

END OF LABOR TROUBLES IN THE PRINTING TRADES.

The labor troubles in the printing trades came to an end the present week by the action of the men in receding from the position to which they had so tenaciously clung for many weeks, namely of not arbitrating the question of reduced hours but only the question of increased wages. They now consent to submit both questions to arbitration—or to direct negotiations between representatives of the men and the employers.

However, even though work has been resumed, considerable time must elapse before normal conditions are restored because of the great arrears of work that must be made up. We are sending to our subscribers to-day our "Railway & Industrial Section," which should have appeared at the end of October and shall hope in succeeding weeks to bring out one after another the different issues of our other Supplements, the publication of which had to be deferred while the printing presses remained tied up.

The remainder of our edition of Sept. 27, which was tied up on the eve of the strike, went forward yesterday to such of our subscribers as had not previously been served with copies.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The peculiarly gratifying feature about the basis of settlement of the bituminous coal miners' controversy, proposed by the Fuel Administrator, Dr. Garfield, is that it avoids any increase in the price of coal to the consumer. Labor costs, fuel costs and transportation costs lie at the bottom of all price changes, and if the rise in the cost of living is to be halted and the way paved for a reduction, any further advances in these primary elements in all costs must at any hazard be prevented. As a matter of broad national policy in dealing with this, the greatest of all questions at present agitating the public mind, there should be a positive and emphatic denial of any and all requests for wage increases where these cannot be granted without advancing prices to the consumer. Additional increases in wages mean additional increases in costs and these mean still higher prices to the public unless the margin of profit now enjoyed by the producer or manufacturer is so broad as to admit of the taking of the extra expense out of the same. Hence the test always must be whether a price increase is to follow the wage increase. If so, the wage increase necessarily is barred out.

In the present instance, the Fuel Administrator proposes an increase in wages of 14% (additional of course to the huge wage increase of two years ago) but would deny to the coal operators the privilege of any advance in prices. As the operators on Thursday definitely decided to accept the proposition, the question whether the increase of wages proposed will involve an increase in prices is, on this occasion, not a debatable one, the proposal itself precluding it. It is fortunate and gratifying that Dr. Garfield has been able to fix the precise line within which the wage desires can be met without such encroachment upon profits as would preclude any return whatever to the owner, though it is proper to say that the operators, while yielding, deny that the Fuel Administrator is correct in his premises in that respect.

The miners are dazed because the increase is so very much less than they seemed to have assured reason for counting upon. It may be taken for granted that they never seriously entertained the idea that they would or could expect the full 60% increase asked for by them in addition to their other demands of a reduction in working time from an eight

hour day for six days a week to a six hour day for five days a week. Even, however, as compared with the 31% increase suggested by Secretary of Labor Wilson, the 14% increase now definitely laid down as the maximum to be granted looks small. But Secretary Wilson, though a member of the President's Cabinet, is a labor representative and as such must be held to have viewed the problem from an exclusively labor standpoint without much regard to the effect upon the public.

The same comment is to be made upon the still stranger circumstance that the mine workers in being awarded 14% increase in wages are actually getting less than what the coal operators had themselves proposed to give and which had been rejected, namely, 20% increase. But this last also was not in the public interest, for in offering 20% increase the operators contemplated to recoup themselves by advancing the selling price of coal. Such advance in prices they have now agreed to forego, and from that standpoint the achievement of Dr. Garfield is a notable one. We must take it for granted that the Fuel Administrator kept the public interest steadily in mind and made the wage advance as large as possible without entailing extra costs to the consumer.

There appears to be much misconception concerning the antecedent wage increases and particularly the wage increase of two years ago. The miners claim that this agreement did not bind them for any longer period than the war, and they contend that the war ended with the signing of the armistice on Nov. 11 of last year. It is true that the agreement was to be limited in tenure, but the further implication which it is sought to convey that the time limit (as to which there is now dispute) was to fix the period that must precede another advance in wages is wholly erroneous. A limit was set, not for the purpose of fixing a date for further wage increases, but for a return to lower wages again.

The increase made in October 1917, a little over six months after the entry of the United States into the war, was of such huge extent that no one at the time contemplated the possibility of a still further increase. On the contrary, the purpose was to guard against this tremendous increase (to cover which an advance of 45 cents a ton was allowed the coal operators in the selling price of coal at the mouth of the mine) extending beyond the period of the war. We repeat that with the close of the war it was intended that wages should come down again. That that was well understood by the miners themselves is evident from the circumstance that it was not until recently that the United Mine Workers set up the claim that the war must be considered to have terminated with the conclusion of the armistice instead of having to await the formal proclamation of the President to that effect.

To have set up that claim twelve months ago, when the armistice came, would have meant without question the opening of negotiations for a return to normal wage schedules once more. The mine workers were not at all anxious to have the armistice mark the end of the war when it was certain to involve a reduction in wages and accordingly waited almost a full year before advancing the claim. They calculated shrewdly in this, for the public is forgetful and the numerous further wage increases in other lines of industry that have come in the interval since then have tended further to obscure the original purpose of the time limit.

In order to refresh memory on this point, it is necessary only to point out that in a letter to President Wilson under date of October 26 1917, Fuel Administrator H. A. Garfield laid particular stress on the fact that in the "supplemental agreement," as it was called, then entered into, the mine workers agreed that the "contract be extended during the continuation of the war and *not to exceed* two years from April 1 1918." The words "not to exceed" indicate plainly the purport of the arrangement. The new and higher wage schedule was to last merely during the period of the war and not in any event beyond April 1 1920. After that date the miners were to give up the whole or a portion of the increase, whereas now they are asking a further increase and trying to make it appear that they are being deprived of some of their rights by construing the war as still being in progress since a formal declaration to the contrary has not yet come in a proclamation from the President.

Under all the circumstances of the case, the miners have every reason to feel satisfied with the proposal of Dr. Garfield that they are to have a further increase anyway of 14%, and they ought to accept the proposal with great alacrity. In the letter to the President on October 26 1917, Dr. Garfield pointed out that the wage schedules then fixed would "result in an increase to miners of 50% and to the best paid laborers of 78% over the wages of April 1 1914." With a further increase now of 14% on this 150% and 178% respectively of the wages of April 1 1914, the mine workers will be enjoying increases altogether of 71% and 102% as compared with what they were getting five and a half years ago. As these mine workers are showing a disposition to continue their strike in the hope that they can force very much better terms, it seems proper to say that there is not the least likelihood that public sentiment will support larger advances than this.

Transvaal gold mining operations at last show some improvement in output. In other words, the yield for October was not only better than in September or any earlier month of 1919, but above that for the corresponding period in 1918. At the same time it was less than for all monthly periods from March 1915 to October 1917 inclusive, only excepting February of the last named year. That the tide has seemingly turned, however, is encouraging and may possibly be taken as an indication that with more success in recruiting native labor (the supply of which has been reported lamentably short of the necessities of the industry) the production of gold will appreciably increase. During October mining operations returned 725,722 fine ounces, against only 679,764 fine ounces a year ago, but at that time the shortage of labor was accentuated by the influenza epidemic which not only reduced the number of hands at work, but rendered less efficient those able to be in the mines. Compared with two years ago there is a decrease of 25,568 fine ounces, and from the high mark for the period established in 1915, the decline is 71,909 fine ounces.

For the year to date there is a falling off of 116,783 fine ounces from 1918—7,003,930 fine ounces contrasting with 7,120,713 fine ounces—and a loss of 573,075 fine ounces from the year preceding. It is quite evident, therefore, that, with the returns for the remainder of Africa also running behind, the production for the twelve months of the current calendar year for the whole country will be smaller

than in any year since 1910. In connection with the foregoing it is probably well to note that at the sitting of the Low Grade Mines Commission at Johannesburg on Nov. 11 the opinion was expressed by the Union Secretary for Finance, that the establishment of a free gold market in South Africa would lead to the efflux of sovereigns from the Union, and it would only be possible to replace them at the rate of 23s. 8d. This he further said would react unfavorably on the mines.

The distinctive point in building construction operations in the United States in October 1919 was the continued activity in practically all sections of the country, even if not at every individual city, reflecting the still existing urgent need for accommodations for both business and dwelling purposes, compared with which the prevailing high cost of labor and materials is apparently a secondary consideration. The contrast is especially sharp with a year ago, for at that time, as a result of various retarding influences, all more or less closely connected with the prosecution of the European war, the amount of work contracted for proved the smallest of any month for very many years. It is evident, moreover, judging from the situation locally, that the large plans of recent months have brought no noticeable measure of relief. Consequently, barring some unlooked for adverse developments in the general mercantile and industrial situation of the country, activity in building seems likely to continue for an extended period.

As showing how general has been the expansion in building operations from the low level of a year ago, we note that at only an extremely few cities of the 175 reporting for October was there evidence of less activity than in 1918, and that increases extraordinarily heavy in amount are disclosed in the results for practically all leading centres. For Greater New York, the operations for which permits were issued show a most decided increase over the total of a year ago, every borough sharing therein, with the aggregate for all covering a contemplated expenditure of \$24,495,348, against but \$4,038,814 and \$4,462,514 in 1918 and 1917 and \$14,413,510 three years ago. For the country exclusive of this city (174 municipalities) the projected outlay under the contracts arranged for aggregate no less than \$136,136,304, against only \$25,432,429 in 1918, and it falls below 1917 nearly 17 millions. Therefore, for the country as a whole—175 cities—our returns furnish a total of estimated cost for building construction work of \$160,631,852, or some 131¼ million dollars more than for the month of 1918 and over 70 millions above the large aggregate of 1916.

For the calendar year 1919 to date our compilation, covering the same 175 cities, makes a strikingly favorable showing, and the total exceeds that for any similar period in our history. The aggregates for the whole country for the ten months of the last four years are 1,050 millions, 405 millions, 660 millions and 870 millions, respectively. Greater New York's total at 194 million dollars runs ahead of 1918 by 140 millions and is only 8 millions below the high water mark of 1916, while for the outside cities the contrast is between 856 millions, 351 millions and 668 millions, establishing therefore a new high record total.

Canadian returns at hand for the month also indicate a very much better outcome than in 1918.

Twenty-five cities in the Eastern Provinces give for October this year a total of intended outlay of \$7,951,063, or over 3½ times the aggregate of a year ago, with the most important gains at Montreal, Toronto, Quebec and Halifax. For 15 Western cities the contrast is between \$1,241,831 and \$443,330. The aggregate of all (40 cities) is, consequently, \$9,192,894, against only \$2,667,668. For the ten months of 1919 the contemplated expenditures in the East total \$52,353,125, against \$25,550,524, and in the West \$12,413,466, against \$7,664,640. It follows, therefore, that the 40 cities have arranged to expend in building operations \$64,766,591 in 1919, against \$33,215,164 in 1918 and a little over 31 millions in 1917. In 1913, however, with a boom on in the West, the aggregate was some 130 millions.

Although announcement was made in Paris at the close of last week that the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference had decided to ratify the Treaty of Versailles on Dec. 1, irrespective of the failure of the American Senate to take similar action, affairs in Europe have been more disturbed this week than in many months. It is not unlikely that conditions have been more or less exaggerated in some of the press dispatches. However this may have been, it seems quite clear that in recent months things have been smouldering, pending the putting of the Peace Treaty into effect. Unquestionably the fact that the American Senate did not ratify it has had a general and distinctly disturbing effect. The advices have indicated also that the Allies might encounter trouble in getting Germany to sign. Financial and economic conditions in Europe unquestionably are bad, but this has been known for a long time. Realization that they have not improved materially in the last twelve months has caused fresh alarm on both sides of the Atlantic. Following the recent elections in Italy the political situation in that country has become greatly unsettled and actually alarming. It is to be hoped that a more settled condition generally in Europe may soon reappear, but as the week closes it must be admitted that there is not very much in the European advices on which to base this hope.

As the week opened the belief was expressed by a few representatives of both the British and French Governments that within a reasonable time a compromise would be reached by the American Senate that would make possible ratification of the Versailles treaty. "L'Homme Libre," spoken of as "Premier Clemenceau's paper," said: "Another session of Congress will see accomplished the ratification which the late session was not able to accomplish." Andrew Bonar Law, speaking in the House of Commons in reply to a question from Sir Donald MacLean, said: "I think it would be a mistake to assume that all possibility of help from the United States is gone." The London "Times" editorially took an extremely serious view of the effect upon Europe of the action of our Senate, and also made tart reference to President Wilson. It said: "The hard fact for the moment is that the treaty is indeed dead, so far as United States is concerned. The disappointment to the democracies of Europe is a bitter blow to the whole system of international policy, which America did so much to build up, and of which the League of Nations is the concrete expression, and is a very heavy prejudice to the prospects of European peace and of world peace. The Allies have to carry out the Wilson policy at least in its main features,

without the help of Mr. Wilson, or of the country in whose name he professed to speak, and for which they accepted him as official spokesman."

According to one Paris cablegram the French Foreign Office "restrained the press of that city from discussing the situation very critically, fearing to spoil the chances for compromise." It was asserted that "consternation at the prospect of the treaty's defeat is evident on all sides, and emphasizes again that Europe continues ready to accept most of the reservations, and the ambassadors have so intimidated." The belief was expressed in a Paris cablegram on Sunday that the Germans would take full advantage of the failure of the American Senate to ratify the treaty, and it was added that "it is the Germans' contention that they signed a treaty by which burdens were to be placed upon them by America, England, France and Italy, with the lesser Allies, and that the treaty is not valid if America does not participate in the work." Fresh concern in Peace Conference circles in Paris arose over the return to Berlin of Herr von Simson, head of the German Protocol Commission. Later dispatches stated that the whole commission had been withdrawn. "Le Temps" demanded "a statement from Germany as to what game she now seeks to play in delaying the signing of the protocol and the consequent putting of the treaty into effect." A Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled that "a semi-official canvass of members of the new Chamber of Deputies shows that a large majority is in favor of seeking a change in the terms of the Versailles Treaty in case the American Senate does not ratify it." In Berlin Herr Scheuckring, pacifist leader, and a member of the German peace delegation, was quoted in an Associated Press dispatch as favoring delay on the part of our Senate, and in accepting the terms, and to have said that "the longer the Senate debates the treaty the better chance Americans will have to acquaint themselves with the true purport of this pernicious document, which in its present state, is destined to be banefully fateful for the whole world." J. L. Garvin in an article in the London "Observer" declared that "it is quite needless and premature to talk of going on with the League without America," and added that "if America does after all withdraw, another conference in Paris will inevitably follow in which she must participate."

In a Paris cablegram on Monday it was asserted that "the whole program of the Allies for putting the Peace Treaty into effect on Dec. 1 seems now to be threatened by the sudden and unexpected departure of the entire German delegation except Baron von Lertzner, for Berlin, with the announced purpose of submitting the question of signing the protocol to the National Assembly." Paris regarded this action on the part of the German delegation as a trick. The evening edition of "La Presse de Paris" asked, "Why should it be necessary to consult the National Assembly on the terms of the protocol which have been known since the beginning of the month?" "Le Temps" said: "Are there not men in the German Government or about it who seek to bring up the whole question of peace again under the pretext that the American Senate has not ratified the treaty?" At Monday's session of the Supreme Council, Paris advices stated that "the situation caused by the departure of the German delegation was discussed and it was decided to send a note to Germany."

In a delayed Tokio dispatch it was claimed that "the adoption of the Shantung reservation by the United States Senate caused some apprehension here as to how, if it were embodied in the German Peace Treaty, it would affect the Chinese situation." While the Japanese Foreign Office was reported to have "declined to comment on the question," it was said to have declared "its intention to endeavor to open negotiations with China on the Shantung question as soon as the general ratification of the treaty is announced in Paris."

A special correspondent of the New York "Sun" said in a cablegram made public here Tuesday morning that "a movement appears to be under way in British circles to invite Germany to enter the League of Nations immediately as an offset to the failure of the United States to give its adhesion to the covenant." He added that Lord Robert Cecil was said to be in favor of this idea and that "with him are some of the foremost British advocates of the League." All of these assertions and suggestions were promptly denied by the British Foreign Office, according to cable advices from London.

While Dec. 1 had been spoken of as a "tentative" date for putting the German treaty into effect, the dispatches from Paris the first few days after the rejection of the German Peace Treaty by the American Senate endeavored to convey the impression that it would actually become effective then. Tuesday afternoon cablegrams from the French capital stated that the Supreme Council had decided to postpone the date, "because of the failure of the American Senate to ratify the Versailles Treaty, combined with the departure of the German delegates without signing the protocol providing for the enforcement of the terms." At that time the Council was said to have no definite date in mind "when the treaty will be put into operation." Notwithstanding the delay it was declared in a Paris dispatch Wednesday afternoon that the American delegates to the Peace Conference would leave Paris for home on the eve of Dec. 5. A Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" declared in a cablegram Thursday morning that "if the American Senate ratifies the German treaty with the reservations and the reservations are accepted by the Allies, China will ask that she be allowed to sign the Versailles Treaty with a reservation on Shantung." Word came from Paris on Thursday morning also that "Herr von Simson, head of the German Protocol Commission, is expected to return to Paris to-day or Friday, bringing a reply to the Supreme Council's demand for an explanation of Germany's delay in putting the Peace Treaty into effect." At that time Paris had no idea of the purport of the reply. The Supreme Council received official word that the new Hungarian Cabinet formed by Karl Huzzar began its work last Monday. It has been recognized by the Entente. It became known through Paris cablegrams yesterday that the Bulgarians had signed the Peace Treaty the day before. A Paris dispatch last evening stated that the Supreme Council had decided during the day that "all enemy warships shall be destroyed except those to be turned over to France and Italy in compensation for their war losses."

The Italian situation has been disturbing all week. Last Saturday a dispatch from Rome stated that

"the American Embassy here is watching the situation in Italy closely, and it is asserted that it may develop seriously from one hour to another, as regards both Italy and the Dalmatian coast." A semi-official statement was issued which declared that "a minority of d'Annunzio's forces, counting on the support of funds from Italy, persists in its idea of attempting seditious action against Italy itself." London received a report that "a strong undercurrent, directed against the Italian monarchy, exists among d'Annunzio's forces." Announcement was made that the Italian Government was taking steps "to prevent further raids by d'Annunzio." From Venice came a report on Monday that "a Serbian division 12,000 strong and composed of picked men, has been concentrated at Spalato on the Dalmatian coast, ready to oppose Gabriele d'Annunzio, if he approaches that city." A semi-official statement was issued in Rome in which it was asserted that "the Government disapproves of the action of Rear Admiral Millo, which was entirely of a political nature and exceeded his authority." (The Admiral had joined forces with d'Annunzio). Since the elections in Italy the Socialists have been particularly active, and blatant in the statements credited to their leaders. According to the "Avanti," said to be "foremost among the Socialist organs of Italy, that political group in and out of the new Parliament, is determined to enter into close relations with the Russian Soviets." The statement was made in a delayed cablegram from Rome received here Monday afternoon, that Premier Nitti had had "a long conference with the British Ambassador and General Diaz over the Adriatic situation." One of the leading newspapers of Rome said that "the whole nation deplors the irresponsible attitude of Gabriele d'Annunzio, which threatens to involve Italy in serious international complications." The very next morning cablegrams from the Italian capital contained a report published in "Epoca," another prominent newspaper of that city, that "Tomasso Tittoni, Italian Foreign Minister, had resigned and Vitarlo Scialoja, Minister without Portfolio, has been named to succeed him." It was stated that the opening of Parliament had been postponed for a few days, while rumors were said to be in circulation "regarding the possibility of a very serious crisis involving not only the Cabinet, but also the reigning house of Italy." In a long interview Premier Nitti was quoted as saying that the reports of a general revolt in Italy were absurd. He blamed the Allies to a considerable extent for the trouble in Fiume and along the Dalmatian coast, and did not leave out America, saying "Was it worth while to oppose us so cruelly regarding Fiume," and added "I call with my whole soul upon the great American public to help us settle the thorny question of Fiume."

Washington advices Tuesday morning stated that the State Department had rejected "what were understood to be the maximum of concessions which Italy was willing to make in her effort to reach a settlement with the United States on the Adriatic problem, involving also the settlement of the Fiume question." A wireless dispatch to the "Evening Sun" on Tuesday stated that the Serbian Government had sent a note to the Supreme Council containing "a grave threat of war with Italy as a result of the present situation." In a cablegram from Rome Wednesday morning an effort was made to show that the political situation

in Italy was not as bad as it had been reported in the last few days. The correspondent even said that "it now appears obvious that the factions urging an upheaval is an insignificant minority of the nation." Baron Romano Avezanno, the new Italian Ambassador to the United States, arrived in New York the same day and when shown dispatches regarding alleged conditions in his country said, "I hope things are not so bad as they seem." The situation between Italy and Jugo-Slavia must have been further complicated by the reported seizure of 12 prominent Jugo-Slavs by Italian forces of occupation and the holding of them as hostages. Wednesday afternoon's advices from London stated that the Adriatic situation looked better. Announcement was made that Rear Admiral Millo had resigned as Governor of Dalmatia, and it was stated that there were hopes of a compromise being reached. The cablegrams from Rome, on the other hand, continue to be alarming, if taken at face value. It was asserted that the Socialist and Catholic deputies recently elected would combine to defeat the Peace Treaty. This situation, it was stated, "may precipitate a crisis involving the existence of the monarchy, or at least of King Victor's continued rule." The Italian Government was warned on Wednesday by the Socialist organ "Avanti" that "Gabriele d'Annunzio is preparing a surprise descent upon Trieste." Paris advices regarding the Adriatic situation continue extremely disturbing. In a special cablegram from that centre to the New York "Sun" yesterday morning it was claimed that "whether Italy actually faces a revolution or has already entered upon one seems a question which is difficult to answer, in view of the most rigid censorship that the Rome Government has clapped on news." A cablegram from London last evening stated that Great Britain "has given Jugo-Slavia assurances that the Adriatic question will soon be taken up by the Supreme Council, and that Great Britain's influence will be used to secure a just and equitable settlement." From Rome came the report last evening that the "Socialist Executive Committee has ordered Socialist members of the Chamber of Deputies to participate in the opening of Parliament." The report was published in Rome in the Socialist newspaper, "Avanti." It is expected that Parliament will be opened next Monday.

