentucky, Colorado, New Mexico; (g) barrel plant at Marcus Hook, Pa.; timber lands in Virginia; (h) distributing stations, sales offices, &c., in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and 18 other principal cities of the United States.

Capitalization After Present Financing. Authorized. Outstandg.
 10-yr. 6% s. f. debentures (this issue) \$20,000,000 \$6,000,000
 Capital stock 7,920,000 6,890,000

Sub. Cos. Now Controlled or About to be Acquired to Extent Stated.
 The company either holds or presently will hold in its treasury the indicated percentage of the stocks of the following companies, or else their entire credit will be obligated for the benefit of the holders of these debenture bonds. The proper proportion of the assets and earnings of these companies are included in the earnings, appraisals, &c., appearing below:

Company	Percentage	Company	Percentage
Delaware River & Union RR.	99.5%	The Sun Oil Line Co.	over 99.6%
The Twin Siding Oil Co.	99.4%	Hardwood Package Co.	94.5%
Sun Pipe Line Co.	over 95.8%	The Sun Oil Co.	92.5%

Also holds in its treasury securities of additional companies, the assets and earnings of which appear in the consolidated statement only: (a) as book value of stocks and notes held; (b) as earnings actually received through dividends declared and paid. In this latter class are the following: Sun Shipbuilding Co., over 79%; O'Connell Oil Co., over 69%; Augusta Wood Products Corp., 50%. The company's stock interest in the Sun Shipbuilding Co., which has mortgages on its property, O'Connell Oil Co. and the Augusta Wood Products Co., had a book value as of Dec. 31 1918 of \$1,964,278, and the equity therein is believed to exceed this amount.

Total Asset Values of the Company Placed at Over \$53,775,348.

Category	Value	Category	Value
Fixed assets as appraised	\$25,000,000	Ships and tank cars appraised at	\$12,265,288
Book value of subsid's	1,964,278	Net current assets	14,545,782

Earnings, Incl. Aforsaid Indicated Percentages of the Other Co's, &c.

Year	Total 6 Yrs.	Average Total 2 Yrs.	Average	
1913-18, Inc.	per Year	1917-1918, per Year	per Year	
Gross	\$119,750,137	\$19,958,356	\$66,211,669	\$33,105,834
Exp., local taxes, &c.	96,717,779	16,119,630	54,664,603	27,332,301
Net	23,032,358	3,838,726	11,547,066	5,773,533
Federal taxes paid*	2,185,091	364,182	2,185,091	1,092,546
Balance*	20,847,267	3,474,544	9,361,975	4,680,987

*Federal income and excess profits taxes accrued during 1918 are payable in 1919. Federal income taxes paid in 1913 to 1916, incl., aggregating less than \$100,000 for the Sun and the other companies are included in "Expenses, local taxes, &c."

Sinking Fund.—Semi-annual payments will suffice to retire, on a gradually ascending scale, any debentures issued under the agreement during their life. On this \$6,000,000 the semi-annual payments begin Nov. 1 1919 and are to retire of the issue: 1st year, 3%; 2d, 5%; 3d, 6%; 4th, 8%; 5th, 9%; 6th, 11%; 7th, 12%; 8th, 14%; 9th, 15%; and 10th year, 17%; a total of 100%.

Restrictions.—Additional debentures may be issued only for extensions, betterments, &c., to an amount thereof equal to 75% of cost (the additional 25% to be in no case provided from moneys borrowed) when the annual net earnings (before deduction of Federal income or excess profits taxes) are at least three times the interest on the debentures then outstanding and to be issued. The trust agreement also forbids the mortgaging of any of the present properties (except Sun Shipbuilding Co., O'Connell Oil Co. and Augusta Wood Products Co.) and stipulates that no dividend shall be paid which will reduce the net current assets (these debentures alone not deducted) below 125% of the amount of outstanding debentures.—V. 108, p. 85.

Swift International Corp.—Dividends.—Two dividends of 8% each have been declared, one payable June 20 to holders of record May 31 and the other Dec. 20 to holders of record Nov. 8. In Feb. last a dividend of 8% was paid.—V. 108, p. 1171, 85.

Tennessee Copper & Chemical Corp.—Plan Submitted for Issuance of 400,000 Shares of New Stock at \$12 50 per Share in Order to Undertake the Manufacture of Acid Phosphate.—The shareholders have been asked to express their opinion not later than May 23 as to the advisability of carrying into effect a plan outlined by President Adolph Lewisohn in circular of May 12, substantially as follows:

The existing contract with the International Agricultural Corporation by which we are supplying that corporation with sulphuric acid, expires by limitation on Dec. 31 1920.

Your directors desire to enter upon plans for the manufacture of acid phosphate for the fertilizer business and have contracted to acquire a highly desirable deposit of phosphate rock, and hold options on additional large tracts. The ownership of this land, coupled with the facilities of the Tennessee Copper Co. to produce sulphuric acid under favorable conditions, should give us an exceptional basis for building up a large and profitable business in the manufacture and sale of fertilizers, the market for which appears to be constantly expanding. It is proposed to erect and equip plants of the highest standards for treating phosphate rock with sulphuric acids. The officers and directors believe that this project will assure us an increased and lucrative business.

It is proposed to increase the capital stock by authorizing and issuing 400,000 additional shares (v. t. c.) without par value. The holders of voting trust certificates are to be given the right to subscribe for 100% of their present holdings at the rate of \$12 50 per share.

An agreement has been entered into with J. S. Bache & Co. and Adolph Lewisohn & Sons as bankers to underwrite the proposed issue for a compensation of \$1 50 per share. This method of financing will furnish approximately \$4,400,000 of additional capital, which is deemed ample for the undertaking.—V. 108, p. 1819, 1732.

Timken Detroit Axle Co.—To Pay Bonds.—The \$675,000 7% bonds due June 1 1919 will be paid off at maturity at office of National City Bank, N. Y. City.—V. 106, p. 2349.

United Drug Co.—Stock Listed.—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list this company's \$891,000 6% non-cum. second pref. stock, making the total amount authorized to be listed \$10,000,000.—V. 108, p. 1941, 1171.

United Profit Sharing Corp.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 5% has been declared on the stock, along with the regular semi-annual 5%, both payable June 2 to holders of record May 10. A like amount was paid in June and Dec. 1918.—V. 108, p. 1941, 1171.

United States Gypsum Co.—Meeting Postponed.—The directors' meeting for dividend action has been postponed from May 14 to May 28, but it is understood that the usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock will be payable June 30.—V. 108, p. 487.

United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.—See "Trade and Traffic Movements" on a subsequent page.—V. 108, p. 1941, 1827.

Utah Copper Co.—Earnings.—For 3 mos. end, Mar. 31

	1919.	1918.	Total net prof-	1919.	1918.
Gross product, pounds	28,971,089	40,788,171	Its	\$481,324	\$3,810,664
Net profits, df.	\$12,948	\$2,571,318	Divs. paid	2,436,735	4,061,225
Rents, &c.	119,085	238,845			
Nav. Cons. divs.	375,188	1,000,500	Bal., def.	\$1,955,411	\$250,561

Production (in Lbs.).

Month	1919.	1918.	1917.
Month of April	9,420,000	16,609,883	17,231,512
Jan. 1 to April 30	38,261,000	58,389,883	60,117,828

—V. 108, p. 1827, 1818.

Waldorf System, Incorp.—Offering of 8% Cumulative First Preferred Stock.—Richardson, Hill & Co. are offering at \$10 per share, by advertisement on another page, \$750,000 8% cumulative first preferred stock, exempt from Massachusetts income tax and normal Federal tax. Redeemable on and div. date on 15 days' notice at \$11 a share and accrued divs. Redeemed shares shall be canceled. A circular shows:

Capitalization (Par Value All Classes \$10) Authorized. Present Iss.

8% cum. 1st pref., dividends payable Q-J	\$1,000,000	\$750,000
8% cumulative preferred	1,000,000	556,100
Common stock	2,500,000	1,700,000

Data from President H. S. Kelsey, Dated Boston, May 10 1919.
Purpose of Issue.—The consolidation of the following named lunch room systems, established in 1904 to 1909, and providing working capital for their continued growth and operation: Waldorf System of Boston, operating 38 stores; Kinney & Woodward of Albany, operating 14 stores; Baldwin's, Incorp., of Springfield, Mass., operating 7 stores; total, 59 stores, with three industrial commissary establishments at Perryville, Md., Alexandria, Va., and Delaware City, Del.

Business.—These stores did a combined business in 1918 of \$5,250,000 and are located in 20 cities, as below:

Boston	23	Lynn	2	New Bedford	2	Syracuse	2
Cambridge	3	Salem	1	Lawrence	1	Rochester	3
Everett	1	Springfield	4	Philadelphia	3	Buffalo	3
Chelsea	1	Hartford	2	Albany	3	Newark	1
Waltham	1	Manchester	1	Troy	1	Erie, Pa.	1

Commissaries also are operated in the principal cities named above, notably the Waldorf System commissary in Boston, a six-story building at 69-83 Purchase St., with an annex consisting of two buildings from 169 to 175 High St. immediately in the rear of the commissary.
Earnings.—The various stores now making up the system, based upon operations of 1917-18 in the case of Kinney & Woodward, and Baldwin, and on operations of 1916-17-18 in the case of the other stores, have shown average yearly returns of \$598,929 before taxes, or ten times the annual dividend requirement of the outstanding first pref. stock. (These lunch rooms are reported to be feeding 75,000 people daily, or 24,000,000 a year.—Ed.)

Restrictions.—The corporation may not, without the consent of 2-3 of the first pref. outstanding and not in the sinking fund: (a) Authorize any stock having prior or equal rights with the first pref. or increase the present authorized amount of this issue; (b) create any mortgages or lien upon any of the physical properties or leases; (c) issue bonds, notes or other evidences of debt maturing more than one year from the date of issue thereof, except purchase money mortgages, or other purchase money liens on property hereafter acquired, or mortgage renewals.

The company shall not issue first pref. stock in excess of \$750,000 unless annual net income, after all taxes, exceed three times the annual div. requirement on the \$700,000 and then only provided such net income shall equal three times the annual div. requirement on such additional shares and on all shares of first pref. outstanding.

Annual Sinking Fund for First Preferred.—Ten per cent of the net profits after payment of all pref. dividends, and allowance for depreciation and for taxes, must be set aside for the retirement at \$11 a share of the first pref. and at least \$25,000 must be so set aside annually before any dividend is paid on common stock. This sinking fund shall not apply to retirement of pref. stock until after the retirement of all outstanding first pref. stock.

Balance Sheet as at May 1 1919.
 (As drawn to show condition after transfer of properties, and the issue of capital stock under plan of organization.)

Assets	Liabilities		
Equipment in restaurants	\$1,439,443	First preferred stock	\$750,000
Lease rights	607,803	Preferred stock	556,100
Organization and under-writing expenses	130,180	Common stock	1,700,000
Good-will	568,410	Accounts payable	427,400
Cash	850,095	Notes payable	137,598
Accounts receivable	42,519	Wages and rents accr. &c.	27,141
Inventories	186,200	Reserve for adjustment of accounts payable, &c.	5,162
Investments	111,405	Reserve for depreciation of equipment	340,113
Prep. d. taxes, ins., exp., &c.	17,459		
Total	\$3,943,514	Total	\$3,943,514

Officers.—President, Harry S. Kelsoy; Treasurer, C. F. Adams; Vice-Presidents, Oscar P. Kinney, P. L. Woodward, Harry S. Baldwin, F. L. Dunlap, S. L. Bickford. Directors: The above-named and W. S. Quimby, D. W. Burnett and George Putnam.

West Penn Power Co.—Bonds Called—Bonds Listed.—Three hundred and twenty (\$320,000) 7% collateral gold notes (ranging in number from M. 6 to M. 1340, both inclusive), and seventy-three (\$36,500) notes of the same issue (Nos. D-7 to 297, both inclusive) have been called for payment May 31 at par, with a premium of 1/2% of 1% and interest at the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list this company's \$8,500,000 First Mortgage 5% 30-year bonds.—V. 108, p. 1827.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—Divs. Increased.—A quarterly dividend of \$1 has been declared on the common and pref. stocks. The preferred is payable July 15 and common July 31, both to holders of record June 30. This compares with 87 1/2 cents quarterly since 1917.—V. 108, p. 1524, 1065.

White Motor Co.—Stock Increase.—The stockholders will vote June 10 on increasing the capital stock from \$16,000,000 to \$20,000,000, the additional stock to be on a parity in all respects with the present capital stock. Stockholders of record June 14 1919 will have the right to subscribe one share (par \$50) of additional stock for each 4 shares held on such date. The company will arrange for an underwriting to dispose of all stock not taken by the stockholders.—V. 108, p. 1947.

(The) Winchester Company.—First Pref. Stock Offered.—A very large proportion of the 20,000 shares of First Preferred Cumulative 7% stock having already been disposed of, Kidder, Peabody & Co. are offering the unsold balance, by advertisement on another page, at 96.55, to net 7 1/4%. The bankers as of May 12 report:

Organization.—The Winchester Company has been formed to acquire stock of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. and owns approximately 97% of the total amount. (Acquired per plan in V. 107, p. 1751, 2195.) The new company has outstanding about \$10,000,000 stock, viz.: First Pref. Cum. 7% stock, \$2,000,000, with no voting power unless dividends shall be unpaid and shall have accumulated in excess of 7%; 2d Pref. non-cumulative 8% stock and \$1,000,000 common stock. It has no funded debt and none may be placed on the property, running for more than one year, without the consent of two-thirds of the First Pref. stock outstanding. The average earnings of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. for the last seven years have been in excess of \$1,250,000 per annum, after allowing for heavy interest charges, which have now ceased, as the company's outstanding notes have been paid. The balance sheet of the Winchester Company and its subsidiary shows assets over liabilities of over twice the amount of the First Pref. stock and net current assets considerably in excess of this issue.

The Winchester Repeating Arms Co. was founded in 1867, and has long carried on a successful business in the sale of sporting rifles, shot guns and ammunition. At the beginning of the European War the company made large extensions to its plant and has been fulfilling contracts for the U. S. and foreign Governments. It is intended that the manufacturing business shall be developed.

Louis K. Liggett, President of the United Drug Co., is to be actively associated in the management, and J. E. Otterson, formerly V.-Pres. of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., is to be President of that company and Vice-President of the new Winchester Company.

The earnings of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. for 1912, 1913 and 1914 averaged \$1,350,000. The average earnings for the war period have been \$1,204,000, after provision for the Federal income tax and amortization and obsolescence of special war plant amounting to \$7,500,000 and exclusive of heavy interest charges. Since Jan. 1 1919 all the notes of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. have been retired, and no bonds or other indebtedness running for more than one year can be issued without the consent of two-thirds of the First Pref. stock.

It is expected that the company will continue to do its normal sporting business, and that the earnings of the pre-war period will be largely increased as a result of the new business developed.

The combined balance sheet of the Winchester Company and its subsidiary, the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., based on the ownership by the new company of 97% of the old company, would have been as of Jan. 1: Consolidated Balance Sheet (New and Old Companies) as of Jan. 1 1919.

Current assets and inventories (total, \$27,798,987)	
Cash in banks and on hand	\$5,918,705
Accounts and notes receivable less advances	5,791,711
Securities at cost	3,058,351
Inventories of raw material, work in process, finished goods and supplies	13,030,220
Fixed assets, &c.—Land, buildings and equip., \$21,510,752; less deprec. and amortization reserves, \$9,910,092	11,600,660
Deferred items	156,995
Total	\$39,556,642
Offsets, Liabilities, Capital and Surplus—	
Current liabilities: Accounts payable, \$2,763,630; accrued pay-rolls, \$169,945; accrued interest, \$201,124	\$3,134,699
One-year 7% notes, due March 1 1919 (all since retired)	6,615,000
Reserve for taxes, obsolescence, amortization, &c.	6,000,000
Reserve for contingencies	125,860
Equity of minority stockholders in subsidiary	565,620
Capital and surplus—First Pref. stock 7% cumulative, callable at 115, authorized 100,000 shares, par value \$100, of which 97,555 shares are issued	9,755,500
2d pref. stock 6% non-cumulative; auth. and issued, callable at par, \$100 a share	2,000,000
Common, 10,000 shares, par value \$100	1,000,000
Capital surplus, appropriated for special purposes	\$2,800,000
Unappropriated surplus	7,559,863
Total surplus	10,359,863
Total	\$39,556,642

Compare directors, &c., in V. 108, p. 1732, 1818.

CURRENT NOTICE.

—To meet the necessities of its growing organization for larger quarters, Medley Seovil, Inc., the advertising agents, have taken an entire floor at No. 25 Pine St., this city, which has been converted into offices for the company. In moving, no change of address has been made, involving only a transfer of equipment from the former offices on the fifth floor to the new quarters, which comprise the entire ninth floor of the same building. The Seovil Agency has been especially active in developing financial foreign banking and commercial export accounts, and was one of the first of the advertising firms to foresee the opportunity for American firms and financial interests in the foreign trade fields. The Agency numbers among its clients many of the most important accounts in that field, and has done much to promote better understanding between American and foreign business men. In its new quarters, the facilities of the organization have been greatly enhanced and provisions made to permit future expansion.

—Announcement was made on May 10 of the organization of a new bond house, to be known as Tucker, Robison & Co., with offices at 506 Madison Ave. (Gardner Building), Toledo, Ohio. Lewis B. Tucker, who heads the firm, was until Jan. 1 1918 a member of Sidney Spitzer & Co., having severed his connection at that time in order to continue the duties which he had previously assumed with the National War Savings Committee, at Washington. David J. Robison was formerly Secretary of The David Robison Jr. & Sons Co. He is a son of the late James J. Robison, one of the organizers and until his death President of the Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Toledo. The firm, as successors to David Robison Jr. & Sons, bankers, established 1876, will transact a business in securities for conservative investment, specializing in municipal, railroad and corporation bonds.

—"Saward's Annual"—a standard statistical review of the coal trade," has just come to hand. This compilation makes a book of about 190 pages, embracing details relative to output, prices, freight rates, transportation, trade conditions and other details of importance to the coal man, wholesale and retail. The editor is Frederick W. Saward, assisted by James P. Mahoney, Guy H. Burbank and the editorial and office staff of "Saward's Journal," 15 Park Row, N. Y. Mr. Saward is the son of the founder of the "Coal Trade Journal," and he was editor of that publication until a year or so ago, when, owing to the changes that followed the death of his father, he withdrew, along with a number of his associates, and established a new coal weekly, "Saward's Journal."

—Collman & Co. (Inc.), dealers in commercial paper at 1 Montgomery St., San Francisco, announced on April 19 that they had succeeded Blake & Co., Inc., and will act as correspondents of Blake Bros. & Co., New York and Boston, Blake Bros. & Pimm, Hartford, Conn.; W. T. Rickards Co., Chicago, McCluney & Co., St. Louis, and Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., Minneapolis. The active management of Collman & Co. will be in charge of Frederick A. Collman, Pres. (recently Coast Manager for Hathaway, Smith, Folds & Co.) who will have associated with him Sam H. Smith, recently Manager of Blake & Co., Inc.

—A folder describing each issue of Liberty bonds and Victory notes, and summary of tax exemptions, has been prepared by Harris, Forbes & Co., of this city, for general distribution. A comparison of income from Liberty Loan and Victory Liberty Loan issues is made with income derived from taxable sources. The firm will mail complimentary copies of this folder to investors, who ask for "Folder E-10."

—Reed, McCook & Hoyt, of 15 William St., this city, announced the return from overseas of Phillip J. McCook and J. Hampden Dougherty Jr., who have resumed practice as members of the firm. Lester H. Washburn was admitted to partnership on May 1.

—Seneca D. Eldridge, until recently a captain of field artillery, has opened elegant offices at 7 Wall Street, under the firm name of Eldridge & Company, to deal in investment securities.

Captain Myron G. Darby, who served with the General Staff at Tours, France, and Charles A. Pope, formerly with the New York office of Hornblower & Weeks, will be associated with this new firm.

—Having practically sold the entire offering, A. E. Fitch & Co., 141 Broadway, this city, are advertising elsewhere in the "Chronicle," 76,690 shares of treaty stock of the Mexican-Panuco Oil Co. English Oil Company, S. A. The right is reserved to reject any application and to award smaller amount than applied for. Price at the market. Circular upon request.

—Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co. are distributing a new booklet entitled "The American Oil Industry," by J. W. Smallwood. The booklet reviews the development of the oil industry and analyzes its present position of worldwide importance and prospects for further growth. The position of the Standard Oil group of companies is also shown.

—To yield 4.625%, a new issue of \$1,113,000 City of Akron, Ohio, 5% Sewer and Street Improvement bonds are offered in our advertising columns by Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., White, Weld & Co., William R. Compton Co. and Stacy & Braun. The greater part of these bonds have already been sold.

—Wm. A. Read & Co. are advertising in the "Chronicle" as a matter of record all the certificates having been sold, \$7,500,000 Canadian Northern Railway equip. trust 6% certificates, Series C, 1919, due Nov. 1 1919 to May 1 1929 at prices netting 5 1/2%, 5 1/4%, 5 1/2% and 6% for the various maturities.

—At 92 1/2 and accum. dividend to yield 7.57% on the investment, Paine, Webber & Co., 25 Broad St., this city, are advertising and offering on another page Erie Lighting Co. 7% cumulative preferred stock, exempt from the normal Federal income tax. See to-day's advertisement for details.

—William Wood Struthers, Reginald Victor Hiscoe and Roscoe C. Ingalls, having been released from Government service, announce that they have resumed their business as bond brokers under the firm name of Struthers & Hiscoe, 20 Broad St., this city. Phone, Rector 5413.

—A new issue of \$7,200,000 Columbia Graphophone Manufacturing Co. 7% cumulative sinking fund preferred stock is offered at 95 and accum. div. to yield about 7 1/2%, by advertisement in to-day's "Chronicle", by Kissel, Kinnicut & Co. and William Salomon & Co.

—Wm. W. Struthers, R. V. Hiscoe and R. C. Ingalls have resumed their business as bond brokers under the firm name of Struthers & Hiscoe, with offices at 20 Broad St. All the members of the firm have recently been released from Government service.

—S. W. Strauss & Co. of this and other cities are advertising their facilities to corporations in need of more capital. S. W. Strauss & Co. will purchase outright for cash first mortgage bond issues of corporations in amounts of \$250,000 upwards.

—For purposes of record, all the stock having been sold, F. S. Smithers & Co. and Colgate, Parker & Co. are advertising in the "Chronicle" particulars of their joint offering of 41,000 shares American Commercial Corporation common stock.

—Dominick & Dominick jointly with Montgomery & Co., Laird & Co. and Hayden Stone & Co. are offering \$50,000,000 General Motors Corporation 6% cum. debenture stock, price 90 flat. See to-day's advertisement for general information.

—Harris, Forbes & Co., this city, have prepared for distribution their May bond circular, which describes over 150 issues of Government, municipal, railroad and public utility bonds and notes. Ask for circular E-1.

—The Hog Island shipyard has delivered its 15th, 16th and 17th ships—the Sarcoxie, the Schenectady and the Sangamon—to the Emergency Fleet Corporation. It will launch its 28th hull to-day, May 17.

—Brown Brothers & Co. announce that Alfred B. Meacham, Howard P. Maeder and Hugh Rankin have been authorized to sign for them "per procuracy" in New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

—Eldredge & Co., 7 Wall St., this city, are offering \$500,000 City of Portland, Ore., 4 1/2% harbor development gold bonds, due serially May 1 1923 to 1949, inclusive, to yield 4.70%.

—Holt & Woodward, 71 Broadway, this city, and 200 Devonshire St., Boston, has been dissolved and been succeeded by the new firm of Holt & Co. at the same address.

—Kidder, Peabody & Co. of this city and Boston are offering The Winchester Co. 7% cum. first preferred stock to yield 7 1/4%. Descriptive circular on inquiry.

—Charles A. Kahl & Co. opened for business at 20 Broad St., this city, to trade in stocks, bonds and unlisted securities. Telephones, Rector 3264-5-6.

—Moyer & Co., bankers and brokers, N. W. corner 3d and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, Pa., have issued a circular regarding General Asphalt Co.

—Bernon I. Prentice, of Dominick & Dominick, has been elected to the board of directors of the Phillips Petroleum Co., of Bartlesville, Okla.

—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent of the stock of the Mexican-Panuco Oil Co.

—McKinley & Morris announce the removal of their offices to 44 Wall Street, this city.

Reports and Documents.

THE DELAWARE & HUDSON COMPANY

EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1918.

New York, N. Y., April 1 1919.

To the Stockholders of The Delaware & Hudson Company:

The following presents the income account of your Company for the year 1918, arranged in accordance with the rules promulgated by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, with comparative results for the year 1917:

	1918	Comparison with 1917. Inc. + or Dec.—
Compensation accrued under Federal Control (on basis of Standard Return) for possession, use and control of railway property of the Company and its leased and operated lines.....	\$7,415,148 72	+\$1,805,701 95
<i>Other Corporate Income—</i>		
Miscellaneous rent income....	\$137,197 51	—649 88
Income from lease of road....	102,822 97	—7,582 35
Miscellaneous non-operating physical property.....	22,501 10	+6,529 18
Dividend income.....	939,163 10	—54,243 17
Income from funded securities.....	225,232 83	+59,272 77
Income from unfunded securities and accounts.....	447,099 95	+207,217 83
Income from sinking and other reserve funds.....	162,168 13	+ 53,005 80
Miscellaneous income.....	1,152,446 28	—1,560,079 49
Total other Corp. income..	\$3,187,631 87	—\$1,296,629 31
Gross income.....	\$10,602,780 59	+\$509,132 64
<i>Deductions from Gross Income—</i>		
Railway operating expenses..	\$95,770 45	+95,770 45
War taxes.....	127,027 52	+112,899 30
Miscellaneous tax accruals..	17,636 27	+1,518 12
Rent for leased roads.....	1,946,986 08	—9,075 63
Miscellaneous rents.....	—	—2,658 71
Interest on funded debt.....	2,938,318 26	+12,959 92
Interest on unfunded debt....	142,728 01	—26,371 16
Miscellaneous income charges	619,521 57	+602,077 47
Total deductions from gross income.....	5,887,988 16	+787,119 76
Net income—The D. & H. Co. carried to general profit and loss.....	\$4,714,792 43	—\$277,987 12
Percentage to capital stock..	11.09	.66

FINANCIAL.

The capital stock of The Delaware & Hudson Company on December 31 1918 was \$42,503,000, there having been no change during the year.

The total funded debt on December 31 1918 was \$66,010,000, a reduction of \$452,000 having been effected during the year by the purchase and cancellation of that amount of First Lien Equipment bonds through the sinking fund established in connection with their issue.

The sum of \$395,040, being one per cent of the par value of the First and Refunding Mortgage Gold Bonds outstanding on June 1 1918, was paid during the year to the trustee under the First and Refunding Mortgage, making the total paid to December 31 1918 \$2,846,150. This amount has been expended in additions and betterments to the mortgaged property in accordance with the trust agreement.

There was accumulated in the Coal Department Sinking Fund during the year, in accordance with the ordinance passed on May 9 1899, and amended on May 10 1910, \$384,195 56, which has been applied to reimburse the treasury for coal lands and unmined coal in Pennsylvania.

The usual payment of \$650,000, required under the terms of the First Lien Equipment Trust indenture, was made, making the total paid to date \$7,150,000. This has been increased by accumulations of interest on balances and investments. During the year 1918 \$1,288,703 65 was expended for new equipment, which was made subject to the indenture, leaving in the hands of the Trustee securities and cash to the amount of \$2,387,393 83.

During the year there was received from the United States, in partial payment of compensation for the taking over of the company's property in December 1917, and its subsequent occupation and use by the United States, the sum of \$4,190,000, and the company borrowed from the Railroad

Administration, without security, \$2,100,000, making a total of \$6,290,000. The Inter-State Commerce Commission has certified to the President, under the Act of March 21 1918, that the average income of this company for the three years that ended with June 30 1917 was \$7,409,600 12. If the latter sum is all to which your company is entitled, which is by no means admitted, it has received \$1,119,600 12, or 15.11 per cent less than it should have received to December 31 1918.

The changes in Current Assets and Current Liabilities are largely due to the Government taking possession and control of the Company's railway property as a going concern, the Government collecting the major portion of the current assets and paying the major portion of the current liabilities.

COAL MINING DEPARTMENT.

The anthracite produced by The Hudson Coal Company during 1918, including the product of washeries, aggregated 9,059,228 long tons, an increase of 415,505 tons, or 4.81 per cent over 1917. The year's output was 11.82 per cent of the total output of Pennsylvania mines and washeries, which was 76,649,918 long tons. The number of breaker-hours required for the preparation of this coal was 55,191.

Throughout 1918 the United States Fuel Administration continued to urge the maximum possible production and those in charge of your operations made every practicable effort to meet their wishes. Underground development was carried on during the year and the properties were fully maintained.

The wages agreements effected during 1917 and explained fully in the report for last year made full provision, according to their terms, for the whole period to March 31 1920. Nevertheless, during 1918 a further increase was urged upon the operators and after conferences in which the Fuel Administration, as representative of the Federal Government, and the employees, participated, a supplementary agreement providing for very heavy increases in the wages rates and effective from November 1 1918 to the end of the war or until March 31 1920, if peace is not declared prior to that date, was effected. In consideration of the effect of these increases in wages upon the cost of production, the Fuel Administration authorized an increase of \$1 05 per ton in the price of pea coal and all larger sizes.

A statement in regard to prices, issued by the Fuel Administration during February 1919, when about to relinquish most of its functions, states plainly its conclusion that the prices of anthracite are still too low. The following is quoted:

"By his executive order of August 23 1917, the President adopted as maximum prices for anthracite coal, the schedule of prices which had been acquiesced in by the industry while under investigation by the Federal Trade Commission under the so-called 'Calder' resolution of the Senate. This involved one price for the railroad-controlled coal companies and a price 75 cents higher for the individuals. With the exception of a reduction of 60 cents a ton in the prices for pea coal made October 1 1917, and two adjustments to cover increases in miners' wages, the Fuel Administration allowed the prices fixed by the President to stand pending examination of costs such as were made in the case of bituminous coal.

"For the purpose of arriving at a fair increase in price to cover the increase in wages, recommended by the War Labor Board last October, an examination was made to determine the costs of the various anthracite-producing companies. The result of this examination showed that the general increases in the price of materials and labor had raised the cost of mining anthracite to such an extent that many of the companies were not receiving a fair return and that some producers of necessary coal were actually sustaining a loss on the sale of coal at the Government prices, in spite of two increases allowed on account of advances to labor.

"At the time this situation was discovered every indication pointed to an early peace, and it was deemed unwise to increase the maximum prices so near the time when, on account of the end of the war, price restrictions would, in the natural course of events, be lifted entirely.

"The above statement is made at this time, when price restrictions are about to be lifted, out of fairness to those companies who have patriotically kept up their production to war needs, even at a cost which resulted in many instances in a loss, not only by the individuals, but also by some of the railroad companies, so that the impression shall not exist that the Government prices of anthracite coal in existence at the time of the lifting of restrictions were prices which the Fuel Administration had fixed on the basis of cost to the operators.

"Had the Fuel Administration's active control over maximum prices on anthracite coal been continued, the cost examination above referred to shows that it would have been necessary, on the basis of the present wage scale, to raise these maximum prices possibly as much as 50 cents a ton above those last fixed by the Government in order to prevent financial embarrassment and perhaps the closing of companies producing a substantial per cent of the necessary anthracite output.

"Such a curtailment of production would eventually result in the demand exceeding the supply to such an extent as to increase the prices much higher than they would be if that supply were continued."

The increase in prices suggested by the Fuel Administration relates solely to domestic sizes. The reduction in prices of other fuels which compete with anthracite steam sizes have necessitated some reduction in the latter. Therefore, an increase of fifty cents per ton in the price of domestic sizes will secure to the Delaware & Hudson Company and The Hudson Coal Company an increase of only 23.55 cents per ton of all sizes produced and marketed.

RAILROAD DEPARTMENT.

Late in December 1917 the President of the United States conceived it to be his duty to take possession of substantially all railways engaged in inter-state transportation, together with affiliated boat lines. Your railway property, and that of your system corporations in the United States, with the boats operated on Lake Champlain and Lake George, were included in this exercise of power and passed out of your control at noon on December 28 1917. Since that date these properties have been operated, in accordance with the President's proclamation of December 26 1917, and the Act of Congress of March 21 1918, for the account of the United States, which have assumed responsibility for all expenses of operation, including maintenance, and all taxes, except war taxes, and have become liable to your company for whatever just compensation may be provided for in any contract negotiated in pursuance of the Act or otherwise determined in accordance with the statutes and the Constitution.

Under this condition the income account of your company for 1918 was not affected by the operating revenues, operating expenses or the ordinary exactions of the taxing authorities. Your interest in the operating results obtained by the Railroad Administration is, therefore, indirect and restricted to their implications as to operations after the anticipated restoration of the properties to your direct control.

Data supplied by the Railroad Administration indicate that the operating revenues of The Delaware & Hudson Company's Railway for 1918 amounted to \$34,789,864, an increase of \$4,800,465, or 16.01 per cent over 1917. Freight receipts increased \$4,757,563, or 18.77 per cent, and passenger receipts decreased \$232,007, or 7.64 per cent.

Freight movement increased from 3,954,096,760 ton miles in 1917, to 4,062,078,074 ton miles in 1918; a gain of 107,981,314 ton miles or 2.73 per cent, while the average receipts per ton per mile increased from 6.41 mills to 7.41 mills, a gain of 15.60 per cent.

The increased freight movement was principally in anthracite, food products and munitions of war. The Railroad Administration assumed a control over routing of traffic never exercised by railways under corporate management, generally refusing to permit shippers to select routes or to choose the delivering lines and not only diverted to your railway, in order to relieve actual or threatened congestion at New York Harbor, and elsewhere, considerable traffic that would otherwise have moved differently, but, also, diverted from your lines numerous shipments which they would normally have carried.

Several changes, of which the following are considered the most important, contributed to the increase in the average receipts per ton per mile:

(1) Advances in freight rates applicable to anthracite moving to Canadian destinations, cement, stone, sand and similar commodities, asked for in 1917, were sanctioned by

the Inter-State Commerce Commission and permitted to go into effect on April 1 1918.