It is as difficult as it has been for months to decide what is actually going on in Russia. The State Department at Washington heard last Saturday that General Denikine had scored a big victory over the Bolshevist army in the Southwest, defeating, it was claimed, a force of 50,000. Stockholm heard at about the same time that General Yudenitch had arrived with his staff in Reval, capital of Esthonia, practically as a refugee. A special correspondent of the New York "Times" in a long dispatch from Riga asserted that "the Germans of Von der Goltz's army have treated the Lettish population exactly as their predecessors treated the Belgians."

"Jiji Shimpō," a Tokio newspaper, declared that "the opinion is growing in Japanese army circles that the defeat of Admiral Kolchak and the increasing ascendancy of the Bolsheviki in Siberia are so menacing that Japan cannot remain indifferent." The paper added that "therefore Japan may make a new proposal to the Powers regarding the Siberian

problem, and likewise strengthen the Japanese forces in Siberia."

The London "Times" received reports from Russia on Monday that were said "to indicate that Lenine and Trotzky are considering the idea of holding elections for a Constituent Assembly, and that they are counting on an alliance with other radical parties." The reports regarding the activities and position of Admiral Kolchak, General Yudenitch and General Denikine have been so absolutely conflicting and contradictory as to make unwise and useless even any attempt to deal with them in detail. It may be noted simply in passing that Lenine announced that his forces had completely defeated Admiral Kolchak and that it was claimed that General Yudenitch's army "had virtually gone out of existence." Washington heard that food conditions in Petrograd were so bad that "food is obtainable only on the prescription of a physician." The fuel supply, which was said to consist only of wood, will last for only 18 days, according to one statement.

The shortage of coal in Germany and its effect upon the industries and people of that country were given considerable space in a special cablegram from the German capital to the New York "Times" Tuesday morning. The correspondent said that generally speaking labor conditions had been getting better until the coal shortage became so acute recently. The latter was realized more keenly because of the cold weather and the unusually heavy snowfalls. The output of the Ruhr coal mines was said to have increased from 220,000 to 250,000 tons daily, while proportionate gains had been made in Upper Silesia. It was claimed that the bad weather did not fully explain the shortage of coal. There was a disposition in some circles to blame the Federal Coal Distribution Commission "for beginning the delivery of coal to Belgium, Italy and France before being compelled to do so by the terms of the treaty." The situation was still further aggravated by a serious food shortage "and a never-ceasing political unrest." Another correspondent of the "Times," who has been studying conditions in Germany, expressed the opinion in a long message to his paper that "the present Government will stand for some months to come, at least," and added "it represents the best that can be had."

It became known in Paris on Monday that the Supreme Economic Council had decided "to continue the agreements for Inter-Allied co-operation concerning food supplies for Austria after December 31." Announcement was made in Paris a few days later that plenipotentiaries of Jugo-Slavia would sign the Austrian treaty at 5 o'clock that afternoon. Word came from the French capital the next morning, however, that the signatures were not attached. The only reason given was that the plenipotentiaries "found that they did not have the power to sign the various annexes." Premier Lloyd George declared in the House of Commons on Thursday that the Supreme Council had decided that "only a comprehensive arrangement for a large international credit would adequately meet the Austrian situation," and added "that it was essential for the success of such a proposal that the United States should contribute that part of the expenditure which would have to be incurred in dollars." He stated also that "urgent representations have accordingly been made to the

United States Government in this sense." The State Department at Washington received reports Wednesday afternoon that the daily allotment of bread in Vienna had been reduced to half a loaf, and by next Monday probably the city would be without bread altogether.

Madrid has been suffering from a bread shortage for some little time because of a bakers' strike, and now, according to advices from that centre, a meat shortage is threatened. By reason of the sharp advance in the prices of all commodities it was claimed that "the clerks in all grocery, fish and other food shops had demanded increases in wages and announced their intention to strike unless their grievances are redressed." There was said to be a general shortage of tobacco as well. The bread situation became so serious later in the week that the Government decided to take over the bakeries in Madrid. The strikers were to be paid the wages that they had demanded. The employers in Madrid, at a meeting on Thursday, are reported to have decided, with only one dissenting vote, to proclaim a general lockout on Dec. 6. The workers are preparing, according to another report, to forestall this action by a general strike.

Premier Clemenceau returned to Paris Tuesday morning from a brief vacation at Vendee and immediately called a Cabinet meeting to consider several important appointments and other pressing matters. It was stated that President Poincare would preside. On Tuesday a wireless dispatch was received in London from Berlin purporting to give the text of a note sent by the Premier to the German delegation at Versailles in reply to a request for certain modifications of the terms of the Peace Treaty with respect to the German prisoners employed in reconstruction work in Northern France. The note was characterized as "stern" and was said to have contained the following statement: "We owe nothing to Germany except the precise fulfillment of the provisions of the Peace Treaty accepted by Germany." "La Presse de Paris," published an article on Thursday urging Premier Clemenceau to visit the United States and make an appeal in behalf of Europe. The writer said in part: "Let him go to Washington and let him speak there in the name of Europe, as well as in the name of France. A few words spoken in the right tone will suffice, probably, to produce the desired effect. M. Clemenceau ought to pack his grip."

On Wednesday the dance halls of Paris were ordered closed to save coal. There were indications at the beginning of the week that the striking printers realized their mistake, although they had claimed that they were prepared financially and otherwise to hold out for three months. They sent a committee to M. Colliard, Minister of Labor, with a request that he name "a mixed commission to endeavor to find a solution of the questions at issue between the strikers and the newspaper owners." The Minister in turn transmitted the request to the newspaper publishers. So far nothing has come to hand regarding whatever action they may have taken. According to reports from Paris the Socialist Party in France is to be reorganized with a view to recruiting labor and of joining the Syndicalists. It was said that the future control of the party is to be centred in a strong executive committee.

According to London dispatches, Lady Astor is not the only English woman who is eager to have a seat in the House of Commons. It was reported that Jessie Stephens, a servant girl, "has signified her intention of entering the race for Parliament on the Labor ticket." She has had a varied experience in recent years, having served not only as a cook, but also as "a house maid, a cook general, a manager of a large common lodging house in Glasgow, a porter in a chemical warehouse, and during the war as a driver of a 3-ton lorry." The House of Commons decided by a vote of 169 to 56 that Lady Astor's husband, Viscount Astor, could not give up his title, inherited from his father, as he had wished to do. London advices yesterday morning stated that Lady Astor had won by a plurality of 5,203.

Sir Auckland Geddes is said to have caused general surprise by an announcement in the House of Commons that "household coal will be reduced 10 shillings a ton and that bunker coal for coastwise traffic will be brought down to the industrial level, a reduction of probably 30 shillings a ton." Coal merchants and owners of coal properties were reported to have been at a loss to understand the action of the Government, particularly as Sir Auckland Geddes had been quoted only ten days before as saying that the price could not be reduced even six shillings a ton. The London "Chronicle," however, published a seemingly plausible explanation, claiming that the reduction was due to the fact that the Coal Controller found himself with more coal than he had anticipated and that, therefore, he had decided to give the advantage to the "consumer of household coal and to coastwise shipping." Representatives of the miners on the British Advisory Coal Commission are reported to have resigned late Thursday largely because of the "raising and lowering of the prices of coal," which it was claimed gravely prejudiced industry and the nation. By a vote of 254 to 59 the House of Commons yesterday voted down "the motion of William Brace, a Labor leader, calling for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the cost of production, the output and prices of coal."

According to statements of Sir George Paish, in an address before the Ethical Society of London, "at least 100,000,000 people in Europe are in danger of starvation in the next few months." He was reported to have said also that "the League of Nations has become an absolute world necessity." The New York "Sun" published, in double column form on the first page Wednesday morning, a long special cablegram from its London correspondent purporting to deal with conditions in Europe, which, on first reading, appeared to contain much new matter. But this was not so. It simply portrayed well known conditions, and pictured the outlook as very gloomy.

The Irish question is receiving fresh attention from the British Cabinet. According to a London cablegram Thursday morning "a new Home Rule Bill, setting up two Parliaments in Ireland, with a council or senate of forty to be chosen by the two, probably will be introduced in Parliament within the next two weeks." The Cabinet committee having the matter in charge was said to be holding daily sessions regarding the proposal.

British revenues and ingoes for the week ended Nov. 22 were again in excess of expenditures and out-

goes, and as a result there was a further increase in the Exchequer balance of £419,000, which carried the total to £4,517,000, as against £4,097,000 in the week preceding. The week's expenses totaled £23,371,000 (against £27,035,000 for the week ending Nov. 15), while the total outflow, including Treasury bills, advances, savings certificates repaid, and other items, was £76,260,000, against £122,051,000 last week. Receipts from all sources amounted to £76,679,000, which compares with £122,265,000 a week ago. Of this total, revenues contributed £22,833,000, against £15,526,000, and savings certificates £1,050,000, against £1,150,000. The Civil contingencies fund repaid £2,010,000, against £5,000,000, while other debt yielded £12,500,000, as against £41,506,000. Nothing was received this week from the new funding loan, "sundries," Victory bonds or advances, although substantial amounts were contributed from these items a week ago. New issues of Treasury bills equaled £38,286,000, which compares with £48,176,000 the week previous. A further advance has been recorded in Treasury bills outstanding to £1,092,059,000, as contrasted with £1,091,961,000, although net temporary advances declined £11,500,000 and now stand at £202,080,000.

It is announced that on Dec. 1 about £50,000,000 in war loan dividends falls due. On previous occasions there has always been some Government issue available for reinvestment. As it happens, however, there is nothing just now except Treasury bills, which do not seem to appeal to the general public. Hence it is expected that the Treasury will be obliged to borrow on temporary advances to provide the dividend.

The Bank of England continues to lose gold and this week's statement shows a decrease of £63,175, while total reserves were reduced £1,081,000, there having been an expansion of £1,018,000 in note circulation, and the proportion of reserve to liabilities declined to 16.30%, which compares with 17.49% last week and 16.20% a year ago. Other important changes were a contraction of £3,960,000 in public deposits, an increase of £5,665,000 in other deposits and an advance in Government securities of £3,545,000. Loans (other securities) were reduced £736,000. The Bank's holdings of gold now stand at £87,901,616 as against £75,845,656 last year and £56,506,642 in 1917. Reserves aggregate £19,657,000. This compares with £28,305,206 in 1918 and £31,879,592 the year before. Circulation is now £86,693,000. A year ago the total was £65,990,450 and in 1917 £43,077,070. Loans amount to £80,080,000, in comparison with £100,992,330 and £91,342,329 one and two years ago respectively. Clearings through the London banks for the week total £683,880,000, as compared with £408,940,000 in the same period of 1918. We append a tabular statement of comparisons:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
	Nov. 26.	Nov. 27.	Nov. 25.	Nov. 29.	Dec. 1.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	86,693,000	65,990,450	43,077,010	37,656,285	34,275,105
Public deposits....	19,307,000	30,427,890	41,526,139	56,236,730	50,360,517
Other deposits.....	100,989,000	143,749,163	122,742,622	109,268,585	93,525,378
Government secur's.	38,334,000	62,629,716	58,814,870	42,188,117	29,840,118
Other securities....	80,080,000	100,992,330	91,342,329	104,270,976	96,481,248
Reserve notes & coin	19,657,000	28,305,206	31,879,592	36,836,757	35,413,564
Coin and bullion...	87,901,616	75,845,656	56,506,642	56,043,042	51,238,069
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	16.30%	16.30%	19.40%	22.25%	24.61%
Bank rate.....	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%

The Bank of France continues to report gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 387,995 francs. The Bank's total gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,576,962,250 francs, comparing with 5,462,094,891 francs last year and with 5,333,394,419 francs the year previous; of these amounts 1,978,278,416 francs were held abroad in 1919 and 2,037,108,484 francs in both 1918 and 1917. During the week, general deposits were augmented to the extent of 1,066,235 francs. Decreases were registered in all the other items, viz: Silver 1,133,550 francs, bills discounted 4,178,032 francs, advances 14,835,961 francs and Treasury deposits 26,878,301 francs. The comparatively small contraction of 2,937,800 francs was recorded in note circulation, bringing the total outstanding down to 37,053,807,460 francs, which contrasts with 29,072,411,935 francs last year and with 22,690,883,885 francs in 1917. On July 30 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount outstanding was only 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:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Nov. 27 1919.	Nov. 28 1918.	Nov. 29 1917
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	387,995	3,568,689,834	3,424,986,406	3,296,285,034
Abroad.....	No change	1,978,278,416	2,037,108,484	2,037,108,484
Total.....Inc.	387,995	5,576,962,250	5,462,094,891	5,333,394,419
Silver.....Dec.	1,133,550	283,648,128	319,262,601	246,910,321
Bills discounted....Dec.	4,178,032	928,722,124	816,112,297	841,180,058
Advances.....Dec.	14,835,961	1,322,696,238	1,093,163,810	1,141,329,979
Note circulation....Dec.	2,937,800	37,053,807,460	29,072,411,935	22,690,883,885
Treasury deposits...Dec.	26,878,301	52,160,399	331,282,153	28,260,808
General deposits...Inc.	1,066,235	2,950,674,468	2,816,042,616	2,778,855,500

Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 5% in Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Spain and Copenhagen; 5½% in Switzerland, 6% in London, Sweden, Norway and Petrograd, and 4½% in Holland. In London the private bank rate has not been changed from 6% for both sixty and ninety-day bills. Call money in London is still reported at 4¾%. So far as can be learned, no reports have been received by cable of open market discount rates at other centres.

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 showed further favorable results as a sequence of the corrective measures which are being enforced. The loan item registered another heavy contraction, namely, \$64,625,000, which brings that total down to \$5,195,672,000, as against \$5,433,003,000, the previous high record of Oct. 11, while the deposit items also showed a reduction. Net demand deposits declined \$17,340,000, to \$4,185,680,000 (Government deposits of \$111,441,000 deducted), and net time deposits decreased \$2,891,000, to \$270,961,000. Cash in own vaults (members of the Federal Reserve Bank) expanded \$3,123,000, to \$101,353,000, while the reserves in own vaults (State banks and trust companies) was augmented \$535,000, to \$11,391,000. Reserves in the Reserve Bank of member banks declined \$12,092,000, to \$571,102,000, and the reserve in other depositories (State banks and trust companies) fell off \$681,000, to \$11,462,000. There was a reduction in aggregate reserve of \$12,238,000, to \$593,955,000, but in the case of surplus the loss was brought down to \$9,851,570—reserve requirements having been reduced—and the total of

excess reserves is now \$37,267,480, or a larger amount than has been recorded on no less than eighteen different weeks of the present year. The figures here given for surplus are based on legal reserves of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve system, but do not include cash in vault to the amount of \$101,353,000 held by these banks last Saturday. Circulation is now \$36,189,000, a decrease for the week of \$192,000.

Liquidation in stocks at this centre has been in progress all week. For the first two or three days, however, a group of highly speculative interests bid up certain stocks that had sensational advances over a period of many weeks prior to the beginning of the present downward movement. They did this in defiance of existing conditions, just as the whole market was bid up toward the end of the big bull movement, although conservative observers could not fail to see that already it had been carried too far. Wednesday and again yesterday the stocks to which reference has been made declined as sharply as they had advanced at the beginning of the week. As a matter of fact, there was no justification whatever for the new and short-lived upward turn. Unquestionably liquidation is the order of the day, not only in stocks but also in commodities. Not a few competent authorities in the financial district believe that it must be continued during the remaining weeks of this year, if anything like a sound financial and economic basis is to be re-established.

Rates for call money at this centre declined day by day until a 7% level was reached, which apparently is regarded by lenders of funds on call as a reasonable rate under existing conditions. A comparatively few Stock Exchange houses and their customers were shrewd enough to clear their decks before the big break in stocks began several weeks ago. Probably it would be found, if access to the record books were possible, that a great number of speculative customers were caught. Many of them were declaring very confidently that conditions had undergone such a change that it was perfectly reasonable to expect the market to go very much higher yet. In spite of this unfortunate attitude on their part, as already suggested, there has been considerable liquidation. This and a consequent decline in call money rates are about all that has happened. There has not been an important change in the general banking and financial position. Time money here is loaning in only very small amounts. With the near approach of January 1, when dividend and interest disbursements are always unusually heavy, and in view of the decidedly unsettled conditions in Europe and the urgent demand for great sums of money for meeting pressing obligations and for reconstruction work, it would seem natural to expect firm money rates at this centre, at least until some little time after the turn of the year.

Dealing with specific rates for money, call loans this week covered a range of 6@10% which compares with 6@12% last week. On Monday and Tuesday there was no range, the only rate quoted being 7%, which was the high, low and ruling figure for the day. Wednesday the high was still at 7%, and this was also the renewal rate, but the low declined to 6%. Thursday was a holiday (Thanksgiving Day). Friday's range was 7@10% with renewals negotiated at 8%. The above figures apply to mixed collateral

and all-industrial loans alike. For fixed maturities there is very little doing and the market during most of the time was at a standstill. The supply of available funds is still light and quotations which are hardly more than nominal, continue at 6@7% for mixed collateral and 7@7½ for all-industrial money.

Commercial paper rates were firm and higher with a further advance to 5¾@6% for sixty and ninety day bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, against 5½@5¾% last week. Names less well known now require 6%, as against 5¾%, the previous quotation. A fair degree of business was recorded with the inquiry still largely from country banks. Banks' and bankers' acceptances with the easing in the call loan market, have shown greater activity and transactions in the aggregate were larger than for some little time. Out-of-town institutions were among the principal buyers. The undertone of the market was steady with quotations unchanged. Demand loans for bankers' acceptances remain as heretofore at 4¼%. Detailed rates follow:

	Spot Delivery			Delivery within 30 Days.
	Ninety Days.	Sixty Days.	Thirty Days.	
Eligible bills of member banks.....	4¼@4½	4¾@5¼	4¾@4¾	4¼ bid
Eligible bills of non-member banks.....	4¾@4¾	4¾@4¾	4¾@4¾	4¾ bid
Ineligible bills.....	6 @5½	6 @5½	5½@6	6 bid

The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco has fallen in line with the other Federal Reserve banks, having raised its discount rates to conform with those in force at the other Reserve bank centers. Yesterday it became known that the N. Y. Federal Reserve Bank has been buying prime member bills at rates slightly above recent rates. This has brought the bank more nearly in line with the rates quoted on bank acceptances in the open market. It is learned that recent purchases by the N. Y. Federal Reserve Bank have been made at 4¾% for 90-day bills, 4½% for 60-day bills and 4¾% for 30-day bills. This represents an increase of ¼% in the rates borne by this class of paper.

In the following table we show the prevailing rates for various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks.

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

CLASSES OF DISCOUNTS AND LOANS.	Spot Delivery										
	Boston.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Memphis.	Kansas City.	San Francisco.
<i>Discounts—</i>	1										
Within 15 days, incl. member banks' collateral notes.....	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼
16 to 60 days' maturity.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾
61 to 90 days' maturity.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾
Agricultural and live stock paper, 91 to 180 days incl. Secured by 4¼% U. S. cert.	5	5	5	5½	5	5½	5½	5½	5½	5½	5½
<i>Rates of indebtedness—</i>	a										
Within 15 days, including member banks' collateral notes.....	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼
Secured by 4½% U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Lib. bonds & Vic. notes—	4½										
Within 15 days, including member banks' collateral notes.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
16 to 90 days' maturity.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
<i>Trade Acceptances—</i>	b										
15 days' maturity.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
16 to 90 days' maturity.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½

1. Rates for discounted bankers' acceptances, 4½%.
 Note 1. Acceptances purchased in open market, minimum rate 4%.
 Note 2. Rates on paper secured by War Finance Corporation bonds, 1% higher than on commercial paper of corresponding maturities.
 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.
 a. 4½% in the case of rediscounts of not more than 90 days, secured by Liberty Loan bonds or Victory notes.
 b. 4½% for member banks' collateral notes within 15 days

The sterling exchange market has experienced a quiet and relatively uneventful week, with the improvement shown at the close on Friday last maintained and rates alternately above and below that figure, until yesterday when there was a sudden drop

to $4\ 00\frac{3}{4}$, under the pressure of heavier offerings, and trading became slightly more active. During the earlier days of the week the market appeared to be undergoing a more or less natural reaction from the recent abnormal activity and phenomenal weakness, while an additional factor in the inaction was the intervention of the Thanksgiving holidays, which took many prominent financiers temporarily away from the city. There was a perceptible lessening in the volume of bills offering and this combined with covering of shorts and buying by speculative interests aided materially in sustaining the level of prices. The extremes for demand bills were $4\ 04@4\ 06\frac{7}{8}$, although, as noted above, at the close liberal selling coincidental to the sailing of a fast mail boat to-day, forced prices down several points, and demand bills finished the week at $4\ 00\frac{3}{4}$, or only $1\frac{1}{4}$ points above the previous low level.

News that the British Parliament is discussing a plan for funding interest payments on the Allied debt to the United States for three years attracted some attention, but this is simply a corroborator of the statement by the Secretary of the Treasury in Washington some two months ago. It now develops that at the time of the original announcement there was still some hope that arrangements would be made either with private interests or through Governmental agencies whereby these payments might be met, but in the absence of any formal arrangement for the extension of new credits and now that all thought of obtaining further appropriations from Congress for loans has been given up, it would seem that this is the only means left, of preventing the foreign exchanges from sinking into a still more hopeless condition. The attitude of the market toward the proposed scheme as explained last summer was favorable, it being regarded as likely to prove an important factor in aiding our former allies to tide over their present exchange difficulties. In effect, assuming that the total indebtedness of the Allies to the United States is \$10,000,000,000, it means an advance of approximately \$500,000,000 per annum for the next three years, and is regarded by many as being the only feasible means, under existing circumstances, of relieving an otherwise impossible exchange situation.

Early in the week it was rumored that the Federal Reserve Board was engaged in formulating a plan for the stabilization of exchange through Government intervention. But this was subsequently denied and officials of that body are understood to have made it plain that the attitude of the Reserve Board toward financing foreign trade remains unchanged. It is intimated that the Government has no intention of taking action through the Federal system for the relief and support of export trading, and that the sooner this is realized by business generally, the sooner will private initiative begin to operate. An opinion which seems to be gaining ground is that while exports will undoubtedly suffer, this is a not wholly unmitigated evil, since it is likely to lead to larger supplies of finished materials and commodities in this country which should eventually result in lowering present living costs.

As regards quotations in greater detail sterling exchange on Saturday of last week was dull and practically unchanged; demand ranged between $4\ 04$ and $4\ 04\frac{1}{4}$, cable transfers at $4\ 04\frac{3}{4}@4\ 05$, and sixty days $4\ 00\frac{1}{2}@4\ 00\frac{3}{4}$. On Monday, increased firmness developed as a result of an improvement in the inquiry and there was an advance to $4\ 05\frac{1}{4}@4\ 06\frac{1}{2}$

for demand, $4\ 06@4\ 07\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers and $4\ 02\frac{3}{4}@4\ 03$ for sixty days. Some irregularity was noted on Tuesday, early firmness, when demand moved up to $4\ 06\frac{7}{8}$, being followed by a recession to $4\ 04\frac{3}{4}$, coincident with an increase in the volume of offerings; the range for cable transfers was $4\ 05\frac{1}{2}@4\ 07\frac{5}{8}$ and sixty days $4\ 00\frac{3}{4}@4\ 03\frac{3}{8}$. Wednesday's trading was largely of a pre-holiday character and transactions reached only moderate proportions; the undertone was firm, however, and demand ruled at $4\ 04\frac{1}{4}@4\ 05\frac{1}{4}$, cable transfers at $4\ 05@4\ 06$ and sixty days at $4\ 00\frac{1}{4}@4\ 01\frac{1}{4}$. Thursday was a holiday (Thanksgiving Day). Friday's market was more active as a result of increased offerings; rates were $4\ 00\frac{3}{4}@4\ 02\frac{3}{4}$ for demand, $4\ 01\frac{1}{2}@4\ 03\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers and $3\ 96\frac{3}{4}@3\ 98\frac{3}{4}$ for sixty days. Closing quotations were $3\ 96\frac{3}{4}$ for sixty days, $4\ 00\frac{3}{4}$ for demand and $4\ 01\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $4\ 00\frac{1}{2}$, sixty days at $3\ 97\frac{1}{2}$, ninety days at $3\ 96\frac{1}{4}$, documents for payment (sixty days) $3\ 96$ and seven-day grain bills $4\ 00\frac{1}{4}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $4\ 00\frac{1}{2}$. The only gold movement reported this week was a consignment of \$400,000 in gold bars withdrawn from the Assay Office for shipment to Bombay. There were no imports.

In Continental exchange, movements have continued erratic, particularly for Italian lire, which has fluctuated sharply several times during the week. Taken as a whole, however, the trend may be said to have been toward a slightly higher level, with a rather more hopeful feeling predominating in exchange circles. Trading, though, was less active, which was probably due to preparations for the holiday and the absence from the market of many large operators. French exchange was in better demand; consequently rates were substantially above those of a week ago, until the close, when there was a reaction to slightly below the previous close. German marks and Austrian kronen were also firmer for a while on an improvement in the inquiry, but receded later. Belgian francs, on the other hand, ruled weak and as against the upward tendency in the other currencies, established a new low record of 9.37 for checks, a further loss of 37 points from the previous week's low point. Lire showed a material strengthening in the initial transactions, and good buying by one or two important international banking concerns induced a rally of 75 points from the low level of a week ago, to 11.77; but later, when this demand was satisfied and increased offerings began to come on the market, prices reacted sharply and there was a relapse to 12.19 for demand bills. A factor in the week's trading has been a moderate volume of buying for speculative account on the part of operators who apparently feel that the recent declines have been overdone and that foreign exchange at the low levels now current furnish opportunities for speculative profits.

The official check rate in Paris finished at 39.23, which compares with 39.10 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 9.78, against 9.63; cable transfers at 9.76, against 9.61; commercial sight at 9.81, against 9.60, and commercial sixty days at 9.89, against 9.74 a week ago. Belgian francs finished at 9.37 for checks and 9.35 for cable transfers. This compares with 9.00 and 8.98 the week previous. German reichmarks closed at 2.31 for checks

and 2 34 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 2 29 and 2 33. Final rates for Austrian kronen were 00.70 for checks and 00.72 for cable remittances, in comparison with 00.82 and 00.84 the week before. Exchange on Czecho-Slovakia finished at 1 90, against 1 95; on Bucharest at 3 60, against 3 20; on Poland at 1 85, against 1 85, and on Finland at 3 60, against 3 60 a week ago. Lire closed the week at 12 14 for bankers' sight bills and 12.12 for cable transfers, as against 12.25 and 12.23 the week preceding. Greek exchange remains without change at 5 55 for checks and 5 53 for cable transfers.

The neutral exchanges have apparently relapsed into their wonted dulness and trading was once more reduced to minimum proportions. Variations in rates were relatively unimportant, with no definite trend in either direction. Guilders were firmer. Swiss francs continue to be firmly held, while Spanish pesetas ruled strong during the greater part of the week, only reacting slightly at the close. The Scandinavian exchanges moved irregularly. Copenhagen remittances were again easier, but Stockholm and Christiania showed some improvement, although here also there was a reaction and the close was easier.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 37 3/4, against 37 3/8; cable transfers at 37 7/8, against 37 1/2; commercial sight at 37 11-16, against 37 3/8, and commercial sixty days at 37 5-16, against 36 15-16 last week. Swiss francs closed at 5 46, for bankers' sight bills and 5 45 for cable remittances, in comparison with 5 50 and 5 48 a week ago. Copenhagen checks finished at 20.10 and cable transfers 20.25, against 20.35 and 20.50. Checks on Sweden closed at 22.45 and cable transfers at 22.60, against 22.25 and 22.55, while checks on Norway finished at 21.55 and cable transfers 21.70, against 22.40 and 22.55 on Friday of a week ago. Closing rates for Spanish pesetas were 19.65 for checks and 19.75 for cable transfers. This compares with 19.80 and 19.95, the previous close.

With regard to South American quotations, the situation remains about the same with the rate for checks on Argentina still pegged at 42 1/4 and cable transfers 42 1/2. For Brazil the check rate continues to be quoted at 25 3/8 and cable remittances 25 1/2. Chilean exchange is now quoted at 18.50, against 19.88. Peru at 4 74@4 76, against 4 81@4 82. Peruvian exchange rates have for a long time past been little better than nominal, since trading is exceptionally light. It should be noted that they are now being quoted on the basis of American money per Peruvian pound. The range of 4 81@4 82, which we have been carrying recently is confirmed as correct. However, according to the latest cable advices (Nov. 26) there has been a change to 4 74@4 76, as already noted.

Far Eastern rates are as follows: Hong Kong, 1 01@1 01 1/2, against 1 03@1 04; Shanghai, 165@165 3/4, against 165@165 1/2; Yokohama, 50 1/2@50 3/4, against 50 3/4@51; Manilla, 49@49 1/4 (unchanged); Singapore, 50 1/4@50 1/2, (unchanged); Bombay, 44 1/4@44 1/2, against 43@43 1/4, and Calcutta, 44 1/4@44 1/2, against 43@43 1/4.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,561,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Nov. 28. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$8,524,000, while the shipments have reached

\$4,963,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and the gold exports, which together occasioned a loss of \$114,078,000, 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 \$110,517,000, as follows:

Week ending Nov. 28.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$8,524,000	\$4,963,000	Gain \$3,561,000
Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and gold exports.....	20,904,000	134,982,000	Loss 114,078,000
Total.....	\$29,428,000	\$139,945,000	Loss \$110,517,000

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

Banks of—	Nov. 27 1919.			Nov. 28 1918.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£ 87,001,616	£ —	£ 87,001,616	£ 75,845,656	£ —	£ 75,845,656
France.....	143,947,353	11,320,000	155,267,353	136,999,035	12,780,000	149,779,035
Germany.....	54,636,750	1,017,800	55,654,550	115,427,900	1,015,060	116,442,960
Russia.....	129,50,000	12,375,000	142,025,000	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000
Aus-Hun.....	10,832,000	2,374,000	13,206,000	11,008,000	2,289,000	13,297,000
Spain.....	96,782,000	25,148,000	121,930,000	88,885,000	25,698,000	114,583,000
Italy.....	32,202,000	2,907,000	35,109,000	38,439,000	3,200,000	41,639,000
Netherl'ds.....	52,580,000	446,000	53,026,000	55,035,000	600,000	55,635,000
Nat. Bel. B.....	10,563,000	1,085,000	11,738,000	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000
Switz'land.....	18,990,000	3,414,000	22,404,000	15,190,000	—	15,190,000
Sweden.....	16,537,000	—	16,537,000	15,176,000	—	15,176,000
Denmark.....	10,634,000	182,000	10,816,000	10,335,000	130,000	10,465,000
Norway.....	8,152,000	—	8,152,000	6,738,000	—	6,738,000
Tot. week.....	673,697,719	60,358,800	734,056,519	717,299,591	54,667,000	775,876,651
Prev. week.....	673,608,374	60,317,800	734,123,174	727,430,580	58,718,660	786,209,440

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 1918 are those given by "British Board of Trade Journal" for Dec. 7 1917.
 b Figures for 1918 are those of August 6 1914.

CONCERNING THE TREATY OF PEACE.

The first and inevitable comment on the vote of November 19 against the ratification of the Treaty of Peace was that it could not be a final disposition of the matter. It left the United States technically at war with Germany, and it left the relations of the United States with its war-time allies undetermined. As regarded even the League of Nations in the form prescribed at Paris, the vote of the Senate settled nothing finally; because the vote as it stood was against both Treaty and League and must, therefore, in some form be reconsidered. Meantime, not only has the Treaty been ratified by the most important of our allies, but the League has been adopted and is prepared to begin its work. A definite vote is therefore politically necessary to settle what shall be the attitude of the United States Government toward the League itself.

But the Senate action of Nov. 19 was a vote which proved nothing as to the actual attitude of the ratifying body towards such a League, except for the fact that a majority could not be obtained for it in either of the forms proposed. If, indeed, one were to ask what preference was shown towards the general principle of a League of Nations, the votes on the amended and unamended resolutions lead to one curious conclusion. One of these resolutions for ratification of the Treaty was mainly supported by Republicans; the other by Democrats. But if the Republicans who voted to ratify it in one form and the Democrats who voted to ratify it in another are added together, the result shows that 72 votes were cast for the Treaty and the League in some form out of the Senate's total vote of 96.

Beyond this general fact, however, the series of votes on the various resolutions submitted were such as might completely bewilder any one but the trained observer. Senator Lodge personally presented, in behalf of the majority of the Foreign Relations Committee, a resolution ratifying the Treaty and the League provisions, with important reservations to many of those provisions. That resolution, with the

qualifying clauses which it included, had been introduced and pressed at the instance of the Committee's majority. But when the vote on Mr. Lodge's resolution was taken, it was defeated by Mr. Lodge's own party; for the majority of 16 against it was obtained by 13 Republicans who voted with 42 Democrats. Had those dissenting Republicans supported the resolution, the other votes remaining the same, it would have been approved by a majority of 10. What is even more striking, the Republican votes against Mr. Lodge's resolution included five out of the ten Republican members of the Foreign Relations Committee whose own program, modified by the Senate, was embodied in the resolution.

When Senator Underwood moved the adoption of the Paris Treaty as originally submitted, the majority against his resolution was no larger than the majority against the Lodge resolution. There were many and varying reasons for this confusion of political alignment; but none of them gave a plain answer to the question, what was the Senate's actual decision on the Treaty? As a matter of fact, there has been no decision. Every Senator knew that, when the vote had been taken and the Senate had adjourned, reconsideration of the Treaty had merely been deferred until Congress should convene for its regular session on the first Monday of December.

We are stating these conclusions wholly without reference to the merits or demerits of the original Treaty, of the original League of Nations provisions, or of the various reservations and amendments proposed to those provisions. It is a purely practical question which remains. The reasons for prompt disposition of the matter when Congress reassembles are, in our judgment, extremely urgent. They are twofold in character. The absolute necessity for beginning a comprehensive plan of financing Europe's trade indebtedness, during the period of her recovery from the war prostration, has been shown by the very recent demoralization in the foreign exchange market, which is complicating the business undertakings of our own as well as foreign merchants.

But the experience of the extra session of Congress which has just adjourned shows something more; namely, that so long as the parliamentary feud and the deadlock over the Treaty continue in the Senate, just so long is Congress reasonably sure to fail to give the consideration which is necessary to the numerous vital questions of domestic legislation which are pressing on it. No one will have forgotten that, when Congress was called together in May, the belief existed, even at Washington, that a program of real achievement in such other legislation would mark the session. We all know what the story has actually been.

Last week the party leaders gave out their usual summaries of what had been accomplished after that session. All things considered, and especially in view of the urgent public problems which demanded immediate settlement, the showing was lamentable. The majority leader in the House recited in detail the measures actually enacted; they were made up chiefly of the law to enforce Prohibition, and of a collection of bills of unimportant scope, the mere recapitulation of which gave almost a touch of irony to the list. The railroad legislation had scarcely been introduced; the taxation and appropriation problems scarcely considered; the labor question left altogether to one side.

Nothing can be more certain than that all these measures will peremptorily require Congressional action in the coming session. Yet nothing has appeared to be more clearly proved than that such action is impossible with the Treaty deadlock continued. The inference seems to us to be unavoidable that prompt action must be taken on the Treaty itself; with regard alike to our country's position in the world which is emerging from the war, to the problems of financing our trade with Europe, whose consideration awaits ratification of the Treaty, and to the vital necessity for legislation on other very urgent questions before the impending Presidential campaign.

We suppose that action on the Treaty must presume concessions by the extremists on both sides of the controversy. Abundant blame attaches to both for the failure in the last session. We shall not here undertake to distribute it, beyond saying that the known sentiment of the Senate, as shown even by its votes last week, is that the Paris Treaty should be ratified, though with plain and unmistakable interpretations or reservations.

THE CALL FOR A NEW INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE.

Undeterred by the clearly fore-ordained failure of his Industrial Conference of the first week in October, the President has summoned another, which is to meet on Monday. It is gratifying to find that he is profiting by experience. For he tells us that, "guided by the experience of the last conference," he deems it inadvisable to have any "recognition of distinctive groups." He has sent to seventeen men a request which will be accepted as having the force of a command, and while none of them is associated in reputation with any distinct "class," there are several (for example, the first on the list, Secretary Wilson) whose antecedents and bias are not such as to imply open-mindedness on the subject proposed.

Yet it is not necessary to take close account of the personnel of this new meeting, nor to consider whether the wisest person in the country would or could select ten or twenty or fifty men who could come together with a more reasonable expectation of reaching some useful results. Mr. Gompers went to Washington in October with a set determination to win there what he had already failed to win as to the steel industries, and when he found himself again failing he consistently bolted. This next attempt has no such definite lines of cleavage visible as there were then, yet there are fundamental defects in this as in the other. For, as the "Chronicle" has tried to point out, not only were the assembled persons brought there then by a wholly artificial and arbitrary selection and so without power to bind anybody, but in coming forward to represent "groups" it was as if they had come to represent atmospheres and necessities, trying to make separate what are indivisible and one. There are no "groups," and it is futile to try to represent and make arrangements for what does not exist.

It is therefore something in a direction towards progress to give up entirely and avowedly the "group" idea, but the defect in the whole attempt upon the industrial problem lies even deeper: for it is unalterably true that no number of men, large or small, or however selected, can handle the relationships between employer and employee, and for the whole country and every form of industry. Astronomers claim, and rationally enough, to be able, in a sense,

to "weigh" the planets and even the sun, but they do not try to control that orb—he is too large. Equally futile to sit down and try to handle and arrange the orb of human operations. When the manager of one plant sits down with his employees (as in case of Mr. Rockefeller with the men of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., or of Judge Gary with the United States Steel workers), there is a compliance with common sense. The interests and questions directly involved are local (comparatively speaking) and are known: both sides understand fairly well their points of agreement and of apparent difference, and are prepared to see how what seem to be diverse are really identical. It is possible in such cases for the parties to get together, because at the start they are near together; and what they have to do (and it may be expected will be able to do) is to perceive the essential oneness of interests and duties. When that has been perceived and frankly recognized, the ground has been reached for a practical working basis which will outlast that miserable often-failed expedient, the "truce" for a definite term. But when attempt is made to get all industrial workers and in all varieties of industry together for laying their cards on the table and coming into a beneficial and lasting agreement, whether the persons trying it are picked out of the whole population by one means or another—is it not plain that while some light may be thrown on the problem, no specific changes (much less a complete settlement) can be found?

Stating it in other words, to take employing capital as a mass, labor as a mass, the public as a mass, the consumers as a mass, and so on, is as unnatural and therefore as impracticable as to try to reform all mankind in a mass. The industrial problem, serious though it is, will solve itself naturally in course of time, if men will allow it. Industrial workers must stop expecting contentment through submitting themselves to despots who call themselves leaders; politicians must play less (or less successfully) for a solid labor "vote"; the professional reformers must be shaken off; and the essential factor of time and patience must be given its place. The President states the ideal result well in general terms: "That our industries may be conducted with such regard for justice and fair dealing that the workman will feel himself induced to put forth his best efforts, that the employer will have an encouraging profit, and that the public will not suffer at the hands of either class." Only the "class" notion must be abandoned, for it is delusive; there is no such thing.

The key of the whole industrial problem is in two much-abused words: "Collective bargaining," but that must be correctly understood. Take off the meddlesome hands of outsiders, and keep them off. Let capital and labor, employer and employee, on the manageable local scale and in each separate line, sit down by and for themselves. In that way, and in no other, they will get together and stay together.

THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION IN THE ROLE OF BUSINESS ADVISER— THE PACKERS.

To the eleventh annual convention of the American Specialty Manufacturers' Association, at Atlantic City on the 21st, Mr. William B. Colver of the Federal Trade Commission delivered an address on the doings and purposes of that body. He included some matter which had already been in print, yet his address is worth attention because indicating a desire

to justify himself and his Commission and also containing some figures of its activities.

The Commission, he said, did about as much work, "involving complaints from business concerns," in the last year as in the 3½ years preceding. Since it began and to November 1, 1,282 "applications for complaint" (so he phrases it) have come before the Commission, 606 of them in the last 12 months; 756 were dismissed without public notice or knowledge, and of these 312 were dismissed in the twelve-month ending November 1. Of the 460 "adversary proceedings" 212 have been disposed of, 78 during the past year; of the 212, 26 were dismissed.

Nothing is so easy as to complain; nobody is too dull or too listless to be able to do that; there has never been a time when complaints could not be had in any number and variety conceivable, and a certain recipe for getting them is to invite them. The motives behind them may often be as trivial as they, and it seems so in case of these Commission complaints. The monthly summary sheet of "the Commission's work" in a recent month is an average sample; 52 "applications for complaints" were received, and 120 were "issued" in the month. A score of concerns, including 17 makers of leading typewriter and calculating machines, were complained of for "rebates, or quantity or cumulative discounts;" four were complained of for exclusive dealing contracts; and a long list were accused of "misrepresentation." Has there ever been a time when producers did not seek to stimulate trade in their goods by "quantity or cumulative discounts," and will there ever be a time when such a practice will be abolished as illegitimate? Is there any ground for believing that business morality averages lower now than formerly, or, if anybody does believe that, is there any reason to imagine that conscience is more unbending and the sense of right and wrong more discriminating, in politicians who hold office than in the business men whose operations alone make it possible for the politicians to have places and draw salaries?

Mr. Colver remarks that in 155 of the 186 cases of order to "cease and desist" such order was "issued by and with the consent of the respondent;" and on that showing, he says, "I pay tribute to the inherent fairness of the American business man." He may well pay this tribute, but the practices of the Commission, petty and often malignant in language as they are, do not agree with the lip-tribute. Time after time, says Mr. Colver, when a business concern has been made to see, by the testimony of witnesses, that a course which had seemed to it entirely moral and merely "good business" was unfairly working a hardship to a competitor and contrary to the public interest, the concern has voluntarily and cheerfully consented to "cease and desist." Business is necessarily competitive, unless it is exclusive and monopolistic, as operations under our one absolutely monopolistic system, the patent law, must be. All business may be said to be hurtful to some attempted or would-be rival; nor is there any reason to admit that Government can ever successfully teach morality to private business, any better than it can teach efficiency and economy. And are we not almost overwhelmed—certainly over-burdened—by practical experience of the wretched results of Government's undertaking to do private business?