(2) On June 25 1918 the Railroad Administration began to enforce an increase of twenty-five per cent applicable to all classified freight with increases roughly corresponding to that percentage on all other articles. Coal rates, for both anthracite and bituminous coal, were advanced on a scale commencing with fifteen cents per ton as to rates formerly under forty-nine cents per ton and ending with fifty cents per ton as to all rates formerly \$3 00 per ton or higher. Rates applicable to coke took a scale of advances running from fifteen cents to seventy-five cents per ton, the minimum increase applying where the former rate was forty-nine cents or less and the maximum where it was \$3 00 or more. Rates on ores, except ex-lake ores, were increased thirty cents per ton; cement and stone rates, two cents per hundred pounds; lumber rates, twenty-five per cent but not over five cents per hundred pounds; grain rates, twenty-five per cent but not over six cents per hundred pounds; cotton rates, fifteen cents per hundred pounds. All commodity rates not specifically indicated were increased twenty-five per cent. The minimum charge for any less than carload shipments was raised to fifty cents; the previous minima had been twenty-five, thirty and forty cents for different kinds of shipments. The minimum charge for a carload shipment was increased to \$15 00, superseding many much lower minima. Before these increases were made, an estimate, based on 1917 traffic, indicated that they would add about \$5,900,000 to annual gross receipts.

(3) The Railroad Administration adopted and has applied since May 1 1918 a basis for the apportionment of interline revenues, differing from the former system resting upon contractual relations between connecting carriers. While primarily adopted to reduce the labor of accounting, this change is understood to have increased the revenue attributed to your railway under Federal operation. Other changes in interline relations, such as the discontinuance of adjusting overcharges and undercharges in settlements, are considered to have had similar results.

From data furnished by the United States Railroad Administration, it would appear that the movement of passengers over your lines decreased 13.45 per cent, the passenger mileage being 112,180,679 compared with 129,620,729 in 1917, and the average receipts per passenger mile increased 6.75 per cent from 2.342 cents in 1917 to 2.500 cents in 1918. Passenger train mileage was, however, reduced 22.57 per cent from 2,660,310 in 1917 to 2,059,990 in 1918, and passenger car miles 24.59 per cent from 13,080,801 to 9,864,219. Passenger receipts per passenger train mile increased 19.30 per cent from \$1.14 to \$1.36 and receipts per passenger car mile in 22.49 per cent from 23.21 cents to 28.43 cents.

The decrease in passenger travel indicated by the foregoing is probably attributable to direct efforts to discourage unnecessary passenger movement, as well as to increased charges and withdrawal of facilities furnished under corporate management. One aspect of the reduction of facilities is indicated by the decrease in revenue from parlor and chair car service from \$10,340 in 1917 to \$3,954 in 1918.

The increase in the average rate per passenger mile resulted from the increase of the basic mileage rate to three cents, effective on June 10 1918, modified, however, by the allowance of a special rate of one cent per mile to soldiers and sailors on furlough.

There was a considerable increase in miscellaneous transportation revenue, due to augmented switching charges, and incidental revenues were increased by a gain of 109.98 per cent in the demurrage charges collected, which amounted to \$345,925 as compared with \$164,744 in 1917. Prior to February 10 1918 the original rate for demurrage of \$1 00 per day, regardless of the length of detention, had been superseded by a rate of \$2 00 per day for the first five days, with a rate of \$5 00 per day thereafter. On the date named the rates were increased to \$3 00 per day for the first four days, \$6 00 per day for the next three days, and \$10 00 per day thereafter. These increased charges had a beneficial effect in expediting the movement of cars when a shortage of equipment appeared imminent, and tend strongly toward the elimination of a misuse of facilities that is at times wasteful.

Operating expenses amounted to \$31,353,784, as compared with \$23,449,953 in 1917, an increase of \$7,903,831, or 33.71 per cent. Subtracting the increase in revenues of \$4,800,465 leaves a decrease in operating income, before the deduction for taxes, of \$3,103,366. Expenditures for

maintenance of way and structures increased \$1,215,554; for maintenance of equipment, \$2,873,831; for transportation, \$3,809,887.

The following figures, which should be understood as approximate only, indicate, as closely as computations now practicable permit, the relation of the various changes in operating conditions to the total increase of \$7,903,831 in expenses.

Increase Due to	Amount.	Per Cent of Total Increase.	Per Cent of Total Operating Expenses.
Higher wages rates.....	\$4,345,025	54.97	13.86
Increased number of employees.....	1,700,000	21.51	5.42
Higher prices of materials.....	1,043,183	13.20	3.33
Increased quantities of materials and miscellaneous.....	\$15,623	10.32	2.60
Total.....	\$7,903,831	100.00	25.21

Considerably more than one-half the increase in expenses, and almost one-seventh of the total operating cost of the year, is attributable, therefore, to higher rates of wages than were in force in 1917. The new scale of wages, with changes in hours and working conditions, which has had this result, was put in force by General Order No. 27 issued by the Railroad Administration. This order established eight hours as the basic day for all classes of labor and in many instances provided bonuses for time in excess of eight hours or in excess of the number of hours which had theretofore constituted a day. The following table shows some of the typical and controlling rates in comparison with those in force in 1917:

Employees—	Rate per Hour, in Cents.	
	1917.	1918.
Machinists.....	40	68
Boilermakers.....	45	68
Blacksmiths.....	43	68
Turnsmiths.....	43.25	68
Pipe fitters.....	43	68
Car repairers.....	27.25	58
Carpenters, locomotive and coach.....	30 to 34	68
Car inspectors.....	29.75	58
Laborers.....	23	35
Section foremen.....	77.50*	102.40*
Sectionmen.....	22.5 to 23.5	40
Carpenters, bridge and building.....	30	53
Signal repairers.....	34	68
Station laborers.....	23	35.5
Engineers: ^b		
Freight.....	63	73
Passenger.....	74	87
Mixed.....	62.5	73
Yard.....	54	67
Firemen: ^b		
Freight.....	41.5	56
Passenger.....	45	63
Mixed.....	40.5	52.6
Yard.....	34	47.2
Conductors: ^b		
Freight.....	52.6	63
Passenger.....	68.7	83.5
Mixed.....	58	77
Yard.....	48.7	63.6
Brakemen: ^b		
Freight.....	35	49
Passenger.....	41	59
Mixed.....	39	55
Yard.....	45	60

* Dollars per month. ^a Includes other trainmen. ^b Averages for all classes of engines and service.

Increases of \$25 00 per month over the pay received on January 1 1918, with a minimum of \$87 50 per month, were also granted to all employees who were receiving on January 1 1918, prior to the application of General Order No. 27, a basic rate of \$62 50 per month and devoting major portions of their time to clerical work of any character, including not only clerks but also train announcers, gatemen, checkers, baggage and parcel-room employees, callers for train and engine crews, &c. Substantially all the increases noted were made retroactive to January 1 1918, thus requiring heavy payments to adjust the wages actually paid during the early months to the new standards.

Apparently the operating expenses thus stated are still subject to increases on account of further wage increases which are under discussion, and that are likely to be made retroactive at least to September 1 1918. These projects include an increase of approximately 15 per cent in favor of engine and train crews with, in addition, provision for payment of one and one-half times the standard rates, instead proportionately, for all time in excess of eight hours, and an increase in favor of telegraphers.

ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS.

One of the early decisions of the Railroad Administration was to provide for a reconsideration, by an agency of its own, of every program for additions and betterments that had been approved and adopted by the owners of the prop-

erties which had been taken under Federal control. As applied to your railway, this reconsideration resulted in determination to continue most of the work in progress at the end of 1917, with the exception, however, of the new third track between Schenevus and Richmondville Summit, which was under construction as a principal feature of the general trade revision between Oneonta and Mohawk Yard. The omission of this portion of the plan for adapting this part of your railway to the movement of trains of heavier tonnage would so seriously reduce the benefits obtained by heavy capital expenditures at other points, in addition to rendering useless the considerable outlay upon the particular project, that it was deemed necessary to request a rehearing, which was accorded. Upon this rehearing the former action was reversed. But before this occurred the contractors had been paid and the work stopped. The completion of the work during 1918 was, therefore, held to be impracticable, and nothing was done toward its resumption. To the end of 1917 the total expenditure on this third track was \$414,555 74, and the amount paid in the settlement with the contractors when the work was suspended was \$125,770 09, so that it now represents a capital investment of \$540,325 83, all of which remains idle and unproductive. The suspension of this improvement has also involved losses in the necessary adjustments with contractors and the natural deterioration resulting from the exposure to erosion of unfinished grading. This interruption of the development program led to the postponement of the grade reduction between Cobleskill and Barnerville, which was authorized in 1917, but could not be placed in operation until the completion of this section of the third track. The Railroad Administration also determined not to continue during 1918 the erection of new stations or the elimination of grade crossings in accordance with the ordinary program for the general development of your property.

From Nineveh to Windsor, a distance of nine and one-half miles on the Nineveh Branch, a new second track was completed and placed in operation during June. During the year \$305,031 63 was expended on this work, of which \$297,373 20 was charged to cost of property and \$7,658 43 to operating expenses. A new second track between Lanesboro and State Line, a distance of 2.3 miles, was undertaken and the grading completed, at a cost of \$93,122 26, of which \$86,522 21 was for new capital and \$6,600 05 for operating expenses. Bridge-work and track laying should be completed early in 1919.

The new third track between Oneonta and Cooperstown Junction, six miles, and the revision of grades between Schenevus and Cooperstown Junction, nine miles, referred to in last year's report, were finished during 1918. The cost, \$540,325 83, included \$511,775 28, chargeable to cost of property and \$28,550 55 chargeable to operating expenses.

The enlargement and rearrangement of the Carbondale Yard, in progress for several years, was substantially advanced and placed in operation during the year. Changes yet to be made at the southern end, near Dundaff Street, will be undertaken when the grade crossing at that point can be eliminated. An enlarged yard office is now under construction. This yard now has a capacity of 3,139 cars, an increase of substantially 50 per cent over the former capacity of 2,100 cars. The expenditure during the year was \$89,481 38, of which \$66,317 97 was a capital expense and \$23,163 41 a charge to operating expenses.

At Whitehall, three sidings with capacity for eighty cars each, were completed during October, providing storage space that was greatly needed. The expense was \$41,925 22, of which \$39,929 45 was charged to cost of property and \$1,995 77 to operating expenses.

At Rouses Point additional yard tracks are under construction. The grading was practically completed during October and they should be in service early in 1919. The expenditure was \$24,405 95.

At Fort Edward additional land was purchased, the engine house enlarged, a new ash pit and coaling platform constructed, and a rearrangement of tracks is in progress. The expenditure of \$18,856 69 was distributed in the sum of \$17,970 19 to cost of property and \$886 50 to operating expenses.

At the Colonie shops, the installation of two new 400 horse-power boilers, mentioned in 1917, was completed at a total cost of \$22,956 18, of which \$22,922 93 represents new capital and \$33 25 operating expenses.

The addition to the general office building at Albany was completed during 1918 and occupation began in May.

The whole building, modern in construction and equipment, and suitable for your corporate purposes, now supplies office space of 189,079 square feet. The addition to its cost during 1918 was \$50,516 19.

Other improvements to your property include new water tanks for locomotives, with capacity for 100,000 gallons each, at Central Bridge and Rouses Points; a restaurant and women's rest-room at Colonie shops; a "Wye" track for turning locomotives at Delanson; a new freight station at Mechanicsville, begun before 1918; an addition to the freight station at Glens Falls; reconstruction of heating systems in round houses at Wilkes-Barre, Green Ridge, Carbondale, Oneonta, Mohawk, Whitehall and Rouses Point and in other buildings at Green Ridge, Carbondale and Oneonta, this reconstruction to be completed early in 1919.

Heavy repairs to 3,434 freight train cars, including the application of Economy draft arms, 5x7 couplers and heavy friction springs, referred to in the report for 1917, were continued during 1918 and are approximately two-thirds completed. The equipment of two hundred steel under-frame flat cars with temporary sides and removable drop-ends was completed. All freight train cars must be equipped with safety appliances approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission not later than September 1 1919; of 18,794 cars, 18,534, or 98.62 per cent, have received this equipment. A statute requiring the equipment of locomotives with electric headlights by July 1 1920 was the occasion of the equipment in that manner of 123 locomotives. By the same date all cabooses operated in New York must have eight wheels and steel under-frames; 84 out of 212 such cars have received this equipment and 72 are to be provided for during 1919. The conversion of 135 wooden underframe gondolas into company service cars is in progress and about 38 per cent completed. Application of "Z" bar reinforced ends to 500 box cars is in progress and about one-third completed, and raising of the sides and ends of 500 low-side gondolas is proceeding and about 82 per cent completed.

ALLIED TROLLEY LINES.

The gross operating revenues of the United Traction Company amounted to \$2,530,057, operating expenses to \$2,211,417, and net operating income to \$124,835. These figures show an increase in operating revenues, as compared with 1917, of \$71,209; an increase in operating expenses of \$94,528, and a decrease in net income from operations of \$23,008. Compared with 1913, operating revenues decreased \$16,566, operating expenses increased \$545,767, and net operating income decreased \$552,926. The year 1918 shows a net deficit, after payment of fixed charges, of \$132,740, an increase over 1917 of \$78,634, or 145.33 per cent.

The operating revenues of the Hudson Valley Railway Company amounted to \$803,344, the operating expenses to \$695,153, and the net operating income to \$62,127. Compared with 1917, operating revenues increased \$100,969, operating expenses increased \$174,052, and net operating income decreased \$76,967. Comparing 1918 with 1913, the later year shows an increase in operating revenues of \$97,236; operating expenses, an increase of \$220,266, and net operating income a decrease of \$132,925. The net deficit of 1918, after payment of fixed charges, was \$118,364, an increase of \$13,239, or 12.59 per cent.

The operating revenues of the Plattsburgh Traction Company were \$33,907, operating expenses, \$24,498, and net operating income \$7,786. These data show a decrease in operating receipts, compared with 1917, of \$4,972, a decrease in operating expenses of \$3,919 and a decrease of \$1,235 in net operating income. The net income, after payment of fixed charges, was \$1,695.

The Troy & New England Railroad Company had gross operating revenues aggregating \$33,037, operating expenses of \$27,090 and net operating income of \$4,585. Compared with 1917, there was an increase in these revenues of \$3,213, an increase in operating expenses of \$7,442, and a decrease in net operating income of \$4,229. The net deficit, after fixed charges, was \$5,729.

The period covered by the report for last year was one in which all street and interurban electric railways encountered extreme difficulties and suffered great hardship. As such it was, at that time, but the culmination of a long period in which rising expenses had pressed closely upon diminishing or stationary receipts. However, nothing in the situation that had developed to the close of 1917 approximated the difficulties and hardships of 1918. These have been nation-

wide, but relief available elsewhere has been denied, in many instances, in the State of New York, because of lack of power in the Public Service Commission to approve reasonable rates in substitution for plainly inadequate rates fixed in franchises accepted under totally different conditions. The legislative power to correct this condition is believed to be plenary and a measure for that purpose has been passed by the Assembly and is now pending in the Senate. It ought to be adopted.

The United Traction Company, in 1916, entered into a contract with its motormen and conductors under which it was agreed that the maximum or standard rate of pay from July 1 1916 to June 30 1919 should be 30 cents per hour. Early in 1918 the officers of the company, recognizing changes in conditions which materially affected the cost of living of these employees, consented to the substitution of 31 cents for 30 cents, without otherwise modifying this contract. This contract and the 31 cents rate were in full force in May 1918, when the contracting employees demanded a further increase and the officers offered to make a second substitution of a higher rate and to fix the maximum at 35 cents per hour. The employees declined this proposition and inaugurated a strike on the morning of June 1 1918. Under heavy pressure from Federal authorities, based principally upon the use of the company's facilities by employees of the Watervliet Arsenal, then largely engaged in war work, a settlement was effected on the second day of the strike, the terms of which required the immediate advance of the rate of pay to 37½ cents per hour and provided for an arbitration by the War Labor Board which was given power to award not to exceed 40 cents per hour. The arbitration resulted in an award of 40 cents, made retroactive to June 1. Wages of other classes of labor were increased by the same award, a minimum of 40 cents per hour being prescribed for all members of the labor organization maintained by the employees, the advances in individual cases running from 6 per cent to 100 per cent.

Prior to this change, application had been made to the Public Service Commission for authority to collect a 6 cents fare wherever a 5 cents fare was then in force. All impediments thought to exist in local franchises to the proposed change were abrogated by action of the local legislative bodies and within the maximum of six cents, the power of the Public Service Commission was thus rendered complete. Hearings were held while the platform employees were receiving 37½ cents per hour and it was demonstrated that, on that basis of wages, the average car-mile of service cost the company, in wages, other operating expenses, taxes and interest on debt, 35 cents, while it was collecting from passengers and other sources an average of only 28.12 cents per car mile. The decision of the Public Service Commission, rendered on August 13 1918, permitted the advance to 6 cents fares, and the new rate went into effect on August 19. The United Traction Company was thus the first among those operating in the larger cities of New York, to obtain any substantial readjustment of fares in recognition of the greatly increased cost of rendering service.

With the utmost economy in operation, the new rate is inadequate to reimburse the company for its actual outlay in wages, other operating expenses, taxes and interest on its debt. During 1918 the new wages rates being in force for seven months and the higher rate of fare for nearly four and one-half months, these expenses exceeded all operating revenues by \$132,739 66, this deficit exceeding the deficit of 1917 by \$37,383 50, or 39.20 per cent. Your corporate interest wholly aside, this condition is unhealthy and unwarranted from every economic and public point of view. The chief obstacle to its rectification, already referred to, is that the Public Service Commission, nominally endowed with statutory power to deal justly in all matters of rates and service between the users of such services and the corporations supplying them, is held, by the Court of Appeals, to be without power to do so in instances in which the corporations operate under franchises, however antiquated, which establish maximum rates lower than the rates than are now just and reasonable. In such cases the Commission can act only when and to the extent that it derives authority to do so from the action of the legislative bodies of the municipalities directly concerned. While it was practicable to obtain such action, where it was essential, as to the application for 6 cents fares, it is not yet clear that it will be obtainable as to and further adjustment. In any event, it is anomalous any improper that the authority of a State commission should depend, not upon the State Constitution or any State statute, but upon acts of municipal bodies whose standards and course of action may differ widely in different communities.

The power of the Public Service Commission to fix reasonable rates lower than those established by local franchises has been repeatedly upheld and justice and public interest alike require that the rule should work in favor of, as well as against, the capital invested in these public service enterprises.

It should be understood that the condition of your subsidiary, in this respect, is not different from other similar enterprises in the State of New York. While, in approving the increase to 6 cents, the Public Service Commission said that—

"probably . . . the possible income will yield much less than a fair return,"

the statement would be equally true if applied to almost any street railway enterprise in the State. The War Labor Board, in awarding higher wages rates, added, in many instances the following, all of which is fully applicable to the United Traction Company:

"This increase in wages will add substantially to the operating cost of the company and will require a reconsideration by the proper regulating authority of the fares which the company is allowed by law to collect from its passengers.

". . . we urge upon the local authorities and the people of the locality the pressing need for such an increase adequate to meet the added cost of operation. . . .

"The increase in fare must be given because of the immediate pressure for money receipts now to keep street railways running so that they may meet the local and national demand for their service. . . .

"The credit of these companies in floating bonds is gone. Their ability to borrow on short notes is most limited. In the face of added expenses which this and other awards of needed and fair compensation to their employees will involve, such credit will completely disappear. Bankruptcy, receiverships and demoralization with failure of service, must be the result. Hence our urgent recommendation on this head."

Such are the words of former President William H. Taft and Honorable Frank P. Walsh, sometime chairman of the Federal Industrial Commission.

The Hudson Valley Railway Company was compelled to apply to its employees the wages adjustment awarded to the employees of the United Traction Company and its operating expenses were unfavorably affected by the same advances in cost of materials. In a decision rendered on November 19 1918, approving the application of this company for 6 cents fares, wherever the rate had been five cents, the Public Service Commission said, in part:

"It must be evident that this road is a necessary part of the transportation facilities of the communities which it serves, and it should not be permitted to cease operations and go out of business. It is equally evident that it cannot continue to be operated unless the receipts from such operation are at least sufficient to pay the expenses thereof and the fixed charges to which it is subjected, nor can it be expected to be operated indefinitely unless some return is made for the capital invested in the enterprise . . . the only other alternative is such an increase in rates that the income will be sufficient to justify the continued operation of the line.

"Although it is apparent that the company is entitled to and must have an increased revenue, it is not asking in this proceeding that an order be made fixing rates at such a sum as will yield an adequate return upon the capital invested, as is its right. . . . The matter of return on capital must wait until the war is over and more normal conditions prevail."

Concerning the real value of this property the Commission said:

"While no formal or detailed valuation has been made or attempted in this proceeding, there is much evidence in the record from which its value can be inferred, which makes it not unreasonable to assume a value for rate purposes of \$5,000,000, which is practically the amount of the interest-bearing indebtedness. Certainly no one could complain of this valuation except the company itself."

GENERAL REMARKS.

The temporary relinquishment of possession of your railway property to the Federal Government suggests a review of the eleven years' period of development which began in 1907. Within a brief period which ended with the year 1906 or early in 1907, there had been acquired in your interest additional coal lands in Schuylkill County of large extent, your present Canadian railway holdings as

well as additional railway properties in New York, and your interests in street and interurban electric railways, greatly expanding your several interests. This expansion had not been currently financed, and adequate provision therefor, as well as for future development, was the first problem which confronted your present management. It was met by the issue of the First Lien Equipment Bonds of 1922, bearing date as of July 1 1907, and the First and Refunding Mortgage Gold Bonds of 1943, issued as of July 1908. These provisions made it practicable to consider the improvement and better adaptation of your railway to the economic potentialities of the communities and industries which it serves.

While your company was the first to operate a steam locomotive on the American continent and in 1917 was probably the oldest American corporation operating a railway under its original charter, its common carrier functions were, until a few years ago, secondary to its function as a producer of fuel. Its railway system was inaugurated and expanded as an agency for the marketing of its anthracite, and the common carrier duties which it undertook were merely incidental to this principal purpose. As recently as February 19 1906 the Supreme Court of the United States, deciding the matter of *Inter-State Commerce Commission v. Chesapeake & Ohio Railway* (200 U. S. 361), determined that a corporation which was at once a common carrier and an extensive owner of coal lands could not be charged with unjust discrimination in respect to any transportation undertaken for its own account as a producer and although the commodities clause of the Hepburn law was made by its terms to take effect on May 1 1908, it was at first held to be unconstitutional (164 Fed. 215) and did not become actually effective until after the decision of the Supreme Court in *United States v. Delaware & Hudson Company* (213 U. S. 366) which was rendered on May 3 1909. This decision sanctioned the relations then existing between your railroad and coal departments although for the first time it was held, in that case, that your company is a "railroad company" within the intendment of such a statute (213 U. S. 417-8). From the date of the last mentioned decision it became desirable to develop the common carrier functions of your railway upon lines wholly independent of your interest as a coal-producing enterprise.

Modernization of motive power began in 1907 with the adoption of a new and heavier type of freight locomotive, known as the E-5 locomotive, which is of the consolidation type with a weight on the drivers of 227,000 pounds. Ninety of these locomotives are now in service. In 1910, six Mallet articulated locomotives were purchased and fifteen are now owned and in use. The following locomotives have been bought since 1906:

Year.	Number.	Type.
1907	18	E-5
1908	30	E-5
1910	6	Mallet
1911	4	Mallet
1911	6	Ten-wheel
1911	1	Oil-burning consolidation
1912	12	E-5
1912	3	Mallet
1913	15	E-5
1914	15	E-5
1914	10	Pacific
1915	1	E-6
1917	2	Mallet
1918	20	E-6

(Ordered in 1917)

The E-6 locomotive, shown above, purchased in 1915, was for experimental purposes and it was in consequence of this experimentation that twenty more of the same character were ordered in 1917 and received during 1918. Commencing in 1911, specifications for new locomotives required that they should be equipped with superheaters. In 1914 the equipment with superheaters of the locomotives purchased prior to the adoption of this policy was begun and prosecuted as rapidly as the engines could be spared from service or as they were shopped for general overhauling. The following authorizations for equipment with superheaters were made and largely completed before the end of the year 1917:

Year.	Number.	Type.
1914	10	E-5 Locomotives
1915	38	E-5 Locomotives
1915	6	H Locomotives
1915	4	E-3-A Locomotives
1915	4	D-3 Locomotives
1916	12	E-3-A Locomotives
1917	30	E-3 and E-3-A Locomotives

By the end of 1917 this work had resulted in greatly increasing the efficiency of the power equipment, enabling

the movement of equal tonnage at materially lower operating cost. The increase in tractive power of locomotives between 1907 and 1917 affords a measure of the augmented efficiency which had been obtained.

Year.	Average Tractive Power of All Locomotives in Pounds.
1907.....	28,876
1917.....	38,616
Increase, per cent.....	33.73

At the beginning of 1907 the number of freight cars in service was 13,783; on December 1 1917 the number was 18,302, an increase of 32.79 per cent. The mere numbers fail, however, to state the actual increase in car capacity. The increase in the number of cars has been by the addition of larger cars and has been accompanied by the retirement of many cars which were below average capacity and their replacement by cars of greater than average capacity. The average capacity of all freight cars in 1909 was 35.77 net tons, while the average of the year 1917 was 37.69 tons, an increase of 5.37 per cent. In order further to increase the efficiency of freight equipment, a program of substitution of steel underframes for wooden underframes was inaugurated in 1909 with an authorization covering 500 cars. This was followed in 1910 by an authorization of 400 cars; in 1911, 400 were authorized; in 1912, 800 and in 1917, 1,000. On December 1 1917 there were, as already stated, 18,302 freight cars, of which 8,543, or 46.7 per cent, had steel underframes and 9,888, or 54.0 per cent, had each a capacity of 85,000 pounds or greater.

The principal increase in passenger equipment after 1906 was by the purchase, in 1916, of twenty-four steel passenger cars and three steel mail and baggage cars. In addition a number of baggage and mail cars were equipped with steel underframes. The steel passenger cars added in 1916 are provided with smoking compartments and their use frequently enables a single car of this type to perform services for which two cars of the former type were necessary.

Additional main tracks constructed during the period under review include the following:

Delanson to Schenectady.—A second track, over a new line, was constructed between these points during 1907 and 1908. The location was determined with relation to southbound grades and it is operated as a southbound track, thus materially reducing the grade against southbound traffic between these points and greatly increasing the capacity of the railroad over this distance.

Waterbriet to Waterford Junction.—A second track between these points was authorized in 1907 and the work was prosecuted during 1907 and 1908 and finally completed early in 1910. Owing to the heavy passenger traffic between Albany and Saratoga, traffic between these points had formerly been greatly congested and this improvement greatly facilitated operation.

Green Ridge to Carbondale.—Third and fourth tracks between these points were authorized during 1907 and completed in 1909. The frequent passenger service between Scranton and Carbondale and the large volume of coal traffic originating at breakers in this territory had rendered operation with the double-track line extremely difficult. The two added tracks have largely eliminated delays, and enable the railroad to handle increased tonnage between these points.

Binghamton.—A second track, one mile long, was constructed on Bevier Street, in this City during 1911. This permits freight trains to advance out of the Binghamton yard without blocking the main track or interfering with yard operations and has materially augmented efficiency at this point.

Schoharie Junction to Delanson.—As part of a plan of grade revision between these points, a third track became necessary in order to permit slow-moving freight trains to advance without interference with faster moving passenger trains traveling in the same direction. This track was put into service on December 1 1916, and has materially benefited operation.

Oneonta to Schenectady.—Construction of a third track between these points was authorized in 1917 and a portion between Oneonta and Cooperstown Junction was put in operation during October 1917. This additional track was also provided for as a part of the general plan for reduction of grades between Oneonta and Richmondville Summit. The ruling grade between the two points last named is now 0.8 per cent; when the plan is complete the maximum grade will be 0.5 per cent. This work was not entirely completed at the end of 1917, but the additional track now enables heavy freight trains from the Oneonta yard to advance a considerable distance without interference with passenger trains and has greatly improved yard operations.

Schenectady to Richmondville Summit.—A third track with a maximum grade of 0.5 per cent between these points is a part of the general plan for grade revision and was partly constructed during 1917.

Nineveh Branch.—A second track on this branch was authorized late in 1917 and construction has continued during 1918. No benefit to operations resulted from this work prior to January 1 1918. All the heavy coal trains moving out of the Anthracite Region are operated over this branch and the single track heretofore existing was the cause of serious congestion in the past. The second track was necessary in order to increase the capacity of this portion of

the road and thus to remove difficulties which tended to restrict the capacity of the whole system.

The Wilkes-Barre Connecting Railroad Company was organized in 1912, by the joint action of your company and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the purpose of establishing a connection between the lines of the respective companies, near Wilkes-Barre. Right of way was acquired and construction commenced during 1913, and the line was opened for operation, although not entirely completed, on March 29 1915. This line is used to handle traffic which was formerly moved, under trackage rights, over a line owned by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and in addition to saving in expenditure, has greatly expedited the movement of trains. The question of grade crossings, which promised to be a very troublesome one, has also been avoided by this construction. Prior to Federal control it was operated by your company under an agreement with the other parties in interest. The cost of the one-half interest secured by your company has been \$1,131,838 65.

From 1906 to 1917, improvements in yard facilities were made at many points upon the system. The yard at Oneonta was remodeled and enlarged during 1906. At Glenville, N. Y., a new yard was constructed in 1907. The yard at Binghamton was enlarged in 1908. During 1909 new yards were constructed at Bluff Point, N. Y., and Jermyn, Pennsylvania, the latter for use as an interchange yard with the New York Ontario & Western Railway. The yards at Plattsburg and Rouses Point were enlarged during 1912 and that at Mechanicville was remodeled and enlarged in 1913.

A principal improvement of this character, in progress throughout the years from 1913 to 1917, inclusive, was the reconstruction and enlargement of the yard at Carbondale. This yard is one of the most important facilities in the operation of the Company's railroad, as it is located at the concentration point of all northward bound anthracite passing over the lines, and the centre of distribution for empty cars returning to the collieries for reloading with coal. Carbondale is located at substantially the extreme north end of the Lackawanna Coal Basin, only one anthracite mining operation, that at Forest City, Pennsylvania, being farther north. All but one of the mines of The Delaware & Hudson Company's system are within the region between Plymouth and Carbondale, in the Susquehanna and Lackawanna Valleys, and are well distributed over the intervening distance of about thirty-eight miles. Empty cars, destined to the anthracite mines, are taken out of the Carbondale yard by road engines which deliver them at the breakers and, picking up the cars which have been loaded, return to the yard. In the yard, these loaded cars are sorted and arranged in trains with regard to convenience in delivery at destination and junction points. In addition there is handled in this yard, a considerable tonnage of general freight, other than anthracite, principally consisting of traffic moving in car loads, which is interchanged with the Pennsylvania Railroad at Wilkes-Barre. This yard is also used for handling business of the Erie Railroad from and to anthracite mines in the same region. That company owns the railroad extending northward from Carbondale, which is used by The Delaware & Hudson Company as far as Jefferson Junction, under a long term agreement, and in consideration of the payment of trackage charges. The Erie Railroad has no direct connection with these mines over its own rails and has, therefore, arranged to use The Delaware & Hudson Company's railroad between Carbondale and Avoca, handling thereover a considerable tonnage which passes through Carbondale yard and is there sorted and arranged in trains substantially as this Company's own traffic is handled. This yard was established in 1872 and successively enlarged during 1888, 1893, 1895 and 1899. The growth of the work there accomplished is indicated by the following which shows the average tonnage, during each period, moving northward out of this yard on which this Company has paid trackage charges to the Erie Railroad for use of the Jefferson Branch.

Period—	Average Tons Moved per Year.
Years 1874 to 1879.....	289,750
Years 1880 to 1889.....	1,076,164
Years 1890 to 1899.....	1,975,219
Years 1900 to 1909.....	4,713,499
Years 1910 to 1917.....	8,621,985

Previous to 1910 the expansion of this yard had been by the addition of new tracks wherever the topography permitted and there had been, apparently, no well considered plan of development. It was not properly co-ordinated with the balance of the system, its capacity was insufficient and it was not economical in operation. The tracks were too short to hold entire trains. The Erie Railroad had also constructed a yard, of limited capacity, on land leased from this Company and this yard was of inadequate capacity and unsatisfactory design. In these circumstances a study of the situation, locally and as related to the entire operation of the Company's railroad, was undertaken in 1910 and a comprehensive plan, contemplating progressive development over a considerable period and with the minimum interference with regular operations was ultimately formulated and adopted.