Yet Mr. Colver, earnestly seeking to magnify and justify his office, argues that law without some such interpreter as this Commission cannot repress busi-

ness immorality, because "laws made to apply to business are of necessity inflexible, while business changes every day; what is good for one business is bad for another; what amounts to a mortal sin in one industry may be actually a virtue in another." This last clause cannot be admitted true in quite so broad a statement, but the speaker went on to set forth that anti-trust laws are inflexible and not definitely clear, so men consult their lawyers in advance, who tell them to take the benefit of all doubts and go ahead, and "if you get into trouble we will do our best to get you out." The Commission has therefore been asked, he says, for "rulings in advance," whereby business may guide its course and keep within the moral line, but such a thing is impracticable, thus:

"To begin with, no man can say what his conduct is going to be for the next year, or the next month or the next week, or the next day, or the next hour; he thinks he knows what he is going to do, but he does not. But, even if he did, experience shows that no man knows what the reflex of any act which he may do may have upon some other man. He looks at his line of conduct from his own point of view. He is sincere and honest. He believes it is a good thing. But he does not know, he cannot know, how, in the complex web of modern commercial relations, that act will react upon another."

Therefore the Commission, which he says may possess many gifts but not the gift of clairvoyance and of prophecy, cannot rule in advance on the effect of acts yet to be performed. So says Mr. Colver, and so much at least is correct. His quoted statement just above is considerably true to fact and to human nature; but he does not see that, because it is true, he is making an argument against (while trying to support) the scheme of setting up a body of political appointees as expounder of difficulties and discriminations and keeper of commercial conscience for business men. When one man, or two or three men, are able to do this justly and successfully, for all men, such guides will be supermen. We do not get them in our politics, nor do they exist. Therefore the bill introduced at the late session of Congress, next mentioned by Mr. Colver, for a scheme whereby a business concern is to lay before Government an exposition of its own intentions, is mere nonsense. Observe and see if it is not: the statement of intention is to be accepted and filed, and its receipt acknowledged. The business man can then proceed, and until somebody rises to complain "the license granted shall be a complete defense in any court of law or before any Government agency against any charges of breach of law." Mirabile dictu! Until somebody complains, any act or line of conduct already has "a complete defense" by having no need of defense.

Mr. Colver could not finish without rushing furiously upon the Chicago packers, those giants he sees looming up against the western sky. He now charges that "their entry into any industry [and he had not omitted to repeat that they are seizing more and more lines of industry] is marked by a dislocation of the usual orderly conduct of business." He refuses to accept their plea that they promote efficiency and benefit the public by fully utilizing their organization and resources; on the contrary, he says:

"The figures show that the independent packers, confining their operations to the packing business, buying under the same or less favorable circumstances and selling in direct competition, are more efficient than the five big packers. The larger independents,

selling at the same price per pound, make more profit per pound of product, more profit per dollar of investment, and more profit per dollar of sales, than do the five big packers. The public, then, is not benefited by their size nor by their invasion of your business."

If this is a correct statement of the testimony of the figures and if the figures are unimpeachable, does it not indicate that the Big Five are perhaps altruists instead of seeking and getting gains? The independents can take care of themselves, we assume; but on this showing are not the wicked quintette bound to be presently bowled out of the game, and why need either "the public" or Mr. Colver's Commission trouble or care about them? If a very big business is so comparatively weak on efficiency, and if the bad men now "spend millions to prove how little they earn" (as he says they do) why not let them run themselves out?

He protests that he is "absolutely impersonal and without the slightest feeling" except concern for the public interest, and if his auditors doubt this they might bring him to test. Let them "name two or three unprejudiced representatives" and invite associations of "industries invaded or threatened by the packers" to name several representatives each, thus creating "a High Court of Business," which should summon the packers and find out everything about them, then reporting to Congress. But they should "be very, very, very sure they know exactly by whom and under what influence" the members of this "Court" are selected. Mr. Colver poses as Justice personified, yet he speaks of "their press agents, their lawyers, their economists, and their lobby," thus repeating from his special report of only 17 months ago, in which he charged these men, still untried, with a number of deadly sins, imputing to them as a wrong the fact that their business stays in the same families for generation after generation and even insinuating that they have destroyed the growing of live stock in New England. The matter and the language of this report (and of some parts of this recent address as well) belong to yellow journalism, not to the role of dispassionate inquiry. And if the packers spend somewhat for explanation of their business, they do not spend public funds in sending out extravagant denunciations to the newspapers as news matter.

Yet Mr. Colver may do some good by this address because he really argues against himself. Attempting to explain and justify his Commission, he really frames a good argument to show that by the nature of business, by the inflexibility of law and its inadaptability to practical cases, as well as by the ignorance of politicians, it is impossible for "regulation" to accomplish anything except friction and hindrance to natural development. He unconsciously emphasizes the lesson which experience is slowly and expensively teaching: that all the ills of industry and business may best be left to the healing powers of Nature, and that its greatest need is to be let alone.

HUMAN RELATIONS UNCHANGED BY THE WAR—THE DUTY TO ACCEPT REALITIES.

Wide as may be its base it is sometimes better to go round the mountain than try to go over it. Not what we would do, but what we can do, often constitutes life's best choice. Ideals *may* be attained, realities *must* be lived. At every point in a man's career he must weigh probabilities against possibilities, the certainties against the uncertainties.

Reason is a good friend, imagination a good companion. Courage is iron, hope is flame. Fuse iron in flame and it turns to steel. Courage fired by hope constitutes service. Work, not wishing, wins. All the to-morrows depend upon to-day. To-morrows never come, for ever it is to-day, and while there is pleasure in anticipation, the perfect joy is in consummation. We may not forget the old saying "we have but one life to live," if we are to make the most out of it. And in the highest and best sense we are continually making choice between that which is practical and that which is desirable.

Now, to employ the trite phrase "in the history of the world," we may confidently assert that there never was a time when men everywhere were in the midst of such a conflict of ideas and efforts as exists to-day. The turmoil embraces government, society, economics and trade. It affects every avenue of life. And it especially affects the mentalities of men. The origin of this universal condition (it is not fully expressed by the common word "unrest") is not of course far to seek. Ex-President Taft in an address in a Unitarian Church the other day very definitely stated the condition: "There has been a reaction revealing the weakness, the defect of human nature, from the high ideals and spirit that carried through the great war." "The same is true," he said, "of the national spirit, which in all countries is tending to selfishness. That should not discourage us, for the result is what should count. There will be a reaction of the reaction." In a word, the war after the war would not now be upon us save for the tremendous scope and peculiar character of the latter. That original war is over, and it boots not to discuss it, save to say that if it was necessary it was also idealistic. And a war to end war, a contest to meet and overcome autocracy, a struggle to bring unity, democracy and peace to the whole world, could not but seriously affect the thought of the world thereafter. The ideal set high became inclusive of all things, affecting human relations in all their ramifications, in their extent, and in their detail. The ideal seemed to shine down on domestic affairs as well as foreign.

As a result men have come to want the ideal now. Somehow the changed reasoning runs as follows: If autocracy was wrong in government, it is wrong in life. If liberty is the goal of mankind, it must be the right of every man. If independence of nations, small as well as large, is right, men must be made equal regardless of their personal possessions. If nations should league themselves together for the good of all, labor unions should form themselves into an international combine for their own power and perpetuation. If local governments can conscript men in time of war, take over industries, regulate price, they may likewise do so in peace if that method will bring justice and joy among men. These processes of thought are not logical, of course, but they indicate the trend of doctrine.

As a consequence there is confusion in thought and conflict in action. We are slowly, despite all interferences, resuming an equable life. In doing so we are for the most part doing the old things in the old way. But wherever there is a specialization of these general ideas of "liberty, justice, and humanity" there is a resort to the power of class

to bring them into the relations of life. The former sacrifice turns to selfishness. The former peace of mind turns to doubt and denial. The former contentment in effort becomes disorder to secure "better conditions of living." Interests become confused with, and into, rights. Wealth in ideals seem to set up poverty and want in the realities. Men chafe at all restraint.

It follows that if, pending the adjustment of these relations to the ideals mentioned as applied specifically, we are actually living as we did live, using the same institutions of government, law, labor, industrial institutions and agencies, these are our hope, as well as our sustenance, in the present. Because war turned the world in one way, it is no reason that peace should in another. Because there was non-production then is no reason why it should exist now. Because there was a military war is no reason why there should be an industrial one following. Man has not changed his relation to his environment. When his interrupted relations, interrupted by war, cease there is no reason why he should not revert to his former. Save for a lack of some of the old means and utilities, he naturally flies back to the old conditions of toil and trade, he goes from destruction to production.

What then is the chief trouble? Is it not that we are all on mental strike against conditions that in reality are unchanged, refusing to go ahead because we cannot translate our ideals into realities, and are conjuring up difficulties, dangers, doubts, and deprivations that do not exist? This is not a psychological question in the sense that we are suffering from aberration or delusion. It is because we will not negotiate with the present, will not arbitrate looking to the future. Take this example: Men say, speed up the Treaty, and certain business organizations say adopt it, as do the labor unions. Suppose now it is defeated, either by its friends or its enemies. Is it not manifest the nation must make peace with the enemy nevertheless, and that foreign trade must be resumed notwithstanding? Why then this constant and insistent turmoil? Are we not held back by our own selfishness, our own demand that we shall have universal justice, liberty and humanity, now, at once, without the slow growth of our ideals into realities?

The broader vision *has* reacted, it has made us take the narrow view. And if we (mankind in fact) are to go forward, we must not longer hold back because forsooth there seems a better way than that we have. The duty is on every man, class, organization and government, to take up life as we left it, holding fast our ideals, but accepting our realities.

This is discrimination, and without it compromise is impossible and powerless. We cannot hope for perfection in a day or a decade. Every doubt, every delay, adds to our discomfort. Half a loaf is better than no loaf at all. Miracles were not given to man to perform. The railroads turned back, must proceed to operate with the same men and instruments as before. A surrender of high wages will bring down price proportionately. Longer hours of work will make up for the great waste. Actual goodwill by labor to capital, and capital to labor, will produce equilibrium. We may not, or we may, have been our best advisers in entering a war, but we are bound to enter peace some time if we progress.

NO ROOM FOR CLASSES IN A REPUBLIC.

In an address before the National Republican Club two weeks ago, in New York City, Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip is reported as saying: "If we have a combination of labor without limit over the entire industrial field, I believe we have a situation as dangerous as any caused by the combination of capital." The thought suggests an acute inquiry into our attitude toward classes in view of our republican form of government. The contrast between political organizations and industrial in the public mind is quite pronounced. We accept without question the triumph of a political party. And we expect that in legislative power, and in the execution of certain national policies, never, however, too specifically defined, the triumphant party will put into being its interpretation of our institutions and their purpose. But there is a limit to this. As a party in power it shall not operate to contravene our Constitution, and it shall recognize that minorities have rights which majorities are bound to respect. Until it changes the law of the land it shall live under that law. Nor shall it in any way legislate to perpetuate and endow with power its party organism. Whatever party (it is a form of class) is in power, the Republic still stands, imperishable and strong, and the citizen is deprived of none of his guaranteed rights and liberties.

No industrial organism, be it of labor or capital, can occupy the position held among us by a political party. It, the industrial organism, by its nature, is separate and apart from government. If it become transformed into a political party its defect as a class organization inheres in it, and on exercising its access to rule, it cannot, for that very reason, represent the whole people. It is never as much concerned with rights as with interests. Neither capital nor labor can legislate for the whole American people by virtue of the principles embodied in their organism, when they essay to take on that form of life. But one of the perils of the time is politico-economic organizations. Whether organized into party form, or not, there are industrial classes and organisms that seek power through government. In doing so, they not only destroy their power for good, but they endanger the Republic, and the equality of the citizen before the law. It is so with labor unions to-day. It would be so with capital unions were they similarly in existence now. It will be so with farmer organizations if they adopt the policy of driving against the Government for the establishment of their so-called rights. All these avowed rights are really interests.

We have no room for classes of any kind in and under our Government, when they essay to exercise the powers of Government, no more for classes once in office (or in laws of their own making or forcing) than we would have for autocrats seeking to enslave a whole people to their own wills. We are all citizens. We are in a proper sense citizens first, last, and all the time. Labor has no more right to rule us than capital, capital no more than labor. Farmers have no more right to rule us than mechanics or professional men. There is nothing in vocation or in any phase of industrialism which gives any body of men the right to rule our citizenry, or to approach the Government for the purpose of establishing such rule. What we do not always perceive clearly is that by their very nature, being, and acts, industrial organisms are wholly selfish. None of them is, or can be, fitted to rule the people since they are formed on a separate and selfish

basis. They can ask, and they can gain, at the hands of a free Government, *nothing but advantage*. They are not constituted to become representative of the people. Being industrial they are divorced from the political. Nor, in a first and full analysis, can any body of an economic nature, grasp, and intent, unify itself with the purposes and structure of our political organic Government.

But we have come, insensibly perhaps, to recognize classes. This was clearly demonstrated in the recent Industrial Conference called on the order of the President. It has crept into the law by certain exemptions granted to labor unions. It exists, in fact, in the creation and maintenance of Commissions, by the National Government, having supervision or control of special industries. It is imbedded in the arbitration feature of pending railroad legislation wherein a certain number of Commissioners are to be selected from labor unions or labor, and from owners, employers, and management (capital), and the people. Herein is inherent division, not unity. There is, and can be, no such class as the people, in contradistinction to two classes called labor and capital. In this Republic, at least, we have but one class entitled to political recognition—all the people. We are all citizens, nothing less and nothing more.

An organism may set itself up in our midst, and by long persistent effort attain to large numbers, a certain form of power, and a definite purpose. But diversified as are our occupations and lives such a class organism is still a meagre minority. It may attain to power in the promulgation of so-called rights and interests of those it represents, but such representation itself debars it from seeking to control either our politics or laws. It may have a definite purpose, and it may talk loud and long about the humanities, but it has no patent on the humane, in fact as long as it remains a class organism it is distinctly not humane. Assurance and arrogance and the assertion of so-called class rights are not true patriotism. *Because a class exists, because it preaches, and protests, and "strikes,"* is no reason why a people should tolerate it.

THANKSGIVING? YES; BUT WHAT NEXT?

An *impasse* is creditable to nobody. It does not walk with the old axiom, "When you do not know what to do, do nothing." It means opponents who knew what they wanted and bent all their energies to getting it, and, failing, blocked the game.

The country and the world as well are left in the same uncertainty and bewilderment in which they have been for so many weary months. We cannot stand still, notwithstanding, and we must ask, What next? We look back over the year since the Armistice and there is much to be thankful for, but the question presses. Neither the world in its insistent distress nor the country in its perplexities can stand irresolute and inactive.

The President may recall the Peace Treaty and send it in again; the Senate may take it up anew; but there is still no light. We recall Mr. Lloyd George's saying some months ago that "with all his intimacy with the wise men of the Peace Congress no one anticipated all that transpired in the following six months." The subsequent months have not improved the credit of the wise men.

Meanwhile life must go on; the *impasse* of the Senate does not extend beyond its walls. There are duties which must be met and demands that are

insistent. Soaring prices threaten life, and they are world-wide. Nations are in distress; famine has begun; mounting rates of exchange arrest national intercourse; the industry that started so bravely finds itself blocked, raw materials fail, transportation is inadequate, coal is not to be had, strikes are incessant, production is reduced, unemployment threatens.

An ancient axiom calls out to us *Solvitur ambulando*. "Brush aside your bewilderment and do things." Two men who have a right to speak with authority have recently shown how to begin. Mr. Paul Warburg urges that we look facts in the face, that the pre-war level of prices has gone for good and ever, that the immediate duty is live by a budget, for the governments to stop their printing presses making and issuing ever increased financial obligations; and for all to aim at reduced expenditures and to strive for increased production. "Fictitious wealth, rash promises and mad illusions" are the immediate peril. He further says that "by the decisive part we played in deciding the war and the peace, we have assumed a moral responsibility which we cannot now shirk," and he urges our furnishing the credit, the means of trade and the goods which Europe so urgently needs.

Mr. Otto Kahn takes up the theme in his recent address to the Council on Foreign Relations and pleads for immediate resumption of commercial relations with Germany, both because of her needs and our own and the world's interests. She is left dazed and bitter and largely helpless, and with a growing recognition of the evils of her national course. She is threatened with the red flood of Bolshevism and must establish herself against the plotting of her monarchists on the one hand and the Spartacists on the other. Her people are looking forward to the winter with dismal forebodings. He points to the fact that both England and France are counseled by their leaders to recognize that Germany can neither pay the indemnities nor hope to become again a great market unless she has immediate aid in re-establishing her internal peace and her commerce.

We are halted by the animosities of the war. They are justified and deep. The instigators of the war must be held responsible both for its instigation and its conduct. But we are getting light upon its history, and we are already dealing with new conditions and a new generation. The situation concerns some sixty millions of people who have been for years under the crushing dominion of an arrogant military force moulding them from childhood to its own stern, compelling purposes.

We are now getting details of this control in its relation to the war. There is a rush of the leaders to write a book in their own vindication. We have the stories of Prince Lichnowski, of General Ludendorff, of Admiral Tirpitz and of Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg. They make it clear that with the passing of Bismarck the control over the military party which he exercised even with difficulty as against Von Moltke and Roon, largely ceased. The Kaiser all too easily yielded to it; his exuberant restless spirit and often reckless utterances breaking from their control, but furthering their plans. The opposition was more or less constant, and the Kaiser found himself not infrequently pulled here and there, for differences were sharp as war became imminent. But the people, misled by the writings of men like

Bernhardi and Paul Rohrbach and the influence of the Court, the university professors and the newspapers, and having no opportunity of expression in the Reichstag, which was in reality a Prussian creation, were carried bodily into the war and, perhaps willingly, because ignorantly and helplessly, made to be its cruel instruments and to pay its terrible price of blood and sacrifice.

Their day and their children's day has come. The power that governed them is crushed, the teaching of their leaders is discredited, the system of their nation's government is broken to pieces; in bitterness of spirit but under direst necessity they are striving to recreate their State. A great nation never found itself so humiliated, so ostracised and so alone. Russia is destroyed by her own people; Germany has gone down before the nations she challenged and outraged. The Russian people have the sympathy of the world which stands ready to help them in every way that will offer; the Germans can make no appeal save that which speaks in hearts moved by a generous judgment and a great need which is linked up with the welfare of the world.

Whatever may be thought of the League of Nations or of the action of the Senate, or of the problems and now increased perplexities of the future, here is where helpful action may begin both by the Government and by the people. Even from purely selfish motives this should be done. It was said by the men of 1784-85: "Commerce is the constant source of wealth and incentive to industry; and the value of our produce and our land must ever rise or fall in proportion to the prosperity or adverse state of trade." Where trade is paralyzed as in the great area of Central Europe our opportunity, and so far our welfare, is arrested.

But there are far nobler and worthier motives. We do well to repeat the words President Wilson spoke on our entering the war. They have a new pertinence. "The stage is set, the destiny disclosed. It has come about by no plan of our conceiving but by the hand of God, who has led the way. We cannot turn back; we can only go forward with lifted eyes and freshened spirit to follow the vision. It was this that we dreamed at our birth. America shall lead the way. The light streams upon the path ahead and nowhere else." That vision is of a larger humanity exigent with an immediate task for us all.

WORK IS A BLESSING, NOT A CURSE.

(From the Manufacturers Record of Baltimore, Nov. 20 1919.)

"He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster."—Proverbs 18:9.

"For the people had a mind to work."—Nehemiah 4:6.

In the Book of Books—of which it has been well said that it is not only a library in itself, but that it is greater than all other libraries, a book which it took the Almighty 1600 years, speaking through forty men, to write—is to be found wisdom, human and divine, and the two extracts which we have quoted might furnish a text for many a sermon just now. The first states the great truth that the man who "is slothful in his work is a brother to him that is a great waster." Both classes are condemned by the Almighty Himself, and they should be condemned by every man who recognizes that work is the divine instrumentality for the development of body and mind of the individual and for the saving of the world.

The second quotation relates to a time when the people of Israel "had a mind to work." In the hour of emergency, when their country was at stake, they concentrated their activities night and day upon work. No time was to be lost in the great effort which they were then making to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Through their heroic work, when all the people joined together and all "the people had a mind to work," success was achieved.

The people of America must have "a mind to work." Into their work they must throw the whole energy of their nature. The "slothful" man and "the waster" must be regarded as slackers unworthy of the respect of anyone.

Any organization which seeks to limit the labor of its members, any individual who is slothful in business, who wastes his own time or that of his employer, and the one who is a waster of the substance of others, or of the country, will, unless they change their methods, never be classed by God or man as "people who had a mind to work." They are not workers; they are shirkers, slackers, and their number grows alarmingly great.

Men are being taught that work is something to be shunned, when they should be taught that it is God's appointed way for all mankind's advancement.

God Himself works, and throughout all of the divine teachings of the Bible there is one unceasing strain in favor of work. The "slothful man," and the man who has not "a mind to work," are going directly contrary to the teachings of the Almighty.

This nation needs to be taught the dignity of work. We need to glorify work—work on the farm and work in the mine and work in the factory, work in the office, work in the school-room, work in the pulpit. Men who have decried work, or who have sought to limit the output of laborers not merely by unduly reducing the hours of labor, but by reducing the amount of work that a man may do in a given time, are flying directly in the face of the teachings of the Bible.

Work is a blessing, not a curse.

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 6%, the figure to which the rate was advanced some weeks ago from 5½%. The bills in this week's offering are dated Nov. 24.

CONTINUED OFFERING OF FRENCH TREASURY BILLS.

Another block of the French Treasury bills which are being offered in the market up to an amount of \$50,000,000, as market conditions justify and on much the same scheme as the British Treasury bills, was disposed of by J. P. Morgan & Co. this week. The offering in any one week is limited to \$5,000,000. These French Treasury bills were again disposed of on a discount basis of 6%, the figure to which the rate was advanced some time ago. The bills in this week's offering are dated Nov. 28.

QUESTION DISCUSSED ANEW AS TO POSTPONE-MENT OF INTEREST ON LOANS TO ALLIES.

The cablegrams to the daily press from London Nov. 25 reported Austen Chamberlain, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, as announcing that a plan was under discussion by the British and American governments under which the payment of interest on advances by Great Britain and the United States to the Allies in the course of the war, and also on advances by the United States to Great Britain, would be postponed for three years. As to the information regarding this vouchsafed at Washington, the press dispatches from there, on the 25th inst., said:

Interest payments on the American Government's loans to the Allies may be deferred "until the war reaction passes," it was said to-day at the Treasury. Negotiations to this end are now being conducted at the request of the Allies, but officials explained that the latest advices from the Treasury's representatives at Paris did not indicate an early conclusion.

America's loans to its associates in the war aggregate \$9,647,000,000 and the interest rate averages 5%. All of the obligations are in the form of short-term notes, but it has been proposed by the Allies that they be converted into long-term paper, which would fall due on dates corresponding to those on which American Liberty Loans mature.

Officials said the American Government was not seeking the new arrangement. They explained, however, that they felt that "the present chaotic condition in Europe" might be bettered if the interest payments were funded. Tentative plans would defer these payments from three to five years, which, it was stated, "would allow European conditions to readjust themselves and place the foreign governments' reconstruction programs well under way."

Albert Rathbone, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, is representing the United States in the negotiations at Paris. Treasury officials said the only instruction given him was that in reaching an agreement the "interest of the whole world's financial structure" be given thorough consideration.

We also take occasion to give the following special advices from Washington to the "Journal of Commerce" on Nov. 25:

Insistent requests unofficially have been received by the Treasury Department from various financial representatives of the Allied Governments seeking the adoption of some method whereby interest payments on the outstanding obligations of the European countries could be deferred until normal conditions are returned and the flow of money into the coffers of these Governments is resumed. Possibly from three to five years will pass, according to the representations made to the Treasury Department, before the Allied Governments will find themselves in a position to meet the payments due on their obligations to the United States without depriving those countries of necessities.

Until several weeks ago the Treasury Department declined to take serious notice of the suggestions that the Allied loan interest payments be deferred. Some officials were disposed to ignore the requests unless made formally in the same manner in which the Treasury met the proposals of the foreign Government financial leaders that the United States cancel \$10,000,000,000 of obligations now held against the Allied countries and charge the item of Allied loans up to the general cost of war.

However, the Treasury now has taken official cognizance of the suggestions, and it became known to-day that Albert Rathbone, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, has been sent to Europe by the Treasury Department for the purpose of making definite plans for the payment of Allied loans made by the United States. Such a task, it is conceded, will be long and arduous and completion of the plans is not expected for some months.

In view of the conviction by most Treasury officials that some arrangements must be made for the financial relief of the European Governments during the next few years, or until the domestic financial situation of each country has been restored to a solid financial basis, the Treasury now is seeking some arrangement providing for the payment of the principal of the Allied loans coincident with the date upon which fall due interest and principal payments on outstanding Liberty bonds.

Such a plan, however, entails unanimous action by all of the Allied countries in joining before being put into effect. What form final plans will take for the liquidation of the Allied loans, however, only will become known after Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Rathbone has conferred with the financial representatives of all of the Allied nations and made arrangements, equally as satisfactory to the United States as to the Allied Governments.

NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN OVERSUBSCRIBED.

A special cablegram to the "Journal of Commerce" from London Nov. 27 says:

The Nigerian Government issue of £5,200,000 at 6% has been oversubscribed, the larger applicants receiving 80% allotments.

GERMANY TO REDEEM SIX BILLION MARKS.

Brussels cablegrams of Nov. 28 state that "an agreement has been arrived at between the Belgian and German Governments whereby Germany during a period of twenty years will redeem 6,000,000,000 marks which were issued by the Germans in the occupied territories."

INTERNATIONAL CREDIT, ACCORDING TO LLOYD GEORGE, NECESSARY IN BEHALF OF AUSTRIA.

David Lloyd George, Great Britain's Prime Minister, in answering on the floor of the House of Commons on Nov. 27 various questions bearing on the European economic and military situation growing out of the war, had the following to say, it is learned through the Associated Press, relative to an international credit in behalf of Austria.

The Premier declared that the Supreme Council had reached the conclusion that only a comprehensive arrangement for a large international credit would adequately meet the situation, and that it was essential for the success of such a proposal that the United States should contribute that part of the expenditure which would have to be incurred in dollars.

"Urgent representations have accordingly been made to the United States Government in this sense," the Premier added.

LLOYD GEORGE ON RELIEF WORK IN EUROPE BY UNITED STATES—AID TO AUSTRIA.

From the above cablegram dealing with the remarks of Lloyd George in the House of Commons on Nov. 27, we also take the following:

The relief work being done in Europe by the United States seems to be misunderstood or its extent is little realized in England. The statement made by Mr. Lloyd George last Thursday (Nov. 20) that the British had already given aid to the Government at Vienna amounting to £15,000,000, caused much comment among Britons and Americans in London.

The sum mentioned by Mr. Lloyd George is money loaned to England for relief work in Austria by the American Relief Administration to avoid certain burdensome features in United States law regarding the spending of money for relief in enemy countries.

With the money thus available, ostensibly from a British source, the Americans sent to Austria American supplies in American ships to the American distributing organization, which placed them in the hands of the people.

SOUTH AFRICAN DIAMOND PRODUCTION CONTROLLED.

The placing under control of the South African diamond production is announced in the following Associated Press dispatches from Johannesburg, South Africa, Nov. 27:

South African diamonds henceforth are to be under control, according to a statement made to-day by Minister of Mines Malin. A London syndicate in the future is to be the sole channel through which the world's markets can obtain stones. The amount to be supplied for sale will be based on the actual sales of the past three months.

The De Beers mines will provide 51%, the Premier 18%, the Jagersfontein mines 10%, and the Southwest Protectorate 21%. The basic price for stones is to be fixed each three months.

The "Journal of Commerce," in a special cablegram from London, supplies the following additional information:

This agreement has been made between the producers, the South African Government and Southwest Africa representatives.

De Beers' annual report to June 30 last shows the diamond trade prosperity. Sales are reported to a value of £5,849,000, against £4,327,000 for previous twelve months. The total revenue is £6,258,000, against £4,679,000 reported a year ago. The dividend is 40 shillings per preferred share, against 25 shillings for the preceding year.

7% RATE ON BILLS FOR FAR EASTERN TRADE.

As to an understanding reached by bankers with respect to a charge of 7% in the case of bills dealt in on account of Far Eastern trade, the "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 26 said:

It was learned yesterday that nearly all of the banks especially engaged in the financing of trade in the Far East have entered into an agreement whereby the rate of interest on bills drawn in the foreign trade with that part of the world will henceforward be fixed at 7% on a basis of the time required to secure the return of funds to New York in the case of dollar credits and to London in the case of sterling credits. The action taken is an advance of about 1% over the rate prevailing heretofore, that having been generally 6%. Considerable interest was felt by business houses in the action because of its effect, to all intents and purposes, in "stabilizing" the rate to be asked for loans in this particular phase of foreign banking. They regarded it as representative of a much closer degree of common understanding among bankers than has heretofore prevailed.

A similar effort to agree on exchange charges has been in progress among a number of the banks for some time past. The movement has been especially notable in connection with the Eastern exchanges in which it started. This has been particularly true among those institutions possessing Far Eastern branches or close connections in the Far East, but the idea of others has been that it might be possible to make a general agreement that would affect some European exchanges. This has been especially desired because of the uncertainty which exists in a ragged exchange market and the danger that banks would undercut one another's business, even without intending to do so, because of a lack of common understanding or action as to charges. During the war a good many banks came to appreciate the desirability of a stabilized rate of exchange, and since the close of the struggle not a few of them have been strongly desirous that something might be done to bring back the less hazardous conditions which existed at that time. It has been supposed that more or less stable rates could be fixed from time to time, at least in trade with the East, and that possibly they might be extended in other directions. The extremely uncertain condition of the European exchanges has made any such action difficult thus far, although there has been less disposition to make competitive rates in view of the wide fluctuations.

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN ACCEPTANCE COUNCIL TO MEET DEC. 4.

The first annual meeting of the Board of Representatives of the American Acceptance Council will be held in the rooms of the Merchants Association, in the Woolworth Building, next Thursday morning, Dec. 4th, to act upon the following business:

The election of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer;

The election of twelve members of the Executive Council for a term of one year and twelve members of the Executive Council for a term of two years; and

To receive annual reports of the officers and committee of the Council, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

CHAIRMAN SELECTED FOR GROUP COMMITTEES AT PAN AMERICAN FINANCIAL CONFERENCE.

A dozen group committee chairmen and representatives of chairmen who are to have active charge of the work of the Pan-American Financial Conference, the work of January 12, met with Secretary Glass and Secretary-General Rowe at the Treasury on November 24. The following announcement anent the meeting is made by the Treasury Department:

Secretary Glass addressed the meeting briefly, urging the importance of the conference and saying that despite the fact that he will be in the Senate when the conference convenes, he will continue to co-operate with the committees to the utmost of his ability.

Decision was reached not to take the Pan-American representatives on a tour of the country as a body, but to invite business organizations in the various industrial centres to extend invitations to groups with whom they would particularly like to confer. It was felt that the greatest commercial good could be reached through such an arrangement as past experience has shown that large banquets and elaborate entertainments seldom result in constructive action.

Announcement was made of the selection of the following group of committee chairmen:

Argentina—Frank A. Vanderlip, New York City.
Bolivia—Joseph P. Grace, New York, N. Y.
Brazil—Mortimer L. Schiff, New York City.
Chile—Paul M. Warburg, New York City.
Colombia—Wallace D. Simmons, St. Louis, Mo.
Costa Rica—Walter Parker, New Orleans, La.
Cuba—F. Q. Brown, New York City.
Dominican Republic—Hon. William C. Redfield, New York, N. Y.
Guatemala—John Clausen, New York, N. Y.
Haiti—Edward Hiden, St. Louis, Mo.
Honduras—H. H. Merrick, Chicago, Ill.
Mexico—Robert S. Brookings, St. Louis, Mo.
Nicaragua—W. L. Saunders, New York, N. Y.
Panama—H. K. Mulford, Philadelphia, Penn.
Paraguay—Lewis E. Pierson, New York, N. Y.
Peru—John H. Fahey, Boston, Mass.
Salvador—W. S. Rowe, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Uruguay—Harry A. Wheeler, Chicago, Ill.
Venezuela—Robert H. Patchin, New York, N. Y.

The chairman of the Ecuador group will be chosen later.

Present at the meeting were Joseph P. Grace, W. A. Prendergast, John McIlhenny, G. A. O'Reilly and Mortimer L. Schiff, of New York; W. D. Simmons and Robert S. Brookings, of St. Louis; Robert N. Harper, W. C. Worden, John Joy Edson, Glenn Levin Swiggett, of Washington, and Wm. Allen of New Orleans.

FOREIGN CREDITS FAVORED BY SUB-COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND MARINE OF A. B. A.

Besides favoring the extension by the Government of credits to cover freight charges Government shipping carrying supplies to Europe, the Foreign Credits Sub-Committee of the Committee on Commerce and Marine of the American Bankers' Association urges a nation wide organization through which financial advances in the form of protected credits would be made to European countries. William F. Collins, Secretary, Committee on Commerce and Marine makes known the conclusions of the latter's sub-committee as follows:

During a meeting held Saturday Nov. 22 at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, between the Foreign Credits Sub-Committee of the Committee on Commerce and Marine of the American Bankers' Association and delegates of the Foreign Commissions to the International Trade Conference, on the matter of foreign credits, the foreign delegates were apprised of the Sub-Committee's adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Sub-Committee use its best efforts to induce the Government, through the proper channels, to extend credits to cover freight charges on Government shipping engaged in carrying needed supplies to Europe."

The Sub-Committee also has adopted the following, of which the foreign delegates were apprised:

"The American Bankers' Association, in the opinion of the Sub-Committee on Foreign Credits of the Committee on Commerce and Marine of that Association, should prepare itself at once to take its fitting part in the matter of extending credits to Europe.

"Highly important in this connection is the furthering in every possible way of increased American production. This is essential not only to the profitable employment of our farms and industries with resulting supplies in sufficient volume to decrease the cost of living, but also to the providing of materials and goods for foreign purchasers. It is the keystone of national prosperity.

"There should be organization at the earliest possible moment on a nation-wide basis, for making needed financial advances in the form of protected credits to European countries. If this is not done the purchasing power of Europe inevitably will decline to new low levels as registered in figures of exchange unfavorable to Europe, and the market abroad for American products will be automatically checked to a corresponding degree. Such an organization should be well equipped for its task, thoroughly responsible and with ample capital, and with its American producers, manufacturers, exporters and bankers should be identified. If it is not on sufficiently large lines it is apparent that its work cannot be satisfactorily carried through.

"The banks of the country can be effective agents in the attainment of this. But there must be well-directed co-operation on the part of industry and business generally to bring this about. The Sub-Committee stands ready by every means in its power, to educate public opinion in this direction and to develop practical machinery for handling a situation which it is of the utmost urgency to have clearly understood and adequately and promptly met."

The Sub-Committee is made of the following: William A. Law, President First National Bank, Philadelphia, Chairman; Richard B. Hawes, Vice-President First National Bank in St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo., and President of the American Bankers' Association; Fred I. Kent, Vice-President Bankers Trust Company, New York City; Thomas B. McAdams, Vice-President Merchant National Bank, Richmond, Va., and Second Vice-President of the American Bankers' Association; Walse Newcomer, President National Exchange Bank, Baltimore, Md., and John McHugh, Vice-President Mechanics and Metals Bank, New York City, and Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Marine, American Bankers' Association.

Last Saturday's meeting was attended by delegates to the recent International Trade Conferences from Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium. In its reference to this meeting the New York "Times" of Nov. 23 in part said:

A loan of from \$2,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000 is needed to relieve the present international economic situation, according to Edward A. Filene, of Boston, who is accompanying the foreign missions on their tour. Mr. Filene has just returned from Europe, where he aided in the formation of the missions.

"Such a loan should be started after the missions complete their tour," he said, "with securities issued in denominations as low as \$50, so that they will be within the reach of everybody. It will be to the interest of the farmers of the entire West, the growers of cotton, the millers, and grain dealers, packing houses, and, in fact, to the interest of every American citizen to subscribe to such a loan. As a result of the Atlantic City conference a big committee of bankers and business men is being organized to work out a plan."

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN FINANCE—A. B. A. REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEE.

In line with the recommendation made by the Committee on Credit and Finance of the recent International Trade Conference at Atlantic City, the organization of a National Committee on European Finance, to study plans for supplying long time credit for Europe's purchases in the United States, was made known at Washington on Nov. 23. The Committee has been appointed by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, at whose instance the Atlantic City conference was held. The financial members of the Committee have also been designated as representatives of the American Bankers' Association. At the conference at Atlantic City, as has already been noted in these columns,

representatives of American business, industry and banking conferred with unofficial representatives from England, France, Belgium and Italy on the commodity and credit needs of their respective countries. The Chairman of the newly formed Committee is Harry A. Wheeler, Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Chicago and the First Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. The Chairman of the Executive Committee is James S. Alexander, President of the National Bank of Commerce in New York. An announcement relative to the organization of the Committee, made public by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States on Nov. 24, says:

Organization of this Committee is believed to be a step toward the solution of the most important peace-time financial problems which have ever confronted a nation. The task before the Committee is to devise ways and means for speeding up a return to normal in the trade relationships between the United States and Europe. Leading business men believe that only by the full co-operation of the investing public and all the commercial industrial and financial interests throughout the entire United States can this task be performed.

The membership [of the Committee] has been drawn from among men of experience in all the various lines of business activity and important affairs of the nation and is representative of all sections of the country, among them being:

Henry P. Davison, Homer L. Ferguson, Myron T. Herrick, Charles E. Hughes, Alfred E. Marling, William Fellowes Morgan, William C. Redfield, Charles H. Sablin, Charles M. Schwab and former President William H. Taft.

Acceptances of membership on the National Committee on European Finance have been received to date from the following:

National Committee on European Finance.
 Harry A. Wheeler Vice-Pres. Union Trust Co. of Chicago, Chairman
 James S. Alexander President National Bank of Commerce in N. Y., Chairman Executive Committee

Boston Federal Reserve District.
 Alfred L. Alken President National Shawmut Bank of Boston
 Henry S. Dennison President Dennison Mfg. Co., Framingham
 John H. Fahay Vice-Pres. Chamber of Commerce of U. S. A., Boston

Edward A. Filene Member William Filene Sons Co., Boston
 F. P. Flah President Industrial Conference Board, Boston
 George C. Lee Member Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston
 Louis K. Liggett President United Drug Co., Boston, Mass.
 James R. MacColl Treasurer Lo-raine Mfg. Co., Pawtucket
 A. E. Newton President Nat. Machine Tool Builders Assn., Worcester

O. M. W. Sprague Professor Harvard University, Cambridge
 Phillip Stockton President Old Colony Trust Co., Boston
 Ron. William H. Taft New Haven
 Daniel G. Wing President First National Bank, Boston
 Robert Winsor Member Kidder, Peabody & Co., Boston

New York Federal Reserve District.
 George F. Baker, Jr. Vice-Pres. First National Bank of New York
 A. C. Bedford Chairman Standard Oil Co. of N. J., 26 Broadway New York City

William P. Bonbright Member Bonbright & Co., New York
 Willis H. Booth Vice-Pres. Guaranty Trust Co., New York
 William A. Brady President Nat. Assn. of Motion Picture Industry, New York

James Brown Member Brown Bros. & Co., New York
 C. B. Burnett President National Association of Credit Men
 Irving T. Bush President Bush Terminal Co., New York
 Newcomb Carlton President Western Union Tel. Co., N. Y. City
 Waddill Catchings Member Goldman, Sachs & Co., New York
 E. A. S. Clarke President Consolidated Steel Corp., New York
 Henry P. Davison Member J. P. Morgan & Co., New York
 Clarence Dillon William A. Real & Co., New York
 E. L. Doheny President Pan-Amer. Petroleum & Transport Co., New York

Guy Emerson Vice-Pres. National Bank of Commerce in N. Y.
 Allen B. Forbes Member Harris, Forbes & Co., New York
 Joseph P. Grace President W. R. Grace & Co., New York
 George W. Hodges President Investment Bankers' Assn., N. Y., 95 Broadway, New York

Fred I. Kent Vice-Pres. Bankers' Trust Co., N. Y. City
 Alvin W. Kroch President Equitable Trust Co., New York
 Thomas W. Lamont Member J. P. Morgan & Co., New York
 W. A. McDermid President Assn. of Nat. Advertisers, New York
 John McHugh Vice-Pres. Mechanics & Metals Nat. Bk., N. Y.

Samuel McRoberts Executive Manager National City Bank, 55 Wall St., N. Y.
 Alfred E. Marling President Chamber of Commerce State of New York, New York

H. A. Meldrum Member H. A. Meldrum Co., Buffalo
 E. G. Minor President The Pfandler Co., Rochester
 William Fellowes Morgan President Merchants Assn. of N. Y., New York
 John R. Munn President Textile Mfrs. Alliance, Inc., N. Y.

Dr. Wm. H. Nichols Chairman of Board General Chemical Co., New York

Lewis E. Pierson Chairman of Board Irving National Bank, New York
 Seward Prosser President Bankers' Trust Co., N. Y. City
 Harry T. Ramsdell President Mfrs. & Traders Nat. Bk., Buffalo
 Wm. C. Redfield Former Sec. of Commerce, N. Y.
 E. W. Rice, Jr. President General Electric Co., Schenectady
 Charles H. Sablin President Guaranty Trust Co., New York
 William L. Saunders President American Mfrs. Export Ass'n., N. Y.
 Mortimer L. Schiff Member Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York
 Charles M. Schwab Chairman Bethlehem Steel Corp., New York
 Alfred H. Smith President N. Y. C. & H. R. RR. Co., N. Y.
 Geo. Ed. Smith President Royal Typewriter Co., New York
 Charles A. Stone President American International Corp., N. Y.
 Frederick Strauss Member J. & W. Seligman & Co., New York
 S. Fred Strong President Savings Bank Section, American Bankers' Association, New York

W. O. Teague President Standard Oil Co. of N. J., New York
 E. P. Thomas President U. S. Steel Products Co., New York
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 Theodore F. Whitmarsh Vice-Pres. Francis H. Leggett & Co., New York
 Clarence M. Woolley President American Radiator Co., New York

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 William A. Law President First National Bank, Philadelphia
 George McFadden Member G. H. McFadden & Brother, Phila.
 Levi L. Rue President Philadelphia National Bank, Phila.

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 Howard Heinz President H. J. Heinz Co., Pittsburgh
 E. M. Herr President Westinghouse Elec. Co., Pittsburgh
 Myron T. Herrick Cuyahoga Building, Cleveland
 Chas. A. Hirsch President Fifth-Third National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio
 H. C. McEldowney President Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh
 Stephen C. Mason President Nat. Assn. of Mfrs., Pittsburgh
 Samuel Mather Member Pickands, Mather Co., Cleveland
 A. W. Mellon President Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh
 W. S. Rowe President First National Bank, Cincinnati
 F. A. Seiberling President Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron
 John Sherwin President First National Bank, Cleveland
 Hamilton Stewart Member Harbison-Walker Refractories Co., Pittsburgh

Richmond Federal Reserve District.

John W. Craddock President Craddock, Terry Co., Lynchburg
 Homer L. Ferguson President Chamber of Commerce of U. S. A., Washington
 Albert D. Graham President Citizens National Bank, Baltimore
 Thos. B. McAdams Vice-Pres. Merchants National Bank, Richmond, Va.
 Waldo Newcomer President The National Exchange Bank, Baltimore, Md.
 R. Goodwyn Rhett President Peoples National Bank, Charleston

Atlanta Federal Reserve District.