The initial step was the reconstruction of the engine terminal in co-ordination with the general plan for the development of the whole railroad. The old roundhouse, turntable and coal and ash-handling facilities were too small for the

motive power contemplated by this development, particularly for the Mallet locomotives intended for use as pushers on the heavy grade immediately north of Carbondale. These Mallet locomotives are ninety-two feet long, while those for which provision had formerly been made were about seventy-three feet long, and the weight of this new power exceeded that of the old by about fifty per cent. This part of the work was authorized in 1910 and completed during 1911. At the time of this authorization, the officers were empowered to purchase the land necessary to the enlargement of the yard and purchases were begun, but the whole area necessary was not immediately obtained owing to difficulties in dealing with certain of the owners and those incident to the elimination of certain grade crossings. A further step in the program, the construction of storage tracks for locomotives, car repair tracks and the rearrangement of water-tanks and water supply lines was completed in 1914. The earliest authorization covering reconstruction of the actual yard itself was granted during October 1914 and covered the construction of two main tracks beyond the western limits of the yard as it then existed and of certain new tracks within the existing yard. To obtain space for the new tracks it was necessary to level a large section of the hill lying west of the yard and to remove the old yard of the Erie Railroad. The latter was provided for by permitting the Erie to use the new yard upon paying part of the cost of its operation and maintenance. This work was prosecuted throughout the whole of the calendar year 1915. The new tracks were not available for use during that year and the work interfered somewhat with the operation of the old facilities as the material taken from the hill had to be moved southward through the southern end of the yard and about one and one-half miles on the main tracks to "Duffy's Field" where it was planned to erect a new plant for the storage of anthracite. The new coal storage plant at "Duffy's Field" was a part of the general plan of reconstruction. In 1899, a storage plant for coal had been provided on a location just north of the yard as it then existed and east of the Lackawanna River. To straighten the channel of the river in order to permit the lengthening of the yard tracks it was necessary to utilize this space and therefore to remove and reconstruct the storage plant upon another location. Authority to do this was issued in May 1915, and the work completed during December 1916. Every effort was made to accomplish this removal with the minimum interference with the use of the plant but a heavy reduction in its capacity during a portion of the time was unavoidable. As an incident of this yard improvement it was necessary to eliminate a grade-crossing by constructing a highway bridge over "Simpson's Road." The final plan of the yard required two additional main tracks across this road for which the consent of the local authorities was required. The highway was occupied by a street railway track and the traffic on both the street railway and on the highway was heavy, so that the continuance of the grade-crossing, with additional railway tracks, was considered by the authorities exceedingly dangerous. An overhead bridge, to carry the street railway and the highway, was constructed under an agreement by which its cost, together with that of the necessary approaches, was unequally divided by the Scranton Railway Company and The Delaware & Hudson Company. The portion borne by this Company was properly a part of the cost of the yard improvement. The work was completed and the overhead structure placed in use on Dec. 7 1917.

The completion of the yard improvements was provided for by an authorization issued during October 1916, and the final work progressed throughout the whole of the year 1917. The new main tracks were placed in operation in October 1917, and some of the new yard tracks became available during the preceding summer. Actual benefit did not accrue from these heavy outlays until the new main tracks could be utilized and full use of the improved yard could not be attained during the brief remainder of the calendar year. During December 1917, however, the new facilities began greatly to facilitate the operation of the property as a whole. The cost of these improvements to the Carbondale yard exceeded \$1,500,000. Before the work began in 1910, the yard had an approximate length of 5,000 feet and an aggregate capacity of 2,100 cars. The new yard turned over to the Railroad Administration on January 1 1918, has an extreme length of 7,200 feet and capacity for 3,139 cars, an increase in car capacity of 49.48 per cent. This, however, by no means measures the gain accruing from this expenditure. Not only has nominal capacity been greatly increased, but an uneconomical yard, difficult and costly to operate, has been replaced by one thoroughly modern and efficient in design and arrangement. The relation of the old yard to the railway system was such that its inadequacy was reflected over the entire system; that of the enlarged and improved yard is such that its operation increases the capacity and efficiency of the entire railroad.

The development of the railroad required new locomotive shops. Previous to 1911 heavy repairs to locomotives were distributed between shops at Carbondale, Oneonta and Green Island. With the large increase in the number of locomotives and in the size and weight of the power units these shops became inadequate. It was considered necessary to locate shops of much greater capacity at a single point as near as possible to the centre of locomotive distribution. Such shops were erected at Colonie, a short distance north of Albany, during 1911 and 1912. The design of these shops

was new and presents many novel features in shop economy. A bay for the transfer of engines by cranes takes the place of the old-style transfer-table and is located in the centre of the shop. It has bays on both sides for erecting pits, behind which are bays for machine tools, the light tools being placed in galleries. When first made available for use these shops were considered to be the most advanced and complete of their kind in the country. In order to provide for their erection the Company acquired 111.87 acres of additional land, of which about 104 acres are occupied by building and track development and the balance available for expansion. The buildings are so located that they may be doubled in size by end extension. The total cost has been \$2,592,856 63. The new shops have effected a considerable saving in expense by (1) concentrating this kind of labor under proper and unified supervision and (2) by reducing the time required for repairs and more promptly returning locomotives to service. In connection with this development, the company provided a yard for use in connection with passenger service of the Albany district, including facilities for the repair of passenger and freight cars.

Proper handling of the larger and heavier locomotives, particularly at the ends of runs, has made necessary the replacement of many of the older enginehouses by structures of greater size; many of the old turntables were too short and of insufficient strength, while ash-pit and coaling facilities, adequate under former conditions, became obsolete. At Oneonta a new roundhouse with fifty-two stalls was built in 1906, together with a 75-foot turntable and a new coaling trestle. In 1912 new ash-pits were built as those in existence were too short and caused serious delay. In 1916 this roundhouse was further enlarged, and in 1917 a plant for the storage of locomotive fuel was erected in order to avoid delays in times of coal shortage. Binghamton was provided with a new 10-stall roundhouse, 90-foot turntable, modern ash-pit and mechanical locomotive fuel station in 1910. At Carbondale a new 41-stall roundhouse, a 90-foot turntable, ash-pits and coaling station were provided in 1911. A 30-stall roundhouse, 90-foot turntable, ash-pits and locomotive coaling trestle were built at the Colonie shops in 1911. In 1913 a new 5-stall roundhouse with a 100-foot turntable, ash-pits and mechanical locomotive fueling plant were erected at Mechanicville. All these structures are of the most modern design and capacity sufficient for the longest locomotives.

Motive power of greater capacity of course increased the normal length of trains and passing sidings which sufficed with lighter power were rendered inadequate. Additional sidings of sufficient length for the heaviest trains became necessary in the co-ordination of a railroad of developed capacity. New sidings were constructed at Schenectady, Sidney, Wells Bridge, Bainbridge and Cobleskill in 1909; at Castleton and Cambridge in 1910; at Fort Edward, Summit (two), Fort Ann (two) and Ballston (two) in 1911; at Montclair Landing, Crown Point, Wadhams and Canada Junction in 1912; at Cobleskill and West Richmondville in 1915. Old sidings were extended, during the same years and the year 1916, at East Worcester, Rupert, West Pawlet, Tunnel, Schenectady and East End.

The earliest effort, on a comprehensive scale, to obtain more favorable grades, was the reduction of the grades against north-bound traffic between Nineveh and Oneonta. This was accomplished in 1911 with the result that the former maximum of 0.76 per cent was replaced by a maximum of 0.3 per cent. With this reduction it became possible to move full trains from Carbondale to Oneonta without, in any way, breaking the load and for one locomotive to haul from the summit north of Carbondale to the end of the division any train which can be taken to the summit by a single locomotive reinforced by a Mallet pusher. Work was next undertaken upon the line between Oneonta and Delanson, the ultimate object in view being the attainment of a maximum of 0.5. It was practicable, however, to adjust the program in such a way as to obtain, as a preliminary step, a maximum of 0.8. The adverse grades formerly encountered ran as high as 1.16 per cent. This work was in progress during 1916, the work of that year including the sections between Worcester and Richmondville Summit, Cobleskill and Barnerville, and Schoharie Junction and Delanson. These portions of the improvement became available for service on December 1 1916, and have resulted in considerable economies since that date. The completion of this work so as to obtain the 0.5 per cent maximum, in accordance with a plan developed after a great deal of study, was authorized in 1917. It will require revisions of grades on the sections between Oneonta and Schenectady and Cobleskill and Barnerville and the construction of a new line on an entirely new location from Schenectady. During 1917 part of the work between Oneonta and Schenectady was accomplished and the new line from Schenectady to Richmondville Summit was placed under construction but not completed. With the completion of this phase of the work, the tonnage capacity of locomotive, on the Susquehanna Division will be materially augmented thus considerably reducing operating expenses. With the maximum of 0.5 attained it will be possible to haul trains of the maximum tonnage from Oneonta to Schenectady with the use of a pusher locomotive between Schoharie Junction and Esperance only.

The grade revisions referred to are all upon the Susquehanna Division which extends from Binghamton to Albany and Mechanicville. This is the area of greatest traffic den-

sity for the railroad as it is traversed not only by the greater portion of the anthracite shipments originating at the mines adjacent to its tracks and the bituminous coal and general merchandise traffic interchanged with the Pennsylvania Railroad and Central Railroad of New Jersey at Wilkes-Barre, but also by heavy general merchandise and bituminous coal traffic interchanged with the Erie and Lackawanna railroads at Binghamton, and with the Lehigh Valley at Owego. This combined tonnage is moved to Oneonta on through trains either from Binghamton or from the Pennsylvania Division via Nineveh. At Oneonta the traffic is sorted and moved northward, through Delanson, to Albany or Mechanicville or through Saratoga into Canada. Local business, while considerable, constitutes a relatively small proportion of the total tonnage and under normal conditions the northbound business greatly exceeds that moving southward. Consequently there is a heavy southward movement of empty cars, the preponderating portion of the anthracite cars going back to the coal region without loads. Except under extraordinary conditions the greater part of the power moving toward the south is not loaded to capacity. The line between Oneonta and Delanson was built as a single-track road in 1865 and, in conformity with the custom and necessities of that period, was located with regard to economy in capital expenditures rather than to the economies in operation which might have been gained with a greater first cost and more attention to securing a low-grade line. Later this was made a double track line but without relocation or reduction of grades. Oneonta lies in the valley of the Susquehanna River and to reach Delanson it is necessary to cross two water sheds, first, that separating the Susquehanna and Schoharie Valleys, next that dividing the latter from the valley of the Hudson River. Exhaustive studies of the topography and possibilities of this region were necessary before actual work was undertaken.

On June 30 1913 an agreement was made with the City of Albany in pursuance of which the company's terminal facilities in that city for both passengers and freight have been greatly enlarged and improved and a new office building and freight terminal obtained. This contract was the result of long consideration and represented the desire of the municipality to improve the appearance of the water-front and the lower portion of State Street, as well as the wish of the company to obtain enlarged facilities. Prior to these changes the operation of the property was hampered by grade crossings, inadequate trackage, badly located freight terminals and insufficient office room under its own ownership. Not only have these defects been remedied by the improvements, but provision has also been made for further expansion to meet additional requirements of the future.

It is necessary to understand that all the foregoing improvements were related from the beginning and that the full benefit of none could have been obtained until all were completed. The problem was to increase freight-train efficiency. This involved, primarily, better grades, locomotives of greater tractive power and larger cars. Larger locomotives required better road bed and stronger bridges as well as larger roundhouses, turntables and ash-pits. Longer trains, made possible by better grades and more powerful engines, required larger and more capacious terminal and assorting yards, longer passing tracks and more second and third tracks. New and additional power and cars required new shops. All these changes and improvements had to be balanced and co-ordinated so that the completed property would function efficiently as an entity. It was a real process of reconstruction and development resulting in the creation of a property, turned over to Federal control at the end of December 1917, which was of much greater capacity and entirely different from that which was operated during the period of development.

FEDERAL CONTROL.

To the end of May 1918 the railway properties under Federal control were operated through their managing boards and the officers selected by these boards or directly by the owners. At the beginning of June, however, the Director-General, without assigning any definite reasons therefor, relieved the corporate managers and officers of these responsibilities and appointed "Federal Managers," who were required to separate themselves wholly from relations with the owning and formerly operating corporations. Your former Vice-President and General Manager, Mr. F. P. Gutelius, was designated as the Federal Manager of your railway and its affiliated railway and boat lines in the United States, and immediately ceased to be an officer of your corporation and its subsidiary corporations. Coincident with this change, a complete separation of the railway and corporate managements was required involving a rigid classification of the personnel and in some instances the distribution of duties formerly performed by single officers. No comment upon the wisdom of these requirements is made or intended. It must be noted, however, that it adds another to the problems of readjustment, the solution of which must accompany or precede the restoration of the properties to their owners.

The Act of March 21 1918, under which the railways are now operated, permits Federal control for no longer than one year and nine months after the "proclamation by the President of the exchange of ratifications of the treaty of peace." Notwithstanding certain efforts to prolong the period, and an apparent desire on the part of a numerically

slight section of the public to utilize the emergency action, in violation of solemn pledges at the time it was taken, as a means to permanent ownership by the Government, it is plain that the great majority of the public desires as prompt return as possible to normal methods and conditions. This is especially true of those who, as travelers and shippers, have most frequent occasion to require railway services. The discussion of the legislative changes which should accompany the return of the properties to their owners is now in progress, many and varied programs have been suggested, and within a short time the consideration of measures is likely to become detailed and definite. Intelligent discussion of these problems ought to proceed from initial recognition that the solitary basis of necessity for the radical action of December 1917 was the destructive character of the regulative measures and methods that had accumulated, rather than developed, up to that time. It was the financial weakness of the carrier corporations caused thereby that, in the face of a great national emergency, impelled towards the proclamation of December 26 1917. On the side of financial resources the regulative measures had left no margin of safety. Independent and conflicting authorities, none of them with definite or recognized responsibility for obtaining an equation between required expenses and permitted income, had regulated expenses (chiefly but not by any means wholly those reflecting rates of wages), upward, while rates of fare and freight were regulated in the opposite direction, or held nominally stationary while the medium of payment was rapidly declining in purchasing power. Prior to the war these conditions had induced sporadic disasters, in other cases they had merely threatened; but with the enormous inflation of the war period and with the sudden pressure upon the reduced supply of labor and resultant high wages, the situation became unworkable and impossible. The only relief lay in the direction of a prompt adjustment of rate schedules to the new conditions and between such an adjustment and the corporate managers the machinery of regulation seemed to interpose as an insurmountable obstacle. By means of Federal possession the President conceived that an adequate adjustment of rates could be obtained without excessive delay and that, pending such adjustment, the inevitable losses of operation could be, in the main, shifted to the public treasury. If the former could have been accomplished without Federal possession, the latter would have been unnecessary.

The problem is the elimination of the conditions of which this weakness in face of emergency was the inevitable result. The mere form of the regulative system determined upon is of minor consequence. The essentials are that it should be complete and systematized, prompt and sympathetic. If rates of wages are to be controlled by public authority, in consideration of the obligation of employees as well as owners not to interrupt the public services rendered by the facilities they operate, it is necessary that there should be co-ordination between the regulation of wages and the regulation of rates. Otherwise the carriers are not unlikely to be required to pay wages in amounts in excess of any income available for that purpose, in effect out of capital, with the early result of impairment of service and the ultimate consequence, if uncorrected, of its discontinuance. There have, in recent years, been many instances in which one public or quasi-public authority has coupled with a direction to increase wages the declaration that to meet the added expenses there must be compensatory changes in rates, only to have the proposed compensation refused by a second authority actually constituted by the same public—that is, deriving its powers from the same source.

Railways and all public service enterprises are now required to operate for moderate returns to their owners and these returns secured by but narrow margins of safety. Such has been the public attitude in the more recent past, where it has not appeared to be even less favorable, and there is no evidence of a change of temper in this respect. If this attitude is not to be fatal to private management the rectification of conditions that would destroy the margin between solvency and insolvency must be immediate, the remedy must always be applied before the margin has been absorbed. This implies a degree of rapidity in the processes of regulation which the past has shown them not to possess. Railways and other public service enterprises have been compelled to wait for justice until action which, if promptly taken, would have sufficed, has become wholly insufficient. The correction of this defect is among the plainest necessities of the situation. Moreover, regulation to be consistent with the public interest must be applied in the light of sympathetic realization of the problems and needs of the industry. The scales of justice must be held in balance without partiality to the purchasers of transportation and with adequate comprehension that, in the long run, the interests of those who desire transportation services and those who are equipped to render such services are identical. Economic efficiency reposes in ability and intention to create and dispose of some commodity or service on terms which afford a just profit to both parties to each transaction, the seller and the buyer. If either the railways or the purchasers of railway services fall below this standard the condition must speedily be corrected or the whole industrial fabric will be unfavorably affected.

By order of the Board of Managers,

L. F. LOREE,

President.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1918.

To the Stockholders:

The Board of Directors submits the following report of the business of the International Harvester Company and affiliated companies for the fiscal year ending December 31 1918, together with a statement of the financial condition at that date. The report embraces the operations of International Harvester Company of New Jersey and International Harvester Corporation for the period January 1 1918 to September 19 1918, on which date these two companies were merged into the International Harvester Company.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR 1918.

Income from Operations, after providing for taxes, but before making deductions for Interest on Loans, Plant Depreciation, Losses on Receivables, and other reserves and appropriations.....	\$31,648,856 77
<i>Deduct—</i>	
Interest on Loans.....	\$882,454 22
Ore and Timber Extinguishment.....	447,631 93
Reserve for Plant Depreciation.....	2,355,942 45
Reserve for Special Maintenance.....	219,637 34
Reserve for Losses on Receivables.....	999,865 71
Appropriation for Pension Fund.....	1,000,000 00
Appropriation for Employees' Savings Plan.....	250,000 00
	6,185,531 65
	\$25,463,325 12
<i>Deduct—</i>	
War Losses Charged off in 1918.....	10,478,000 00
Net Profit for Season 1918.....	\$14,985,325 12

SURPLUS DECEMBER 31 1918.

<i>Balance at December 31 1917—</i>	
International Harvester Company of New Jersey.....	\$43,140,217 95
International Harvester Corporation (Subject to foreign war losses not yet determined and not covered by Reserves).....	17,911,119 60
	\$61,051,337 55
<i>Add—</i>	
Net Profit for Season 1918.....	\$14,985,325 12
<i>Deduct Dividends—</i>	
On Preferred Stock of I. H. Co. of N. J.....	\$1,050,000
On Common Stock of I. H. Co. of N. J.....	1,400,000
On Preferred Stock of I. H. Corporation.....	1,050,000
On Preferred Stock of I. H. Co. of N. J.....	2,100,000
On Common Stock of I. H. Co. of N. J.....	2,400,000—8,000,000 00
	6,985,325 12
Surplus at Dec. 31 1918 (Subject to foreign war losses not yet determined and not covered by Reserves).....	\$68,036,662 67

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1918.

<i>ASSETS.</i>	
<i>Property—</i>	
Real Estate and Plant Property, Ore Mines, Coal and Timber Lands, &c.....	\$86,274,716 11
<i>Deduct:</i>	
Reserves for Plant Depreciation.....	20,580,465 72
	\$65,694,250 39
<i>Deferred Charges—</i>	
Reserve Fund Assets—	335,934 04
Fire Insurance Fund.....	\$1,258,950 00
Pension Fund.....	1,000,000 00
	2,258,950 00
<i>Current Assets—</i>	
<i>Inventories:</i>	
Raw Materials, Work in Process, Finished Products, &c.....	\$114,516,302 28
<i>Receivables:</i>	
Farmers' and Dealers' Notes.....	\$25,311,096 96
Accounts Receivable.....	\$16,405,637 22
	\$41,716,734 18
<i>Deduct:</i>	
Reserves for Losses.....	5,915,808 63
	35,800,925 55
Funds withheld in Europe by war conditions:	
At normal exchange rates.....	\$45,432,972 18
Less War Losses charged off.....	20,598,000 00—24,834,972 18
<i>Investments:</i>	
Liberty Bonds.....	\$9,626,710 40
Canadian and Australasian War Bonds.....	870,823 53
Miscellaneous.....	1,240,062 70
	11,737,596 63
Cash.....	28,040,060 47
	\$14,929,857 11
	\$283,218,991 54

<i>LIABILITIES.</i>	
<i>Capital Stock—</i>	
Preferred.....	\$60,000,000 00
Common.....	80,000,000 00
	\$140,000,000 00
<i>Current Liabilities—</i>	
Bills Payable.....	\$10,370,000 00
Accounts Payable:	
Current Invoices, Payrolls, tax provision, interest accrued, &c.....	\$35,832,911 60
Preferred Stock Dividend (payable March 1 1919).....	1,050,000 00
Common Stock Dividend (payable Jan. 15 1919).....	1,200,000 00
	38,132,911 60
	48,502,911 60
<i>Reserves (Appropriated Surplus)—</i>	
Special Maintenance.....	\$2,761,757 27
Collection Expenses.....	2,000,000 00
Fire Insurance Fund.....	6,233,751 22
Pension Fund.....	4,237,391 00
Industrial Accident Fund.....	950,000 00
Employees' Savings Plan.....	1,100,000 00
Contingent, for foreign war losses not yet determined.....	9,406,517 78
	26,679,417 27
Surplus (Subject to foreign war losses not yet determined and not covered by Reserves).....	68,036,662 67
	\$283,218,991 54

Note.—In addition to the funds withheld in Russia and enemy countries, the Company's investment in those countries, included in the balance sheet, is plant property and inventory at Lubertzy Works, Russia, \$4,750,000, and at Neuss Works, Germany, \$2,100,000. This investment is carried at the same amount as last year.

GENERAL.

This report of the International Harvester Company, formed by the merger, effective September 19 1918, of the International Harvester Company of New Jersey and the International Harvester Corporation, records the combined results of the business of the two merged companies from January 1 to September 19 1918 and of the new Company for the remainder of the year.

SETTLEMENT OF THE "HARVESTER CASE."

In January 1918 the Supreme Court of the United States, on motion of the Attorney General, continued the Harvester case and other anti-trust suits then pending before it. The Harvester case had already been pending in that court for three years, had been twice argued there, and was awaiting the third argument. The decree of the Lower Court was entered in August 1914. Two judges held against the Company, while the third filed a strong dissenting opinion upholding the legality of the Company. Even the adverse opinion was not based upon any wrongful practices or injurious acts, but upon the Company's alleged, though unexercised, power to dominate the agricultural implement trade. The action of the court in postponing the case on account of war conditions made it plain that no decision could be expected until after the return of peace.

This further delay left a very serious situation. The assets and business of the International Harvester Company had been equally divided in January 13 between the original Company and a new Company, the International Harvester Corporation, the latter taking over the foreign plants and business and the new lines, such as tractors, gas engines, wagons, cream separators, &c. The war had seriously impaired the Corporations' assets in Europe, especially in Russia and the Central Empires, and it lacked the capital required adequately to develop the new lines and prepare for business abroad at the end of the war. No dividend had been paid on its common stock for four years. At the same time, the uncertainties of the litigation with the Government had prevented the old Company from making any permanent plans for the development of its trade.

In view of this situation, the Company felt constrained to dismiss its appeal to the Supreme Court upon the terms of an agreement made with the Government in July 1918, under which an agreed decree was entered in the District Court at St. Paul on November 2 1918. This decree provided: (a) That after December 31 1919 the Company shall not have more than one agent or representative in any city or town in the United States for the sale of any of its agricultural implements; (b) that it shall presently endeavor to sell, and shall sell within one year after the close of the war, three (the Osborne, Champion and Milwaukee) of its five lines of harvesting machines, and, in connection therewith, if possible, its Osborne and Champion harvesting-machine plants; and (c) that if competitive conditions in agricultural implements shall not have been established at the end of eighteen months after the expiration of the war, the Government shall have the right to such further relief as may be necessary to secure such conditions.

Two lines of harvesting machines have already been sold to competing manufacturers—the "Osborne" line to Emerson-Brantingham Company of Rockford, Illinois, and the "Champion" line to B. F. Avery & Sons of Louisville, Kentucky.

MERGER OF THE TWO HARVESTER COMPANIES.

While the terms of the settlement with the Government were accepted with reluctance and regret by the directors, they believed that the losses resulting from the partial disintegration of the Company's business in harvesting machines would be largely compensated for by the reuniting of the domestic and foreign resources and business of the two companies.

Such a reunion was immediately effected by an agreement of merger made by the directors of the two companies in July, and duly approved and ratified by the almost unanimous vote of their respective stockholders on September 10 1918. It was approved by the Public Utilities Commission of New Jersey on September 18 1918 and became effective September 19 1918 in the International Harvester Company, a new corporation under the laws of New Jersey.

The reunion has enabled the Company to make permanent plans for adequate development of foreign trade, and of new lines as to which there can be no complaint of insufficient competition. Thus the Company has established a firm basis for its business at home and abroad.

1918 EARNINGS.

Earnings from the year's operations show a slight increase over the combined results of the two merging companies for the year 1917. The percentage of earnings from the current year's operations to the net investment before deducting war losses is about 11%. After deducting war losses charged off in 1918, it is less than 7%.

A considerable portion of the earnings was derived from the steel properties, including extensive sales in the general market, from sales of motor trucks, and from Government

contracts. On the sale of farm implements the percentage of profit to the capital engaged in that branch of the business exhibits only slight variation from former years.

The inventories are abnormally heavy. Three principal factors have caused this condition: the stimulation of production in certain lines required under the Government's war program; the high prices of materials, coupled with further advances in labor costs; and the continued dullness of the implement trade, due to the belief that prices of materials and labor would soon recede after the cessation of hostilities—a belief not yet realized. In the balance sheet the "basic" inventory, representing a normal quantity, has been valued at 1916 inventory prices, which were adopted in 1917 as a fair and stable basis for inventory valuations during the period of the war. The "excess" inventory has been valued at reasonable market prices.

MANUFACTURING CONDITIONS.

Manufacturing operations prior to the armistice of November 11 1918 were carried on with great difficulty owing to shortages of labor, material and transportation caused by the country's war demands. The reliance of the Allied countries upon the United States for foodstuffs, imposed upon the agricultural implement industry the responsibility of furnishing labor-saving farm machines that were peculiarly needed after the nation called to the colors hundreds of thousands of men from the farms.

It is gratifying to look back upon the war period and to see how well, in spite of the manufacturing difficulties, this industry was able to meet the demands of the American farmer and, to a large extent, the needs of our allies.

The basic eight-hour day was made effective April 1 1918 at all the Company's Works in the United States. There were two general increases in wages during 1918, with the result that the average hourly earnings are now 100% above those of 1914.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

As a further development of the Company's policies looking to the improvement of working conditions, and of the relations between the employees and the management, the "Harvester Industrial Council Plan" of employee representation was formulated. The purpose of the Plan is to establish the relations of the employees and the Company "upon a definite and durable basis of mutual understanding and confidence." The means of reaching this basis is a system of Works Councils wherein the employees and the management have an equal voice and vote in shaping the Company's policies as to working conditions, health, safety, hours of labor, wages, recreation, education, and other similar matters of mutual interest, while the execution of such policies remains with the management. Provision is made by the Plan for the calling of General Councils to consider matters affecting more than one Works, and for arbitration by mutual consent of matters not otherwise decided.

This Plan was submitted to the employees of each Works in March 1919 and, upon secret ballot, was adopted by majority vote at all but one of the Company's twenty plants in the United States and Canada. In the nominating ballot for employee representatives which followed, 98% of the employees voted, and in the election itself, 99%. The average age of employee representatives elected is 38 years, and the average length of service is 7 years.

The Plan is now in full operation at these nineteen plants. One or more meetings of the Councils have already been held at each of these plants, and some important matters involving wages, hours of labor and working conditions, have been discussed. The early results indicate intelligent acceptance and fair-minded use of the Plan by employees as a practical means toward industrial betterment and continued industrial peace.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

Government contracts for various war supplies were entered into during the year, and on many of them substantial deliveries had been made at the time the armistice was signed. Claims under all uncompleted contracts are now nearing settlement.

The most important of these contracts, entered into last July at the Government's request, involved the erection of 88 by-product coke ovens at the Steel Mills at South Chicago, in order to furnish the facilities for certain materials urgently needed by the Government in making explosives. To provide the additional supply of coal necessary for this coke plant large expenditures were also required at the Company's mines at Benham, Kentucky. The construction of this plant and work at the mines involve a total investment by the Company exceeding \$5,500,000.

PLOW BUSINESS.

Near the end of the year negotiations were concluded for the purchase of the entire stock of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works of Canada, Limited, at Hamilton, Ontario. This property is now in full operation under Harvester management.

More recently the Company has purchased the plant and business of the Parlin & Orendorff Company at Canton, Illinois, one of the oldest and most successful plow manufacturers in the United States. These purchases give the Harvester Company a complete and well-established line of plows for the domestic, Canadian, and export trade.

FOREIGN BUSINESS AND CONDITIONS.

Scarcity of shipping space for commodities other than war materials and food, and the demoralization in Europe, especially in Russia and Siberia, greatly restricted the Company's exports of farm machinery and twine. In view of all the conditions, however, the volume of trade secured may be regarded as fairly satisfactory.

The Croix Works, near Lille, France, after four years in German hands, has been restored to French control. The buildings had suffered little damage, but the equipment, tools and materials had been wholly removed or destroyed. New equipment is being secured in the United States and every effort is being made to resume operations at an early date.

The Works at Neuss, Germany, on the west bank of the Rhine, opposite Dusseldorf, is undamaged and has manufactured implements continuously under German control. The plant is now within the territory controlled by the Army of Occupation. Its final disposition depends upon the terms of the Peace Treaty.

The Russian Works at Lubertzy, near Moscow, so far as we are informed, is still being operated by the Company's Russian representatives. Nearly all the American managers in both the manufacturing and sales organizations were obliged to leave Russia last year. The operation of the Works has called for the utmost skill, tact and courage on the part of the Company's employees. Most of the Russian branch houses are closed, although a few are still managed by American citizens, who loyally remain at their posts in the face of daily hardships and dangers. The directors specially desire to record their appreciation of the courage and fidelity which has been shown during a year of the greatest conceivable difficulty and danger by all the members of its Russian organization.

Because of increasing disorder in Russia's internal affairs, and a consequent depreciation in the value of its indebtedness and currency, the directors found that a revaluation of the Company's holdings of approximately 90,000,000 of paper rubles in bank credits—which, valued at normal rates of exchange for gold rubles, would be about \$45,000,000—required a further depreciation. Therefore, they have directed that \$10,478,000 be charged off for that purpose against the year's earnings, making the total amount charged off against these holdings to December 31 1918 \$24,205,000. The net value at which these credits are now carried in the balance sheet is approximately \$16,600,000. The Russian investment in plant properties, equipment and inventories, as carried on the Company's books and in the balance sheet, is \$4,750,000, which includes the plant properties and equipment at original cost after standard deductions for depreciation from year to year.

WAR SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

In response to the urgent need and to assist the Government's war program, the Company in 1918 subscribed \$300,000 to the American Red Cross, and \$550,000 to the United War Work Fund, making the total of such contributions during the war \$1,350,000.

The Company subscribed for a total of \$7,700,000 of the Third and Fourth Liberty Loans issued during 1918. It also financed subscriptions of employees for purchases of these bonds, amounting to \$5,500,000. Ninety-seven per cent of the Company's employees subscribed for bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan, a record of which the entire organization is proud.

ORGANIZATION CHANGES.

Within the past year there have been important changes in the organization of the International Harvester Company to meet new circumstances and changed responsibilities. Mr. Cyrus H. McCormick, who had been President of the Company from its organization, became Chairman of the Board of Directors, and was succeeded as President by Mr. Harold F. McCormick. Mr. Alexander Legge was elected Vice-President and General Manager, and Messrs. Herbert F. Perkins, William V. Couchman, Addis E. McKinstry, Henry B. Utley and Philip S. Post have been elected Vice-Presidents. Mr. Perkins becomes Vice-President retaining charge of manufacturing and steel and lumber properties in the United States and Canada. Mr. Couchman becomes Vice-President in charge of European business, embracing all manufacturing and selling operations, with headquarters in Europe. Mr. McKinstry becomes Vice-President in charge of sales, collections and advertising, except in Europe. Mr. Utley was promoted to Vice-President in charge of purchases, traffic, engineering and patents. Mr. Post was promoted to Vice-President in charge of specially assigned executive duties, particularly concerning the Company's public relations. In general the duties of the other officers and heads of departments remain the same. An Executive Council, comprising the President, the recently elected Vice-Presidents, the General Counsel, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Comptroller, has been created to consider the general policies of the Company, and to exchange views and information upon the Company's business.

The directors desire to express to the entire organization, at home and abroad, their warm appreciation of the continued loyalty and energy, and of the ability, fidelity and zeal displayed in meeting the abnormal conditions under which the Company's business was carried on during the year 1918.

By order of the Board of Directors,

HAROLD F. McCORMICK, President.

Chicago, May 2 1919.

HAVANA ELECTRIC RAILWAY LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1918, FOR SUBMISSION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS CALLED FOR MAY 15 1919.

To the Stockholders:

Your Directors beg to submit their seventh annual report.

The Gross Earnings for the years 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918 were as follows:

1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
\$5,541,302 72	\$6,017,708 59	\$6,989,599 33	\$8,176,544 76

A condensed statement of the result of the operations during the same four years is:

	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Gross Earnings.....	\$8,176,544 76	\$6,989,599 33	\$6,017,708 59	\$5,541,302 72
Operating Expenses and Taxes.....	4,376,655 65	3,385,469 83	2,443,885 33	2,337,506 05
Net Income.....	\$3,799,889 11	\$3,604,129 50	\$3,573,823 26	\$3,203,796 67
Miscellaneous Income.....	140,894 91	149,754 70	144,561 49	147,874 95
Total Net Income.....	\$3,940,784 02	\$3,753,884 20	\$3,718,384 75	\$3,351,671 62
First Charges.....	989,138 16	1,138,623 30	1,297,093 23	1,115,413 99
Net Profit from Operation and Miscellaneous Income.....	\$2,951,645 86	\$2,615,260 90	\$2,421,291 52	\$2,236,257 63
Out of the Net Profits from Operation and Miscellaneous Income for the year under review, namely.....				\$2,951,645 86
There has been set aside as Reserve for Depreciation.....				203,000 00
Leaving Balance of.....				\$2,748,645 86
The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account January 1 1918 was.....				2,270,290 19
Total.....				\$5,018,936 05

And the following disposition was made thereof:

Provision for Sinking Fund in respect to English Bonds of Compania de Gas y Electricidad de la Habana.....	\$13,052 33
Provision for Sinking Fund in respect to the Consolidated Mortgage Bonds of the Havana Electric Railway Company.....	109,703 50
Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts.....	101,541 82
Dividends paid during the year (6% on the Preferred and Common Shares).....	2,155,612 98
Profit and Loss Account—Balance carried forward to 1919.....	2,639,025 42
Total.....	\$5,018,936 05

The following is a summary of the operation of the various Departments during the year 1918:

Departments—	Gross Earnings from Operation.	Operating Expenses and Taxes (not including First Charges).	Per Cent of Gross Earnings.	Net Earnings from Operation.	Per Cent of Gross Earnings.
Electric Railway.....	\$3,977,868 39	\$2,174,059 60	54.65	\$1,803,808 70	45.35
Electric Light.....	2,851,030 61	1,176,510 24	41.25	1,674,520 37	58.75
Gas.....	1,169,432 02	856,451 47	73.24	312,980 55	26.76
Omnibuses.....	178,213 74	169,634 25	95.18	8,579 49	4.82
Total.....	\$5,176,544 76	\$4,376,655 65	84.53	\$3,799,889 11	73.39

The accompanying report of the General Manager shows not only an enormous increase in the cost of materials and supplies required for the maintenance and operation of your property, the difficulties which attended the securing of them and the scarcity of competent labor, but also that the gross earnings from operation increased 16.98% over those of 1917, that the net earnings from operation were 12.39% greater than last year, notwithstanding that operating expenses increased 22.8% and that after deduction of both United States and Cuban taxes there still remains a gain of 5.43% in net earnings over the preceding year.