J. E. Bouden, Jr. President Whitney-Central Nat. Bk., New Orleans
 F. P. Glass President American Newspaper Publishers, Birmingham, Ala.
 Mills B. Lane President Citizens and Southern Bank, Savannah
 Robert F. Maddox President Atlanta National Bank, Atlanta

Chicago Federal Reserve District.

William Butterworth President John Deere Co., Moline
 Emory W. Clark President First & Old Detroit Nat. Bk., Detroit
 Joseph H. Defrees 105 So. La Salle St., Chicago
 Frank Gerber President National Canner Assn., Fremont
 Hon. Edward N. Hurley 28 East Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill.
 Alexander Legge Vice-Pres. International Harvester Co., Chicago
 E. D. Hulbert President Merchants Loan & Trust Co., Chicago
 Charles H. MacDowell President Armour Fertilizer Works, Chicago
 E. T. Meredith President Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, Des Moines
 John W. O'Leary Member Arthur W. O'Leary & Son, Chicago
 Frank S. Peabody Chairman of Board Peabody Coal Co., Chicago
 H. H. Raymond President Clyde Line SS. Co., Chicago, Ill.
 George M. Reynolds Chairman Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago
 John W. Scott Member Casson, Pirie, Scott & Co., Chicago
 John G. Shedd President Marshall, Field & Co., Chicago
 H. L. Stuart Member Halsey Stuart & Co., Chicago
 F. O. Wetmore President First National Bank, Chicago
 Thomas E. Wilson President Wilson & Co., Chicago

St. Louis Federal Reserve District.

David R. Francis Maryland and Newstead Aves., St. Louis
 Richard S. Hawes President American Bankers' Association, St. Louis, Mo.
 S. J. Orr President American Iron & Heavy Hardware Association, Evansville
 Wallace D. Simmons President Simmons Hardware Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 Festus J. Wade President Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis
 F. O. Watts President First National Bank, St. Louis

Minneapolis Federal Reserve District.

James E. Bell Vice-Pres. Washburn-Crosby Co., Minneapolis
 Louis W. Hill Chairman Great Northern Railroad, St. Paul
 C. T. Jaffray President First & Security National Bank, Minneapolis, Minn.

Kansas City Federal Reserve District.

P. W. Goebel President Commercial Nat. Bk., Kansas City
 E. F. Swinney President First Nat. Bk., Kansas City

Dallas Federal Reserve District.

A. L. Clark President Southern Pine Association, Dallas
 Frank Kell Wichita Falls, Texas
 John B. Kirby President National Lumber Mfrs. Assn., care of Kirby Bonner Lumber Co., Houston
 John T. Scott President First National Bank, Houston

San Francisco Federal Reserve District.

Frank B. Anderson President Bank of California National Association, San Francisco
 James J. Fagan Vice-Pres. Crocker National Bank, San Francisco, Cal.

THE CAUSES OF THE RISE IN THE PRICE OF SILVER.

In the November issue of "The Americas" George E. Roberts, Vice-President, The National City Bank of New York, has an interesting article on the underlying causes of the great advance in the price of silver, from which we quote as follows:

The market price of silver has been fluctuating widely of late, but moving generally upward until during the present month it has touched \$1 31 1/2 per fine ounce, the highest figure recorded in this market since 1872. For the calendar year 1913, the last full year before the war, the average price in the New York market was about 69.4 cents per ounce. Since then, as computed by the Bureau of the Mint, the average for each year has been as follows:

1914...\$0.553|1915...\$0.518|1916...\$0.686|1917...\$0.895|1918...\$0.984

Our silver dollar coinage rate is \$1.29 and the rate for our subsidiary coins \$1.38+, the latter being lighter proportionately than the dollar piece. The silver dollar was originally intended to be a standard coin; that is to say, its bullion value and money value were intended to be identical, but the subsidiary coins were intended to be merely token coins, and purposely over-valued in order that they might not be taken out of the country or melted. They are of limited tender value and redeemable at the Treasury in full legal tender money.

With silver bullion in the public market hovering about the coinage rate for dollars, with a possibility that the price may even go above the subsidiary rate, the situation is very interesting. There is no law against the melting of our coins, and if the market value of bullion should remain for some time above the coinage rate the coins undoubtedly would be melted. On Nov. 1 1919 the Treasury estimated that the total stock of silver dollars in the country was \$308,145,000; of which \$81,885,000 were outside the Treasury, \$156,135,714 were in the Treasury as trust funds against silver certificates outstanding and \$68,415,000 were in the general Treasury cash. The pieces which have always been in the Treasury against certificates are full weight, but those which have been in circulation are in some degree abraded and would not yield full value if melted. The silver certificates in circulation are mainly in small denominations, and could not be gathered up very rapidly, although such a movement would be accelerated if a premium was offered for them.

Whether silver will go higher or not depends mainly upon the general trade situation between the rest of the world and Asia, and particularly upon the prices of exports from China, India and the other countries using silver as money. The urgent demand at present is from China. In 1914 the exports and imports of China nearly balanced, the former aggregating \$292,225,000 and the latter \$296,676,000. In 1917 the exports were \$789,074,000 against imports of \$512,931,000, and in 1918 the exports were \$978,400,000 against imports of \$831,000,000.

In 1915 the normal movement of silver into India was interrupted by the German raiders in the Indian Ocean and the submarines in the Mediterranean and about the British Isles. The wants of India were largely supplied from 1914 to 1917 from stocks in China, and even in 1918 the shipments from China continued. These shipments reduced the stocks in China below normal and partially explain the extraordinary demands of China this year.

The exports of India in its fiscal year 1914 were valued at \$792,359,000, and in 1918 they were \$523,600,000, while the imports declined from \$594,521,000 in 1914 to \$648,400,000 in 1918. The increased trade balance in Asia's favor called for more silver, but besides this influence there were others. The campaign in Mesopotamia and purchases in other countries of Asia and Africa, where the silver rupee circulates as money, took large amounts of these coins from India, creating a scarcity in the channels of business. Moreover, agitation caused by the war, and the rise of silver bullion to a price above the coin value, caused a hoarding of silver among the natives, and the higher prices prevailing in general trade made it necessary to have more money in circulation there, as elsewhere. The Government increased the issues of rupee notes to the extent that the public would take them, but the Indian population has never taken kindly to paper money. The situation has been exceptional, and it is improbable that the demand for India will continue at the same rate.

Pittman Act a Relief Measure.

In order to aid the Indian Government in obtaining a supply of silver, and to provide means of meeting our own adverse trade balance with India, the Congress of the United States, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, passed what was known as the Pittman Act early in 1918, which authorized the melting down of 350,000,000 silver dollars held in the vaults of the Treasury and the sale of the bullion. The silver certificates outstanding against these dollars were to be previously retired and their place in the circulation taken by notes issued by the Federal Reserve banks, secured by special deposits of United States Treasury certificates. At that time there were about 568,000,000 silver dollars in the country, and as the Treasury reports for recent months show that this stock has been reduced to 308,000,000, it is apparent that about 260,000,000 were melted, which would produce about 200,000,000 fine ounces, and that the Treasury still has authority to melt and dispose of about 90,000,000 dollars.

Why Not Sell All Our Silver Dollars?

This unused authority is something to be considered in calculating the probable course of the market. If the Treasury should decide to release these 90,000,000 dollars or any considerable portion of them the action would give a check to the upward movement. It has been understood, however, that the intention was to hold these pieces to supply bullion for our own subsidiary coinage, which is very heavy. Of course this policy has the effect of keeping this Government out of the market as a buyer, but its purchases of that amount would be spread over several years. No little embarrassment will result from having our subsidiary coins melted. It would probably force an issue of subsidiary paper currency.

The present seems to be an opportune time to dispose of all the remaining silver dollars, and Congress might well enlarge the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to enable him to do this. If disposed of upon the same terms as to repurchase, which provide that the Secretary shall replace the silver by purchasing bullion at \$1 per ounce, it would create a still larger reserve market at that price, affording a very important guaranty of stability to the silver-producing industry, besides rendering a world service by stabilizing the exchanges in the present emergency.

The disposition of the silver dollar reserves and substitution of Federal Reserve bank notes for silver certificates increases the amount of paper money outstanding without metallic reserves, but for many years the silver certificates have been virtually considered as Treasury obligations, without much reference to the silver reserves, which were worth only about fifty cents on the dollar. The Federal Reserve notes issued in substitution for silver certificates are in small denominations, as were the certificates, and are to be regarded as a retail currency, kept in circulation by the needs of trade, and not at all likely to be a menace to the gold reserves.

French Coins Have Disappeared.

The countries of Europe all have considerable amounts of silver coin in circulation, which might be exported at a profit at a bullion price but little above the present, provided the Governments placed no obstacles in the way of exportation. France has about \$400,000,000 worth, chiefly in five-franc pieces, and they have disappeared from circulation like gold. France has forbidden the exportation or melting of silver coin and Great Britain has taken similar action. It is a mistake to suppose that the market for silver is an unlimited one. The coinage consumption is likely to cease entirely if the price goes above present coinage rates, as other materials may be used for subsidiary currency. The British Government is reported to be considering nickel alloyed with copper.

The extraordinary demand for silver for Asia, however, is not the only reason for the advance in price. Production has declined heavily, particu-

arly in Mexico. The production of silver made its high mark in 1911, when the world's output was 226,192,000 fine ounces. From this it fell to 156,626,000 ounces in 1916, when Mexico's yield was estimated at only 22,000,000 ounces against over 70,000,000 in 1913. The production of the United States in 1918 was about 68,000,000, against 72,000,000 in 1914. For twenty years and more the production of silver in the United States has been almost wholly as a by-product in the reduction of copper and lead ores, but under the stimulus of higher price there is a revival of interest in some of the old silver districts, and if the price is maintained it is probable that production will show some increase.

Coinage Consumption.

On the other hand, while production has been thus declining, coinage requirements have been increasing enormously. The rise of wages and prices, the state of full employment in all countries and activity of trade, have created a demand for more silver as pocket money, and although silver has lost its old place as standard money, it is everywhere the money of small change. In the United States for the five years 1910-14 the purchases by the Mints for subsidiary coinage aggregated 18,226,414 fine ounces, an average of 3,645,283 per year. In the next five years the purchases were as follows:

Fiscal Year—	Fine Ounces.
1915	3,395,763
1916	5,545,162
1917	6,161,680
1918	34,211,368
1919	9,122,030
Total	59,436,003

Average, 11,887,200 per year. The purchase of silver bullion by other important countries in and since 1913 are reported by the Bureau of the Mint as follows:

Fine Ounces.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918
*Gt. Britain	5,099,271	20,988,258	25,951,612	23,180,084	13,762,093	No report
China	28,626,109	77,499,086	110,294,436	79,765,842	37,806,587	No report
India	68,858,610	18,659,107	5,021,339	75,562,776	95,829,310	148,013,322
France	2,909,555	4,240,649	11,587,532	20,708,938	11,694,359	12,403,927
Japan	2,234,351	1,025,906	1,401,493	2,543,236	67,167,421	7,397,269
Italy	2,171,365	2,789,233	2,448,343	5,178,612	2,950,293	No report
Netherlands	Between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 ounces for the years 1915, 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917, and 10,500,000 for the year 1918.					

* Independent of British West Africa and India.

The consumption of silver in manufactures, for tableware, &c., has been running above all previous records in the United States.

With this extraordinary demand for more silver from all quarters and declining production, it has been entirely natural that the price should advance. It is not to be supposed, however, that wages and prices will double again in the next four years, hence it is not probable that the present demand will be permanent, for, allowing that prices are stable, once the retail trade is supplied with enough to handle it at the existing level the demand will grow merely with the normal increase in the volume of business. If wages and prices tend downward less currency and small change will be used in the retail trade, and, furthermore, the profits of silver mining will increase and stimulate a greater production. All in all, the conditions seem to indicate that this spurt of high prices will not be maintained, and that prices will not go much higher. The situation is abnormal.

Prior to the war London was the silver market of the world, and most of our own exports went there for distribution. During the war, owing to the submarine peril and high cost of insurance, the supplies for Asia began to go mainly across the Pacific, and that practice has been maintained. The result is that London is receiving comparatively small supplies, and demands upon that market are not readily filled. Of late China has been bidding against London and taking the metal from our west coast as fast as it was produced, keeping this market literally bare. With Asiatic commodities rising in price as they have been, the medium in which they are paid for, silver, has gone up easily with them.

L. F. LOREE ON RESOURCES OF CIVILIZATION AGAINST INDUSTRIAL DISORDER.

"The Resources of Civilization Against Industrial Disorder" was the title under which L. F. Loree, President of the Delaware & Hudson Company discussed on Nov. 20 the present world wide disturbances, and offered suggestions for corrections. In opening his discussion (at a dinner of the National Industrial Conference Board at the Hotel Astor, New York) Mr. Loree noted that Gladstone, "confronting threatened disorder amounting to insurrection," "proclaimed that the 'resources of civilization against its enemies' are not easily exhausted." Mr. Loree went on to say in part:

A sonorous phrase; it would be gratifying to find, underlying its resonance, suggestions helpful to a world even now threatened and torn by disorder. What are these "resources of civilization" and how shall they be marshalled in support of that order which is the primary essential not merely to progress but to the preservation of that which past progress has created?

Civilization can, of course, meet force with force. Being barbarously attacked, it may wield against barbarians, with all the added skill which the arts of civilization confer, the developed weapons of barbarism. From such utter combat civilization has just emerged, grievously wounded but victorious; and, in the very hour of victory we have left the problem surpassing all others whether the fair product of human intelligence can survive the processes of the achievement.

Aside from force, the great resource of civilization is the moral sentiment of mankind and this is efficient for the preservation of order in precisely the extent in which it is sound and instructed.

There are many who leap too easily from real or fancied imperfections in the social order to remote and retrogressive changes, which they are pleased to call remedies. Ignorance, prejudiced and impassioned, prescribes as panaceas, expedients the recorded failures of which fill the pages of history and aspiring blinkards find many so blind as to rejoice in their leadership.

Chief among those, in America and in England, who must be classed as actual enemies of civilization are those who preach the solidarity of any class or group as opposed to the whole mass of the people. We have lately learned to condemn, in none too vigorous fashion, distinctions arising out

of original nationality and it may be hoped that the unpopularity of "hyphenates" has become perpetual. Why, then, should one who considered himself as a "Capitalist American," (if such a thing could be conceived) or a "Labor American" (as seems to be far too common) be tolerated, if other forms of class Americanism are not permitted.

There are to be met distinguishable types of attack upon the social order. There is the theoretical socialism of Marx, mainly attractive to men of visionary and impractical minds; the more recent socialism of the Soviet, always faintly hiding a despicable tyranny and a sordid despot; The socialism of the State, recently so dear to the heart of Wilhelm II and apparently appealing strongly still to Lloyd George, a form of socialism that exhibited its inevitable end when the Rome of the Caesars became a city of paupers living on the food and debauched by the foot which the hired soldiers by whom they were actually ruled obtained through the spoliation of other peoples; and there is the labor union socialism which has attained its climax in an approach to Sovietism in the "Plumb plan," proposing to hand over the railways of this nation to organizations of their workmen, who are to take all the profits, leaving all the losses to fall upon the general public.

These forces of disorder have not been ineffective. The "Adamson" law, passed under labor union coercion, encouraged the development of the "Plumb plan" of expropriation and plunder, and Congress has been told that a handful of the population, happening to be railway employees, "will not brook" action which all the rest of the public may approve, and that if conspiracies to interrupt inter-State commerce by strikes are prohibited, the statute will be defied. In the face of a judicial order the leaders of the coal strike publicly rescinded the direction to strike but many of the union men have ignored the change in the situation and have failed to resume work, while there is an appearance of secret concert to avoid the consequences of the judicial decree.

If these conditions which are but typical are to be opposed by the peaceful "resources of civilization," the whole process is suggested by the word "education." The people, the sources of power, must learn the value of order and the penalties imposed by immutable law upon disorder. The education must be that which leads up to understanding, more knowledge will not suffice. Definite and documented knowledge of facts is important, such education is easily supplied by the schools; but it is better to know a few facts in their relations than to know a multitude in isolation, and the relations of cause and effect are revealed only to understanding. Such education is accomplished only by growth and slow growth. This resource of civilization offers only to patience and persistence—yet it is the one resource ultimately sufficient. Indeed, it is superior even to force, for if understanding fails, force is as likely to be used against as it is used for civilization—else why did Germans support the attack which civilization so recently and with such difficulty put down.

The mind turns to the newspaper, as the great agency for creating public sentiment—the great means of mass education. It is impossible to look in this direction with much satisfaction. One is convinced that the ordinary newspaper finds it easier to support than to combat prejudices. Newspapers, are, with few exceptions, commercial undertakings. From this point of view, it is not unfair to explain them as a device to induce the public to pay part of the cost of advertising the goods which are offered for its consumption, and, at the same time, to give greater effect to the advertising because it has not been gratuitously communicated. By a curious perversion of the facts, the advertiser, has considered himself relieved of all responsibility for the moral tone of the printed matter thus published in aid of his advertising and there has grown up a concept of "journalistic freedom" which pretends that he may not concern himself with anything other than the space for which he is charged. Thus the advertisements of reputable business enterprises frequently provide means for the support of publications that threaten the public welfare. Now nothing is more fundamental than that demand creates supply. If men will pay for space in periodicals pandering to the basest prejudices, the space to be paid for will always be provided. The merchant who would print scandalous, obscene or libelous matter upon his handbills in order to make them attractive to the depraved would commit no greater moral offense than the advertiser who disregards the fact that a newspaper through which he offers his wares to the public is habitually in an attitude of emity to public order. Primary responsibility for the existence of these periodicals rests with their advertisers; it is absurd to consider them as mere vehicles for the exploitation of the views of owners (even those of vast inherited wealth) who would be forced to discontinue them in a month if the advertising were withheld.

The field for education of the sort here considered is so vast that it would be impossible to enumerate the many agencies that are available. The subject should receive careful study and be formulated. Among such agencies may be suggested the following:

1. Legislative Action:

(a) Limit the franchise to those competent to speak, read and write English.

(b) Require the foreign language press to print in parallel columns the English equivalent of its contents.

(c) Prevent any foreign control of our industrial activities such as contemplated in Part XIII of the proposed Peace Treaty with the Central Powers.

(d) Maintain at each legislative session a competent organization to oppose passage of harmful legislation and to secure laws designed to give effect to the spirit of our Government. If the activities of every alternate session of the Legislature could be restricted to the passage of revenue laws and the repeal or codification of existing laws, the condition of our legislation might be enormously improved.

(e) Secure the adoption of anti-picketing legislation, both by the State and by City ordinances. The right of man to work is as sacred as his right to worship, and the measure of his freedom in the one case should be the measure of his freedom in the other.

(f) All voluntary associations designed to control or affect prices, wages or conditions of employment should by legislation be charged with the same responsibilities as is the individual or the corporation. The State for its own protection should have access to their books, letters and accounts. On all important matters requiring a vote of the membership, and especially where strikes are contemplated, the secret or Australian ballot should be used, and the honesty of the count secured by its being taken under the supervision of proper public officers.

2. Community Action:

Organize in all communities open shop associations, such as are now being formed in the Southwest, and citizens' alliances, such as were formerly in vogue in the Central West, or similar bodies through which the extra legal power of the community can be given effect. These bodies should:

(a) Emphasize the three aspects in which significance is given to the labor relation—employment by the State, employment in public utility work, and employment in private business.

(b) By proper legal organization hold to a strict accountability all persons who during industrial disturbances engage in disorder or violation of the law.

(c) Organize a general suspension of credit in any community in which a strike occurs, during the continuation of the strike, placing the entire community on a cash basis.

3. The National Industrial Conference Board and other national associations should invoke the various means by which public opinion can be influenced:

(a) By lecturers on the Chataqua circuit and by addresses of business men before Chambers of Commerce, trade meetings and other public assemblies.

(b) Collect and disseminate data as to the amount of advertising used by supporters of the National Industrial Conference Board and study what effect upon the attitude of the press, and especially of the headline writers, might be secured through its use.

(c) Collect, classify and study data to determine the number of industrial establishments and the number of men employed therein under condition of union shop, open shop and non-union shop; data regarding break contracts or violations of the same by employers or organized or unorganized employees; a record by months and by years of strikes and strike violence as shown by newspaper clippings, State Labor Bureau reports and other sources of information, classified as between union and non-union, and a full report upon the number of strikes, union and non-union, inaugurated during the period of the war, and the variety and extent of profiteering by labor.

Serious as the situation is, I cannot believe it to in any way give cause for despair. We must forever keep in mind the great underlying qualities that distinguish our race from those of the other inhabitants of the world.

What we have to do is not so much to seek out leadership, helpful as this would be, but to stir the national pulse and set in motion the national power. Every substantial business undertaking should be a centre for the dissemination of accurate facts and sound discussion. Men of light and leading must accept and properly discharge the responsibility for inaugurating the systematic education necessary to marshal civilization's resources of sound sense in a public sentiment forceful enough to maintain order against all elements of disorder, and this duty must be discharged not in the distant future but now, to-day.

PROF. COPELAND OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY ON ADVANCING PRICES AND INFLATION.

Ascribing the primary cause for high prices and social unrest to the inflation of currency, Prof. Melvin T. Copeland, Director of the Bureau of Business Research of Harvard University, states that "so far as this country is concerned, we seem to have reached the end of the period of inflation." Prof. Copeland describes the active demand in retail trade that is now resulting from inflation as "particularly unstable." In his view, if the progress of inflation has been checked, "it will help us in dealing with our great labor problems." Prof. Copeland's views were expressed in an address on the "Cost of Doing Business in the Wholesale and Retail Trades," delivered before the Committee on Trade and Commerce of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce at New Haven on Nov. 20, and appeared as follows in the New York "Evening Post" of the 20th inst.:

We have heard a great deal during the last three or four years about profiteering in retail and wholesale trades. From my observations I judge that many of these accusations are unjustified. Business has been active in most trades, and failures have been less frequent than in normal times. Yet I doubt seriously whether there are more frequent instances of abnormal profits in retail and wholesale businesses than in manufacturing or among wage earners and farmers.

All along the line we have seen higher prices, higher incomes and higher expenses. Clergymen, school teachers and college professors are about the only classes who have not had a share in these larger monetary incomes. The dollar has truly fallen in value, but not because of the machinations of merchants. So far as I can judge, the cost of doing business has gone up in retail and wholesale trades about as rapidly as prices and profits have advanced.

As Director of the Harvard Bureau of Business Research I have had an opportunity to learn the cost of doing business in several trades. In the retail grocery business, for example, reports were received from 197 grocers on the cost of doing business in 1918. These reports were in detail. The merchants who supplied them were located in all parts of the United States. I am confident that they are fully typical stores and that the results that they show are a fair guide to the cost of doing business in retail grocery stores generally.

The average cost of doing business in these retail grocery stores in 1918 was 14% of net sales. This figure for total expense included rent, whether the store was owned or leased, proprietor's salary, and interest both on owned and borrowed capital. The average gross profit in these stores was 16.9%; the average net profit was 2.3% of net sales. The highest figure for net profit that was shown by any of the reports received was 9.29%. On the other hand, a number of stores showed a loss, the highest net loss being 6.05% of net sales.

As regards profiteering, we have long been chasing the devil around the stump and we haven't caught him yet. As a matter of fact, a primary cause for high prices at the present time is inflation of our currency. From 1900 to 1914 the amount of currency in circulation in the United States had been expanding at the rate of about \$100,000,000 a year, due to the increase in the world's output of gold. With this annual expansion of our currency, prices were constantly rising. Yet from July 1, 1914 to July 1, 1919 the amount of currency in circulation in this country increased \$2,440,000,000.

In a period of five years, therefore, there was an expansion of our currency one and one-half times as great as in the preceding fifteen years. To put it in other words, the amount of currency in circulation in the last five years has increased 71%.

There have been other contributing influences to cause high prices but this inflation of our currency is unquestionably the greatest factor. This inflation has come about through the influx of gold during the first years of the European war, through the expansion of credit under the newly organized Federal Reserve system, and also through the policy of the Government in permitting the use of our United States war bonds for rediscount at favorable rates. To finance the war we did not issue paper money directly, as was done in most of the European countries. Nevertheless, by the use of bonds for rediscount at the Federal Reserve banks we indirectly helped to finance the war by inflation of our credit and currency. This policy on the part of the Government may well have been

the wisest one to follow. Nevertheless, granting that, the fact remains that inflation has been a particularly potent cause for the present high prices.

Fortunately the inflation here has been less than in most of the other belligerent countries. There is no question as to the fundamental soundness of our financial system.

This inflation of currency, and therefore of prices, is a large factor in the present social unrest. It has always been so in the past in this country and abroad. No lesson is taught more clearly by history. The problems of social unrest throughout Europe are inextricably bound up with the financial problems of these countries. In Russia the problems of readjustment have been intensified by the freedom with which the Bolsheviks have run their printing presses to turn out paper money. Austria and Germany are nearly swamped with paper money. Even in France and Italy there is serious inflation. We can be thankful that in this period of world-wide inflation we are in a relatively favorable position.

So far as this country is concerned we seem to have reached the end of the period of inflation. Two weeks ago the Federal Reserve banks in Boston and New York took the first steps toward bringing about a deflation of our currency. It is certainly to be hoped, both in the public interest and from the standpoint of business men, that these efforts will be continued. This process of deflation may bring with it temporary hardships to business, yet these hardships will be the lesser of two evils.

We can look ahead to a period of great business prosperity. Yet before we realize that we will probably have to go through some readjustments. The active demand in retail trade that is now resulting from inflation is particularly unstable. This demand seems to have arisen largely from consumers who have enjoyed a sudden rapid increase in their incomes. In the meantime our productive facilities are not being sufficiently expanded. Our railroads cannot afford to increase their facilities extensively at these high prices. Manufacturers are cautious regarding the expansion of their plants at the present scale of cost. There is an accumulated demand for new homes; yet this demand is not being filled because prices for building materials and labor are so high. In other words, the great demand that we have witnessed in recent months is not primarily the demand that has accumulated during the war, but rather a new demand that has resulted from inflation. Sooner or later the accumulated demand of the last four or five years will have to be taken care of, and eventually the process of deflation will help to bring this about.

As I stated a few moments ago, the progress of inflation seems to have been checked in this country. If this proves to be the case it will help us in dealing with our great labor problems. Several manufacturers and wholesalers have told me recently that they have sold merchandise for spring delivery at prices that will necessitate retailers increasing their prices from 20 to 40%.

If that were to continue our labor problems would become far more serious than they have yet been, for a sudden rapid increase in prices affords the radical leader his best ammunition. Under present conditions, furthermore, if there were to be another sudden increase in prices, those radical leaders would secure sympathy from many quarters that are ordinarily opposed to their preachings. It is for these reasons that I have stated that even some temporary hardships during the process of deflation will be the lesser of two evils.

We have on our hands a tremendously difficult task of readjustment with which we are just beginning to grapple. If business men will take hold of this task as they tackled the problems of readjustment during the war, it will be solved and solved quickly. For 21 months in Washington I saw business men displaying great unselfishness. Time and again I heard business men say that they were willing to make any sacrifice for the welfare of the country.

I have heard manufacturers repeatedly say that they were willing to have their businesses closed up entirely if thereby the interests of the country in carrying on the war could be better served. This is the spirit that we now need. That is the spirit that I feel sure business men will show once they clearly recognize the problem that we have on our hands.

REDUCTION IN LIBERTY BOND, VICTORY NOTE AND TREASURY CERTIFICATE HOLDINGS OF NATIONAL BANKS.

The amount of Liberty bonds and Victory notes owned by National banks stood at \$801,753,000 on Sept. 12, according to an announcement made public by the Comptroller of the Currency on Nov. 24, which also states that the figures indicated represent a reduction of \$71,070,000 since March 4 1919. The total amount of Victory notes owned by the National banks on Sept. 12 was \$384,638,000, besides which they also owned \$82,094,000 on Victory notes for final instalments not yet fully paid. Of U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness there was owned by the National banks on Sept. 12 \$1,147,920,000. The following is the statement issued by the Comptroller.

Reports of all national banks just compiled show that on September 12 1919, the total amount of Liberty Bonds of all four issues owned by them on the date named had been reduced to \$801,753,000, or less than 4 1/2% of the total amount of Liberty Bonds sold. This is a net reduction of \$71,070,000 since March 4 1919. The reports also show that the national banks of the country September 12 1919, had less than 3 1/2% of their resources invested in Liberty Bonds, against more than 4 1-3% March 4 1919.

The amount of Liberty Bonds held as collateral for loans by national banks September 12 1919, was \$915,211,000.

The total amount of Victory Notes owned by national banks and fully paid for on September 12 amounted to \$384,638,000, and, in addition to this, the banks reported that they also owed \$82,094,000 on Victory Notes for final instalments not yet fully paid.

The total amount of United States Certificates of Indebtedness owned by national banks on September 12 was \$1,147,920,000, a reduction since March 4 1919, of \$72,787,000. The amount of United States Certificates of Indebtedness held as collateral for loans by national banks on September 12 was \$32,379,000.

The total net reduction in ownership by national banks of all Liberty Bonds, Victory Notes and United States Certificates of Indebtedness September 12 1919, as compared with March 4 1919, was \$409,218,326.

The total amount of Liberty Bonds owned by all the national banks in the following cities on September 12 1919, did not amount to more than \$1,000,000 in any one city: Buffalo, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, Galveston, Little Rock, Peoria, Grand Rapids, Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Sioux City, St. Joseph, Lincoln, Kansas City, Kansas, Topeka, Wichita, Denver, Pueblo, Muskogee, Tacoma and Oakland.

The total amount of Liberty Bonds owned by all the national banks in each of the following cities amounted to between one million and two million dollars: Albany, Jacksonville, El Paso, Fort Worth, Waco, Louisville, Chattanooga, Memphis, Cincinnati, Toledo, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Tulsa, Spokane, Portland and Ogden.

The only cities whose national banks owned in the aggregate as much as \$10,000,000 in Liberty Bonds were New York 125,000,000, Pittsburgh 25 million, Philadelphia 16 million, Nashville and San Francisco 12 million each.

The only cities whose national banks held as collateral for loans made as much as \$1,000,000 or more of Victory Notes were New York 150 million, Philadelphia 32 million, Boston 10 million, Chicago 8 million, Pittsburgh 7 million, St. Louis 4 million, Richmond and Atlanta 3 million each, Albany, Buffalo, Baltimore, Cleveland and San Francisco 2 million each, Washington, Houston and Cincinnati 1 million each.

The only cities whose national banks held as collateral for loans made, in the aggregate, as much as one million dollars of United States Certificates of Indebtedness were New York City 12 million, Boston 5 million, Chicago 2 million, Philadelphia 1 million.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE RULE REGARDING OFFER TO SELL COUPLED WITH OFFER TO BUY BACK.

E. V. D. Cox, Secretary of the New York Stock Exchange, issued a notice to members on Nov. 25 calling attention to the following resolution adopted by the Committee of Arrangements:

In the opinion of the Committee of Arrangements an offer to sell coupled with an offer to buy back at the same or an advanced price, or the reverse, is not in accord with the rules of business permitted on the Stock Exchange.

LIBERTY BOND SINKING FUND NOT EXHAUSTED.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of yesterday (Nov. 28) we take the following:

The impression prevails in the Liberty bond market, which is said to be responsible, in a measure, for the renewed weakness in Liberty bond prices this week, that the Government sinking fund has practically reached its limit of capacity in respect of current purchases in the open market. This impression followed the recent statement issued by the Treasury Department detailing the operations of the bond purchase fund up to Nov. 20.

This, however, is an erroneous deduction. In the case of two of the bond purchase years, the sinking fund has practically 100% capacity ahead of it inasmuch as the fund has only recently entered upon new bond purchase years. The bond purchase year for the First Liberty Loan 4s and 4 1/2s and the Second Liberty Loan 4s and 4 1/2s expired on Nov. 14. The bond purchase year for the Fourth Liberty Loan bonds expired Oct. 23 last. Therefore, the Treasury, to the extent that it has the funds available for that purpose, can employ the sinking fund to practically its full legal one-year capacity in the purchase of these issues.

That the Treasury has been making full use of the sinking fund, heretofore, is shown by the fact that during the year ended Nov. 14 it purchased \$24,459,000 First Liberty Loan bonds applicable to that bond purchase year, which was only \$4,302,000 less than the authorized amount. The Treasury also purchased \$180,870,000 Second Liberty Loan bonds, which was substantially the full amount authorized for that year. Purchases of the Fourth Liberty Loan bonds in the bond purchase year of Oct. 23 amounted to \$348,115,000, or substantially the full amount authorized.

In the case of the Third Liberty Loan issue, the current bond purchase year does not expire until May 8 next, or nearly six months yet to run. It appears that the Treasury has bought none of these bonds so far in the current bond purchase year, although the War Finance Corporation holds a considerable amount. There is therefore plenty of opportunity for the Treasury to employ the sinking fund to the limit in the purchase of the Third Liberty Loan bonds before the current year expires.

It is evident from the foregoing that as far as the capacity of the sinking fund is concerned the Treasury has considerable latitude for purchases of Liberty bonds in the open market at the present time. The only possible obstacle to the Treasury operations is the matter of funds, but on this score there is little occasion for concern. There is, at present, a net balance in the Treasury of about \$700,000,000. On Dec. 15 next the last installment of taxes is due which may bring in anywhere from \$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000. Again, the Treasury's latest offering of Certificates of Indebtedness, payable Dec. 1, will help to swell available funds. These receipts will more than offset the \$747,000,000 of tax certificates to be paid off Dec. 15.

LETTER OF SECRETARY GLASS RESPECTING RESUMPTION OF TREASURY CERTIFICATE ISSUES.

The intention of the Government to resume the issuance of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness was made known in a letter addressed by Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass to the banking institutions of the country, made public on Nov. 23. The proposed issuance of Government loan certificates was announced by Secretary Glass, who stated that "along with the issue of these loan certificates it has been thought wise, in order to make it possible and convenient for taxpayers, to prepare further for the large payments which fall due on March 20, 1920, to offer an issue of 4 1/2% tax certificates of that maturity." These offerings are detailed elsewhere in to-day's issue of our paper. In his letter, Secretary Glass states among other things, that "very gratifying progress has been made in the absorption by investors of Government securities." We quote from his letter the following:

In my letter of September 8, I stated that, while it could not be said definitely when semi-monthly issues of loan certificates would be resumed, such issues would certainly not be resumed before October 15. Though most factors in the general situation since that letter was written have been adverse, the position of the Treasury has developed more favorably than then there seemed any reason to hope. The great success of the issue of tax certificates then announced, the reduction in current expenditures, and

the increase of receipts, notably from sales of war materials and supplies, have made it possible to avoid until now the resumption of the issue of certificates.

On the basis of Treasury daily statements, in the month of October the net current deficit (excess of disbursements over receipts, exclusive of transactions in the principal of the public debt) was \$319,239,450.35, the lowest figure for any month since April 1917, excluding the month in which income and profits taxes were payable, and for the first half of the month of November the net current deficit was \$118,630,787.30, indicating the likelihood of a further important reduction for that month.

On the basis of Treasury daily statements, the total gross debt, which on June 30 1919, amounted to \$25,484,506,160.05 and on August 31 1919, had reached the peak at \$26,596,701,648.01, had been reduced by September 30 by more than \$400,000,000, and, notwithstanding the increased result from the Victory Loan installment payments in October and November, when the final payment was made, stood on November 15 at \$26,210,905,795, a net reduction of about \$385,000,000 from the high mark at the end of August, and a net increase since June 30 of only \$726,399,634.95, although in that period only one quarterly income and profit tax installment had been received.

The total amount of loan certificates outstanding and unmatured, which on June 30 was \$2,478,317,500 and on August 31 \$2,012,387,500 was reduced in September to \$1,634,671,500, at which figure it stands; while the total amount of tax certificates outstanding and unmatured, which on June 30 was \$789,561,000 and on August 31 was \$1,925,837,500, was reduced in September to \$1,827,586,500, at which figure it stands. Of the latter, certificates to the amount of \$746,869,500 mature December 15 1919, and are amply provided for by the income and profits tax installment payable on that date.

Very gratifying progress has been made in the absorption by investors of Government securities. During the period of five months from June 6 (when holding of Victory notes were first reported separately) to November 7 (the last date for which reports are available) all reporting member banks (about 783 member banks in leading cities which are believed to control about 40% of the commercial bank deposits of the country) have, according to Federal Reserve Board reports, reduced their holdings of Liberty bonds from \$646,273,000 to \$633,950,000, or \$12,323,000; of Victory notes from \$438,589,000 to \$292,410,000, or \$146,179,000; of United States certificates of indebtedness from \$1,514,462,000 to \$847,558,000, or \$666,904,000; making a total reduction in all reporting member banks' holdings of U. S. war securities of \$825,406,000.

Loans by all reporting member banks secured by United States war securities, after deducting those rediscounted with Federal Reserve banks, are reported as reduced in the same period by \$221,450,000 (from \$1,430,581,000 to \$1,199,131,000), this reduction being partly offset, however, by increased rediscounts of such paper with Federal Reserve banks.

The long intermission in the issue of certificates of all kinds makes it possible, upon resuming, to issue loan certificates, bearing 4½% interests, and having only two and one-half months to run, instead of five months as heretofore, while fixing the maturity one-half month later than that of the last issue of loan certificates. Along with the issue of these loan certificates it has been thought wise, in order to make it possible and convenient for taxpayers to prepare further for the large tax payments which fall due on March 15 1920, to offer an issue of 4½% tax certificates of that maturity.

The letter of Secretary Glass, dated Sept. 8, referred to above, was published in our issue of Sept. 13, page 1032.

ISSUE OF TREASURY LOAN CERTIFICATES.

A new issue of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness (Series D 1920) for Government loan purposes, was announced by Secretary Glass on Nov. 24, along with an offering of tax certificates, which is referred to in a separate item in to-day's issue of our paper. The Certificates Series D 1920 are dated and bear interest from December 1 1919, and become due February 16 1920. These certificates carry 4½% interest and are issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The Treasury Department circular says in part:

Said certificates shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess-profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates authorized by said act approved September 24 1917, and amendments thereto, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, owned by any individual partnership, association, or corporation, shall be exempt from taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

If any notes should be offered for subscription by the United States after the offering and before the maturity of such certificates, and the subscription price of such notes or the first installment thereof be payable on a date occurring at or before the maturity of such certificates, then on and after such date (a) such certificates will be accepted at par with an adjustment of accrued interest in payment on the subscription price, when payable, at or before the maturity or redemption of such certificates of any such notes subscribed for by and allotted to holders of such certificates; and (b) upon ten day's public notice given in such manner as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury the certificates of this series may be redeemed as a whole at par and accrued interest. The certificates of this series do not bear the circulation privilege and will not be accepted in payment of taxes.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice. Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before December 1 1919, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve Banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive certificates. Any qualified depositor will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district. Treasury certificates of indebtedness of any and all series now outstanding and not overdue, maturing on or before February 2 1920 (with any unmatured interest coupons attached) will be accepted at par with an adjustment of accrued interest in payment for any certificates of the Series D 1920 now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted.

OFFERING OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.

An offering of Treasury Certificates, Series T. M. 3-1920, in anticipation of taxes was announced on Nov. 24, by Secretary of the Treasury Glass. They are dated and bear interest from December 1 1919 and are due March 15 1920, thus running but three and a half months. They will bear 4½% and will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The New York Federal Reserve Bank in its circular announcing the offering, says:

Said certificates shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates authorized by said act approved September 24 1917, and amendments thereto, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association, or corporation, shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

Certificates of this series will be accepted at par with an adjustment of accrued interest, during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the certificates. The certificates of this series do not bear the circulation privilege.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice. Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before December 1 1919, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve Banks will issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive certificates. Qualified depositors will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to them for themselves and their customers up to an amount for which each shall have qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by Federal Reserve Banks. Treasury certificates of indebtedness of any and all series now outstanding and not overdue, maturing on or before February 2 1920 (with any unmatured coupons attached), will be accepted at par with an adjustment of accrued interest in payment for any certificates of the Series T M 3 1920 now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve Banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotments in full in the order of the receipt of applications up to amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve Banks of the respective districts.

EMBARGOES ON WHEAT IMPORTS AND EXPORTS REMOVED—EFFECTIVE DEC. 15.

The elimination, effective December 15 1919, of the export and import embargoes on wheat and wheat flour was announced on Nov. 21 by Julius H. Barnes, U. S. Wheat Director, who stated that on that date President Wilson had signed a proclamation completely terminating the embargo control which has been in effect for over two years, first under the War Trade Board and then under the legislation of the Wheat Guarantee Bill, latterly maintained by the Wheat Director, the embargo being one of the first steps taken by the War Trade Board more than two years ago to protect the supplies of wheat and wheat flour for the Allies. Discussing the lifting of the embargo Mr. Barnes said:

This is one step in the necessary reconstruction of trade facilities broken by the war, which must function when the Grain Corporation terminates its three year's work. While ocean transport conditions and also disorganized international finance will probably prevent free trading between merchants of the various countries for some time, it is expected that, step by step, international trade may be re-knit in the usual channels. Until this is fully accomplished the Grain Corporation will continue to sell from its stocks of wheat and wheat flour the foreign trade that is not supplied under private business initiative.

This release of embargo also permits Canadian wheat and wheat flour to enter American markets free of duty under rulings of the Customs service. It is expected that this will greatly enlarge the United States' supply of spring wheat flours which are favorites in the baking trade and which, because of the partial crop failure in the Northwest this year, have been relatively in light supply.

The Wheat Director also stated that the sales of the Grain Corporation from its accumulated stocks, largely in western markets to American mills, under its advertised offer effective Thursday (Nov. 20), have amounted to about thirty million bushels. Mr. Barnes added that in his opinion, the mills in all sections are now amply supplied with wheat, though some particular qualities of wheat are relatively in light supply.

LICENSES REVOKED BY WHEAT DIRECTOR.

The United States Wheat Director announced Nov. 24 that he had revoked until further notice, effective at noon on November 25 1919, the license granted to the Lawton Grain Company, whose main office is at Lawton, Oklahoma and which does business at Lawton, Tinney, Holliday, Faxon, Chattanooga, Devol, Snyder, Indianola, Cache, Fletcher, Cyril, Cement, Richards Spur, Mt. View, Gotebo, Granite, Cordell, Bessie, Bridgeport, Ryan, Waurika, Hastings, Temple, Big Cabin, Chelsea, Manitou, Catale, Whiteoak, Vanita, Binger, and Roosevelt, all in Oklahoma. The announcement issued at Mr. Barnes' office said:

The license of this company was revoked for violations of the Act of Congress approved March 4 1919, and the regulations and requirements of the Wheat Director, particularly including its failure to display the

Wheat Director's notice to producers as required; failure to furnish information to D. F. Plazek, Second Vice-President of the United States Grain Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri, as required; and for failure to follow Government grades.

A further announcement by Mr. Barnes said:

The United States Wheat Director announced to-day that he has revoked for a period of ten days, the license granted to the Consolidated Flour and Feed Company, 405-8 Keith Theatre Building, Syracuse, New York, as wholesaler or jobber of wheat flour, such revocation to be effective at noon, November 24 1919.