This satisfactory result was brought about through the loyal co-operation and efficient services of the officers and employees of your Company, to whom thanks are due and cheerfully rendered.

In former reports reference has been made to the cordial relations existing between the employees of this Company and the management, and, although the stir and bustle of the great war which came to an end in November last have produced unrest among the laboring class in Cuba as well as in many other countries, these cordial relations have not suffered, but, on the contrary, they have become more closely cemented because sound reasoning by and with your employees has convinced them that strikes and Bolshevism and the panics produced thereby cannot improve their condition, but only result in hardship to themselves and injury to the enterprise of which they are a most important part and in which their welfare is so closely related with yours and that of the good public of Havana.

The gross receipts from all sources were \$8,317,439 67.

The total expenditures for construction account were \$637,146 58.

Customs duties paid on imports into Cuba amounted to \$159,814 14.

Your Company subscribed to \$200,000 United States of America Third Liberty Loan 4¼% Bonds and to an equal amount of the Fourth Liberty Loan 4¼% Bonds, and in addition thereto your Company subscribed \$18,050 00 on behalf of your employees to the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Your contributions to War Charities during the year amounted to \$6,000 00.

The improvement in public lighting has continued and during the year 153 high-efficiency incandescent lamps in 1,000 and 600 c.p. units and 83 less brilliant lamps were in-

stalled. The increase in electrical output was 15.3% and the increase in net earnings on account of electric lighting 8.7%. The increase in gross earnings in the Electric Light and Power Department broke all records, but the operating expenses were greater than even last year, due almost entirely to the high cost of fuel and the rise in material prices. A total of 831 new wood poles were set and 60 tubular steel railway poles were extended to carry electric light and power lines, and in some cases street lamps. The number of electric meters in service December 31 1918 was 28,266, being 3,234 in excess of those in service on the same date of the preceding year.

The statistics of gas service in the accompanying report show an increase of 37.6% in the cubic feet output, an increase of 43.1% in gross earnings, an increase of 48.5% in operating expenses and an increase of 32.6% in net earnings as compared with 1917. The total length of street mains December 31 1918 (176.58 miles) is 2.28 miles in excess of 1917. The net increase in the number of meters during the year was 1,628. The stoves and ranges installed by your Company at the end of 1918 total 12,661—water heaters, 2,488; hot plates, 1,898, and industrial appliances, 1,444—a most excellent showing when you recall that a few years ago gas heating appliances in Havana were a novelty and that difficulties were encountered in getting the people to use them.

The total number of passengers carried on the cars during the year, 75,611,777, shows an increase of 9,193,327, or 13.8%, compared with 1917. The total earnings from car operation show an increase of 13.7%, and the number of passenger car miles a decrease of 0.6% as compared with 1917. The net earnings from operation for the year show an increase of 10.7%. Track statistics show 85.55 miles of single track, exclusive of yard track miles.

Your consolidated power plant has operated reliably and, considering the poor quality of "pool" coal received at times, very economically. The net output was 57,215,953 k.w.h., an increase of 7.8% as compared with 1917, in the production of which 54,691 tons of coal were consumed, or 2.14 lbs. per k.w.h.

To meet the high cost of operating the Omnibus Service of your Company, the stage line organization was discontinued and its buildings and equipment were turned over to the Transportation Department and thus by more careful

administration the operating cost was decreased and the accompanying report shows net earnings during the year 1918 as \$11,584 99, against loss in operation during 1917 of \$21,742 70; in other words, an increase of \$33,327 69. On December 31 1918 there were 49 stages and 14 motor buses in operation.

It is with great sorrow that your Board of Directors is called upon to record the death on December 1 1918 of one of its most active and useful members—Mr. Horace E. Andrews.

To each member of the Board Mr. Andrews had endeared himself, both by his genial personality and by the valuable services rendered to your Company in his faithful devotion to its affairs.

The vacancy in the Board of Directors occasioned by the death of Mr. Andrews was filled by the Board of Directors through the election on December 5 1918 of Mr. E. N. Brown, to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the late Mr. Andrews, to wit, until the annual meeting of the Stockholders on the third Thursday in May 1919.

The Employees' Mutual Benefit Society has continued sound and prosperous and at the end of 1918 had 1,455 members, or 22 less than on December 31 1917. The sum of \$21,921 55 has been expended in assistance to members, and the object to protect them against loan sharks by advances at a low rate of interest has not been lost sight of.

The accounts of your Company are audited monthly by Messrs. Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co., and accompanying this report will be found the balance sheet and profit and loss account as of December 31 1918 with their certificate thereon, in connection with which your Board of Directors desire to state that as all of the power generating and distributing equipment is comparatively new and up to date in design and construction and thoroughly maintained, the amount of \$203,000 00 set aside for depreciation during 1918, in addition to the payments to the sinking funds, aggregating \$122,755 83, is deemed ample in the judgment of your Engineers to cover the loss of value due to unavoidable deterioration and obsolescence.

For the Board of Directors,

FRANK STEINHART, *President.*

Havana, Cuba, March 31 1919.

CONDENSED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1918.

	Railway Department.	Light and Power Department.	Total.
Gross Earnings from Operation	\$4,156,082 13	\$4,020,462 63	\$8,176,544 76
Operating Expenses	2,112,200 95	1,662,619 83	3,774,820 78
	\$2,043,881 18	\$2,357,842 80	\$4,401,723 98
Deduct—			
Taxes, U. S. A.....	\$216,148 15	\$249,341 88	\$465,490 03
Taxes, Cuba.....	12,000 00	121,000 00	133,000 00
Trigo Annuities.....	3,344 84		3,344 84
Interest.....	572,990 80	416,147 36	989,138 16
	\$804,483 79	\$786,489 24	\$1,590,973 03
	\$1,239,397 39	\$1,571,353 56	\$2,810,750 95
Deduct—			
Reserve for Depreciation.....	\$89,513 23	\$113,486 77	\$203,000 00
	\$1,149,894 16	\$1,457,866 79	\$2,607,750 95
Add—Miscellaneous Income—			
Interest on Deposits.....			\$40,981 07
Rents.....			27,034 67
Other Miscellaneous Income.....			72,879 17
			\$140,894 91
			\$2,748,645 86
Deduct—			
Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts.....		\$101,541 82	
Provision for Sinking Fund of English Bonds of Compania de Gas y Electricidad de la Habana.....		13,052 33	
Provision for Sinking Fund of Havana Electric Railway Company Consolidated Mortgage Bonds.....		109,703 50	224,297 65
Net Profit for the Year			\$2,524,348 21
Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account Jan. 1 1918.....			2,270,290 19
			\$4,794,638 40
Dividends Paid—			
On Preferred Shares:			
May 15 1918 on \$20,978,477			
at 3%.....	\$629,354 31		
Nov. 15 1918 on \$20,978,477			
at 3%.....	629,354 31	\$1,258,708 62	
On Common Shares:			
May 15 1918 on \$14,948,406			
at 3%.....	\$448,452 18		
Nov. 15 1918 on \$14,948,406			
at 3%.....	448,452 18	896,904 36	2,155,612 98
Balance carried to Balance Sheet.....			\$2,639,025 42

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1918.

ASSETS.	
Properties, Plant and Equipment, as per December 31 1917 Report	\$56,095,157 26
Net Additions during year	637,146 58
	\$56,732,303 84
Investments (at cost)	544,213 38
Current Assets—	
Cash in Banks and on Hand.....	\$863,718 19
Accounts Receivable after providing for Bad and Doubtful Debts.....	1,206,280 71
Stocks and Materials, Merchandise and Supplies on Hand.....	1,406,312 14
Materials in Transit.....	112,912 38
	3,589,223 42
Deferred Assets—	
Insurance paid in Advance, Deferred Charges, &c.....	136,869 49
	\$61,002,610 13
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock—	
Authorized and Issued:	
Common—150,000 Shares, par value \$100 00 each, fully paid and non-assessable.....	\$15,000,000 00
Less: Held in Treasury:	
515.94 Shares, par value \$100 00 each.....	51,594 00
	\$14,948,406 00
6% Cumulative Preferred—210,000 Shares, par value \$100 00 each.....	\$21,000,000 00
Less: Held in Treasury:	
215.23 Shares, par value \$100 00 each.....	21,523 00
	20,978,477 00
	\$35,926,883 00
Funded Debt—	
Consolidated Mortgage 5% Gold Bonds of Havana Electric Railway Company, dated Feb. 1 1902, due Feb. 1 1952.....	\$8,983,111 09
Less: In Treasury.....	478,541 09
	\$8,504,570 00
6% General Consolidated Obligations of Compania de Gas y Electricidad de la Habana, called for redemption on June 15 1917.....	56,500 00
Fifty-Year 6% Mortgage Bonds of Compania de Gas y Electricidad de la Habana, 1904.....	3,998,000 00
Thirty-seven-Year 5% English Mortgage Bonds of Compania de Gas y Electricidad de la Habana, 1906 (£123,500).....	596,916 69
General Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, dated Sept. 1 1914, due Sept. 1 1954.....	\$6,660,000 00
Less:	
Deposited with Government of Cuba.....	\$52,000 00
In Treasury.....	763,000 00
	\$15,000 00
	5,845,000 00
	19,000,986 69
Current Liabilities—	
Accounts Payable.....	\$333,580 92
Dividends and Interest due but unpaid.....	184,903 16
Accrued Interest on Bonds.....	294,197 41
	\$812,681 49
Consumers' and Other Deposits—	
Consumers' Deposits.....	\$350,626 55
Other Deposits.....	47,650 84
	407,277 39
Sundry Accruals for Taxes, &c.	556,626 96
Capital Stock of Havana Electric Railway Company Outstanding—to be exchanged for Capital Stock of Havana Electric Railway, Light & Power Company	\$16,235 00
Capital Stock of Compania de Gas y Electricidad de la Habana Outstanding—to be exchanged for Capital Stock of Havana Electric Railway, Light & Power Company	2,547 74
	\$18,782 74
Less—Capital Stock of the Havana Electric Railway, Light & Power Company, held in reserve in respect of above	18,782 74
	\$510,837 04
Special Reserve	
Corporate Surplus—	
Profit and Loss Account—Credit Balance, as per Statement herewith.....	\$2,639,025 42
Funded Debt retired through Income and Surplus:	
Consolidated Mortgage 5% Gold Bonds of Havana Electric Railway Company.....	\$478,000 00
37-Year 5% English Mortgage Bonds of Compania de Gas y Electricidad de la Habana.....	128,083 31
	606,083 31
Sinking Fund Reserve.....	116,208 83
Reserve for Depreciation.....	426,000 00
	3,787,317 56
	\$61,002,610 13

We have verified the above Balance Sheet as at December 31 1918 and the accompanying Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended at that date, with the Books of the Company, and subject to the sufficiency of the Reserve for Depreciation, we certify that, in our opinion, they correctly set forth, respectively, the financial position of the Company as at December 31 1918 and the results of the Operations for the Year.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & CO., *Auditors.*

Havana, April 17 1919.

AMERICAN BOSCH MAGNETO CORPORATION

(Organized under the Laws of New York.)

OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE LISTING OF ITS CAPITAL STOCK.

(Without nominal or par value.)

(Certificates transferable in New York and Boston.)

New York, April 23 1919.

American Bosch Magneto Corporation hereby makes application to have listed on the New York Stock Exchange temporary interchangeable certificates for 60,000 shares (total authorized) of its Capital Stock, without nominal or par value, which is issued and outstanding, with authority to substitute permanent engraved interchangeable certificates on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding temporary certificates therefor. The stock is without nominal or par value and is full paid and non-assessable, and no personal liability attaches to shareholders.

American Bosch Magneto Corporation was organized under the Laws of the State of New York, January 9 1919, to acquire and did acquire the assets and property of every character, whether tangible or intangible, and assumed all liabilities of the Bosch Magneto Company of New York City, New York. The amount of capital shown in the certificate of incorporation was \$2,400,000. The charter of the American Bosch Magneto Corporation is perpetual.

The entire 250 shares (par value \$100) of the Capital Stock of the Bosch Magneto Co. and certain patent rights were seized on May 1 1918 by A. Mitchell Palmer, the Alien Property Custodian, and were sold by him on December 7 1918 to H. C. Griffith, acting as agent for Martin E. Kern, who subsequently sold the stock and all of the corporate rights, powers, assets, business and property of the Bosch Magneto Company to the American Bosch Magneto Corporation.

The Bosch Magneto Company was originally formed by Robert Bosch in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1885. In 1906 the American demand having reached large proportions, Bosch established a selling agency in the United States, organized as a company called "Robert Bosch, New York, Inc." In 1909 the American business had reached such a size as to warrant manufacturing in this country and the property upon which the Springfield plant now stands was purchased. The new plant was completed and placed in operation in 1912. The name was changed at this time to the Bosch Magneto Company.

The predecessor Company on January 10 1919 at a meeting of all the stockholders ratified in all particulars the sale of all its assets and property of every character, whether tangible or intangible, to the "American Bosch Magneto Corporation," and the American Bosch Magneto Corporation assumed all the liabilities of the Bosch Magneto Company.

The amount of capital with which the American Bosch Magneto Corporation started business on January 9 1919 was 60,000 shares, authorized and outstanding, for \$5,755,892 50 (declared capital in accordance with the laws of New York). The purpose of the issue of Capital Stock was to acquire, as above recited, all of the assets of every kind and description of the "Bosch Magneto Company" and additional working capital was secured by the sale of \$1,800,000 Seven Per Cent Serial Gold Notes, maturing \$600,000 annually—January 15 1920, January 15 1921 and January 15 1922, which notes are still outstanding. First National Bank of Boston is Trustee of said Notes.

The purposes for which the corporation was formed are:

To deal in, purchase, manufacture, hold, own, sell or otherwise dispose of, repair, exchange, import and export all kinds of magnetos, electric motors and dynamos (including particularly ignition systems, self-starters, lighting systems, combined starting and lighting systems and other electrical appliances and supplies for use on automobiles, trucks, airplanes or internal combustion engines) and other electrical appliances, equipment or supplies, and motors, machines or contrivances for the generation of power from electricity, steam, gasoline or other sources now known or which may hereafter be discovered, to purchase, manufacture and sell all kinds of tools, machinery, machine supplies and engineering appliances and accessories and all goods, wares and merchandise necessary or incidental to the manufacture, purchase, sale, storage, repair, operation or equipment of magnetos, motors, engines and machinery of any and all kinds.

The Corporation's works are located in Springfield and Chicopee, Massachusetts. Its business is the production of electrical apparatus for the use of the automotive industries. The corporation specializes in the production of high-grade magnetos of the high-tension type which are used in connection with all types of internal combustion motors.

The Corporation employs at present about 1,500 people.

The estimated output of magnetos for the year 1919 is approximately 225,000, which will represent a total value of about \$6,000,000.

The earnings of the Bosch Magneto Company for the past five years have been as follows:

	Sales.	Net Profits.
15 months to September 30 1914.....	\$5,258,036	\$1,586,366
12 months to September 30 1915.....	4,617,059	1,554,606
12 months to September 30 1916.....	4,009,022	806,646
12 months to September 30 1917.....	4,539,408	478,564
12 months to September 30 1918.....	3,815,786	670,547

The stock of Bosch Magneto Company was never increased, the earnings practically in their entirety being put back into the business ever since its inception in September 1906. 25% a year was paid on the stock from 1906 to 1913 inclusive. No dividends have been paid since that time.

The land upon which the plant is located is situated part within the corporation limits of Springfield, Massachusetts, and part within the corporation limits of the City of Chicopee, Massachusetts, the total area of land at Springfield and Chicopee being approximately 8½ acres, upon which are erected main factory building and boiler house with equipment and machinery having been priced at a depreciated cost of \$1,991,654 67. All of the plant buildings are of modern, re-enforced concrete, fireproof construction. In addition, the Corporation has a frame building, known as the "Casino Building," for recreation and entertainment of their employees.

This property is located on the Boston & Maine Railroad, with a siding running direct to the plant.

The Corporation also owns approximately 2½ acres of land in Plainfield, New Jersey, valued at \$46,465 75.

The Corporation also operates selling and service branches in New York City, Detroit, Michigan, and San Francisco, California; the machinery and equipment in these three branches being priced at a depreciated cost of \$30,071 88.

The Corporation also owns and operates its own selling branch in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois. The building is of fireproof brick and steel construction and is located at 3737-3741 Michigan Ave. The land, building, building equipment and machinery at this branch are valued at \$78,778 84, making a total investment in land, buildings and building equipment and machinery of \$2,021,717 55 after writing off depreciation charges of \$275,772 36.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, BOSCH MAGNETO COMPANY, MAY 1 1917 TO APRIL 30 1918, INCLUSIVE.

Sales.....	\$3,504,345 65
Less—Factory cost of sales, including depreciation on factory equipment, factory insurance, factory taxes, &c. (see note below).....	2,638,892 60
Gross profit.....	\$865,453 05
Administration and commercial expense.....	\$521,642 90
Less—Credits.....	56,925 79
	464,717 11
Net profit.....	\$400,735 94
<i>Note.</i> —The following were the amounts charged to accounts mentioned and included in factory cost:	
Insurance.....	\$14,647 36
Taxes.....	26,501 92
Depreciation.....	133,690 85
Total.....	\$179,840 13

BALANCE SHEET, BOSCH MAGNETO COMPANY, AS OF MAY 1 1918.

ASSETS.	
Cash in bank and on hand.....	\$476,771 84
Accounts receivable.....	\$2,605,004 16
Less—Reserve for bad debts.....	2,500 00
Liberty bonds.....	2,602,501 16
Inventories (at cost or less):	113,200 00
Springfield.....	\$2,749,039 85
Branches.....	454,658 51
Total merchandise inventory.....	\$3,203,698 36
Manufacturing supplies and fuel (at cost or less).....	12,230 61
Tool manufacturing supplies (at cost or less).....	42,175 18
Maintenance supplies (at cost or less).....	16,938 91
Total inventories.....	3,275,043 06
Prepaid expenses:	
Stationery, office supplies and sundries.....	\$9,265 82
Insurance.....	6,053 87
Total prepaid expenses.....	15,319 69
Stocks in other companies.....	233,778 16
Property and plant:	
Real estate, building and building equipment.....	\$989,650 06
Electric equipment, motor cars, furniture and fixtures, machinery and tools, tool equipment.....	519,465 28
Total plant and properties.....	1,509,115 34
Patents.....	2 00
	<u>\$8,225,734 25</u>

LIABILITIES.	
Accounts payable.....	\$140,061 08
Accrued taxes.....	4,223 36
Unearned interest.....	647 12
Capital stock.....	25,000 00
Surplus.....	8,055,802 69
	<u>\$8,225,734 25</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, BOSCH MAGNETO COMPANY, MAY 1 1918 TO DEC. 31 1918, INCLUSIVE.

Net sales.....	\$2,692,676 91
Less factory cost of sales:	
Including depreciation.....	\$81,672 62
Tax charges.....	29,308 21
Insurance charges.....	22,360 80
	<u>1,723,526 33</u>
Gross profits.....	\$969,150 58
Administrative and commercial expenses.....	\$490,072 29
Including insurance.....	\$6,997 97
Reserve for taxes.....	60,989 00
Depreciation.....	12,420 20
Less credits to income.....	53,048 86
	<u>437,023 43</u>
Net profit.....	<u>\$532,127 15</u>

BALANCE SHEET, BOSCH MAGNETO COMPANY, AS OF DECEMBER 31 1918.

ASSETS.	
Cash in bank and on hand.....	\$177,181 30
Accounts receivable.....	\$472,252 79
Less reserve.....	1,769 31
Liberty Bonds and War Stamps.....	470,483 48
Inventories (at cost or less):	717,139 92
Springfield.....	\$3,271,380 57
Branches.....	339,971 64
On consignment.....	82,524 05
Total merchandise inventories.....	\$3,693,876 26
Less reserves:	
For depreciation of starting and lighting system.....	\$125,000 00
For obsolete material.....	299,498 24
	<u>424,498 24</u>
Total merchandise, less reserve.....	\$3,269,378 02
Manufacturing supplies and fuel (at cost or less).....	30,290 56
Tool manufacturing supplies (at cost or less).....	44,439 22
Maintenance supplies (at cost or less).....	18,399 92
Total inventories, less reserve.....	3,362,507 72
Accrued interest.....	5,744 85
Total current and working assets.....	\$4,733,057 27
Prepaid expenses:	
Taxes.....	\$14,795 73
Insurance.....	18,963 32
Stationery, office supplies and sundries.....	17,341 92
Total prepaid expenses.....	51,100 97
Stocks in other companies (nominal value).....	91,002 00
Property and plant:	
Land, buildings and building equipment.....	\$815,908 17
Machinery and tools and tool equipment, electric equipment, motor cars, furniture and fixtures.....	700,873 90
	<u>\$1,516,782 07</u>
Less reserve for depreciation.....	96,241 42
Total property and plant.....	1,420,540 65
Patents.....	2 00
	<u>\$6,295,702 89</u>

LIABILITIES.

Current and accrued liabilities:	
Accounts payable.....	\$124,334 31
Bills payable.....	100,000 00
Accrued taxes.....	61,455 15
Accrued insurance.....	9,004 00
Accrued wages and salaries.....	23,857 50
Unearned interest.....	960 00
Contingent liability reserve:	
Account Rushmore judgment.....	120,000 00
Capital stock.....	\$439,610 96
Surplus.....	25,000 00
	<u>5,831,091 93</u>
	<u>\$6,295,702 89</u>

BOSCH MAGNETO COMPANY, RECONCILEMENT CHANGES IN SURPLUS, DECEMBER 31 1918.

Surplus as of May 1 1918 per opening entries from Harris	
Allan & Co. Report.....	\$8,055,802 69
Profits May 1 1918 to December 31 1918.....	532,127 15
	<u>\$8,587,929 84</u>

Charge to surplus:	
Contingent liability account Rushmore.....	\$120,000 00
Reserve for obsolete material.....	299,498 24
Reserve for starting and lighting system.....	125,000 00
Otto Heins account taken over by Allen Property Custodian.....	468,283 17
Reading Standard Co. account.....	411,810 40
R. Bosch, Stuttgart.....	1,048,029 07
Ex. employees.....	2,826 59
Reading Standard Investment.....	24,911 50
St. Louis car investment.....	1,300 00
Boonton Rubber Mfg. Co., settlement unliquidated damages.....	2,500 00
Boonton Rubber Mfg. Co., loss on sale of notes.....	137,129 03
Boonton Rubber Mfg. Co., stock account.....	116,566 66
Credit to surplus:	
Reinstating part of ex. employees charge.....	\$12 27
Reinstating part of ex. employees charge.....	174 98
Credit account cancelling debt to bad debt account.....	825 50
Reinstating account Enemy Allen account.....	1 00
Reinstating account Reading Standard account.....	1 00
Reinstating account St. Louis Stock account.....	1 00
Reinstating account Reading Standard stock account.....	1 00
	<u>1,016 75</u>
Surplus as shown on balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1918.....	<u>\$5,831,091 03</u>

BALANCE SHEET, AMERICAN BOSCH MAGNETO CORPORATION, OPENING ENTRIES AS OF JANUARY 1919 ON TAKING OVER PROPERTY FROM ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN.

ASSETS.	
Current and working assets:	
Cash on hand and in bank.....	\$177,376 30
Accounts receivable.....	637,049 85
Liberty Loan Bonds and War Stamps.....	717,139 92
Inventories at cost:	
Springfield.....	\$3,271,380 57
Branches.....	339,971 64
On consignment.....	82,524 05
Total merchandise inventories.....	\$3,693,876 26
Less reserves:	
For depreciation of starting and lighting system.....	\$125,000 00
For obsolete stock.....	299,498 24
	<u>424,498 24</u>
Total merchandise less reserve.....	\$3,269,378 02
Manufacturing supplies and fuel at cost or less.....	19,932 46
Tool manufacturing supplies at cost or less.....	44,439 22
Maintenance supplies at cost or less.....	18,399 92
Total inventories less reserves.....	3,352,149 62
Accrued interest.....	5,744 85
Total current and working assets.....	\$4,889,460 54
Prepaid expenses:	
Taxes.....	\$14,795 73
Insurance.....	18,963 32
Stationery, office supplies and sundries.....	27,700 03
Total prepaid expenses.....	61,459 07
Stock in other companies.....	1,502 00
Property and plant:	
Land, building and building equipment.....	\$970,530 60
Machinery and tools and tool equipment.....	1,252,744 21
Electric equipment, motor cars, furniture and fixture moulds and patterns.....	55,777 31
Total property and plant.....	2,279,052 12
Patents.....	500,000 00
Tracings.....	255,000 00
Total assets.....	<u>\$7,986,473 73</u>

LIABILITIES.

Current and accrued liabilities:	
Accounts payable.....	\$124,334 31
Bills payable.....	100,000 00
Accrued taxes.....	61,455 15
Accrued insurance.....	9,004 00
Accrued wages and salaries.....	23,857 50
Unearned interest.....	960 00
Contingent liability reserve:	
Account Rushmore judgment.....	111,010 27
7% Serial Gold Note Issues:	
Due as of January 15 1920.....	600,000 00
Due as of January 15 1921.....	600,000 00
Due as of January 15 1922.....	600,000 00
Capital Stock issue 60,000 shares.....	5,755,852 50
	<u>\$7,986,473 73</u>

AMERICAN BOSCH MAGNETO CORPORATION, STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, JAN. 1 1919 TO MARCH 31 1919, INCLUSIVE.

Net sales.....		\$957,309 14
Less factory cost.....		616,875 77
Including depreciation.....	\$32,590 47	
Insurance charges.....	4,800 00	
Taxes.....	14,640 00	
Gross profit.....		340,433 37
Administrative and commercial expense.....	\$206,587 28	
Including insurance charges.....	\$4,050 00	
Reserve for taxes.....	14,250 00	
Reserve for interest on 7% gold notes.....	26,250 00	
Less credit to income.....		27,279 30
		179,307 98
Net profit.....		\$161,125 39

AMERICAN BOSCH MAGNETO CORPORATION, BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31 1919.

ASSETS.

Cash in bank and on hand.....		\$305,030 42
Accounts receivable.....		564,156 55
Liberty bonds.....		692,848 00
Inventories (at cost):		
Springfield.....	\$3,144,964 57	
Branches.....	366,470 49	
On consignment.....	16,875 29	
Total merchandise inventories.....	\$3,528,310 35	
Less reserves:		
For depreciation on starting and lighting system.....	\$125,000 00	
For obsolete material.....	372,033 98	
		397,033 98
Total merchandise less reserves.....	\$3,131,276 37	
Manufacturing supplies and fuel (at cost or less).....		14,150 45
Tool manufacturing supplies (at cost or less).....		45,074 14
Maintenance supplies (at cost or less).....		10,958 24
Total inventories less reserve.....	\$3,201,459 20	
Accrued interest.....		12,956 92
		3, 14,416 12
Total current and working assets.....	\$4,776,451 09	
Stocks in other companies.....		1,502 00
Property and plant:		
Land, buildings and building equipment.....	\$968,445 85	
Machinery and tools, tool equipment, electric equipment, motor cars, furniture and fixtures.....		1,357,891 18
		\$2,326,337 03
Less reserve for depreciation.....		35,108 61
Total property and plant.....		2,291,228 42
Patents.....		500,000 00
Tracings.....		255,000 00
Deferred assets:		
Prepaid expenses:		
Taxes.....	\$1,083 33	
Insurance.....	16,746 34	
Stationery, office supplies and sundries.....	35,986 82	
Total prepaid expenses.....		54,816 49
Deferred charges.....		50,727 81
		\$7,929,725 81

LIABILITIES.

Accounts payable.....	\$103,554 58
Dividends payable.....	90,000 00
Accrued taxes.....	57,740 47
Accrued insurance.....	4,400 18
Accrued wages and salaries.....	19,832 02
Unearned interest.....	970 67
Reserve interest on 7% serial gold notes.....	26,250 00
	\$302,747 92
Stock authorized and outstanding, 60,000 shares.	
Declared capital, in accordance with the Stock Corporation law of the State of New York.....	5,755,852 50
Surplus.....	71,125 39
	5,826,977 89
7% Serial Gold Notes due as of Jan. 15 1920.....	600,000 00
7% Serial Gold Notes due as of Jan. 15 1921.....	600,000 00
7% Serial Gold Notes due as of Jan. 15 1922.....	600,000 00
	\$7,929,725 81

Note.—The average rates of depreciation for American Bosch Magneto Corporation are 2% on buildings, 8% on machinery, equipment and tools, 50% on moulds and patterns, 25% on motor cars. In addition, maintenance expenses are approximately at rate of \$100,000.

Note.—Depreciation rates under the Bosch Magneto Co. showed nothing for buildings, 20% for equipment and tools, 15% for furniture and fixtures, 25% for machinery, 50% for moulds and patterns and 50% for motor cars.

American Bosch Magneto Corporation agrees with the New York Stock Exchange as follows:

Not to dispose of its stock interest in any constituent, subsidiary, owned or controlled company, or allow any of said constituents, subsidiary, owned or controlled companies, to dispose of stock interests in other companies unless

for retirement and cancellation, except under existing authority or on direct authorization of stockholders of the company holding the said companies.

To publish semi-annually an income account and balance sheet.

To publish at least once in each year and submit to the stockholders, at least fifteen days in advance of the annual meeting of the corporation, a statement of its physical and financial condition, an income account covering the previous physical year, and a balance sheet showing assets and liabilities at the end of the year; also annually an income account and balance sheet of all constituent, subsidiary, owned or controlled companies; or a consolidated income account and a consolidated balance sheet.

To maintain in accordance with the rules of the Stock Exchange a transfer office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, where all listed securities shall be directly transferable, and the principal of all listed securities with interest or dividends thereon shall be payable; also a registry office in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, other than its transfer office or agency in said city, where all listed securities shall be registered.

Not to make any change in listed securities, of a transfer agency or of a registrar of its stock or of a trustee of its bonds or other securities without the approval of the Committee on Stock List, and not to select as a trustee an officer or director of the company.

To notify the Stock Exchange of the issuance of additional amounts of listed securities and make immediate application for the listing thereof.

To notify the Stock Exchange in the event of the issuance of any rights or subscriptions to or allotments of its securities and afford the holders of listed securities a proper period within which to record their interests after authorization, and that all rights, subscriptions or allotments shall be transferable, payable and deliverable in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

To publish promptly to holders of bonds and stocks any action in respect to interest on bonds, dividends on shares or allotment of rights for subscription to securities, notices thereof to be sent to the Stock Exchange and to give to the Stock Exchange at least ten days' notice in advance of the closing of the transfer books or extensions or the taking of a record of holders for any purpose.

The fiscal year of the new corporation ends on the 31st day of December of each year.

The annual meeting of the stockholders is held at the principal office of the new corporation, in the City of New York, State of New York, on the first Tuesday of February each year.

The Directors, elected annually, are: Arthur T. Murray and George A. MacDonald, Springfield, Mass.; Martin E. Kern, Allentown, Pa.; Harry C. Dodge, Clifton H. Dwinnell, Henry N. Sweet, Philip L. Spaulding, Boston, Mass.; Duncan A. Holmes and Henry J. Fuller, New York, N. Y.

The Officers are: Arthur T. Murray, President; George A. MacDonald, Vice-President and Treasurer; Arthur H. D. Altree, Vice-President; Leon W. Rosenthal, Vice-President; John A. MacMartin, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

Certificates of stock are interchangeable between New York and Boston.

Transfer Agents: Mercantile Trust & Deposit Company, New York City, and International Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

Registrars: The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, New York City, and First National Bank of Boston, Boston, Mass.

AMERICAN BOSCH MAGNETO CORPORATION,
By GEORGE A. MacDONALD, Vice-President.

This Committee recommends that the above described temporary interchangeable certificates for 60,000 shares of Capital Stock, without nominal or par value, be admitted to the list prior to July 1 1919 with authority to substitute permanent engraved interchangeable certificates on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding temporary certificates therefor, in accordance with the terms of this application.

WM. W. HEATON, Chairman.

Adopted by the Governing Committee May 5 1919.

GEORGE W. ELY, Secretary.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, May 16th 1919.

A larger business is being done both at wholesale and retail. Europe is buying textiles, leather and other commodities on a greater scale. There is sharp demand for wearing apparel. Already buying for the next fall trade is more active. The tone is more cheerful. Men look at the stock market and its extraordinary activity at steadily rising prices and are inclined to think that it is a sign of the times. Wheat exports are still very large. They reached the enormous total for the week of 10,729,000 bushels and thus far this season some 342,800,000 bushels, or more than 130,000,000 bushels larger than in the same period last year. The outlook for the winter wheat crop is still very favorable. The seeding of the spring wheat crop is completed. And now corn planting is making quick progress. The sales of cotton goods are on a big scale at rising prices. Raw cotton has advanced within a week about \$5 a bale and there is a brisk call for it both from home manufacturers and Europe. It is hoped that the June exports of cotton will increase sharply and certainly a larger supply of ocean tonnage is expected. It is a fact that export trade in commodities is large. The renewed collapse of foreign exchange rates, including British, French and Italian, has not disturbed the optimistic feeling as to the future of the export business of this country. It is believed that credits will be provided and that as time goes on exchange rates will be stabilized in a natural manner. The most cheerful reports as to trade come from the great grain States of the West. But this is also true that in the larger Eastern centres, which for a time lagged behind the rest of the country, the feeling is becoming more confident. At auction some 235,000,000 pounds of wool have been sold. A big business is being done in silk. The tone in the iron and steel trade is more cheerful and here and there business is rather better. American ship yards will be allowed to build for foreign neutrals. That may prove to be a big step in advance. Anthracite coal is in rather better demand and sales of bituminous have also increased somewhat. The sales of luxuries is still on a large scale. Business failures continue very small. Out of 35 States reporting to the Federal Employment Service, 20 Northern States have labor surplus, 6 in the South have shortage, and 10 an equality. New York City owing to the influx of soldiers and sailors, has a large surplus. French authorities are considering the early relaxation of import and export restrictions. A group of important wool manufacturers in the north of France has purchased recently in England about \$10,000,000 of raw material to restart the home industry in France. Belgium will send buyers to the United States for machinery and raw materials. A movement to kill the wartime Prohibition Act, in order to enable liquor people to close out their business with as little loss as possible, is said to be gaining headway at Washington. Large banking interests in New York, Kentucky and Western cities plan to obtain six months' grace, because they made big loans to distillers. There are about 60,000,000 gallons of liquor in warehouses. A Washington dispatch asserted that for other reasons a proclamation would probably be issued postponing prohibition until Jan. 1 1920. The cost of living decreases but little. In some things it rises. For instance, an advance in the wholesale price of shoes of from 25 to 50 cents will cause, it is said, another increase of from 50 cents to \$1 a pair in the cost to the public. Manufacturers assert that this action is imperative, as prices of leather, hides and skins have advanced during the last two weeks. It is stated that there will be a linen shortage for several years in England, &c. Mills in England, Ireland and Scotland are turning out cotton damask instead of linen as there has been no importation of Russian flax in several years. Prices in England for cotton goods, in the war period, have increased 300% to 400% and in some other countries the rise has been far greater. The demand for low and medium priced goods is enormous. The housing question has become so serious here that the recently appointed Reconstruction Commission, with Governor Smith presiding, will meet a group of prominent business men at the Metropolitan Club here tonight to devise plans for the relief of an intolerable situation. The program will provide for the actual financing of building operations by which it will be possible to erect a large number of modern light and airy apartments renting at moderate prices. These apartments, it is expected, will be ready for occupancy by next winter. The seaplanes, after delays from various causes, are expected to leave Trepassy, N. F., this afternoon for the Azores on the Way to Europe. The dirigibles have also had bad luck. One of them was lost. There is little doubt that success will soon crown the efforts of the daring men who are bent on reaching Europe by air. Strikers in 32 mills of the United States of the International Paper Co. have been notified that no further negotiations or conferences would be held with the men unless they returned to work. A statement issues from the Department of Commerce says that, in view of the resignation of the Industrial Board having made it impossible to proceed with the price stabilization program, all industries that submitted themselves to the Board are released from obligations to that effect. British commodity prices, which showed a down-

ward trend during the first quarter of the present year, rose during April, according to the index numbers. At the end of April the economical index number was 5,774, or sixty-six points higher than at the end of March.

LARD firmer; prime Western here nominally 34.20@34.30c.; refined, Continent, 36c.; South America, 36.25c.; Brazil, in kegs, 37.25c. Futures advanced with higher prices for hogs and corn. Exports last week, moreover, were 82,000,000 lbs. of lard and meats. The cash trade has somewhat increased in this country. The War Department has decided to export all of its surplus meat products now on hand. Later prices eased with lower hog and grain markets, some liquidation and larger receipts. To-day prices fell, but they end at a small net rise for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	33.30	33.65	33.60	33.50	33.55	33.35
July delivery	31.92	32.10	31.95	31.82	31.95	31.72
September delivery	31.60	31.80	31.60	31.45	31.45	31.45

PORK steady; mess, \$57@58 nominal; clear, \$52@56; beef unchanged; mess, \$35@36; packet, \$38@39; extra India mess, \$65@67; No. 1 canned roast beef \$4 50; No. 2, \$8 75. Cut meats firmer; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 33 1/2@34 1/2c.; pickled bellies, 33@34c. To-day July pork closed at \$49 60, a decline of 90 cents for the week. Butter creamery extras 60@60 1/2c. Cheese, flats, 30@32 1/2c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 50@50 1/2c.; firsts to extra firsts, storage packed, 49 1/2c.

COFFEE on the spot in fair demand and easier; No. 7 Rio 18 1/2c.; No. 4 Santos 23c.; fair to good Cucuta 22 3/4@23c. Coffee futures declined on liquidation despite rather firm Brazilian advices. The advance had been so rapid as to invite profit taking. But it is said that the Government of Sao Paulo is not selling its holdings as was recently reported. Europe has bought to some extent. But American trade interests have sold. Firm offers at times have been lower from Brazil. To-day prices closed unchanged to 34 points higher. The ending is slightly higher on July for the week. The Enemy Alien Property Custodian has claimed the \$4,253,337 estate left by Herman Sieleken, former head of the coffee firm of Crossman & Sieleken, who died an enemy alien at Baden-Baden, Germany, in 1917.

May	18.20@18.30	October	17.69@17.71	January	17.20@17.25
July	18.35@18.40	December	17.30@17.35	March	17.11@17.15
September	17.89@17.90				

SUGAR remains at 7.28c. for centrifugal, 96 degrees test, Cuban and Porto Rican; granulated 9c. Further purchases of 65,000 tons are reported by the Equalization Board. At Atlantic ports the receipts are large. Receipts of raw have been large. Heavy tonnage has been provided for exportation from Cuba. Last week it exported only 97,893 tons, it was estimated, against 151,963 tons in the previous week, and 99,958 tons last year. Cuban receipts were 144,699 tons, against 170,729 tons in the previous week, and 101,078 tons last year; stocks 1,080,790 tons, against 1,033,984 tons in the previous week, and 777,000 tons last year. Larger arrivals of Cuban, Porto Rican, St. Croix and Demerara raw sugar have taken place here. Meanwhile refined sugar is in noticeably better demand. That is one of the brighter features of the situation. The export demand for refined has increased sharply. Not only the Royal Commission, but neutral countries, are buying at 7.82c. net, f.o.b. New York, in lots of 1,000 tons and 7.88c. for smaller quantities. Shipments to England, France and Italy are expected to average 80,000 tons a month in May, June and July.

OILS.—Linseed easier; city, raw, car lots, \$1 61; small lots, May, \$1 64. Lard, prime edible, steady at 2.70c. Coconanut oil, Ceylon, bbls., firmer at 15 1/2@16c. Corn oil, crude refined, 19 1/2@20c. Spirits of turpentine, 80@80 1/2c. Common to good strained rosin, \$12 25.

PETROLEUM in good demand and steady; refined in barrels, cargo \$17 25@18 25; bulk, New York, \$9 25@10 25; cases, New York, \$20 25@21 25. Gasoline in good demand; motor gasoline in steel barrels, to garages, 24 1/2c.; to consumers 26 1/2c. Gas machine 41 1/2c. In the Eastland Texas fields there has recently been a decided increase in the production. No very large wells have been reported in Oklahoma and Kansas. Little or no new territory has been opened up there. But all fields have reported the usual activity for this time of the year. It promises to be a lively summer in both States. In south Texas and south Louisiana there has recently been little news; only small wells and salt water holes and production has declined somewhat. Two wells have been reported in the Claiborne Parish, La., producing 500 to 1,500 bbls. a day. West Virginia advices point to a larger production. A well in Stevens County, Texas, came in with a first production of a 1,000 bbls. at 3,450 feet. The Ranger territory is beginning to pick up, the latest total reported being something over 90,000 barrels a week. The Kentucky production has gained. There has been a big speculation in oil stocks at the Stock Exchange and there is a good deal of excitement in such shares on the Curb.

Pennsylvania dark	\$4 00	South Lima	22 38	Illinois, above 30	
Cabell	2 77	Indiana	2 28	degrees	\$2 42
Crichton	1 75	Princeton	2 42	Kansas and Okla-	
Corning	2 85	Somerseset, 32 deg.	2 60	homa	2 25
Wooster	2 85	Bagland	1 25	Caddo, La., light	2 25
Thrall	2 25	Electra	2 25	Caddo, La., heavy	75
Strawn	2 25	Moran	2 25	Canada	2 78
De Soto	2 15	Plymouth	2 33	Halditon	1 20
North Lima	2 38	Corsicana, heavy	1 05	Henrietta	2 25

RUBBER has declined. This has led to a larger business. Latterly trade has slackened but the tone has become steadier. The latest London mail advices, however, are not very encouraging. The trade outlook there is considered disappointing. But in the Far East the tendency of prices has been upward. At the same time spot prices here are well below the parity of London and the primary markets. Plantation first latex pale crepe 47c.; brown thin clean, 41½@42c.; smoked ribbed sheets, 46@46½c.; Para up river fine, 56½c.; coarse, 34½@34¾c.; Island fine, 47@47½c.; coarse, 21½@22c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS are still, of course, in good demand, even at present rates. There is some increase in American tonnage, and this has caused larger exports. On the whole, the outlook is not unfavorable. Shippers are hopeful. By July, it is believed, that the supply of tonnage will be sufficiently large to give a noticeable fillip to the export trade. There is a demand for ships for lumber. The South African trade is increasing very noticeably. Of course everybody has his eye on Europe. What is wanted is a big supply of ships and a resumption of old time conditions at normal rates of freights, or something like them. It is announced that cotton and grain cargoes cannot be mixed. The tendency is to transfer tonnage from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic under the stimulus of the better trade prevailing here. Chartres include grain from Boston to Antwerp at 16s. May shipment; grain to a French Atlantic port at 14s. 6d. for heavy, and 13s. 10½d. for light, prompt shipment; grain to the west coast of Italy at 19s. May shipment. Grain from a St. Lawrence River port to picked ports in the United Kingdom 10s. for June. Export licenses will be issued for cotton and other commodities to Hamburg, Germany, when in transit to Czechoslovakia. Even the high rates here are no bar to business. Europe wants commodities.

TOBACCO.—Here trade in domestic leaf has been light. But in Pennsylvania larger sales of 1918 crop are reported and nearly three-quarters of the Pennsylvania crop, it appears, has been sold at from 12 to 14c. Ohio prices are so firm that the business drags. Wisconsin's mammoth crop is largely unsold despite considerable business recently. The Porto Rico is not turning out so well as was expected, either as to quantity or quality. Tobacco plants are growing rather slowly in the upper Ohio Valley region. The weather has recently been cool and rainy.

COPPER has been more active and firmer at 16c. for electrolytic. It is understood that some are asking 16½c. Japanese interests are said to have bought 500,000 pounds of electrolytic at 16c. on the 14th inst. Tin quiet and unchanged at 72½c. Lead quiet but firmer at 5@5.10c. Spelter remains stronger at 6.40c.

PIG IRON has been somewhat more active. Sales, it is true, have not been large. But the export trade is said to be increasing. Some shading of prices is said to be going on, but on the whole, the feeling is better, with conditions more settled. Southern No. 2 iron is said to have sold at \$25 at furnace. In the Middle West basic iron is drifting towards easier quotations. Coke is said to be tending upward slightly.

STEEL is reported to have advanced \$2 per ton on plates to \$2 75 per 100 pounds, Pittsburgh, as contrasted with \$2 65, the price adopted by the Industrial Board of the Department of Commerce, recently. Undoubtedly, the feeling in the steel trade is more cheerful. New business is being done now that things are more settled, with the dissolution of the Industrial Board. To be sure, there has been some cutting of prices here and there. But ship steel is expected to sell much more readily now that the shipyards of this country are allowed to accept foreign contracts. The prospects in other lines are considered better. The tone is steadier.

COTTON

Friday Night, May 16 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 90,194 bales, against 104,230 bales last week and 99,063 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1918 4,665,178 bales, against 5,327,758 bales for the same period of 1917-18, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1918 of 662,580 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	3,734	5,416	2,542	7,020	4,579	6,467	29,758
Texas City	---	---	---	1,009	---	2,950	3,959
Port Arthur, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Orleans	4,722	6,170	3,569	5,169	4,792	2,718	27,140
Mobile	13	68	---	556	---	73	747
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	---	150	150
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Savannah	2,036	1,964	4,568	2,085	2,010	1,522	14,185
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	5,000	5,000
Charleston	241	---	970	500	---	278	2,574
Wilmington	142	218	433	103	246	396	1,538
Norfolk	880	371	817	441	923	239	3,671
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	57	57
New York	---	126	---	---	---	---	126
Boston	235	231	---	95	---	100	737
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	487	487
Philadelphia	---	65	---	---	---	---	65
Totals this week	12,003	14,630	12,909	16,978	13,237	20,437	90,194

The following shows the week's total receipts, total since Aug. 1 1918 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to May 16.	1918-19.		1917-18.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1918.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1917.	1919.	1918.
Galveston	29,758	1,573,807	7,665	1,523,595	213,190	260,853
Texas City	3,959	69,767	---	66,948	15,973	41,842
Port Arthur, &c.	---	---	---	8,102	---	---
Aransas Pass, &c.	---	53,527	1,394	33,720	---	---
New Orleans	27,140	1,280,757	24,324	1,469,362	412,079	427,737
Mobile	747	133,005	363	92,708	15,653	11,067
Pensacola	---	9,812	---	33,792	---	---
Jacksonville	150	21,055	---	40,586	11,400	14,000
Savannah	14,185	881,074	11,071	1,051,480	212,597	202,399
Brunswick	5,000	75,680	---	124,500	6,000	15,000
Charleston	2,574	160,840	801	139,989	55,992	43,426
Wilmington	1,538	98,683	406	93,250	60,457	35,932
Norfolk	3,671	273,206	614	286,859	126,817	81,310
N'port News, &c.	57	3,072	---	5,420	---	---
New York	126	7,576	---	109,895	98,358	157,208
Boston	737	24,996	756	100,250	12,933	17,826
Baltimore	487	18,166	763	80,084	6,161	31,627
Philadelphia	65	155	333	7,218	3,476	10,881
Totals	90,194	4,665,178	48,490	5,327,758	1,251,086	1,551,108

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	29,758	7,665	24,809	29,586	33,389	13,284
Texas City, &c.	3,959	1,394	---	2,465	---	---
New Orleans	27,140	24,324	20,144	21,206	12,734	24,906
Mobile	747	363	985	5,610	291	3,417
Savannah	14,185	11,071	3,821	12,722	6,429	10,211
Brunswick	5,000	---	3,000	6,000	1,000	---
Charleston, &c.	2,574	801	346	2,190	1,312	2,022
Wilmington	1,538	406	10	6,452	3,239	300
Norfolk	3,671	614	4,632	7,855	2,788	2,711
N'port N., &c.	57	---	---	468	---	---
All others	1,563	1,852	2,369	9,447	5,454	2,493
Lot. this week	90,194	48,490	60,116	101,366	69,538	61,024
Since Aug. 1.	4,665,178	5,327,758	6,309,424	6,519,807	9,998,700	10,174,773

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 34,715 bales, of which 20,607 were to Great Britain, to France and 14,108 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1918 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending May 16 1919. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1918 to May 16 1919. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	13,764	---	2,104	15,868	654,712	140,919	374,347	1,169,978
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15,800
Pt. Nogales	---	---	---	---	---	---	430	430
New Orleans	5,114	---	149	5,263	480,100	240,354	224,767	945,221
Mobile	---	---	---	---	82,647	---	---	82,647
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	9,922	---	---	9,922
Savannah	---	---	---	---	176,064	182,466	151,903	510,433
Brunswick	1,125	---	---	1,125	61,267	---	---	61,267
Charleston	---	---	---	---	182	1,000	923	2,105
Wilmington	---	---	---	---	---	---	22,405	22,405
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	33,926	31	---	33,957
New York	599	---	9,116	9,715	296,831	50,750	240,030	587,611
Boston	5	---	---	5	27,459	5,576	675	33,710
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	13,055	---	---	13,055
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	19,126	---	---	19,126
Washington	---	2,063	2,063	---	---	---	---	4,126
San Fran.	---	676	676	---	---	---	---	1,352
Total	20,607	14,108	34,715	1,855,891	621,096	1,658,609	4,135,496	
Tot. '17-'18*	15,521	29,705	45,226	1,978,525	516,465	1,138,326	3,633,815	
Tot. '16-'17	15,397	18,993	13,433	47,823	383,438	857,757	1,124,429	4,853,624

* 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.

May 16 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	15,804	7,000	---	2,458	500	25,762	187,428
New Orleans	31,627	---	---	5,350	219	37,196	374,883
Savannah	17,080	---	---	---	5,479	22,559	190,038
Charleston	---	---	---	---	600	600	55,392
Mobile	1,976	---	---	---	---	1,976	13,671
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	800	800	126,017
New York*	1,800	2,000	---	4,000	---	7,800	90,558
Other ports*	4,000	1,000	---	2,000	---	7,000	109,400
Total 1919	72,287	10,000	---	13,808	7,598	103,693	1,147,393
Total 1918	24,000	4,000	---	15,744	12,700	56,444	1,294,664
Total 1917	32,192	11,513	---	27,803	8,861	80,369	848,969

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been rather more active at rising prices. Early in the week the weather was bad. Liverpool was strong. Cotton goods have been active and rising all the week. Manchester has been firm with a firm demand. On the 15th inst. a French agent just arrived in this country was quoted as saying that he was to buy all sorts of commodities, including anywhere from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000 worth of cotton goods. This sounds a bit curious. Buyers on a big scale are not wont to announce their plans from the house tops. Some were therefore a bit skeptical. But this simple announcement served to raise prices on the 15th inst. 50 to 65 points. Furthermore, there has been a persistent demand all the week from the trade. Spinners have been buying new crop months against expanding sales of goods for delivery well into the coming crop year. And Wall Street and the West have at times bought heavily. Liverpool and Japanese interests have bought to a certain extent. And the weather at one time was certainly regarded as too cool and wet. Complaints of slow germination, retarded growth where the plant is up and also of weeds in some parts of Texas served with other things to strengthen prices. Last week from the Mississippi Valley westward it was unseasonably cool and

the rainfall was generally heavy. Planting has not been completed in Louisiana. Wet soil has delayed planting in some parts of Texas. Frequent rains hindered field work in Mississippi and Arkansas and westward. The rise in the stock market at times had more or less effect. Chicago is still, to all appearances, interested in cotton on the buying side. A large Texas operator is understood to have bought freely here early in the week. Wall Street has on the whole been a buyer on balance. At times the South has bought. Local traders have frequently tried the short side early in the day only to cover before the close.

Large spot houses have leaned to the buying side, evidently having a favorable opinion of the market. And this opinion is shared by a good many others. They think the season is opening in dubious fashion for the crop. They believe that there is little likelihood that the unusually favorable report of June 4 last year—i. e., 82.3%—will be equaled this year. That report was the best in seven years. It is only nine days to the real date of the June report, which will be issued this year on the 2d of the month. Conditions, it is argued, will have to be exceptionally good between now and May 25 to make a favorable showing. Meanwhile the spot sales at the South are large, especially at the Southwest. It is not believed that this was all for home account; far from it. It must have meant a good deal of buying for export. All Europe, it is believed, wants American cotton. It is intimated, too, that German mills are in good shape for business. All that they want is a good supply of American low grades. In the past they have used such grades on a large scale. As for money, it is believed that the textile industries of Germany will be able to find enough to buy all the cotton that they need. If things quiet down in Russia, there ought to be a good market there for cotton goods, seeing that the tillage of the soil has to a large extent been abandoned, and the cotton crop is presumably small. In this country the demand for new crop months has been so great that the premium on May and July is gradually being reduced. On the other hand, the price has advanced so fast that many believe that a reaction is now due. Besides, the weather has latterly improved. The rest of the present month may be favorable. June is very apt to be. Whatever the predictions, the actual exports of late have not as a rule been large. In fact, at times they have been very small. And, although spot sales at the South have been large, that very fact is significant as showing that the Southern holder is inclined to sell. Visible stocks in this country are, of course, still large. Spinners' takings long; world's stocks decrease but slowly. And it is contended that the price of spot cotton at the South is approximately on a contract delivery basis for New York. Contrary to expectations, too, May notices have been in circulation. The total thus far this month is supposed to be about 7,500 bales, and May as a rule has lagged behind the rest of the list. For the notices have not always been promptly stopped. To-day prices were again higher on persistent trade and speculative buying, higher cables, sympathy with a strong stock market, and finally a scarcity of contracts. The ending was at a rise for the week of 108 points on July. Spot cotton closed at 30.05c. for middling uplands, showing a rise for the week of 95 points.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

May 10 to May 16—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands.....	28.90	28.90	29.50	29.35	29.75	30.05

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

1919 c.....	30.05	1911 c.....	15.95	1903 c.....	11.40	1895 c.....	6.81
1918.....	27.30	1910.....	15.90	1902.....	9.50	1894.....	7.25
1917.....	20.25	1909.....	11.35	1901.....	8.06	1893.....	7.81
1916.....	13.00	1908.....	11.60	1900.....	9.75	1892.....	7.25
1915.....	9.80	1907.....	12.05	1899.....	6.19	1891.....	8.88
1914.....	13.50	1906.....	12.00	1898.....	6.38	1890.....	11.94
1913.....	12.00	1905.....	8.20	1897.....	7.88	1889.....	11.06
1912.....	11.75	1904.....	13.80	1896.....	8.25	1888.....	10.00

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, 20 pts. dec.	Steady	-----	-----	-----
Monday	Quiet, unchanged	Steady	-----	-----	-----
Tuesday	Steady, 60 pts. adv.	Strong	-----	600	600
Wednesday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Barely steady	-----	4,500	4,500
Thursday	Steady, 40 pts. adv.	Steady	-----	500	500
Friday	Steady, 30 pts. adv.	Strong	-----	-----	-----
Total	-----	-----	-----	5,600	5,600

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, May 10.	Monday, May 12.	Tuesday, May 13.	Wed. day, May 14.	Thurs. day, May 15.	Friday, May 16.
	May	27.60	27.75-80	28.25	28.06-08	28.95-05
July	26.27-33	26.45-50	26.36-06	26.63-66	27.20-23	27.73
October	24.16-23	24.35-40	24.33-35	24.61-63	25.10-13	25.59-65
December	23.77	23.96-00	24.43	24.20	24.76	25.20
January	23.47	23.68	24.17-23	23.93-97	24.56	25.05
March	23.14-15	23.42	23.93-98	23.72	24.30	24.80
Tone	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Spot	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Firm	Steady	Firm	Very S. y

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

	Saturday, May 10.	Monday, May 12.	Tuesday, May 13.	Wed. day, May 14.	Thurs. day, May 15.	Friday, May 16.	Week.
May	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Range	28.10-28	27.90-18	28.05-76	28.60-88	28.55-05	29.14-35	27.90-735
Closing	28.12	28.15-13	28.75-76	28.55-60	28.95-00	29.30	-----
July	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Range	26.61-98	26.55-96	26.85-37	27.05-50	27.06-03	27.08-05	26.55-705
Closing	26.77-80	26.90-92	27.33-37	27.14-18	27.58-60	27.89-02	-----
August	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Range	-----	25.68-90	-----	-----	-----	26.85	25.68-85
Closing	25.75	25.85	26.45	26.20	26.75	27.30	-----
September	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Range	-----	-----	25.65	-----	25.90	26.77-89	25.65-89
Closing	25.42	25.50	26.10	25.85	26.39	26.88	-----
October	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Range	34.90-35	24.85-25	25.16-72	25.40-83	25.40-07	26.15-52	24.85-52
Closing	25.02-06	25.16-19	25.70-72	25.45-49	25.97-99	26.48-50	-----
November	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Range	-----	-----	25.00-10	-----	-----	-----	25.00-10
Closing	24.65	24.77	25.30	25.10	25.62	26.12	-----
December	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Range	24.40-80	24.45-78	24.70-25	24.95-40	24.96-63	25.65-05	24.45-705
Closing	24.55-62	24.67-69	25.23-25	25.00-05	25.52-55	26.02-03	-----
January	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Range	24.18-55	24.15-43	24.46-00	24.65-03	24.70-28	25.28-77	24.15-177
Closing	24.25-27	24.36-39	24.95-00	24.70-75	25.25-28	25.75-79	-----
February	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Range	-----	-----	-----	24.90	25.00	25.00	24.90-00
Closing	24.08	24.23	24.75	24.60	25.03	25.60	-----
March	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Range	23.85-25	23.90-15	24.15-60	24.40-77	24.42-10	25.11-56	23.90-156
Closing	23.98-02	24.12-14	24.65-70	24.41-48	24.93-98	25.50-52	-----

f 29c. 128c. 126c. 125c.

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.....	533,000	322,000	575,000	728,000
Stock at London.....	12,000	23,000	24,000	45,000
Stock at Manchester.....	78,000	44,000	50,000	71,000
Total Great Britain.....	623,000	389,000	649,000	844,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	-----	-----	*1,000	*1,000
Stock at Bremen.....	-----	-----	*1,000	*1,000
Stock at Havre.....	187,000	140,000	215,000	300,000
Stock at Marseilles.....	6,000	1,000	6,000	15,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	79,000	15,000	90,000	101,000
Stock at Genoa.....	83,000	3,000	33,000	123,000
Stock at Trieste.....	-----	-----	*1,000	*1,000
Total Continental stocks.....	355,000	159,000	347,000	542,000
Total European stocks.....	978,000	548,000	996,000	1,386,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	28,000	31,000	72,000	45,000
Amer. cotton afloat for Europe.....	266,035	130,000	172,000	330,470
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Eur'e.....	48,000	78,000	29,000	21,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	351,000	302,000	123,000	75,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	999,000	*650,000	906,000	976,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	1,251,086	1,351,108	929,338	1,170,809
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,363,141	1,028,217	838,634	747,540
U. S. exports to-day.....	2,851	-----	24,458	1,300
Total visible supply.....	5,287,113	4,118,325	4,090,430	4,753,119

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American					
Liverpool stock.....	bales.	344,000	160,000	448,000	573,000
Manchester stock.....	-----	16,000	14,000	39,000	61,000
Continental stock.....	-----	324,000	*143,000	*284,000	*437,000
American afloat for Europe.....	-----	266,035	130,000	172,000	330,470
U. S. port stocks.....	-----	1,251,086	1,351,108	929,338	1,170,809
U. S. interior stocks.....	-----	1,363,141	1,028,217	838,634	747,540
U. S. exports to-day.....	-----	2,851	-----	24,458	1,300
Total American.....	-----	3,597,113	2,826,325	2,735,430	3,321,119
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—					
Liverpool stock.....	-----	189,000	162,000	127,000	155,000
London stock.....	-----	12,000	23,000	24,000	45,000
Manchester stock.....	-----	32,000	30,000	11,000	16,000
Continental stock.....	-----	31,000	*16,000	*63,000	*105,000
India afloat for Europe.....	-----	28,000	31,000	72,000	45,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	-----	48,000	78,000	29,000	21,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	-----	351,000	302,000	123,000	75,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	-----	999,000	*650,000	906,000	976,000
Total East India, &c.....	-----	1,690,000	1,292,000	1,355,000	1,432,000
Total American.....	-----	3,597,113	2,826,325	2,735,430	3,321,119

Total visible supply.....					
Middling upland, Liverpool.....	-----	5,287,113	4,118,325	4,090,430	4,753,119
Middling upland, New York.....	-----	17,564	21,554	24,000	8,744
Middling upland, New York.....	-----	30,052	26,652	20,802	13,302
Egypt, good sakes, Liverpool.....	-----	30,084	31,400	29,854	15,714
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	-----	29,754	39,000	22,504	13,254
Broch, fine, Liverpool.....	-----	16,504	20,794	12,804	8,404
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	-----	16,754	21,044	12,984	8,424

* Estimated. Continental imports for past week have been 71,000 bales. The above figures for 1919 show a decrease from last week of 64,372 bales, a gain of 1,168,788 bales over 1918, an excess of 1,196,683 bales over 1917 and a gain of 533,994 bales over 1916.

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

Week ending May 16.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thurs. day.	Friday.
Galveston.....	29.25	29.25	29.50	29.50	29.75	30.25
New Orleans.....	27.75	27.88	28.13	28.13	28.13	28.38
Mobile.....	27.00	27.00	Holiday	27.00	27.00	27.50
Savannah.....	27.75	27.75	28.00	28.00	28.25	28.50
Charleston.....	27.25	27.25	27.25	-----	27.50	28.00
Wilmington.....	26.25	26.25	26.50	-----	-----	27.00
Norfolk.....	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.50	27.50	27.75
Baltimore.....	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.50	29.00
Philadelphia.....	29.15	29.15	29.75	29.60	30.00	30.30
Augusta.....	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.75	28.00
Memphis.....	28.00	28.00	28.25	28.25	28.25	28.50
Dallas.....	-----	28.15	28.60	28.45	28.85	29.05
Houston.....	28.55	28.55	29.25	29.00	29.40	29.90
Little Rock.....	27.00	27.00	27.25	27.25	27.50	27.50

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 May 16 1919.				Movement to May 17 1918.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks May 16.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks May 17.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Eufaula...	4,520		3,397		4,461		2,807	
Montgomery...	160	61,625	242	24,292	20	45,380	20	
Selma...	461	59,141	548	17,643	4	33,987	5	
Ark., Helena...	395	37,296	1,404	4,291	267	41,376	1,054	
Little Rock...	2,501	157,863	2,913	43,610	1,164	223,158	4,867	
Pine Bluff...	1,038	127,779	5,401	46,051	867	142,703	2,346	
C. Abney...	6	10,570	55	4,079	1	12,345	700	
Athens...	2,814	125,185	1,810	40,723	100	120,633	3,055	
Atlanta...	3,213	195,510	4,199	27,014	1,553	319,232	3,365	
Augusta...	10,815	401,494	5,265	179,716	1,213	431,589	6,088	
Columbus...		51,755		30,025	650	37,264	700	
Macon...	4,893	193,128	3,914	40,488	1,138	165,595	1,700	
Rome...	809	46,909	1,180	14,329	1	54,150	1,750	
La., Shreveport...	1,500	119,387	1,551	50,000	465	195,200	940	
Miss., Columbus...	135	19,354	569	3,240	150	10,096	150	
Clarksdale...	2,923	131,697	5,877	34,056	200	104,690	1,200	
Greenwood...	2,000	131,067	9,500	29,000	400	123,976	2,400	
Meridian...	543	39,167	713	14,967	169	34,809	460	
Natchez...	207	42,334	1,237	12,223	6	51,285	598	
Vicksburg...	408	33,927	927	7,396	50	30,313	179	
Yazoo City...	150	39,491	4,063	9,587		35,499	259	
Mo., St. Louis...	4,589	496,794	4,859	21,705	12,377	1,110,669	11,845	
N.C., Greensboro...	2,626	44,560	1,626	10,900	700	57,042	700	
Raleigh...	434	8,234	350	379		10,533		
O., Cincinnati...	2,200	127,275	1,700	25,500	3,392	126,519	3,603	
Okla., Ardmore...						13,750		
Chickasha...	250	44,367	450	5,000	500	63,367	802	
Hugo...	20	27,145	118	648		34,591	200	
Okahoma...		34,408		7,000	263	44,379	250	
S.C., Greenville...	2,420	85,584	2,300	25,790	2,500	132,335	3,500	
Greenwood...		13,769	58	9,566		13,591		
Tenn., Memphis...	12,295	829,791	24,435	328,953	27,368	1,285,046	30,875	
Nashville...		1,268		1,193		1,823		
Tex., Abilene...		7,233		638		26,992		
Brenham...		17,463	100	5,400	8	21,167	4	
Clarksville...	990	46,040	1,262	6,105		53,378	200	
Dallas...	626	84,208	964	11,346	182	128,065	107	
Honey Grove...	592	29,168	696	3,221	100	62,070	400	
Houston...	28,484	1,070,323	34,656	260,060	4,959	1,864,791	15,883	
Paris...	2,551	119,134	3,039	13,050		103,409	500	
San Antonio...		39,403		1,700		30,141		
Total, 41 towns	92,954	5,758,297	127,014	1,963,141	60,767	4,174,494	97,739	

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 34,060 bales and are to-night 334,924 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 32,187 bales more than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

May 16—	1918-19		1917-18	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Shipped	4,859	548,784	11,845	1,109,490
Via St. Louis	13,760	430,426	17,432	419,549
Via Mounds, &c.	100	23,682		13,978
Via Rock Island	749	97,879	3,249	64,686
Via Louisville	1,200	58,404	1,418	38,306
Via Cincinnati	513	96,604	3,613	192,739
Via Virginia routes, &c.	16,812	725,444	11,804	616,475
Total gross overland	37,993	1,920,223	49,361	2,466,230
Deduct shipments				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	1,415	50,893	1,852	297,447
Between interior towns	104	46,176	2,698	95,429
Inland, &c., from South	5,874	219,089	67,243	661,609
Total to be deducted	7,393	316,158	11,793	1,007,485
Leaving total net overland*	30,600	1,604,065	37,568	1,458,745

* Including movement by rail to Canada. a Revised. b 13,550 bales added as revision of shipments during April.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 30,600 bales, against 37,568 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 145,320 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings	1918-19		1917-18	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to May 16	90,194	4,665,178	48,490	5,327,758
Net overland to May 16	30,600	1,604,065	37,568	1,458,745
Southern consumption to May 16a	56,000	2,861,000	85,000	3,416,000
Total marketed	176,794	9,130,243	171,058	10,202,503
Interior stocks in excess	34,060	666,525	36,972	673,725
Came in to sight during week	142,734		134,086	
Total in sight May 16		9,796,768		10,876,228
Nor. spinners' takings to May 16.	71,100	1,731,325	46,234	2,327,809

* Decrease during week. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years:			
Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1917—May 18	133,587	1918-17—May 18	11,766,349
1916—May 19	169,354	1916-15—May 19	11,269,697
1915—May 21	134,929	1914-15—May 21	14,345,545

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Advices to us by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that the weather has for the most part been favorable during the week, although in a few sections there has been rather too much rain. Texas advices are to the effect that cloudy and wet weather have retarded growth and cultivation.

Galveston, Tex.—Weather conditions over the State have not been entirely satisfactory for crop development, cloudy and wet weather retarding growth and cultivation. It has rained on three days during the week, to the extent of two inches. The thermometer has ranged from 62 to 84, averaging 73.

Abilene, Tex.—Rain on three days of the week. The rainfall has been twenty-five hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 71, highest 88, lowest 54.

Brenham, Tex.—It has rained on four days during the week, to the extent of one inch and forty hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 71, the highest being 85 and the lowest 56.

Brownsville, Tex.—We have had rain on two days during the past week, to the extent of sixty-four hundredths of an inch. The thermometer averaged 77, ranging from 64 to 90.

Cuero, Tex.—It has rained on two days during the week, to the extent of one inch and nine hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 59 to 86, averaging 73.

Dallas, Tex.—Rain on one day of the week. The rainfall has been eighty-four hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 71, highest 86, lowest 56.

Henrietta, Tex.—It has rained on two days during the week, to the extent of one inch and sixty hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 70, the highest being 88 and the lowest 52.

Kerrville, Tex.—There has been rain on three days during the week, to the extent of two inches and fifty-seven hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 55 to 83, averaging 69.

Lampasas, Tex.—Rain on three days of the week. The rainfall has been one inch and twelve hundredths. Average thermometer 71, highest 87, lowest 54.

Longview, Tex.—It has rained on one day during the week, to the extent of thirty-two hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 73, the highest being 93 and the lowest 53.

Luling, Tex.—We have had rain on five days of the past week, the rainfall being one inch and twenty-one hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 71, ranging from 56 to 86.

Nacogdoches, Tex.—There has been rain on two days during the week, to the extent of ninety-five hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 54 to 86, averaging 70.

Palestine, Tex.—Rain on one day of the week. The rainfall has been fifty-six hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 71, highest 86, lowest 56.

Paris, Tex.—It has rained on one day of the week, the rainfall reaching fifty hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 71, the highest being 88 and the lowest 54.

San Antonio, Tex.—The week's rainfall has been one inch, on three days. The thermometer has averaged 72, ranging from 58 to 86.

Taylor, Tex.—It has rained on three days during the week, to the extent of ninety-seven hundredths of an inch. Minimum thermometer 56.

Weatherford, Tex.—Rain on two days of the week. The rainfall has been one inch and twenty-seven hundredths. Average thermometer 68, highest 85, lowest 50.

Ardmore, Okla.—It has rained on three days of the week, the rainfall reaching one inch and forty-four hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 68, the highest being 88 and the lowest 48.

Muskogee, Okla.—We have had rain on three days of the week, the rainfall reaching ninety-six hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 74, ranging from 48 to 84.

Eldorado, Ark.—It has rained on one day during the week, to the extent of forty-three hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 50 to 84, averaging 67.

Little Rock, Ark.—It has rained on three days of the week, the rainfall reaching sixty hundredths of an inch. Minimum thermometer 51, maximum 81, mean 66.

Alexandria, La.—We have had rain on one day of the week, the rainfall reaching one inch and twenty hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 72, the highest being 85 and the lowest 59.

New Orleans, La.—We have had rain on two days of the past week, the rainfall being one inch and twenty-six hundredths.

Shreveport, La.—It has rained on two days during the week, to the extent of seventy-eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 55 to 80, averaging 67.

Columbus, Miss.—The week's rainfall has been twenty hundredths of an inch, on one day. Average thermometer 67, highest 85, lowest 50.

Vicksburg, Miss.—There has been no rain during the past week. The thermometer has averaged 66, the highest being 81 and the lowest 55.

Mobile, Ala.—The weather has been generally favorable, but some localities report labor shortage and grassy crops. We have had rain on two days of the week, the rainfall reaching ninety-one hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 72, ranging from 59 to 85.

Montgomery, Ala.—There has been rain on two days during the week, to the extent of twenty-nine hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 54 to 82, averaging 68.

Selma, Ala.—It has rained on one day of the week, the rainfall reaching ten hundredths of an inch. Minimum thermometer 51, highest 80, average 67.

Madison, Fla.—There has been rain on one day during the week, the precipitation reaching nineteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 74, the highest being 87 and the lowest 60.

Tallahassee, Fla.—The week's rainfall has been forty-nine hundredths of an inch on three days. The thermometer has averaged 73, ranging from 60 to 86.

Allanta, Ga.—It has rained on three days during the week, to the extent of one inch and twenty-two hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 50 to 78, averaging 64.

Augusta, Ga.—Rain on two days of the week. The rainfall has been one inch and sixty-seven hundredths. Average thermometer 69, highest 83, lowest 54.

Savannah, Ga.—It has rained on three days during the week, to the extent of seventy-six hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 72, the highest being 86 and the lowest 61.

Charleston, S. C.—We have had rain on two days during the past week, to the extent of twenty-nine hundredths of an inch. The thermometer averaged 74, ranging from 63 to 84.

Greenwood, S. C.—There has been rain on three days of the week, to the extent of one inch and seventeen hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 65, the highest being 79 and the lowest 50.

Spartanburg, S. C.—We have had rain on three days of the past week, the rainfall being four inches and twenty-seven hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 67, ranging from 50 to 84.

Charlotte, N. C.—There has been rain on four days during the week, to the extent of three inches and seven hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 47 to 80, averaging 64.

Weldon, N. C.—It has rained four days of the week, the rainfall reaching seventy-nine hundredths of an inch. Minimum thermometer 46, highest 85, average 66.

Memphis, Tenn.—There has been rain on two days during the week, the precipitation reaching eighteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 62, the highest being 72 and the lowest 51.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of the rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	May 16 1919.	May 17 1918.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans.....	Above zero of gauge. 13.4	12.5
Memphis.....	Above zero of gauge. 29.8	22.7
Nashville.....	Above zero of gauge. 15.2	22.5
Shreveport.....	Above zero of gauge. 17.2	1.5
Vicksburg.....	Above zero of gauge. 36.3	31.2

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 ending	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1919.	1918.	1917.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Mar. 29.....	87,657	76,020	83,041	1,521,143	1,233,596	1,064,801	85,420	82,236	59,192
Apr. 4.....	78,025	74,681	75,572	1,506,474	1,270,758	1,061,258	63,366	61,843	71,829
11.....	66,548	71,337	64,204	1,496,418	1,238,522	1,026,113	59,492	59,101	29,119
18.....	69,131	53,313	71,799	1,469,042	1,197,109	995,504	41,755	11,897	41,190
25.....	90,323	62,068	66,817	1,447,440	1,154,082	957,090	68,721	19,044	28,403
May 2.....	90,093	65,373	60,243	1,417,004	1,098,016	922,841	68,627	9,307	25,994
9.....	104,230	59,713	70,719	1,397,201	1,065,139	877,537	84,427	23,886	25,415
16.....	90,194	48,490	60,116	1,333,141	1,028,217	838,934	59,134	11,518	21,213

The above statement shows: 1.—That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1918 are 5,331,703 bales; in 1917-18 were 6,001,483 bales, and in 1916-17 were 6,794,324 bales. 2. That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 90,194 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 56,134 bales, the balance being taken from stocks at interior towns. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 11,518 bales and for 1917 they were 21,213 bales.

OUR COTTON ACREAGE REPORT.—Our cotton acreage report will probably be ready about the 20th of June. Parties desiring the circular in quantities, with their business cards printed thereon, should send in their orders as soon as possible, to ensure early delivery.

EGYPTIAN COTTON CROP.—The Alexandria Cotton Co., Ltd., of Boston has the following by mail from Aledanria under date of April 12:

New Crop.—The weather has been favorable during the last month and has helped the young crop to get a good start. A delay in sowing is reported from various districts, due to local disturbances which caused irregular irrigation rotations and shortage of manual labor. It is hoped that the present unrest will immediately cease, otherwise considerable damage to the crop may ensue owing to the insufficient and irregular irrigation which would result from any interference with the efficiency of the irrigation service; the careful working of the canals is more necessary than usual this summer owing to the limited supply of water in prospect.

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.—Nominations.—The following have been placed in nomination for offices to be filled at the annual election of the New York Cotton Exchange on June 2 1919:

To serve one year—President, Walter L. Johnson; Vice-President, Leopold S. Bache; Treasurer, James F. Maury. Managers—Edward E. Bartlett, Jr., Henry de La B. Carpenter, Herbert D. Clearman, Edward K. Cone, Harry L. Goss, J. Temple Gwathmey, Edward L. Haneman, Ralph H. Hubbard, Sydney F. Jones, William H. Judson, Henry H. Royce, William N. Schill, George M. Shutt, Spencer Waters and Edward M. Weld.

To serve for three years—George M. Shutt for trustee of gratuity funds. To serve at annual election in 1920 for inspectors of election—William A. Boger, Frank A. Kimball and J. Victor Di Zerega.

ENGLISH COTTON OPERATIVES.—Wage Dispute Ballot.—Cables this week are to the effect that the legislative council of the Textile Workers' Association at a meeting on

Wednesday arranged the details of the ballot to be taken of Lancashire cotton operatives on the hours and wages disputes. The result is to be made known at the end of the month, and, while the outlook is regarded as serious, a strike is believed improbable. The Ministry of Labor is expected to intervene.

COTTON CONSUMPTION AND OVERLAND MOVEMENT TO MAY 1.—Below we present a synopsis of the crop movement for the month of April and the nine months ended April 30 for three years.

	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Gross overland for April.....	184,171	225,207	178,672
Gross overland for 9 months.....	1,813,015	2,320,486	2,217,621
Net overland for April.....	151,330	144,457	83,567
Net overland for 9 months.....	1,519,586	1,357,611	1,535,266
Port receipts in April.....	348,815	283,961	282,196
Port receipts in 9 months.....	4,443,648	5,197,617	6,142,795
Exports in April.....	454,953	174,544	283,728
Exports in 9 months.....	3,921,572	3,496,481	4,662,340
Port stocks on April 30.....	1,261,240	1,429,320	1,042,626
Northern spinners' takings to May 1.....	1,637,762	2,140,711	2,574,866
Southern consumption to May 1.....	2,729,000	3,203,000	3,176,000
Overland to Canada for 9 months (incl. in net overland).....	162,678	180,971	124,373
Burnt North and South in 9 months.....	6,992	—	1,383
Stock at Northern interior markets Apr 30.....	24,500	25,635	17,689
Came into sight during April.....	669,145	643,418	624,765
Amount of crop in sight May 1.....	9,422,214	10,528,228	11,447,061
Came into sight balance of season.....	—	1,383,668	1,528,508
Total crop.....	—	11,911,896	12,975,569
Average gross weight of bales.....	512.09	511.73	513.57
Average net weight of bales.....	487.09	486.73	488.57

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF COTTON MANUFACTURES.—We give below a statement showing the exports of domestic cotton manufactures for March and of the nine months ended March 31 1919, and for purposes of comparison, like figure for the corresponding period of the previous year are also presented:

Manufactures of Cotton Exported.	Month ending March 31.		9 Mos. ending March 31.	
	1919.	1918.	1918-19.	1917-18.
Piece goods.....	40,918,765	41,139,170	424,996,398	545,748,970
Piece goods.....	\$10,771,661	\$7,036,580	\$99,309,670	\$77,666,826
Wear'g app'l, knit goods.....	3,263,052	968,499	19,014,868	11,556,062
Wear'g app'l, all other.....	1,358,419	862,755	9,677,889	7,924,616
Waste cotton, &c.....	375,921	597,090	7,590,860	8,181,019
Yarn.....	1,387,649	528,302	10,597,050	5,662,904
All other.....	3,717,281	1,843,636	23,401,160	15,738,687
Total manufactures of value.....	\$20,873,883	\$11,736,868	\$171,601,509	\$126,729,714

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

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1918-19.		1917-18.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply May 9.....	5,351,485	—	4,201,445	—
Visible supply Aug. 1.....	—	3,027,450	—	2,814,776
American in sight to May 16.....	132,734	9,796,768	134,086	10,876,228
Bombay receipts to May 15.....	630,000	1,950,000	14,000	1,493,000
Other India shipments to May 15.....	—	22,000	—	73,000
Alexandria receipts to May 14.....	92,000	668,000	6,000	765,000
Other supply to May 14.....	—	161,000	7,000	177,000
Total supply.....	5,526,219	15,635,218	4,362,531	16,198,004
Deduct—				
Visible supply May 16.....	5,287,113	5,287,113	4,118,325	4,118,325
Total takings to May 16.....	239,106	10,348,105	244,206	12,079,679
Of which American.....	231,106	8,149,105	239,206	9,593,679
Of which other.....	8,000	2,199,000	5,000	2,486,000

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,861,000 bales in 1918-19 and 3,416,000 bales in 1917-18—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 7,487,105 bales in 1918-19 and 8,663,679 bales in 1917-18, of which 5,288,105 bales and 6,177,679 bales American. b Estimated.

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay for the week ending Apr. 24 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

April 24. Receipts at—	1918-19.		1917-18.		1916-17.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay.....	51,000	1,793,000	57,000	1,363,000	103,000	2,101,000

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS OF COTTON.—The following are the receipts and shipments for the week ending Apr. 23 and for the corresponding week of the two previous years:

Alexandria, Egypt, April 23.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week.....	8,171	91,985	47,631
Since Aug. 1.....	4,653,005	5,557,042	4,894,558

Export (bales)—	1918-19.		1917-18.		1916-17.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool.....	—	183,229	99	155,755	4,509	189,708
To Manchester, &c.....	5,928	98,145	11,676	219,061	2,452	123,320
To Continent and India.....	3,407	119,162	—	64,415	—	108,888
To America.....	1,946	47,900	18,000	56,763	—	105,215
Total exports.....	11,341	448,436	29,775	495,994	6,961	527,125

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending April 23 were 8,171 cantars and the foreign shipments 11,341 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that there is substantial buying for the home trade, and India and China. Grays and bleachings are active. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1919.						1918.					
	32s Cop Twist.		8 1/4 lbs. Shirts-ings, Common to Finest.		Col'n Mid. Upl's		32s Cop Twist.		8 1/4 lbs. Shirts-ings, Common to Finest.		Col'n Mid. Upl's	
Mar	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.	
21	25	@ 27	16 6	@ 23 6	15.32	41	@ 43	18 4 1/2	@ 26 9	24.10		
23	24 1/2	@ 26 1/2	16 6	@ 23 6	15.75	41 1/2	@ 44 1/2	18 4 1/2	@ 26 9	24.32		
Apr												
4	25	@ 27	16 6	@ 23 0	15.24	42 1/2	@ 45 1/2	19 10 1/2	@ 23 1 1/2	24.95		
11	26 1/2	@ 28 1/2	17 0	@ 23 3	16.83	44	@ 46 1/2	20 0	@ 23 6	24.38		
18	26 1/2	@ 28 1/2	17 0	@ 23 3	18.20	43 1/2	@ 46	21 6	@ 23 6	22.79		
25	27 1/2	@ 29 1/2	18 0	@ 23 9	18.53	44 1/2	@ 46 1/2	22 0	@ 29 0	21.98		
May												
2	27 1/2	@ 29 1/2	18 4	@ 24 0	17.29	44 1/2	@ 46 1/2	22 0	@ 29 0	21.40		
9	28 1/2	@ 30 1/2	18 6	@ 24 3	17.19	43 1/2	@ 46 1/2	22 0	@ 29 0	21.55		
16	29 1/2	@ 32 1/2	19 6	@ 24 0	17.75	44	@ 46 1/2	23 0	@ 28 6	21.65		

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 34,715 bales. The shipments in detail as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Total bales.
NEW YORK—To Liverpool—May 14—Baltic, 599	599
To Rotterdam—May 14—New Amsterdam, 1,127	1,127
To Genoa—May 12—Vulcano, 711; Tarantia, 3,376	4,087
To Piræus—May 9—Tolland, 3,902	3,902
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—May 12—Oxonian, 6,209	6,209
To Manchester—May 12—Asuncion de Larrinaga, 7,555	7,555
To Gothenburg—May 12—Sonja, 2,104	2,104
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—May 10—Historian, 5,114	5,114
To Port Barrios—May 9—Preston, 149	149
BRUNSWICK—To Liverpool—May 10—Antillan, 1,125	1,125
BOSTON—To Liverpool—May 9—	5
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—May 6—Fuku Maru, 676	676
TACOMA—To Japan—May 8—Mexico Maru, 2,063	2,063
Total	34,715

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

	Grt. Brit.	Goth'g. Holl'd.	Guatem.	Italy.	Greece.	Japan.	Total.
New York	599	1,127	---	4,087	3,902	---	9,715
Galveston	13,764	2,104	---	---	---	---	15,868
New Orleans	5,114	---	149	---	---	---	5,263
Brunswick	1,125	---	---	---	---	---	1,125
Boston	5	---	---	---	---	---	5
San Francisco	---	---	---	---	---	676	676
Tacoma	---	---	---	---	---	2,063	2,063
Total	20,607	2,104	1,127	149	4,087	3,902	34,715

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	April 25.	May 2.	May 9.	May 16.
Sales of the week	17,000	31,000	34,000	42,000
Of which speculators took	---	---	---	---
Of which exporters took	---	---	---	---
Sales, American	10,000	20,000	20,000	28,000
Actual export	3,000	2,000	8,000	1,000
Forwarded	35,000	53,000	68,000	58,000
Total stock	521,000	599,000	553,000	533,000
Of which American	354,000	399,000	356,000	314,000
Total imports of the week	84,000	91,000	27,000	39,000
Of which American	65,000	71,000	5,000	35,000
Amount afloat	167,000	124,000	180,000	---
Of which American	136,000	86,000	150,000	---

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

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.		Good demand.	Fair business doing.	Good demand.	Good demand.	Fair business doing.
Mid. Upl'ds		17.24	17.30	17.40	17.28	17.75
Sales	HOLIDAY.	6,000	7,000	8,000	10,000	8,000
Futures, Market opened		Steady, 10@14 pts. decline.	Steady, 5@11 pts. advance.	Steady, 10@19 pts. advance.	Steady, 10@15 pts. decline.	Firm, 27@35 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.		Steady, 10@13 pts. advance.	Steady, 17 pts. adv.	Steady, 14@25 pts. adv.	Steady, 8 pts. adv.	Irregular, 38@49 pts. advance.

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day given below:

	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
May 10 to May 16.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.
May	17.04	17.03	17.20	17.16	17.30	17.30	17.18	17.30	17.65	17.73		
June	16.77	16.75	16.93	16.91	17.12	17.09	16.98	17.05	17.42	17.50		
July	16.48	16.45	16.64	16.61	16.83	16.80	16.69	16.81	17.17	17.25		
August	16.08	16.06	16.24	16.22	16.43	16.40	16.32	16.44	16.82	16.87		
September	15.54	15.53	15.71	15.70	15.91	15.93	15.84	15.97	16.31	16.35		
October	15.05	15.04	15.19	15.15	15.29	15.40	15.26	15.43	15.78	15.83		
November	14.84	14.83	14.99	14.89	15.00	15.10	15.00	15.18	15.55	15.67		
December	14.67	14.65	14.81	14.67	14.80	14.92	14.82	15.00	15.37	15.49		
January	14.48	14.49	14.63	14.50	14.61	14.76	14.60	14.82	15.19	15.29		
February	14.37	14.39	14.53	14.39	14.49	14.64	14.53	14.71	15.08	15.15		
March	14.26	14.28	14.42	14.28	14.38	14.43	14.44	14.60	14.97	15.06		
April	14.16	14.18	14.31	14.14	14.27	14.42	14.30	14.46	14.83	14.93		

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, May 16 1919.

Flour has been quiet. The trade is supposed to hold supplies sufficient to carry them through until early in July. Julius Barnes, head of the Grain Corporation, is reported as saying that material reduction in the cost of flour to consumers should be made. This, naturally, tends to make buyers cautious, apart from the fact that they are already carrying pretty good supplies. To all appearance the Government is no longer buying cereal goods for export, al-

though it is buying some corn goods. It has made fairly large purchases of Victory flour, for export to Europe. It is said that a plan is being discussed between Government officials and representatives of the grain and flour trade looking to a guarantee to mills and flour dealers to provide against losses in the event of the price of wheat declining below the Government minimum figures. The Food Administration has announced that it will make no further purchases of rye flour or of Victory flour after June 10. Relief measures for Europe will be discontinued after July 1. It will then have to rely on its own resources. In other words, things are gradually drifting back to the pre-war and normal basis. And most people will be glad to see it restored. At the Northwest the flour output fell off last week 42,390 barrels; total, 328,820 barrels, against 175,920 last year. Lately there has been a rather better tone at Minneapolis.

Wheat supplies continue to fall rapidly. Last week the decrease in the visible stock in this country was 7,284,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of only 322,000 bushels. The total is now down to 42,219,000 bushels. But a year ago it was only 1,872,000 bushels. Recent crop reports from the winter wheat belt have been extremely favorable. It is said that New Orleans has received a cargo of Australian wheat. The Government Food Administration will buy no Victory flour or rye flour for export after June 10. Mr. Barnes predicts lower prices for wheat if present crop prospects within U. S. hold good.

In France low temperatures and cold rains hindered spring sowings. The weather now, however, is generally favorable and work is being pushed actively. There have been some complaints of loss of color of winter wheat and damage by weeds and vermin. In the absence of seed wheat and oats, large quantities of barley are being sown in parts. In the United Kingdom the weather has been favorable and good progress has been made in the sowing of spring cereals. The outlook for winter wheat is not altogether favorable but an average yield is still possible if the present month and June and July are fine. It is believed that the sowings will probably be the smallest for some time past owing to the unfavorable weather in the past. In Spain, although the fields have been flooded with rains and the excessive moisture has hindered agricultural operations, the outlook on the whole is favorable. In Italy the weather has been unfavorable. There are very few complaints of crop damage being received there, but the scarcity and dearthness of labor is delaying farm work. The Government estimate of the land sown to wheat this year is 11,355,000 acres against 10,868,000 last year. The condition of the standing crop is average. In Australia rains have put the land in excellent condition for sowing, which has made good progress. In India the United Provinces will have a crop, it is estimated, of only 86,000 bush. against 109,000 last year, indicating that the total crop for all India will be too small to admit of an exportable surplus.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	237 1/2	237 1/2	237 1/2	237 1/2	237 1/2	237 1/2
No. 1 spring	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2

Indian corn has been quite irregular, at one time rising some 6 cents on July and then falling 10 cents from the high point early in the week. The early advance was due to bad weather at the West. On the 12th inst. May touched \$1 79 in Chicago, which was 10 cents higher than the closing price on the 10th inst. May was 10 cents over July and nearly 20 cents over September. That was a strong hint of the stringency in the cash situation, owing to small receipts. Heavy rains east of the Mississippi hindered the movement of the crop. Recently receipts have fallen below the demand for cash corn. The visible supply fell off 43,000 bushels and is now only 4,202,000 bushels, against 15,424,000 a year ago. Cash prices have at times been rising at the West under the spur of a good demand. Even at country points it seems that as high as \$1 75 has been paid. That is eloquent testimony to the pass to which bad weather and small receipts have brought the trade. Besides offerings of Argentine corn have not increased materially, though it is not to be denied that on old business the arrivals of Argentine corn have been increasing. The chief industries hereabouts moreover, have been supplied very largely by these importations. American corn in such cases has been pushed into the background. Prices fell later on, when it was announced that the weather was better, country offerings larger, and that the Government is disposed to favor lower prices for flour. Moreover, the President of the Chicago Board of Trade for two days in succession requested statements of all open contracts in July and September corn in excess of 100,000 bushels. The evident idea is to check undue speculation and to bring about a certain stabilization of prices. And with better weather it is believed that planting will be pushed. Hogs have declined. Rye has also dropped sharply on the announcement that the Government will stop buying rye flour for export after June 10. To-day prices fell and they end lower for the week. Unsettled weather with rain is again hindering the picking of corn in Argentina. The movement from the interior of that country has been on a small scale and stocks in the principal ports have not increased very much. The tonnage situation in that country is steadily improving, and large clearances are expected from now on.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 3 yellow	189 1/2	199 1/2	192 1/2	189 1/2	193 1/2	194 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....cts.	169	178½	173¾	170	175½	175
July delivery in elevator.....	162	173½	164½	162	164½	162
September delivery in elevator.....	153½	159½	158½	154½	156½	155¾

Oats like corn advanced early in the week but declined later. The weather was bad for the movement of the crop, and the visible supply fell off 874,000 bushels last week, against an increase in the same week last year of 683,000 bushels. The total is now 20,636,000 bushels against 21,396,000 a year ago; that of rye, 15,816,000 bushels, against 952,000 at this time last year. The rise in corn had a stimulating effect at one time even apart from the weather. Cash markets, too, have been strong. Holland is said to have taken 200,000 bushels. That caused covering. It took bears by surprise. On the other hand, prices weakened later partly in sympathy with corn and partly because of better weather. And to all appearance the export demand has died out. Favorable reports were received from Texas about the new crop. Harvesting, it seems, will begin there very shortly. To-day prices declined and are lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Standards.....cts.	80	81	79½@80	78½@79	79½@80	78½@79
No. 2 white.....	80	81	80	79	80	79

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....cts.	68	69¾	68¾	67¾	68¾	67¾
July delivery in elevator.....	67½	68½	67¾	66¾	67¾	66¾
September delivery in elevator.....	64	65¾	64½	63½	64½	63¾

The following are closing quotations:

FLOUR		Barley goods—Portage barley:		
Spring patents.....	\$12 25@12 75	No. 1.....	\$6 00	
Winter straights.....	11 25@ 11 75	No. 2, 3 and 4, pearl.....	6 25	
Kansas straights.....	12 50@ 13 00	Now 2-0 and 3-0.....	6 00@6 15	
Rye flour.....	3 50@ 9 25	Now 4-0 and 5-0.....	6 25	
Corn goods, 100 lbs.....		Oats goods—Carload, spot de-	livery.....	8 05
White gran.....	\$4 25			
Yellow gran.....	4 27½			
Corn flour.....	4 35@4 75			
GRAIN.		Oats—		
Wheat—		Standard.....	78½@79	
No. 2 red.....	\$2 37½	No. 2 white.....	79	
No. 1 spring.....	2 40½	No. 3 white.....	78@78½	
Corn—		No. 4 white.....	78½@79	
No. 2 yellow.....	1 96¾	Barley—		
No. 3 yellow.....	1 94½	Feeding.....	116	
Rye—		Malting.....	123	
No. 2.....	1 61			

For other tables usually given here, see page 1999.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 13.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending May 13, is as follows:

CORN.—Frequent rains the first of the week produced conditions unfavorable for corn planting in most of the principal corn growing districts, while the temperature was much below the normal and the sunshine deficient, thus delaying any germination and retarding growth. Planting made considerable progress in the latter part of the week in the Central Mississippi, Missouri and lower Missouri valleys under more favorable conditions and at the close some corn had been planted as far north as southeastern South Dakota and southern Minnesota, and planting had begun in all sections of Iowa, where the soil was dry and enough. Corn is generally small in the South, but was making fairly satisfactory growth. Cultivation was in progress, but was delayed in the Mississippi Valley by frequent rains. Corn planting is from one to two weeks behind the average in the North Central States.

COTTON.—The temperature of the week just closed averaged somewhat above normal in the more Eastern States of the cotton belt and rainfall was mostly light to moderate, which gave conditions favorable for that crop. From the Mississippi Valley westward it was unseasonably cool, and rainfall was heavy in most sections, which gave conditions unfavorable in that area. Cotton is coming up to a good stand in North Carolina, and germination has been excellent in South Carolina. Planting is about completed in the latter State, and chopping out of the early planted was progressing rapidly. Cotton is nearly all planted in Georgia also, and good to excellent stands have been secured. This work made rather slow progress in Tennessee, due to wet soil, but the early planted is up to a good stand. Chopping out progressed favorably in Southeastern localities. Frequent rains hindered field work from Mississippi and Arkansas westward, and the cool weather retarded germination and growth, except that conditions were satisfactory in western Arkansas. Planting is not yet completed in Louisiana, while germination of the late planted was unsatisfactory in Oklahoma. The unseasonably cool and cloudy weather, with local washing rains, was unfavorably in Texas and wet soil delayed planting and cultivation in that State. Fields are becoming weedy. There is also some complaint of grassy fields in Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia and South Carolina. The crop is making normal progress in the lower Colorado River Valley in Arizona.

WINTER GRAINS.—The cool, showery weather that had been persistent in the principal winter wheat States continued during the week just closed. These conditions were, on the whole, favorable for a continuation of satisfactory development of winter wheat and the crop made good advance in most districts. Too much moisture, however, was causing rank growth in many localities, and there has been some lodging, particularly in Eastern Kansas and portions of Oklahoma and Missouri, while there was some complaint of wheat turning yellow, on wet soil in parts of Iowa, Indiana and Central and northern Virginia. Rust is also quite general in Texas and was reported in most of Oklahoma, but very little damage has resulted so far in the latter State. Rust was also reported in some localities in eastern Kansas and at places in Missouri and in some East Coast localities. Winter wheat continues in good to excellent condition in nearly all districts, although some damage has been done in the South Atlantic Coast States by dry weather, and the cold weather of April is now showing some bad effects in Tennessee, while the recent frost caused some damage in the Far Northwest. Wheat is heading as far north as the Ohio River and Eastern Kansas, and ripening in Central and Southern Texas. Rain is needed in some of the far Western States for this crop, particularly in the Far Northwest, California and Utah. Conditions continued favorably for winter rye and barley, and these crops made satisfactory progress during the week. Dry, warmer weather is needed for winter grain in most central and northern districts east of the Rocky Mountains.

SPRING GRAINS.—It was too wet in most northern localities for seeding spring grains, and this work made rather unsatisfactory progress during the week, particularly in the Lake region and Northeast, and sowing of spring wheat and oats was possible only on well drained soil. While spring seeding was retarded in many late districts, this work is nearly completed in most Northwestern sections, and the grain that is up made satisfactory progress during the week and is in generally good condition, although growth was somewhat retarded by cool weather. The dry weather has been somewhat unfavorable in the Far Northwest, but the rains near the close of the week were beneficial in that area and the crop is reported in satisfactory condition in most localities. Spring oats made good progress in Central districts and the week was general favorable for oats in Southern States. The crop is being harvested in Florida and is ripening in other Gulf localities. Harvest is also beginning in the southern portions of Georgia and Alabama. There was some damage to oats by hail and heavy rain in Texas. Rice planting was delayed by rain in Texas and the lower Mississippi Valley, but conditions were favorable for this crop in Georgia; early planted rice was being flooded in California.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, May 16 1919.

Business in markets for dry goods improved during the week with prices firm and in many cases showing an upward tendency. Confidence appears to have returned and merchants are showing an increased desire to provide for future requirements especially as they are having difficulty in placing orders for nearby delivery. They are anxious to stock up as present indications point to a shortage of goods later in the season. There are also many predictions of higher prices later on. With the Liberty Loan satisfactorily disposed of it is expected that financial conditions will improve and it is generally believed that business in general will become more active. With a broader inquiry for goods, mills are becoming more reluctant to sell and many mill agents are refusing large orders for deferred shipment. Labor conditions are becoming more unsettled, and as a result, manufacturers are finding it difficult to keep up production. The unsatisfactory labor situation appears to be more pronounced in Southern mill centers where a number of mills are entirely closed owing to strikes. Southern mills are reported unwilling to recognize the unions, while advices from New England state that there are so many unions governing labor in that section that manufacturers are at a loss to know whose demands to satisfy. According to reports, jobbers throughout the country are doing an increased business as notwithstanding the advancing prices retailers are buying more freely, with some endeavoring to anticipate their fall requirements. The consumptive demand for fabrics has improved materially during the past few weeks and retailers look forward to an active summer and fall trade. Cotton yarn markets rule firm with the inquiry active. The market for raw cotton has moved upward during the week, but improved weather and crop conditions throughout the belt have increased the optimism among mill men for a larger yield this season than last. Improvement has also been noted in the export division of the dry goods market. While purchases are confined for the most part to small lots, the number of buyers is increasing with trade broadening in all directions. Merchants are making all the necessary financial arrangements to augment foreign trade and it is reported that many new methods for doing business are being adopted. Further purchases have been made for Far Eastern account, and particularly of sheetings and bleached fabrics. Reports regarding trade with South American countries are conflicting, some claiming a fair trade while others but very little. Late in the week a report was current to the effect that France would purchase from twenty to fifty million dollars worth of dry goods in American markets. The report, was not given serious consideration in conservative quarters.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Demand for staple cottons continues to expand and further price advances have been made during the week. Jobbing and retail demand is active for both nearby and deferred shipments. Jobbers have made fairly heavy purchases of bleached fabrics, duck and tickings. Converters have been buying more freely, and they in turn are also said to be doing a much better business. Colored fabrics have been in good demand with prices firm. Cutters have been buying ginghams on a liberal scale, and are finding it difficult to place orders. Southern mills are reported to be booked with business sufficient to keep their machinery fully occupied until September. Higher prices are being named for sheetings and several other lines of goods have recently been withdrawn from sale until additional upward revisions could be made. Sales of print cloths have been heavy and large orders have been placed for delivery running as far ahead as September. Bleachers and printers are reported anxious to purchase goods for delivery late in the year, but manufacturers are unwilling to accept business on a large scale further ahead than the third quarter. Gray goods, 38½-inch standard, listed at 12¾c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Merchants dealing in woolsens and worsteds are endeavoring to induce mills to name prices on goods for next spring delivery. Buyers have also tried to have mills accept orders on "at value" basis, but manufacturers have shown no desire to book such business owing to the uncertainty regarding producing costs. At present, business in men's wear is quiet, as most of the orders for next fall have been placed. The garment workers' strike has caused considerable concern, but it is expected that the difficulties will be adjusted before they affect the consumption of cloths to any extent. An active demand is reported for imported woolsens which are hard to procure as shipments have been very irregular.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Improvement has been noted in the demand for linens. Retailers and jobbers are taking more interest in the market for pure linens, and importers have recently received some fair sized orders which they could send to manufacturers in Belfast. Most of the buying at present, however, is from stocks already in importers' hands. There are no indications of prices for pure linens going lower for the time being; in fact, they are more likely to go higher as advices from manufacturing centers continue firm. While no definite date has been named, it is reported that the Bureau of Aircraft Production will offer for sale 250,000 yards of various linen fabrics. Demand for burlaps continues to exceed the offerings, and as a result prices remain firm. Light weights are quoted at 9.75c, and heavy weights from 11.50c. to 11.75c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

New York City.—Carroll Bill Vetoed.—On May 15 Gov. Smith vetoed the Carroll bill, to authorize an increase from \$7,500 to \$10,000 the salaries of the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Brooklyn, and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the salaries of the Presidents of Queens and Richmond Boroughs, it is stated.

Pennsylvania.—Salary Bill Amended.—It is stated that the West bill, increasing salaries of legislatures from \$1,500 to \$2,500, to become effective next session, was amended in the House after being recalled from the Governor. The amendments eliminate the provision for expenses of committees, to which it is understood the Governor objected, and fixes the extra compensation of the presiding officers at \$1,000.

BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS

Antonito, Colo.—Bond Call.—See official bond call in the advertising columns of this department.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

This week have been as follows:

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Natchez), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Newspapers state that H. B. Vaughn, President of the Board of County Supervisors, will sell at public auction 1 p. m. June 2 \$200,000 12 1-3 year (aver.) road bonds. Int. semi-ann.

ALBANY COUNTY (P. O. Laramie), Wyo.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that at an election held May 8 \$200,000 5% new court-house bonds were voted by a majority of 210 out of the 1,000 votes cast.

ALBERT LEA, Freeborn County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—According to reports sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 29 by C. J. Dudley, City Clerk, for \$148,000 5 1/4% 16 1/2 year (aver.) refunding bonds.

ALEXANDRIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hanson County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—On May 6 the \$49,000 5 1/4% 10-20-year serial school bonds, dated May 1 1919 (V. 108, p. 1741) were awarded to the Mitchell Trust Co. of Mitchell at par for 5s, providing the school district pays \$300 for blank bonds and other expenses.

AMBRIDGE, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—R. H. Hunter, Borough Manager, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. June 2 for \$70,000 3 3/4% 13 1/2-year (average) paving bonds, it is stated. Interest semi-annual. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

AMARILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Amarillo), Potter County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—On May 12 the \$80,000 5% 20-40-year (opt.) school bonds recently voted (V. 108, p. 1534), were awarded to Reeler Bros. of Denver at par and interest less \$575. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1919. Int. M. & N.

AMHERST, Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. F. Baker, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. May 29 for \$14,000 6% street impt. (village's share) bonds. Auth. Secs. 3939 to 3947 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 15 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 on May 1 and Nov. 1 in each year from 1920 to 1926, incl. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ANACONDA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Anaconda), Deerlodge County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—Owing to the technicalities in revoting the \$50,000 school bonds called for May 24 (V. 108, p. 1847) the school authorities have postponed the election until next year.

AURORA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Aurora), Adams County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—The issuance of \$40,000 5% new school building bonds was authorized by a large majority at an election held May 5. This is a suburb of Denver.

BALTIMORE AND BASIL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Baltimore), Fairfield County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Clerk of the Board of Education informs us that the \$20,000 school-building bonds, recently voted (V. 108, p. 1956), will be taken by the State Industrial Commission of Ohio.

BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 301 (P. O. Bellingham), Whatcom County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—The question of issuing two issues of school bonds, aggregating \$150,000, will be submitted to the voters on May 24.

BELMONT, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—On April 24 the Village Council passed an order calling for an election to be held May 27 to vote on the question of issuing \$30,000 street impt. (village's share) bonds. Geo. F. Boyer is Mayor.

BETTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bettaville), Seneca County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—On April 29 the people, by a majority of 50, voted the issuance of \$6,000 school-building bonds, it is stated.

BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On May 14 a temporary loan of \$200,000, issued in anticipation of revenue, and maturing Nov. 20 1919, was awarded to S. N. Bond & Co., of New York, on a 4.30% discount basis plus a premium of \$2 25.

BEXAR COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—This district registered with the State Comptroller on May 5 \$15,000 5% 10-40-year school bonds.

BINGHAM COUNTY (P. O. Blackfoot), Ida.—BOND OFFERING.—F. N. Fisher, County Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. June 12 for \$200,000 10-19-year serial road and bridge bonds at not exceeding 6% interest, it is reported. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for 10% required.

BODE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bode), Humboldt County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Recently the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago purchased and is now offering to investors at a price to yield 4.80% interest, an issue of \$70,000 5% tax-free school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the above bank. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923 to 1925 incl.; \$2,000, 1926 to 1929 incl.; \$3,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; \$4,000, 1935 to 1938 incl.; and \$28,000, 1939.

Financial Statement. (As officially reported.)

*Value of taxable property.....	\$1,646,870
Total debt (this issue included).....	72,500
Population (estimated), 1,000.....	

*The constitutional debt limit is 5% of the value of taxable property. The Supreme Court of Iowa defined this to be 5% of the actual value of taxable property as returned by the assessor and as equalized.

BOISE, Ada County, Ida.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held May 10 (V. 108, p. 1634), \$135,000 park-site bonds were voted. The vote was 2,929 "for" to 41 "against."

BOSTON, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas W. Murray, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 11 a. m. May 24 for the following 4 1/4% registered tax-free bonds, aggregating \$2,320,000: \$150,000 highway bonds. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$8,000 1920 to 1929, inclusive, \$7,000 1930 to 1939, inclusive.

\$130,000 jail and hospital bonds. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$7,000 1920 to 1929, inclusive, \$6,000 1930 to 1939, inclusive.
115,000 courthouse bonds. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$6,000 1920 to 1931, inclusive, \$5,000 1935 to 1939, inclusive.
800,000 highway bonds. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$40,000 1920 to 1939, inclusive.
1,000,000 sewerage bonds. Due \$40,000 yearly on June 1 from 1920 to 1944, inclusive.
125,000 playground bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on June 1 from 1920 to 1944, inclusive.
Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1919. Semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the City Treasurer's office (or by mail). Certified check (or cash) on a Boston national bank or trust company for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the "City of Boston," required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for June 16. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BRADFORD, Miami County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. June 5 by W. L. Hook, Village Clerk, for \$17,000 5 1/2% street impt. (village's share) bonds. Auth. Secs. 3821-3939 and 3942 Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due \$500 each six months from Mar. 1 1924 to Sept. 1 1940, incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BRAWLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Imperial County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Recently Bond & Goodwin of San Francisco was awarded at 106.46 and interest an issue of \$25,000 school bonds.
F. M. Brown & Co., S. Fr. \$28,511 00 Hanchett Bond Co., Chic. \$25,907 00
Citizens' Nat. Bk., Los A. 26,250 00 Torrance, Marshall & Co.,
National City Co., San Fr. 26,197 50 Los Angeles 25,542 00
Lumbermen's Tr. Co., S. Fr. 26,151 00 Wm. R. Staats Co., Los A. 25,517 50
Bank of Italy, San Fran. 25,988 00 Aronson & Co., Los Ang. 25,448 70
Freeman, Smith & Comp Sweet, Cauley, Foster &
Co., San Francisco 25,956 00 Co., Denver 25,355 00
All the above bidders offered accrued interest.

BRIGHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brighton), Adams County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED AND SOLD.—On May 5 the people voted \$60,000 5% school bonds. These bonds have already been sold at 101.

BRITT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Britt), Hancock County, Iowa.—CORRECTION.—We are advised that on April 23 \$140,000 (not \$100,000 as reported in V. 108, p. 1957) school bonds were disposed of.

BROOKLYN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Brooklyn), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. May 27 by U. G. James, Clerk of Board of Township Trustees, for \$100,000 5% coupon road-impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. annual. Due \$1,000 yearly on May 1 from 1920 to 1929, incl. Certified check on some bank other than the one making the bid, for 10% of amount of bonds bid and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BROWNHELM (P. O. Elyria), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The proposition to issue \$50,000 school bonds, which was defeated at a recent election (V. 108, p. 1847), will be submitted again at an election to be held May 20, it is stated.

BRYAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 45, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Recently \$7,500 6% 20-year school bonds were awarded to Robinson & Taylor of Oklahoma City.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. May 21 by Chas. M. Heald, Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, for the following 4 1/4% tax-free registered bonds, aggregating \$4,771,500.

- \$150,000 water bonds. Due June 2 1939.
- 135,000 water bonds. Due June 2 1939.
- 265,000 public-trunk-sewer bonds. Due \$5,300 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1969, incl.
- 225,000 Buffalo River improvement bonds. Due \$7,500 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1949, incl.
- 150,000 Scatquada Creek improvement bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1949, incl.
- 60,000 Bird Island Pier improvement bonds. Due \$2,400 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1944, incl.
- 100,000 Turning Basin bonds. Due \$4,000 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1944, incl.
- 40,000 bridge-construction bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1944, incl.
- 600,000 public general hospital bonds. Due \$30,000 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1939, incl.
- 67,500 police and fire department bonds. Due \$3,375 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1939, incl.
- 200,000 reconstructing grade crossing structure bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1939, incl.
- 1,800,000 school bonds. Due \$90,000 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1939, incl.
- 484,000 park bonds. Due \$24,000 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1939, incl.
- 75,000 street cleaning equipment bonds. Due \$7,500 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1929, incl.
- 148,000 police and fire-department bonds. Due \$14,800 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1929, incl.
- 35,000 river channel improvement bonds. Due \$3,500 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1929, incl.
- 25,000 grade crossing bonds. Due \$2,500 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1929, incl.
- 197,000 park bonds. Due \$19,700 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1929, incl.
- 15,000 playground bonds. Due \$1,500 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1929, incl.

Denoms. \$1,000 and multiples thereof. Date June 2 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. interest (J. & D.) payable at the office of the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, or at the Hanover National Bank, New York. Bids must state where bonds are desired to be made payable. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, required for delivery. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at Buffalo within 10 days after the bonds are ready for delivery. The favorable opinion of Caldwell & Massich, certifying as to the legality of these issues, will be furnished the purchaser. Bonded debt, April 30 1919, \$38,873,781.79. Water debt (fund incl.), \$12,839,211.24. Sinking funds, \$4,752,233.10. Water debt (fund incl.), \$1,208,046.74. Assessed valuation of real estate, 1918-1919, \$495,176,755. Assessed valuation of special franchises, 1918-1919, \$30,010,615. City tax rate per \$1,000, \$24.78. Population 1916, 468,558.

BURKE COUNTY (P. O. Morganton), No. Caro.—BIDS REJECTED—BONDS TO BE RE-OFFERED SHORTLY.—All bids received for the \$50,000 6% road and bridge bonds offered on May 5 (V. 108, p. 7142), were rejected. We are advised that the above will be re-offered for sale shortly.

CARTER COUNTY (P. O. Elizabethton), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$30,000 5 1/4% 30-year road-improvement bonds offered on April 30 was awarded on that day to I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson at par and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due 1949.

CARTER COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—We are specially advised that approximately \$300,000 6% bonds will be offered for sale about June 1.

CHARLEROI, Washington County, Pa.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$40,000 4 1/4% 30-year tax-free municipal-building bonds offered on May 13 (date changed from April 29—V. 108, p. 1742).

CHELSEA, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—It is reported that R. W. Pressprich & Co. have been awarded, on a 4.29% discount basis, plus \$4 premium, a temporary loan of \$180,000, dated May 15 and maturing Nov. 17 1919.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$200,000, dated May 16 and maturing \$100,000 Nov. 25 and \$100,000 Dec. 3 1919, was recently awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, on a 4.29% discount basis, plus a premium of \$2 00. Other bidders were:

	Discount.	Premium.
Union Trust Co., Springfield.....	4.41%	
S. N. Bond & Co., Boston.....	4.35%	\$11 00
Blake Bros. & Co., Boston.....	4.33%	
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, Boston.....	4.30%	

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000 5% 10-20-year (opt.) street-widening bonds recently authorized—V. 108, p. 1957—have been sold to the Sinking Fund Trustees.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—James E. Gray, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. May 26 for \$13,400 4½% highway impt. bonds. Denom. \$670. Date April 7 1919. Int. M. & N. Due \$670 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1920.

A like amount of bonds was offered on April 26.—V. 108, p. 1634.

CLARKE COUNTY (P. O. Athens), Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters, according to reports, will have submitted to them on June 11 a proposition to issue \$250,000 road bonds.

CLARKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On May 3 the State Board of Finance was awarded at par an issue of \$6,000 5¼% 3-10-year (opt.) school-building bonds. Denom. \$500.

CLEARFIELD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Clearfield), Clearfield County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that the voters favored the issuance of \$57,000 bonds at a recent election.

CLEGHORN SCHOOL DISTRICT ((P. O. Cleghorn), Cherokee County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 school bonds recently voted (V. 108, p. 1847) have been disposed of.

CLINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clinton), Clinton County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—On May 7 a proposition to issue \$300,000 school bonds carried by a vote of 4 to 1, it is stated.

COAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Okla.—BOND SALE.—We are specially advised that an issue of \$4,000 6% 20-year school building bonds has been awarded to Robinson & Taylor of Oklahoma City.

COITSVILLE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Youngstown), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by J. B. Clinean, Clerk Board of Education, until 7 p. m. May 29 for \$160,000 5¼% school bonds. Auth. Secs. 7625 to 7627, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Commercial Nat. Bank, Youngstown. Due \$10,000 early on April 1 from 1930 to 1945 incl. Cert. check for \$8,000, payable to J. B. Clinean, Clerk, required. Purchasers must be prepared to take the bonds on May 29, the money in payment thereof to be delivered at the above bank.

COLE COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson City), Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—The issuance of \$100,000 court-house bonds carried, it is stated, at a recent election.

COLQUITT COUNTY (P. O. Moultrie), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—A. Huber, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids until 10 a. m. June 10 for the \$600,000 5% road and bridge bonds recently voted (V. 108, p. 1957), it is stated. Int. semi-ann.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—According to local papers, the City Council on May 12 passed an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$110,000 fire-department bonds.

COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbus), Platte County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. May 26 by C. R. Gates, Secretary Board of Education for \$120,000 5% 15-25-year (opt.) school bonds, it is stated. Int. semi-ann.

COMANCHE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Okla.—BOND SALE.—We are advised that Robinson & Taylor of Oklahoma recently purchased \$14,000 6% school building bonds.

COTTLE COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on May 5 registered \$10,000 5% 10-40-year school bonds.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On May 8, it is reported, an issue of \$43,338 16 5% 10-year paving bonds was awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati.

BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. May 21 by the Board of County Commissioners (H. G. Krause, Clerk) for the following 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$119,605 11:

\$35,148 56	special assessment Bagley Road Impt. bonds. Denom. 1 for \$1,000, 56 and 34 for \$1,000. Due \$1,148 56 April 1 1920; \$1,000 Oct. 1 1920; \$2,000 each six months from April 1 1921 to April 1 1928 incl., and \$3,000, Oct. 1 1928.
84,356 55	Bagley Road Impt. (county's share) bonds. Denom. 1 for \$356 55 and 84 for \$1,000. Due \$356 55 April 1 1920, \$1,500 each six months from Oct. 1 1920 to April 1 1923 incl., \$2,500 each six months from Oct. 1 1923 to April 1 1925 incl., \$3,000 each six months from Oct. 1 1925 to April 1 1927 incl., \$3,500 each six months from Oct. 1 1927 to April 1 1928 incl. and \$4,000 Oct. 1 1928.

Auth. Sec. 6929, Gen. Code. Date May 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Cert. check on some bank other than the one making the bid for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the office of the Board of County Commissioners within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

DARKE COUNTY (P. O. Greenville), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers National Bank, the Second National Bank, and the Citizens' State Bank, jointly, were recently awarded an issue of \$10,300 5% road bonds, at par. Denom. \$500 and \$300. Date May 8 1919. Int. M. & N.

DAWSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until May 17 by Helen N. Griebler, District Clerk (P. O. Intako), it is reported, for \$2,500 6% 5-20-year school bonds.

DECATUR COUNTY (P. O. Greensburg), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On May 3 J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis, bidding par and interest, were awarded the two issues of 4½% highway-impt. bonds, aggregating \$73,200, offered on that date.—V. 108, p. 1742. There were no other bidders.

DELTA COUNTY (P. O. Escanaba), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that Albert J. Peplin, County Clerk, will receive bids until 10 a. m. May 31 for \$50,000 5% road bonds. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$1,000 required.

DEL NORTE COUNTY (P. O. Crescent City), Calif.—BOND SALE.—Reports state that the State Board of Control purchased for the benefit of State Compensation Insurance Fund \$133,000 5% harbor-impt. bonds.

DESCHUTES COUNTY (P. O. Bend), Ore.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 8 the County Court authorized a county election on June 3, it is stated, at which time \$125,000 road bonds will be voted on.

DESHA DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Dumas), Desha County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. May 21 by I. N. Moore, Secretary, of the Board of Commissioners, for \$100,000 bonds. Cert. check for \$2,500 payable to the Board of Commissioners, required. The purchaser will be required to pay attorneys and trustees' fees and cost of printing of bonds.

DES MOINES COUNTY (P. O. Burlington), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$94,000 5½% drainage bonds recently authorized (V. 108, p. 1957), have been awarded to the Bankers Mortgage Co.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On May 10 the State of Washington was awarded the following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$27,000:

\$2,000 5¼%	1-10-year (opt.) School District No. 117 bonds. Denom. \$200. Interest semi-annual.
25,000 5%	1-20-year (opt.) School District No. 107 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Interest annual.

EAGLE CREEK SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lowell), Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Jay M. Pearce, Township Trustee, will receive bids until 2 p. m. June 14 for \$15,000 5% coupon school building bonds. Denom. \$50. Date July 15 1919. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 each six months from May 15 1920 to May 15 1927, incl.

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH (P. O. Baton Rouge), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. May 27 by the Superintendent of the Parish School Board, it is stated, for \$75,000 5% school bonds.

EAST CLEVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 24 the voters will

decide whether or not they favor the issuance of \$300,000 school building bonds, it is reported.

EASTIN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Madras County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% 1-10-year serial school bonds recently voted V. 108, p. 1635—have been awarded, according to reports, to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco at 103.55.

EASTLIVERPOOL, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$81,000 6% coupon (city's share) street impt. bonds was passed by the City Council on Apr. 28. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1919. Int. June 1. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1924; \$10,000, 1925 to 1931, incl.

EAST YOUNGSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Youngstown), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. May 28 by J. W. Powers, Clerk Board of Education, for \$45,000 5½% bonds. Auth. Secs. 7625 to 7627, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1919. Int. J. & D. Due \$3,000 yearly on June 1 from 1931 to 1945 incl. Cert. check for \$2,250, payable to the above Clerk, required.

EDGERTON, Williams County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 5% street-impt. bonds offered on May 10 (V. 108, p. 1743), were awarded on that date to the Farmers Commercial Bank of Edgerton, at par and accrued interest. Due \$500 each six months from Sept. 1 1919 to March 1 1924, inclusive. The only other bidder was W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo.

ELLIS COUNTY LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 8, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On May 2 an issue of \$37,500 6% bonds was registered with the State Comptroller. Due \$1,000 yearly.

ELMWOOD VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elmwood Place), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. May 29 by J. L. Champlin, Clerk Board of Education, for \$2,000 5% 1-10-year serial school impt. bonds. Auth. Sec. 7629 and 7630 Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the First National Bank of Elmwood Place. Cert. check for \$200 required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

EL RENO, Canadian County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—We are advised that \$85,000 sewer and \$25,000 park bonds will be voted upon just as soon as plans are approved by the State Engineer and State Board of Health.

ELYRIA, Lorain County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held April 30 the voters decided to issue the \$1,000,000 water-works bonds by 909 to 111, it is reported.

ENDICOTT AND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Endicott), Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., of New York, have been awarded an issue of \$150,000 4.65% 16½-year (average) school bonds at 100.19.

FALLS COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On May 5 the State Comptroller registered an issue of \$12,500 4¼% 10-40-year school bonds, we are advised.

FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On May 12 the temporary loan of \$100,000, maturing Nov. 15 1919—V. 108, p. 1957—was awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston on a 4.39% discount basis, plus a premium of 85.

FRESNO COUNTY (P. O. Fresno), Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—The Board of County Supervisors were authorized at the election May 6 to issue \$4,800,000 road bonds. The ratio was 8 to 1 in favor of the bonds.

GARY, Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.—We are in receipt of the following letter from John A. Brennan, City Comptroller May 12 1919:

Dear Sirs:—Owing to the fact that our State Legislature recently passed a law requiring municipalities to apply to the State Tax Commission and receive the formal approval of that body before issuing any municipal bonds, the city of Gary has been obliged to change the date upon which we will open bids for the sale of \$140,000 park bonds which we had advertised for May 17 1919.

We will apply to the State Tax Commission for the necessary approval of this proposed issue on May 29 next, and we expect to open bids for the bonds on June 20 1919.

Yours very truly,
JOHN A. BRENNAN, City Comptroller.

We reported the offering of these bonds in last week's issue.—V. 108, p. 1958.

GRANVILLE COUNTY (P. O. Oxford), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until June 2 by J. B. Powell, Clerk, of the Board of County Commissioners, it is reported, for \$50,000 5% 20-year bonds.

GREELEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greeley), Weld County, Colo.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—The School Board has postponed calling the election to vote upon \$80,000 5% school bonds. The bonds have already been sold subject to their issuance.

GREENTREE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Crafton, R. F. D. No. 8, Box 51-A), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. June 10 by John Gray Jr., District Secretary, for \$5,000 5% coupon tax-free bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 15 1919. Due \$500 yearly on June 15 from 1925 to 1934, incl. Cert. check for \$500 required. Purchaser to pay for printing of bonds.

GREENVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenville), Greenville County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. June 2 by P. T. Hynes, Chairman Board of Trustees, for \$150,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable at the Chemical National Bank, N. Y. Due July 1 1919. Certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the above Secretary, required. The purchaser will be furnished with the opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston, as to the legality of the bonds, and will pay for the bonds within ten days after they are ready for delivery.

HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. May 28 (date changed from May 24—V. 108, p. 1848) by Ernst E. Erb, City Auditor, for the following 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$65,000, which were recently authorized (V. 108, p. 1535):

\$20,000	electric-light works improvement bonds. Due \$4,000 yearly on April 1 from 1920 to 1924, inclusive.
30,000	gas works improvement bonds. Due \$6,000 yearly on April 1 from 1920 to 1924, inclusive.
15,000	water-works improvement bonds. Due \$3,000 yearly on April 1 from 1920 to 1924, inclusive.

Date April 1 1919. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the City Treasurer's office. Certified check for 5% of amount of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Isaac B. Austin, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. June 7 for \$31,000 4½% highway-improvement bonds. Int. M. & N. Due part each six months from May 15 1919 to Nov. 15 1929, inclusive.

HARDWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—We are specially advised that the State Comptroller registered an issue of \$10,000 5% 20-40-year school bonds on May 5.

HARTVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hartville), Wright County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 66 to 4 the question of issuing \$30,000 school bonds carried, it is stated, at a recent election.

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. Napoleon), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. May 23 by S. H. Billig, County Auditor, for \$36,500 5% coupon highway bonds. Auth. Sec. 1225, Gen. Code. Denom. 1 for \$500 and 12 for \$3,000. Date June 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$500 Dec. 1 1919 and \$3,000 on June 1 and Dec. 1 in each year from 1920 to 1925 incl. Cert. check on a solvent bank for \$1,000 required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the County Treasurer's office.

HERMOSA BEACH GRAMMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hermosa Beach), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—It is stated the district will vote May 26 on a proposition to issue \$60,000 grammar school bonds.

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Kokomo), Ind.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the 3 issues of 4½% highway improvement bonds aggregating \$30,000 offered on April 30.—V. 108, p. 1635.

HUDSON COUNTY (P. O. Jersey City), N. J.—BOND SALE.—Recently Remick, Hodges & Co. and the National City Co., both of New York, were awarded jointly, at 101.299—a 4.70% basis—the following four issues of 5% 5-year bonds, aggregating \$1,179,000: \$600,000 insane asylum bonds. \$50,000 Newark Turnpike bonds. 178,000 boulevard repair bonds. 50,000 park bonds.

HUGHES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64, Okla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$1,800,000 20-year school building bonds was recently purchased by Robinson & Taylor of Oklahoma City.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—In April 30 \$500,000 5% road bonds were awarded to F. C. Hoehler & Co. and Bolger, Mosser & Willman, jointly. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date May 1 1919. Int. M. & N. Due yearly 1920 from 1934, incl.

JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jackson), Jackson County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—A proposition to issue \$100,000 school building bonds was favorably voted, it is reported, at an election held April 29.

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. V. May, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 1 p. m. May 26 for the following 4½% road bonds, aggregating \$15,908.57: \$4,908.57 bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$408.57 and 9 for \$500. Date June 1 1919. Due \$408.57 June 1 1920 and \$500 yearly on June 1 from 1921 to 1929, incl.

11,000 00 Union Twp. bonds. Denom. \$550. Due \$550 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, incl.

Interest M. & N.

JEROME, Yavapai County, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION NOT YET CONSUMMATED.—On May 3 a city election was held to vote on \$100,000 6% bonds, \$30,000 for jail and fire protection, \$20,000 street improvement and \$50,000 water mains. Denom. \$500. Dated May 1 1919, payable serially from 1920 to 1939. Interest payable semi-annually in Chicago. Taxable values for 1918 are \$2,803,438.29. Newspaper reports state that these issues were voted, but a local bond house says that the result was so close an official count will have to be awaited.

JOHNSON ST. PARIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. St. Paris), Champaign County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Additional information is at hand relative to the offering on May 27 of the \$25,000 5½% coupon school-building bonds—V. 108, p. 1958. Proposals for these bonds will be received until 12 m. on that date by James M. Turner, Clerk Board of Education. Auth. Secs. 7625-7627, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the First or Central Nat. Bank banks of St. Paris. Due on April 1 and Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1921 to 1938, incl.; \$1,000, 1939 to 1941, incl.; and \$1,000 April 1 1942. Cert. check on a solvent bank for \$1,000, payable to the above Clerk, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonded debt May 8 1919, \$71,000. Sinking fund, \$1,550. Assessed valuation 1918, \$3,039,735.

KALAMAZOO, Kalamazoo County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 5 p. m. May 26 by Harry H. Freeman, City Manager, for the following 4½% bonds, aggregating \$210,000: \$130,000 street impt. bonds. Due \$13,000 yearly on Aug. 15 from 1920 to 1929, incl.

80,000 paving bonds. Due \$8,000 yearly on Aug. 15 from 1920 to 1929, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date June 15 1919. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for 2% required. Purchaser to pay for printing of bonds and attorney's opinion.

* Purchaser is requested to pay for printing of the entire issue, \$235,000, of which \$75,000 will probably be taken by the city leaving the \$210,000 now offered.

KIMBALL, Kimball County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—During the month of April 1919 the State of Nebraska purchased on a 5½% interest basis an issue of \$40,000 6% funding bonds. Date Jan. 1 1919. Due Jan. 1 1939.

KNOWLES SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tulare County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Frank M. Brown & Co. of San Francisco was recently awarded, according to reports, \$6,000 5% 1-12-year school bonds for \$6,211, equal to 103.516.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. May 22 by Robert P. Williams, City Recorder and Treasurer, for \$75,000 5% gold coupon refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank of New York. Due \$3,000 yearly June 1 from 1920 to 1944, incl. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the "City of Knoxville," required. The bonds will be approved as to legality by Reed, McCook and Hoyt of N. Y., whose approving opinion will be furnished to the successful bidder without charge, and will be printed under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of N. Y., who will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and seal on the bonds.

LAKE CHARLES, Calcasieu Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that M. D. Wentz, Commissioner of Finance, will receive bids until 2 p. m. May 29 for \$200,000 5% 1-20-year serial school bonds. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$4,000 required.

LARAMIE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Laramie), Albany County, Wyo.—BONDS VOTED.—On May 7 \$20,000 5% school bonds were authorized by a large majority. The school district embraces the whole of the town of Laramie which has 9,000 population.

LAURENS COUNTY (P. O. Dublin), Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$500,000 5% gold bonds carried, it is stated, at the election held May 8 (V. 108, p. 1849).

LENOX TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jefferson R. F. D.), Ashtabula County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. V. Bennett, Clerk Board of Education, will receive bids until 8 p. m. June 2 for \$1,525 6% deficit bonds. Auth. Sec. 5656, Gen. Code. Denom. 4 for \$300 and 1 for \$225. Date May 1 1919. Int. ann. 1 Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$300 1920 to 1923, incl. and \$225 1924. Check on a solvent bank in Ashtabula County for \$100 required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—David L. Rupert, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. June 2 for the \$28,000 5½% coupon refunding bonds—V. 108, p. 1958. Auth. Secs. 3914 and 3916, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1918. Prin. and annual interest (Oct. 1) payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1919 and 1920; \$3,000, 1921 to 1928, incl. Cert. check on a solvent bank for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 20 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

LIMESTONE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 15, Tex.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago is offering to investors at a price to yield 5.20% interest \$300,000 5½% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 10 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in New York City, N. Y. Due \$10,000 yearly on May 10 from 1920 to 1949, incl.

Financial Statement.
Real value of taxable property (estimated).....\$10,000,000
Assessed valuation for taxation.....3,100,000
Total debt (this issue included).....300,000
Population (estimated), 7,500.

LOUISVILLE, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. May 31 by Earl Gels, Village Clerk, for the following 5½% bonds:

\$10,000 sewer bonds. Due \$500 yearly on May 1 from 1923 to 1942, incl.
12,000 water-works-extension bonds. Auth. Sec. 3940, Gen. Code. Due \$500 yearly on May 1 from 1923 to 1946, incl.

Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Certified check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

McKESPORT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the \$55,000 4½% fire-dept. bonds offered on May 12—V. 108, p. 1958—have been awarded to the National City Co. at 102.341.

McKES ROCKS, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held May 21, when, it is stated, a proposition to issue \$125,000 bonds will be submitted to the voters.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. London), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. June 2 by the Board of County Commissioners (Allen R. Blacker, County Auditor) for the following 5% road bonds, aggregating \$110,100:

\$84,000 Columbus-Cincinnati Road impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$8,000 on Mar. 1 1920 and Sept. 1 1921, and \$8,500 each six months from Sept. 1 1920 to March 1 1924, incl.

26,100 National Road impt. bonds. Denom. 1 for \$600 and 51 for \$500. Due \$3,100 March 1 1920, \$2,500 each six months from Sept. 1 1920 to Sept. 1 1923, incl. and \$5,500 Mar. 1 1924.

Auth. Sec. 1223, Gen. Code. Date June 5 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasury. Certified check for 10% of amount of bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the County Treasury as soon as prepared. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. E. Rhoads, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. June 9 for the following 2 issues of 5½% bonds, which were recently authorized—V. 108, p. 1744:

\$11,700 water-main bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$200, 5 for \$500 and 9 for \$1,000. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$200 1920, \$500 1921 to 1925, incl. and \$1,000 1926 to 1934, incl.

15,000 water-supply bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1920 to 1934, incl.

Auth. Sec. 3939, Gen. Code. Date June 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis was awarded the \$96,000 4½% Washington Twp. gravel-road bonds offered on May 9—V. 108, p. 1849. Due \$4,800 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, incl. There were no other bidders.

MARSHFIELD, Wood County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 4 p. m. May 22 by John Seubert, City Clerk, for the \$20,000 5% coupon water-main-extension bonds recently authorized (V. 108, p. 798). Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1919. Int. M. & N., payable at Marshfield, Wis. Due \$2,000 yearly. Certified check for 3%, payable to the above City Clerk, required. Bonded debt (including this issue), May 12 1919, \$156,000. Sinking fund, \$10,125. Assessed valuation 1918, \$4,741,529. Total tax rate per \$1,000, \$31.39.

MASSILLON, Stark County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance was passed by the City Council on April 22 authorizing the issuance of a \$1,200 coupon Safety Dept. police emergency bond, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Date June 1 1919. Principal and semi-ann. interest payable at the State Bank of Massillon. Due April 1 1922.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mechanicsburg), Champaign County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. F. Hupp, Clerk Board of Education, will receive bids until 7 p. m. June 2 for the \$75,000 5% coupon tax-free school-building bonds recently voted—V. 108, p. 1744. Auth. Sec. 7625, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Int. J. & D. Due \$1,000 each six months from June 2 1920 to Dec. 2 1934, incl. and \$1,500 each six months from June 2 1935 to Dec. 2 1949, incl. Cert. check for 5%, payable to the above Clerk, required. Bonded debt (incl. this issue) May 9 1919, \$80,000. Floating debt, \$8,000. Sinking fund, \$1,000. Assessed valuation, \$5,500,000. Total tax rate (per \$1,000), \$11.40.

MESA, Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—The City Council on May 4 decided to call an election to issue \$100,000 city-improvement bonds, but Mayor Kleinman would not set the date. \$60,000 of proposed issue is to be used to improve and extend city gas and electric plant and the water system.

MILFORD, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that \$25,000 5% coupon sewerage bonds were awarded on May 16 to E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Boston, at 102.158. Date May 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. interest (M. & N.) payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., of Boston. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$3,000 1920 to 1924, inclusive; \$2,000 1925 to 1929, inclusive.

MINGO JUNCTION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mingo Junction), Jefferson County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—According to newspaper reports the proposition to issue the \$60,000 school-building bonds mentioned in V. 108, p. 1744, carried by a vote of 267 "for" to 15 "against" at the election held April 29.

It is also reported that John Carlisle, Clerk Board of Education, will receive bids until 6 p. m. June 9 for these bonds. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

MITCHELL SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$30,000 5% 10-40-year road bonds was registered on May 5 with the State Comptroller.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Madisonville), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—On May 12 Cladwell & Co. were awarded the \$44,500 5½% road bonds (V. 108, p. 1958), for \$44,865, equal to 101.965. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1919. Int. J. & D.

MONROEVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Monroeville), Huron County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. O. Simmons, District Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. May 21 for \$3,000 6% bonds. Auth. Sec. 7629, Gen. Code. Denom. \$250. Date May 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. interest (A. & O.) payable at the Farmers' & Citizens' Banking Co., Monroeville, where the bonds will be delivered to the purchaser as soon as prepared. Due \$250 each six months from April 1 1920 to Oct. 1 1925, incl. Cert. check for \$500, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MONTANA (State of)—BOND SALE.—On May 5 Gold-Stebeck Co. of Minneapolis was awarded at 100.752 \$50,000 5% coupon bonds, it is stated.

MONTCLAIR, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Town Clerk Harry Trippet will receive proposals until 4 p. m. May 29. It is stated, for \$301,000 5% 5-year improvement bonds. Interest semi-annual. Certified check for 2% required.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Crawfordsville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. May 24 by H. T. Stout, County Treasurer, for \$8,400 4½% highway impt. bonds. Denom. \$420. Date April 15 1920. Int. M. & N. Due \$420 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, incl.

MORENCI SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18, Greenlee County, Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The Silverman-Huyck Co. of Cincinnati was awarded at par and interest the \$150,000 5½% 15-year tax-free gold coupon school bonds dated May 1 1919, offered on May 5—V. 108, p. 1313.

MT. VERNON, Knox County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—On April 23 an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$8,103 15 5% coupon special assessment street-improvement bonds was passed by the City Council. Denom. 1 for \$903 15 and 9 for \$800. Date April 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$903 15 1920, \$800 1921 to 1929, incl.

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—W. J. Barber, City Recorder, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. May 19 for \$52,000 cemetery bonds at interest not to exceed 5½%. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to the "City of Muskegon Heights," required.

NARRAGANSETT, Washington County, R. I.—BOND SALE.—Bodell & Co., of Boston, bidding 101.08, were awarded on May 15, it is stated, the \$60,000 5% coupon refunding bonds, offered on that date (V. 108, p. 1959). Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$3,000 1920 to 1923, inclusive, and \$8,000 1924 to 1929, inclusive.

Outstanding Indebtedness of the Town of Narragansett Feb. 25 1919.
4% 30-year bonds, first issue, due May 1 1919.....\$72,000 00
4% 30-year bonds, second issue, due 1929.....60,000 00
4½% serial bonds, fourth issue, due 1919 to 1923.....25,000 00
Town notes.....34,805 45

Total.....\$191,805 45
Amount of sinking fund.....\$1,419 69
Assessors' valuation for the year 1916, less abatement of assessors to Dec. 31 1916.....\$4,253,840 00
Assessors' valuation for the year 1917 less abatements of assessors to Dec. 31 1917.....4,096,674 00
Assessors' valuation for the year 1918 less abatements of assessors to Dec. 31 1918.....4,088,406 00

NATCHEZ, Adams County, Miss.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that by a majority of 380 votes a proposition to issue \$12,000 municipal bonds carried, at a recent election.

NEBRASKA (State of).—BONDS PURCHASED BY STATE.—During the month of April 1919 the following three issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$11,600 were purchased by the State of Nebraska on 5 1/2% interest basis: \$3,500 Village of Burwell water extension bonds. Date May 1 1919, Due May 1 1939, optional after May 1 1929. 3,500 Village of Rising water extension bonds. Date June 15 1912. Due June 15 1932, optional after June 15 1922. 4,600 Village of Rising electric-light bonds. Date June 15 1912. Due June 15 1932, optional after June 15 1917.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY (P. O. Wilmington), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 3 p. m. June 11 by Thomas K. Woody, Clerk Board of County Commissioners. It is reported, for \$50,000 5% 25-year ferry bonds. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for 5% required.

NEW HARTFORD (Town) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. New Hartford), Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. May 27 by the Board of Education (in care of Citizens Trust Co. of Utica, Utica) for \$95,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 15 1919. Semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Citizens Trust Co. of Utica. Due yearly on Nov. 15 as follows: \$2,000 1924 and \$3,000 1925 to 1955 incl. Cert. check for 10% of amount of bid required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

NILES, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 29 the \$18,000 sewer (city's share) bonds recently authorized—V. 108, p. 1313—were awarded to N. S. Hill & Co. of Cincinnati at 102.27. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1919. Int. A. & O. Due \$3,000 yearly on April 1 from 1925 to 1930 incl.

NORTH CAROLINA (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer, advises us that the State will issue \$500,000 4% bonds on July 1.

NORTH MILWAUKEE, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—On May 5 the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago was awarded an issue of \$60,000 bonds.

NORWOOD, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. June 2. It is stated, by W. R. Locke, City Auditor, for \$38,000 1-19-year serial and \$44,000 1-22-year serial 5% street bonds. Int. semi-ann.

OKLAHOMA (State of).—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election May 6 (V. 108, p. 1313) the proposition to issue \$50,000,000 State highway bonds was overwhelmingly defeated. It is reported that the voters feared politics would enter largely into the location of the roads.

ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Orange), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held April 30—V. 108, p. 1537—the proposition to issue \$1,000,000 road bonds was favorably voted, it is stated.

OREGON (State of).—BOND SALE.—On May 6 the \$500,000 4% State highway bonds (V. 108, p. 1744) were awarded to a syndicate composed of Blodget & Co. of Boston, Loomis & Goss of Seattle and A. B. Leach & Co. of London, on their joint bid, 93.58. Date May 1 1919. Due \$12,500 Oct. 1 1924 and a like amount each April 1 and Oct. 1 thereafter until full amount is paid.

PALETO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kern County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. June 2 by F. E. Smith, Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Bakersfield), for \$20,000 6% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$1,000 yearly on May 6 from 1920 to 1930 incl. Cert. check or cash for 10% of the amount of bid, payable to the Chairman Board of County Supervisors, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonded debt (excluding this issue), \$2,000. Assessed value for taxable property 1918, \$4,040,693.

PARKER COUNTY (P. O. Weatherford), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until May 20 by E. A. Swafford, County Judge, for the \$800,000 5% 1-30-year road bonds recently voted (V. 108, p. 1959). Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1919. Interest semi-annual, payable in New York. Certified check for 1%, payable to the above County Judge, required. Bonded debt (excluding this issue) May 13 1919, \$25,000. Assessed valuation, \$1,900,000.

PETOSKEY, Emmett County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On May 1 the \$25,000 5% debt bonds recently voted—V. 108, p. 1637—were awarded to local investors at par. Denom. \$100 and \$500. Date May 1 1919. Int. May 1. Due \$2,500 yearly from 1920 to 1929 incl.

PIERCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Wash.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$6,200 5 1/2% 1-10-year (opt.) funding bonds offered on May 1 was awarded on May 3 to the State of Washington at par. Denoms. 6 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$200. Int. annually.

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that proposals will be received until June 12 by D. M. Hollins, Secretary of the Board of Public Instruction (P. O. Clearwater), for \$75,000 30-year school bonds.

POLSON, Flathead County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received at public auction until 10 a. m. May 26 by Fred S. Perry, City Clerk, for \$15,000 6% improvements and extension water-main bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1919. Int. J. & J. Due \$5,000 on April 1 1923, 1926 and 1929. Certified check for \$1,000 required. Bonded debt May 1 1919, \$26,000. Floating debt (additional), \$10,000. Total debt, \$36,000. Sinking fund, \$2,000.

PONTOTOC COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35, Okla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$2,500 6% 20-year school building bonds was recently purchased by Robinson & Taylor of Oklahoma City.

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Okla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$10,000 6% 20-year school-building bonds has been purchased by Robinson & Taylor of Oklahoma City.

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Robinson & Taylor of Oklahoma City were recently awarded the following three issues of 6% 20-year school bonds, aggregating \$11,500: \$2,500 School District No. 10 bonds. 6,000 School District No. 63 bonds. 3,000 School District No. 88 bonds.

PORTLAND, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On May 12 the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston was awarded on a 4 3/8% discount basis, plus a premium of \$10, the temporary loan of \$300,000 dated May 15 1919 and maturing Oct. 2 1919—V. 108, p. 1959.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Discount, Premium. Includes Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, Boston; Blake Bros., Boston; R. W. Pressprich & Co., New York; S. N. Bond & Co., New York.

PRESCOTT-BLEVINS ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3, Nevada and Hempstead Counties, Ark.—BOND SALE.—On April 29 I. B. Tirrett & Co. of Jackson were awarded at par \$135,000 6% (convertible to 5 1/2%) road bonds. Denoms. \$300 and \$1,000. Date July 15 1919. Int. J. & J. Due yearly from 1920 to 1939, incl.

POTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Greencastle), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. May 24 by Fred Masten, County Treasurer, for 18,000 4 1/2% Franklin Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$945. Date May 15 1919. Int. M. & N. Due \$945 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, incl.

QUINCY, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On May 13, \$55,000 5% coupon extreme emergency loan bonds were awarded to the National City Co. at 101.25. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1919. Semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass. Due \$11,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1920 to 1924 incl.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Amount, Name, Amount. Includes Estabrook & Co., H. H. Rollins & Sons, F. S. Moseley & Co., Kimball, Russell & Co., Curtis & Sanger, Blake Bros. & Co., Merrill, Oldham & Co., Hornblosser & Weeks, Harris, Forbes & Co., Blodget & Co.

RIDGEFIELD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Monroeville), Huron County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Clarence H. Zipfel, Clerk Bd. of Twp. Supers., will receive bids until 12 m. May 22 for the following 5% road bonds aggregating \$9,950: \$500 each six months from Oct. 1 1920 to Oct. 1 1924. 1,500 bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 each six months from April 1 1924 to April 1 1925 incl. 1,100 bonds. Denom. 2 for \$500 and 1 for \$100. Due \$500 April 1 and Oct. 1 1925, \$100 April 1 1926. 2,450 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$450 and 4 for \$500. Due \$450 Oct. 1 1926, \$500 each six months from April 1 1927 to Oct. 1 1928 incl.

Auth. Secs. 3298-45, Gen. Code. Date June 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Farmers' & Citizens' Bank of Monroeville. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Township Treasurer, required.

RINGSTED, Emmet County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$43,000 5% 20-year school bonds recently voted—V. 105, p. 1196—have been sold.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.—City Comptroller H. D. Quinby will receive bids until 2:30 p. m. May 23 for the following three issues of notes aggregating \$725,000: \$100,000 school notes, payable 8 months from May 29 1919. 125,000 water-works-impt. notes, payable 8 months from May 29 1919. 500,000 local impt. notes, payable 2 months from May 29 1919.

Notes will be deliverable May 29 at the Central Union Trust Co., N. Y., where they will also be payable at maturity. Bids must state rate of interest, denominations desired and to whom (not bearer) notes are payable.

ROCKY RIVER VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rocky River), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7 p. m. May 28 by C. H. Dean, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$24,000 5 1/2% high-school-equipment bonds. Auth. Secs. 7625 to 7627, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1944, incl., at the Rocky River Savings Bank. Certified check for \$500, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 15 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ROYAL OAK, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. May 19 by L. H. Follensbee, Village Clerk, for \$45,000 5% 30-year water-works-extension bonds. Int. semi-annual.

RUSH COUNTY (P. O. Rushville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. June 4 by Chas. A. Frazee, County Treasurer, for the following 4 1/2% road bonds: \$20,160 Center Twp. bonds. Denom. \$504. Due \$1,008 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, inclusive. 18,400 Center & Jackson Twp. bonds. Denom. \$460. Due \$920 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, inclusive. 11,920 Jackson Twp. bonds. Denom. \$596. Due \$596 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, inclusive. Date May 15 1919. Int. M. & N.

RUSH COUNTY (P. O. Rushville), Ind.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the 5 issues of 4 1/2% road bonds, offered on May 8—V. 108, p. 1745—the \$22,249 Posey Twp. bonds were awarded to the Arlington Bank of Arlington that year and interest. Due \$1,112 on May 15 and Nov. 15 in each year from 1920 to 1929, incl. No bids were received for the other four issues.

SANFORD, Lee County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8:30 p. m. May 19 by E. M. Underwood, Chairman of Finance Committee, for \$12,000 6% water-works bonds. Cert. check for \$240, payable to the "Town of Sanford," required.

SCOTTSBLUFF, Scotts Bluff County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters will decide whether they are in favor of issuing \$29,000 coupon bonds at not exceeding 5% at an election to be held June 10. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1939. J. W. Bly is City Clerk.

SEATTLE, Wash.—BOND SALE.—During the month of April 1919 the city issued the following improvement bonds at par, aggregating \$187,314.92:

Table with 5 columns: Dist., Amount, Purpose, Int. Rate, Date, Due. Includes 3185 \$2,802.00 Condemnation 6 1/2% Apr. 1 1919 Apr. 1 1926, 3009 \$2,094.45 Condemnation 6 1/2% Apr. 7 1919 Apr. 7 1931, 3177 3,016.60 Condemnation 6 1/2% Apr. 19 1919 Apr. 19 1926, 3121 44,246.08 Grade 6% Apr. 22 1919 Apr. 22 1931, 3157 55,126.83 Walks 6% Apr. 25 1919 Apr. 25 1931.

All the above bonds are subject to call on any interest paying date.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—S. A. Brown, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. May 24 for the following 4 1/2% highway-improvement bonds, aggregating \$62,180: \$17,260 Liberty Twp. bonds. Denom. \$863. Due \$863 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, incl.

28,720 Hanover Twp. bonds. Denom. \$1,436. Due \$1,436 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, incl. 16,200 Shelby Twp. bonds. Denom. \$810. Due \$810 each months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, incl. Date May 15 1919. Int. M. & N.

SHERMAN, Grayson County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—The people will be asked to vote on the issuance of \$50,000 street improvement bonds on June 6, it is reported.

SPENCER COUNTY (P. O. Rockport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—James A. Haines Sr., County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. May 20 (and afterward until bonds are sold) for the following 4 1/2% road bonds: \$12,900 Ohio Twp. bonds. Denom. \$645. Due \$645 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, incl. 13,380 Ohio Twp. bonds. Denom. \$669. Due \$669 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, incl. Date May 15 1919. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

SPENCER SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Depauw), Harrison County, Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$3,600 4 1/2% school bonds offered on May 10—V. 108, p. 1746—failed to sell.

SPRINGFIELD, Clark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. J. Barrett, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. June 2 for the following 2 issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$223,700: \$15,600 Storm Water Sewer bonds. Auth. Sec. 3939 Gen. Code. Denom. \$100 for \$600, and 30 for \$500. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$2,100, 1920; \$1,500, 1921 to 1929, incl. 66,100 Street Impt. (city's share) bonds. Auth. Secs. 3939-3953 Gen. Code. Denom. 1 for \$1,100, and 65 for \$1,000. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$7,100, 1920; \$7,000, 1921 to 1925, incl.; and \$6,000, 1926 to 1929, incl.

Date Mar. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. interest, payable at the City Treasurer's office. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bids must be for each separate issue.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Eat Akron R. F. D. No. 22), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—May 31 for \$24,000 5% school bonds. Auth. Sec. 7625 & 7626, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 2 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Depositors' Savings & Trust Co., Akron. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$1,000 1920 to 1929 incl. and \$2,000 1930 to 1936 incl. Cert. (or Cashier's) check on some solvent bank other than the one bidding for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, required. Bonds to be delivered to purchaser at Akron. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

SPRINGVILLE, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by W. S. Crandall, Town Clerk, until 2 p. m. May 24 for the following three issues of 6% road bonds, aggregating \$31,054: \$12,270 Road No. 22 bonds. Denom. \$12 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$270. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$1,000 1920 to 1931, inclusive, and \$270 1932. 6,360 Road No. 27 bonds. Denom. 6 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$360. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$1,000 1920 to 1925, inclusive, and \$360 1926.

12,474 Road No. 30 bonds. Denom. 12 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$474. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$1,000 1920 to 1931, inclusive, and \$474 1932.

Date May 1 1919. Semi-annual interest payable at the Citizens National Bank of Springville. Certified check for 2% required.

STEBUN COUNTY (P. O. Angola), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred W. Sheldon, County Treasurer, will sell on June 3 between 1 and 4 p. m. \$7,830 4½% highway-impt. bonds. Denom. \$391. Int. semi-ann. Due \$391 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929 incl.

STILLWATER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 75 (P. O. Columbus), Mont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$1,200 6% school-building bonds offered on April 12 was awarded on May 7 to the State Land Department at par. Denom. \$100. Due serially from 5 to 10 years subject to call at any interest-paying period.

SUNFLOWER COUNTY (P. O. Indianola), Miss.—BOND SALE.—On May 5 the following two issues of 5½% bonds, aggregating \$250,000 were awarded to I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson:
\$150,000 Supervisor's District No. 3 bonds.
100,000 Supervisor's District No. 4 bonds.

Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly from 1920 to 1944, incl.

TACOMA, Wash.—BOND SALE.—During the month of April 1919 the City issued \$2,187 45 6% Special Improvement District No. 5512 street-lighting bonds. Date April 19 1919. Due April 19 1924, subject to call April every year.

TARRANT COUNTY (P. O. Fort Worth), Tex.—NO BOND ELECTION CONTEMPLATED.—We are advised that reports stating that this county contemplated the holding of an election to vote on the question of issuing \$2,800,000 road bonds.—V. 108, p. 1850—are erroneous.

TITUSVILLE, Crawford County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—W. M. Dame, City Clerk, will receive bids until June 2 for \$48,000 5-24-year (opt.) city and \$50,000 1-10-year (opt.) improvement 4½% tax-free bonds. Int. semi-ann. The \$48,000 issue is dated July 1 1919 and the date of the \$50,000 depends upon the terms of the contract. Cert. check for 10% of amount of bid required.

TRINIDAD, Las Animas County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$60,000 5% school bonds was voted on May 5 by a vote of 248 "for" to 31 "against."

TRUMBULL, Clay County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—On May 6 \$6,000 6% electric-light bonds were awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport for \$6,014 (100.233) and interest.

TULARE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tulare County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until May 21 by the Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Visalia) for \$90,000 5% school bonds, it is stated.

UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Johnstown), Cambria County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On May 13 the Johnstown Savings Bank was awarded \$40,000 5% road bonds at 101.0425 and int. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1919. Int. J. & J. Due \$8,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1921 1925 incl.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Newton W. Thrall, County Treasurer, will sell at public auction at 10 a. m. May 31 the following 4½% road bonds, aggregating \$37,100: \$18,500 Hornville Road bonds. Denom. \$925. Due \$925 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, incl.

12,000 Upper Red Bank Road bonds. Denom. \$600. Due \$600 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, incl.
6,600 St. George Road bonds. Denom. \$330. Due \$330 each six months from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, incl.

Int. M. & N. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

VERMILION, Clay County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that C. I. Vaughn, City Auditor, will receive bids until 8 p. m. June 2 for \$60,000 5% 5-20-year serial electric-light bonds. Int. semi-ann.

WADSWORTH, Medina County, Ohio.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$75,000 5½% coupon water-works bonds recently voted—V. 108, p. 1850—are described as follows: Denom. \$1,500. Date June 20 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Due \$1,500 each month from Oct. 15 1921 to April 15 1946, incl.

WARM SPRINGS IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Vale), Malheur County, Ore.—BONDS VOTED.—The "Oregonian" of May 9 states that the voters authorized the issuance of \$600,000 bonds by a vote of 4 to 1 at the election held May 7.—V. 108, p. 1633.

WEBB CITY, Jasper County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—On May 5 the \$12,000 5% 10-20-year (opt.) fire-department bonds—V. 108, p. 1638—were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago at 100.825. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1919. Int. M. & N.

WELLS COUNTY (P. O. Bluffton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—O. E. Lesh, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. May 20 (and afterward until bonds are sold) for \$44,320 4½% Lancaster Twp. highway-impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,108. Date May 15 1919. Int. M. & N. Due \$2,216 each month from May 15 1920 to Nov. 15 1929, incl.

WESTERLY, Washington County, R. I.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On May 14 R. W. Pressprich & Co. of N. Y. were awarded, it is stated, on a 4.44% discount basis plus a premium of \$3, the temporary loan of \$85,000, dated May 15 1919 and maturing Nov. 15 1919.—V. 108, p. 1961.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY (P. O. White Plains), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert A. Patteson, County Comptroller, will receive bids until 12 m. May 21 for \$596,000 4½% coupon Bronx Parkway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. interest (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1962; \$19,000, 1963 to 1978, incl.; \$29,000, 1979, incl.; \$39,000, 1980 to 1986, incl.; and \$20,000, 1986. Cert. check on a State or national bank or trust company, for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the Comptroller's office 10 a. m. June 3. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the county officials and the seal impressed thereon and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, attorneys of New York City, a duplicate original of whose opinion will be furnished to the purchaser.

WILKES COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that on June 11 a proposition to issue \$300,000 road bonds will be voted upon.

WINNETKA, Cook County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—The people on April 29 voted the issuance of \$90,000 filtration-plant bonds, it is stated.

WINTHROP, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—According to reports, a temporary loan of \$25,000, maturing Dec. 26 1919, has been awarded to S. N. Bond & Co., of Boston, on a 4.45% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1.25.

WOODVILLE, Sandusky County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Otis Bittinger, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. June 2 for \$7,678 60 5% coupon street-impt. bonds. Denom. 10 for \$487 50 and 10 for \$280 36. Date June 2 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due \$767 86 yearly on June 2 from 1920 to 1929, incl. Certified check on a solvent bank of Sandusky County, for \$300, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$400,000, dated May 14 and maturing Nov. 26 1919, was awarded on May 13 to Blake Bros. & Co. of Boston on a 4.29% discount basis, plus a premium of \$8.

YADKIN TOWNSHIP, Stokes County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 6% road bonds offered on May 1—V. 108, p. 1197—were awarded on that day to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago at 103.025 and interest.

YAKIMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. May 17 by the County Treasurer (P. O. Yakima), for \$14,525 5-20-year school bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Interest annual.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the 26 issues of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds offered on May 5—V. 108, p. 1639—the following 10 issues, aggregating \$220,700, have been sold. It is reported: \$70,000 impt. (city's share), \$10,000 street impt., \$4,000 sidewalk (city's share), \$25,000 street opening, \$27,260 paving, \$97,380 paving, \$23,200 paving, \$15,935 paving, \$2,780 sewer and \$4,145 sewer bond. The remaining 16 issues, aggregating \$121,970, for which no bids were received, will be readvertised in a short time, it is said.

ZEBULON, Wake County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 3 p. m. May 20 by J. F. Coltrane, Town Clerk, for the following two issues of 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds aggregating \$80,000:

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Financial Statement.

Gross bonded debt, including present issues	\$96,000
Water bonds included in above	\$65,000
Uncollected special assessments applicable to payment of bonded debt	2,000
Sinking funds for bonds other than water bonds	330
Net bonded debt	\$28,670
Assessed valuation taxable property, 1918	528,667
Actual value of taxable property, 1918 (estimated)	1,500,000
Present population (estimated)	3,000

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALBERTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Alta.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The seven blocks of 7% school debentures, aggregating \$18,450, offered on April 30—V. 108 p. 1640—were awarded as follows:
 Block No. 1—Rurals—15 years—To W. L. McKinnon & Co. Toronto at 103.875.
 New Ribstone S. D. No. 3409.....\$2 000
 Dobson S. D. No. 3686.....2 500—\$4 500

Block No. 2—Rurals—15 years—To W. L. McKinnon & Co., at 103.875	
Ballyhanna S. D. No. 3752.....\$1,500	3,500
South View S. D. No. 3459.....2,000	
Block No. 3—Rural—10 years—To W. L. McKinnon & Co. at 102.791	
River Junction S. D. No. 3744.....\$2,200	2,200
Block No. 4—Rural—10 years—To H. J. Birkett & Co. at 102.80	
Cotter S. D. No. 3612.....\$2,000	2,000
Block No. 5—Rurals—10 years—To Canada Landed & National Investment Co. at 102.80	
Koniburgh S. D. No. 3596.....\$1,600	3,850
Victory S. D. No. 3708.....2,250	
Block No. 6—Consolidated S. D.—15 years—To W. L. McKinnon & Co. at 103.85	
Melfort Consol. S. D. No. 29.....\$2,000	2,000
Block No. 7—Rural—8 years—To W. L. McKinnon & Co. at 102.377	
White Creek S. D. No. 1503.....\$400	400

Name of Party Tending—	Block No. 1.	Block No. 2.	Block No. 3.	Block No. 4.	Block No. 5.	Block No. 6.	Block No. 7.
W. Ross Alger & Co.	101.92	101.52	101.52	101.52	101.52	101.52	101.26
G. A. Stimson & Co.	103.03	102.12	102.26	101.36	102.26	102.51	101.26
Canada Landed & National Investm. Co.	103.80				102.80		
McNeill, Graham & Co.	103.11	103.11	102.22	102.22	101.63	103.35	
C. R. Clapp & Co.			101.40			101.70	
Harris, Read & Co.	103.11	103.11	102.20	101.20	101.20	103.16	
H. J. Birkett & Co.	103.80	103.60	102.30	102.80	102.30	103.80	101.300
W. L. McKinnon & Co.	103.875	103.875	102.791	102.791	102.791	103.85	102.277
Wood, Gundy & Co.	103.02	103.02	102.16	102.16	102.16	103.02	
Bond & Deben. Corp.	103.03		102.05		102.05	103.03	
Brent, Noxon & Co.	103.62	103.62	101.54	101.54	101.54	103.62	100.060

BARTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hamilton), Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Alfred G. E. Bryant, Township Clerk, will receive bids until May 19 for \$30,000 5½% 30-year school debentures. Int. semi-ann.

COBOURG, Ont.—DEBENTURE AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that a by-law to issue \$8,622 local impt. debentures was passed by the Council on April 21.

COLDWATER, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto, it is stated, have purchased \$7,700 5½% 15-year debentures.

DRUMMONDVILLE, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—According to the Toronto "Globe," \$30,000 6% 10-year debentures have been awarded to Credit Canadian Inc. at 101.05.

GUELPH, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—The City Council, it is stated, has received a request from the Finance Committee of the Board of Education asking for the issuance of \$60,000 school-bldg. debentures.

INGERSOLL, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—According to reports, the City Council has decided to issue \$10,000 10-year market-building debentures.

KINGSLEY, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$3,500 debentures has been sold to Harris, Read & Co. of Regina, it is reported.

LONDON, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The city has disposed of \$100,000 5½% debentures, it is reported.

LOREBURN, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that the village has been granted authority to issue \$2,000 10-year well-construction debentures.

MORDEN, Man.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—The issuance of \$15,000 6% 20-year electric-works-extension debentures was favored by a vote of 71 to 7 at an election held May 2.

NEW BRUNSWICK (Province of)—DEBENTURE SALE.—On May 14 the \$1,000,000 5½% tax-free coupon (with privilege of registration) gold road and bridge debentures (V. 108, p. 1961) were awarded to the United Financial Corporation and Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. jointly at 101.288.

NEWFOUNDLAND (Government of)—DEBENTURE SALE.—On May 15 Wood, Gundy & Co., of Toronto, were awarded \$5,000,000 5½% tax-free gold debentures. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Bank of Montreal, in St. Johns, Montreal or Toronto, or at the Bank of Montreal in London, Eng., or at the New York Agency of the Bank of Montreal. Due July 1 1939.

NORTH BAY, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On May 3 the 2 issues of local impt. debentures, aggregating \$26,400—V. 108, p. 1640—were awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto for \$26,947, equal to 102.07. Other bidders were:

R. M. Bird & Co.	\$26,607 00	Brent, Noxon & Co.	\$26,736 00
A. E. Ames & Co.	26,611 50	C. H. Burgess & Co.	26,856 72
MacNeill, Graham & Co.	26,626 00	R. C. Matthews & Co.	26,873 00
Sterling Bank of Canada	26,651 45	G. A. Stimson & Co.	26,935 92
Aemilious Jarvis & Co.	26,712 84	W. L. McKinnon & Co.	26,938 56

SARNIA, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—On April 26, it is reported, the ratepayers, by a vote of 676 "for" to 139 "against," favored the issuance of the \$81,000 resurfacing debentures—V. 108, p. 1747.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The following is a list of debentures reported sold from April 12 to April 26 1919, as given by "The Monetary Times" of Toronto:
 Dinsmore, \$10,000; McLaughlin, Fulton, Stinson and Anderson, Lindsay, Ont., Avonlea, \$2,500; Harris, Read & Co., Regina, Cote, \$4,000; Norquay, \$9,000; Henrietta, \$1,200; Lipton, \$1,000; Canada Landed & National Investment Co., Winnipeg, West Gap, \$2,500; H. J. Birkett & Co., Toronto, Olicana, \$2,500; W. Lawley, Queensville, \$1,200; James Trumppour, St. Hilaire, \$3,300; Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina.

DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The following is a list of authorizations granted by the local Government Board from April 12 to April 26 1919:

Avalon, \$2,700 10-year, not exceeding 8%; *Grierson, \$1,200 10-year, not exc. 8%; Verwood, \$4,100 10-year, not exc. 8%; *Tramping Lake, \$4,500 10-year, not exc. 8%; *Pleasant Valley, \$3,250 10-year, not exc. 8%; *Brookhill, \$1,500 10-year, not exc. 8%; *Maple Valley, \$3,000 10-year, not exc. 8%.

*To be included in the next local Government Board sale.

TAY TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that G. A. Stimson & Co. of Toronto have purchased \$3,400 6% 1-10-year telephone debentures. Date May 15 1919.

THOROLD, Ont.—BIDS.—Following is a list of additional bids received for the \$40,000 6% 10-installment debentures, awarded on May 6 to J. P. Stewart & Co. of Toronto—V. 108, p. 1961:

Wood, Gundy & Co.	\$40,768 00	R. M. Bird & Co.	\$40,516 00
A. Jarvis & Co.	40,740 00	Turner, Sprags & Co.	40,510 00
W. L. McKinnon & Co.	40,624 80	R. C. Matthews & Co.	40,504 00
G. A. Stimson & Co.	40,588 00	Dominion Securities	40,484 00
W. A. Dymment	40,548 00	A. E. Ames & Co.	40,452 00
C. H. Burgess & Co.	40,532 00	MacNeill, Graham & Co.	40,285 20
Brent, Noxon & Co.	40,531 00	C. R. Clapp & Co.	40,224 00
Canada Bond Corp.	40,524 00		

WINDSOR, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Two issues of debentures, amounting to \$95,773, have been awarded, it is stated, to J. F. Stewart & Co. of Toronto at 100.38.

BOND CALL

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TOWN OF ANTONITO, COLORADO WATER BONDS

The Town of Antonito, Colorado, hereby calls in for payment \$25,000 water bonds, issued by the Town of Antonito, dated June 1, 1909, optional June 1, 1919, due June 1, 1924, consisting of bonds numbered from 1 to 50, inclusive, in the denomination of \$500 each; said bonds will be paid upon presentation at the office of the Town Treasurer in Antonito, Colorado, at the banking house of Kountze Brothers in the City of New York, or at the office of Benwell, Phillips, Kete & Company, Colorado National Bank Building, Denver, Colorado, on and after June 1, 1919.

Interest will cease on the above described bonds sixty days after date of the first publication of this call.

JAS. G. MAIR,
City Treasurer.

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New York, January 24th, 1919.
The Trustees, in conformity with the Charter of the Company, submit the following statement of its affairs on the 31st of December, 1918.

Premiums on Marine and Inland Transportation Insurance from the 1st January, 1918, to the 31st December, 1918.	\$5,684,891.55
Premiums on Policies not terminated 1st January, 1918.	1,072,550.96
Total Premiums.	\$7,757,442.51
Premiums marked off as terminated from 1st January, 1918, to 31st December, 1918.	\$8,756,508.18
Interest on the Investments of the Company received during the year \$413,106.66	
Interest on Deposits in Banks, Trust Companies, etc.	120,010.84
Rent received less Taxes and Expenses.	97,634.51
Losses paid during the year.	\$4,105,973.64
Less: Salvages.	\$239,186.51
Re-insurances.	1,947,733.08
	\$2,186,919.59
	\$1,919,054.05
Re-insurance Premiums and Returns of Premiums.	\$1,756,937.01
Expenses, including compensation of officers and clerks, taxes, stationery, advertisements, etc.	\$ 996,019.98

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 fourth of February next. The outstanding certificates of the issue of 1917 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the fourth 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-five per cent. is declared on the earned premiums of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1918, which are entitled to participate in dividend for which, upon application, certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday the sixth of May next.

- By order of the Board. G. STANTON FLOYD-JONES, Secretary.
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ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
United States and State of New York Bonds	\$ 3,463,000.00	Estimated Losses and Losses Unsettled in process of Adjustment	\$ 4,557,029.00
Stocks of the City of New York and Stocks of Trust Companies & Banks	1,385,500.00	Premiums on Unterminated Risks	1,000,934.33
Stocks and Bonds of Railroads	3,069,879.85	Certificates of Profits and Interest Unpaid	316,702.75
Other Securities	285,410.00	Return Premiums Unpaid	129,017.66
Special Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies	1,000,000.00	Taxes Unpaid	400,000.00
Real Estate cor. Wall Street, William Street and Exchange Place	3,900,000.00	Re-insurance Premiums on Terminated Risks	288,508.92
Real Estate on Staten Island (held under provisions of Chapter 481, Laws of 1887)	75,000.00	Claims not Settled, including Compensation, etc.	139,296.10
Premium Notes	603,439.53	Certificates of Profits Ordered Redeemed, Withheld for Unpaid Premiums	22,592.54
Bills Receivable	716,783.36	Income Tax Withheld at the Source	3,739.93
Cash in hands of European Bankers to pay losses under policies payable in foreign countries	286,904.00	Certificates of Profits Outstanding	6,140,100.00
Cash in Bank and in Office	1,972,809.61	Balance	3,825,570.11
Statutory Deposit with the State of Queensland, Australia	4,765.00		
	\$16,823,491.34		\$16,823,491.34
Balance brought down	\$3,825,570.11		
Accrued Interest on the 31st day of December, 1918, amounted to	55,890.45		
Rents due and accrued on the 31st day of December, 1918, amounted to	23,106.40		
Re-insurance due or accrued, in companies authorized in New York, on the 31st day of December, 1918, amounted to	462,184.31		
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	2,411,384.11		
On the basis of these increased valuations the balance would be	\$6,881,835.38		

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 4, 1919

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$46,760,625 68	Capital	\$6,000,000 00
United States Obligations	33,332,255 93	Surplus and Undivided Profits	4,633,897 79
Other Bonds and Investments	28,233,714 78	Reserves	4,656,364 89
Overdrafts	48	Borrowed from Federal Reserve Bank	3,300,000 00
Cash and due from Banks	22,268,585 21	Circulating Notes	6,120,000 00
	\$130,595,183 03	Deposits: Banks	\$61,630,985 45
		(Individuals)	26,311,935 52
		(Government)	6,632,088 88
			103,975,009 35
			\$130,595,183 03

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