This Company admitted having violated Condition 4 of its Wheat Director license, which prohibits a licensee dealing with a person, firm, corporation or association, which does not hold at the same time such license as is required under proclamations issued in pursuance of the Act of Congress approved March 4 1919.

BULGARIA'S LARGE WHEAT CROP.

Associated Press advices from Sofia, Nov. 19, said:

Large elevators are being constructed at Varna, on the Black Sea coast of Bulgaria to handle the country's wheat crop, which is estimated as being the largest in the history of Bulgaria and worth \$250,000,000. This work is being carried forward by Premier Stambulsky in the hope of securing outside help for regulating exchange prices and stimulating trade.

Clothes are scarce and luxuries are considered contraband in Bulgaria, and any shipments of these commodities into the country must be exchanged for other goods. The Board of Control, however, will not let such goods leave Bulgaria unless others of corresponding value are coming in.

AUSTRALIA WHEAT CROP LESS THAN IN 1918.

Foreign correspondence of "The New York Evening Post" from Melbourne, Sept. 30, published in the Nov. 22 issue of that paper, said:

Good rain has not fallen over a large section of the Continent for some time and, in parts, the wheat crop will not be worth reaping. It is now almost too late for rain to alter the situation materially in these dry parts. Over the rest of the wheat-growing country, however, the prospects range from fair to good, and a fairly authoritative estimate places the whole crop for Australia at approximately 60,000,000 bushels, as against 65,000,000 bushels last year.

There are only four wheat-growing States in the Commonwealth. The other two do not produce enough for their own requirements. Of the four wheat States, New South Wales is usually the largest contributor to the pool. This year, however, New South Wales has experienced a severe drought, except over the coastal districts, and the crop in that State will not be anything like as large as normally. The effect of this drought is also shown on the wool clip, which, from the affected areas, continues to open up thin and tender in staple. Both in Victoria and South Australia the prospects are fair to good, the rains during the last month or six weeks having increased the probable return materially. In Western Australia the rains have been timely and plentiful, and the crop is developing splendidly.

Given normal conditions until harvesting time, which is still several weeks ahead, the four States should produce a crop which, after satisfying home requirements for food and seed, should leave a surplus available for export of about 30,000,000 bushels.

THE WORLD'S CROPS OF WHEAT, CORN, OATS AND SUGAR BEETS.

Quite favorable results for the leading crops are foreshadowed in a cablegram to the Bureau Crop Estimates, at Washington, from the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, Italy, and made public Nov. 26. It gives the 1919 production of wheat in Spain, France, England, Wales, Scotland, Italy, Netherlands, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada, United States, British India, Japan and Tunis as 2,040,509,000 bushels, or 93.5% of the 1918 production for these countries, and 96.5% of a five-year average, 1913-1917. For the other crops the estimates are:

The 1919 production of corn in Spain, Italy, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada and the United States is given as 3,126,194,000 bushels, or 114.8% of the 1918 productions for these countries, and 104.4% of a five-year average, 1913-1917.

The 1919 production of oats in Spain, France, England, Wales, Scotland, Italy, Netherlands, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada, United States, Japan and Tunis is given as 2,085,786,000 bushels, or 84.8% of the 1918 production for these countries and 90.3% of a five-year average, 1913-1917.

The 1919 production of barley in Spain, France, England, Wales, Scotland, Italy, Netherlands, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada, United States, Japan and Tunis is given as 550,090,000 bushels, or 89.3% of the 1918 production for these countries, and 101.8% of a five-year average, 1913-1917.

The 1919 production of rye in Spain, France, Italy, Netherlands, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada and the United States is given as 169,414,000 bushels, or 95.9% of the 1918 production for these countries, and 124% of a five-year average, 1913-1917.

The 1919 production of sugar beets in Spain, Netherlands, Switzerland, Canada and the United States is given as 10,344,000 tons of 2,000 lbs., or 125.9% of the 1918 production for these countries, and 114.8% for a five-year average, 1913-1917.

PRESIDENT WILSON GIVES WAR POWERS OF U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONTROL SUGAR SUPPLY.

Seeking to relieve the serious sugar shortage which has existed for the past month, President Wilson on Nov. 21 signed an executive order reviving the war-time powers of the U. S. Food Administration and vesting them in Attorney General Palmer. Mr. Palmer has for the past several months been directing the Government's campaign against high food prices.

The revival of the wartime functions of Food Administrator resulted directly from the Government's efforts to avert a famine in sugar, but the powers delegated to the head of the Department of Justice will be used, it is stated, also to help reduce generally the high cost of living.

PLATFORM OF AMERICAN FEDERATION OF FARM BUREAUS.

The American Federation of Farm Bureaus which was formed at Chicago, Nov. 13, "to promote, protect and represent the business, social, economic and educational interests of the farmers of the nation," adopted as a platform the following set of principles, according to special correspondence of the N. Y. "Evening Post," under date of Nov. 20:

The high cost of living was declared to be due largely to curtailment of production, to shorter hours, lessened efficiency of labor, and strikes. The Federal land banks were approved and it was suggested that the maximum individual loan be changed from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Land ownership, it was declared, is stewardship, and it was held that ownership does not give the right to soil depletion and the tenantry system was deplored as it encouraged a rapid reduction of soil curtailment.

Recognizing the economic law that impels the consolidation of business, and that belief from the extortion of monopoly of manufacture and commerce is to be found in co-operation, in enforced publicity of business records, and a just graduated income tax rather through interference with the economic law upon which great industries are founded, is the eighth platform of the preamble. Regulation of all purveyors of foodstuffs, including packers, wholesale grocers, commission men and all semi-industries, in such manner as will be just and fair to producers and consumers as well as to the industries. Economic expenditure of public moneys is recommended. Disapproval of the extension work of the Department of Agriculture through the land colleges of the several States and recommendation of the Bureau of Farm Management of Department of Agriculture and the work of the Bureau of Markets and of crop estimates are favored, and it is suggested that the latter be vitalized and adequately supported to meet the needs of agriculture.

With few exceptions in the past forty years, says the ninth preamble, the farmer's sole profit has come from unrestored fertility taken from the soil and from long hours of work and unpaid labor of women and children. It is insisted that these are legitimate factors in cost of food production and must be so recognized by the commercial public.

The formation of the American Federation of Farm Bureaus was noted in the "Chronicle" Nov. 22, page 1946.

FLOUR PRICES IN CANADA ADVANCE FOLLOWING REMOVAL BY U. S. OF WHEAT EMBARGOES.

As to the effect in Canada of the removal by the United States of the wheat embargoes, "Financial America" in Ottawa advices Nov. 25 said:

The renewal of the wheat embargo has caused general satisfaction in Canada. It is learned that large sales, estimated at about 500 tons, have been made by the Canadian Wheat Board to Great Britain, France, Belgium and Greece and it is also estimated that 20,000,000 bushels are ready to be shipped to millers in the United States.

On the following date the same paper said:

According to advices received on the Produce Exchange, the price of flour in Canada was advanced overnight to \$14 per barrel, compared with the previous price of \$12.25. This was believed to be due directly to the recent removal of import restrictions into the United States.

BITUMINOUS COAL MINERS REJECT FUEL ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFER.

The Washington conference of representatives of the bituminous miners and operators of the Central Competitive Field adjourned sine die on Nov. 27. The operators offered to arbitrate and the miners definitely rejected the proposal and moved an adjournment of the joint conference in the Washington hotel. The adjournment motion carried.

Events leading up to the adjournment were summarized in Washington press dispatches of Nov. 27, as follows:

The miners unanimously rejected the Government proposal, made by Dr. Garfield (Nov. 26) at the direction of the Cabinet, for a 14% wage increase, without increasing the price of coal.

This rejection was made after the operators had announced that they would accept the Government's suggestion for settlement. The operators also notified Dr. Garfield of their acceptance, but pointed out that to increase wages without increasing the selling price would eliminate the profits of a large number of mines and seriously affect production. They said they would rely upon the Government to make later adjustments in prices to remedy this.

The operators then renewed their offer of submitting the dispute to a board of arbitration, but this was refused by the miners. On motion of the miners the coal conference was adjourned sine die.

The conference was called by Secretary of Labor Wilson, and opened at Washington Nov. 14. Its object was to bring about a settlement of the differences between the miners and operators. The conference was begun immediately after the heads of the miners' unions had, in obedience to a mandate of the Federal District Court, recalled the strike order which had become effective Nov. 1. The operators' scale committee on Nov. 20 submitted a proposal for settlement to the miners which the latter flatly rejected; and on the following day (Nov. 21) the miners representative made a counter-proposal, saying they would accept a 40% wage increase and seven-hour day—this comparing with the miner's

original demands, which included a 60% wage increase, a six hour day and five day week. Before making their counter-proposals the heads of the mine workers received from the operators a plan of settlement, embodying three new proposals, which were:

First. That the President be asked to appoint an arbitration board to settle all question at issue.

Second. That the operators and miners each appoint four men to constitute a settlement board, with a ninth member selected by the eight.

Third. That the miners, operators and the President each appoint three members to a board to settle all questions.

These proposals were all rejected by the miners.

Secretary of Labor Wilson was then (Nov. 21) called into the conference at the request of the miners after all propositions by either the miners or the operators had been rejected including proposals for arbitration. The Secretary laid before the Conference Government data on wages, cost of living and other points involved. Secretary Wilson offered a basis of settlement which represented a compromise between the proposals of the operators and the counter-proposals of the miners. This proposition provided for a flat increase in mining rates of 27.12 cents a ton, a flat increase in day wages of \$1.58, and an increase in yard and dead work of 31.61%.

The following day (Nov. 22) the miners' representatives announced that they had accepted Secretary Wilson's plan. On the same day the operators refused to accept the proposals made by Secretary Wilson as a basis for further negotiations, and rested their case with Fuel Administrator Garfield, whose official approval would be necessary to validate any new wage agreement.

On Nov. 24 Dr. Garfield called the miners and operators together after a lengthy conference with Attorney-General Palmer, Director-General Hines and Assistant Attorney-General Ames who in the Federal District Court, had prosecuted the Government's case against the miners' heads.

He read them a statement which he said embraced the five principles which were governing him and his associates in their deliberations.

The five principles announced by Dr. Garfield were:

First—The public must not be asked to pay more than it is now paying for coal unless it is necessary to do so in order to provide reasonable wages to the mine workers and a reasonable profit to the operators.

Second—The arrangement entered into between the operators, the mine workers and the Fuel Administration, with the sanction of the President of the United States in October 1917, was intended to equalize the wages of all classes of mine workers and to be sufficient to cover the period of the war, but not beyond March 31 1920; hence the only increase in cost of living which can now be considered is the increase above that provided for by the average increase in 1917. That is to say, the average total increase in pay over the 1918 base, which was the base considered in 1917, should not exceed the present average increase in the cost of living over the same base. It is also to be considered that the cost of living will fall rather than rise during the next few years.

Third—The maximum prices fixed by the Government on coal were calculated to increase production of coal for war purposes. Coal was basic and the increase imperative. The public ought not to be asked to pay and will not now pay the increase over normal profits then allowed for the purpose of stimulating production.

Fourth—Any increases in wages now arrived at on the basis of the foregoing principles should be borne by the operators, or the public, or both, as may be determined by the application of these principles and should take effect as of the date when the men return to work.

Fifth—The needs of the United States are not alone to be considered; Europe is in desperate need of coal and should have all that we can spare.

On Nov. 26 Fuel Administrator Garfield, at a joint meeting of the representatives of the miners and operators, announced that an increase of 14% in wages of the miners and the continuation of war-time maximum prices of coal were the terms on which the Government in the public interest would insist that the coal strike controversy be settled.

These conclusions were reached by the President's Cabinet after sessions for two days. The position taken by the Cabinet was that the 14% increase would bring the wages to the same level which the cost of living has increased during the war.

The terms suggested by the Government were final, Dr. Garfield stated after reading the statement, and the Government, believing that the proposition is the only fair one, proposes, he declared, to see to it that the country has coal on this basis.

The Government's proposal brought from John L. Lewis, Acting President of the miners, the flat declaration that it would not be acceptable. "No, we will not accept it," he said. "I am astounded that the Government would make such an offer during the present crisis when the country is so sorely in need of coal."

"The operators are ready to negotiate a new wage agreement," said Thomas T. Brewster, Chairman of the Coal Operators Association, "despite Dr. Garfield's statement that the Government will not permit an advance in the price of coal."

On Nov. 27 the wage conference on the motion of the miners' leaders adjourned sine die. When the operators agreed to accept the Government's offer, the miners voted in the negative. The miners insisted that Secretary Wilson's suggestion that wages be advanced 31.61% should prevail, and to this case the operators voted "no." Finally the operators proposed the question be submitted to arbitration. This was rejected by the miners.

The operators left a permanent committee in Washington with authority to act in the matter. The following statement was made by John L. Lewis, Acting President of the United Mine Workers of America, when the conference adjourned:

The operators are pretending to accept Dr. Garfield's proposal, but as they do it they state they are unable to operate many of their mines under it. It would be foolish for us to attempt to make an agreement unless miners are to be given work.

Our position is unchanged. We hold the United States Government cannot break its word. The pledge of Secretary Wilson to grant us a 31% increase must be redeemed. In my judgment Dr. Garfield and the Cabinet have committed the most colossal blunder in the history of our nation. They are blindly following an academic theory, without regard to justice to the mine workers or effects on the people of the United States.

Responsibility for the crisis now confronting the nation must be with those statesmen using the powers of Government to oppress and deny justice to a great element of its citizenship directly concerned in industry.

I cannot believe the people of our country will endorse such a policy of oppression and repression, which means continued industrial chaos and intense suffering on the part of the mine workers and our citizenship.

The operators, announcing their intention to accept the final plan of settlement offered by the Government, sent to Dr. Garfield the following letter:

Washington, Nov. 27 1919.

Hon. H. A. Garfield, United States Fuel Administrator.

Recognizing the seriousness of the present crisis and the urgent need of the country for coal, we wish to advise you that subject to your approval and conditions upon the mines resuming operations immediately, the Operators' Scale Committee of the Central Competitive Coal Field accept as a basis for the settlement of the present wage controversy and termination of the strike, the figures submitted by you to the joint meeting of operators and miners held yesterday evening, namely an average increase of 14% to be granted to all classes of mine labor, such increase to be apportioned in accordance with the wage bases that are acceptable to the employees and employers, thus preserving present differentials. Otherwise than as above modified in complete accordance with your proposal, the present contract in all its terms and conditions to be continued in full force and effect until March 31 1922.

We have already notified the miners to this effect.

At the same time we wish to call your attention to the fact that the acceptance of this increase in wages without any increase in selling prices entirely eliminates the profits of a large number of mines. Such a large number, in fact, we fear that the production of coal will be seriously affected. We understood that operating statistics for 1919 are not now in your possession and we shall rely upon the Government, when such statistics are properly assembled and presented to make such adjustments in selling prices as will permit these mines to make such fair and reasonable profit as they are entitled to under the Lever law.

THE OPERATORS' SCALE COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL COMPETITIVE COAL FIELD.

Dr. Garfield's statement to the conference on Nov. 26 embodying the Government's proposals in full follows:

On the 24th instant I announced that the public must not be asked to pay more than it is now paying for coal, unless it is necessary to do so in order to provide reasonable wages to the mine workers and a reasonable profit to the operators. Careful investigation forces me to the conclusion that in accord with this and the other principles set forth on the 24th instant the public ought not be required to pay any increases in coal prices at this time.

The prices fixed by the Government on coal were calculated to increase production for war purposes. Coal was basic and the increase in production was imperative. The operators are now in receipt of margins which were necessary to effect the increase of production, but which are larger than are required under present conditions. It was estimated that the production needed for 1918 was 600,000,000 tons. The estimate for 1919 is 500,000,000 tons.

Applying the principles set forth in paragraph two, of the statement of November 24, when the average increases in wages since 1913 for the various classes of mine workers are deducted from the increase in cost of living since that time, we arrive at the amount of additional increase in wages justifiable at the present time.

I have taken the figures of the Bureau of Labor statistics for both cost of living and for the weighted average of wage increases. According to these figures the cost of living has risen 79.8% since 1913, and the amount necessary to bring the average wages of mine workers up to this point at the present time is 14%.

Readjustments heretofore made since 1913 were such as to give certain classes of mine workers an average increase in excess of the increase in the cost of living.

This form of adjustment was made in order to establish or preserve certain relative bases in the mining industry. I do not think this condition, however, ought to result in giving to mine workers as a whole, and, in consequence, imposing upon the public a total average increase in excess of the total average increase in the cost of living, because, if this course be adopted, the result would be that the total increased burden placed upon the mining industry will be far in excess of the increase in the cost of living.

If this principle were applied to industries generally, it is obvious the resulting cost would be passed along to the general public, and the increased wages would increase in a rapid spiral, taking as a minimum the percentage of increase in the actual cost of living. In the long run, this would add many new and serious burdens to the cost of living of the entire public, and would fall more injuriously upon the working classes than upon any others.

It seems to me that the reasonable way to deal with this situation is to give to the industry as a whole an average increase commensurate with the increase in the cost of living and then let that amount of increase be portioned in accord with the wage bases that are acceptable to the employers and the employees.

Control of prices by the Government, will be maintained for the present. The present negotiation stands by itself, but it is far from disposing of the

fundamental controversy between operators and mine workers. That controversy is bound to be a continuing one as matters now stand. It involves living conditions and conditions in the mines, as well as wages and profits and the general relation between operators and mine workers.

Therefore, to aid in applying the principles which have governed us and which should govern in reaching conclusions in the future, it is urged that a permanent consultative body, with purely advisory powers, be set up, consisting of the Secretary of the Interior, as chairman, and of an equal number of representatives of the operators and of the mine workers, chosen in such manner as they may each determine from time to time. In order that the data necessary for the consideration of this consultative body may at all times be available, it is urged that the Congress make provision for collecting definite and trustworthy information concerning the coal and coke industry and for the tabulation of the same in quarterly reports, showing:

1. Production, distribution, storage and stocks of coal and coke.
2. The cost of production and distribution and of maintaining suitable stocks and any other data concerning the industry deemed necessary.
3. The cost of living in the several coal fields.
4. The selling prices and profits obtained by the operators, middlemen and retail dealers.
5. Export requirements and the conditions limiting them.

The settlement of the present controversy on the wage and price basis above indicated must be considered in the light of the proposal to set up this permanent, consultative body. While it will not have powers of decision, it will hardly seem possible to a reasonable man that in the light of its conclusions, demands for exorbitant profits or unreasonable wages can be successfully maintained, or that conditions unfavorable to the American standard of living will be tolerated.

Dr. Garfield, as was noted in these columns last week, page 1954, appeared at an open session of the wage conference on Nov. 19. He made plain that as long as the Government stands "the people of the United States need, must have and will have coal, and they will not be prevented by anything the operators and miners may do." He said that the public, "the chief party in interest in the present controversy, was not in a mood to tolerate either excessive prices or prolonged stoppage of production." His statement, made at that time to the conference, was quoted in Washington press dispatches of Nov. 19 which said:

"I represent the people of the United States in a different sense from the Secretary of Labor," Dr. Garfield said. "It is a part of Mr. Wilson's function to effect conciliation. It is my sole function to exercise those powers conferred on the Fuel Administration; to see that an adequate supply of coal is furnished the people of the United States and to see that in times of stress such as we are still unhappily in the midst of the prices asked and received for coal are not excessive.

"Well, we must bear in mind that the Lever Act guarantees a reasonable profit on the production of fuel. Of course, Congress, is responsible for all tax enactments."

Contrasting mining with commercial enterprises, Dr. Garfield said it was necessary not to lose sight of the fact that coal mining was the basic industry, necessary to the winning of the war and that reasonable profits had to be maintained. It was because a fair return was guaranteed under the Lever Act that Congress could not tax away all the mine owners' profits, he said.

"But the mine workers cannot be deterred from demanding higher wages and better conditions as a result of the Federal tax," Mr. Lewis replied. "That is the Government's responsibility."

"We all realize now that in the coal industry the public is an independent partner. At one time the operators and miners' workers, like farmers, considered themselves peculiarly independent. But the public has a paramount interest.

"The people of the United States will not consent to pay an excessive price for coal. We are all agreed to that, but the question now is, 'what is an excessive price?'"

"The people of the United States need, must have and will have coal and they will not be prevented by anything the operators and miners may do unless the Government is dissolved into a chaotic condition.

"The people of the United States are willing to pay sufficient to maintain American standards, but the question is what are American standards? The people want the operators to have a just return, but what is a just return?"

Dr. Garfield said he was not yet prepared to say what changes could reasonably be made in the price of coal, as all the necessary data was not in hand. One of the items not yet determined, he said, was that of the Federal income taxes for 1918, which the operators have claimed should be included in the cost of operation. The Government has disputed this.

Dr. Garfield expressed regret that the operators and miners had not established a permanent body to adjudicate their disputes. Lacking that, he said, the question revolved around the cost of production.

During 1918, he said, \$1,800,000,000 was paid for bituminous coal, the average price being \$2.61 per ton. The production cost was \$2.15 per ton, the miners receiving \$750,000,000, or an average of \$1.50 per ton. A total of \$230,000,000 went to the mine owners, but Dr. Garfield said this was not all profit, as Federal income and excess profits tax had to be deducted.

"In 1917," Dr. Garfield said, "the taxes amounted to 3 cents a ton average over the whole country, but it is difficult to estimate for 1918. The taxes in 1918, however, to come out of the margins are somewhat less, I believe, than in 1917, but I will continue my investigation to determine them accurately."

"Do you think the mine workers should give consideration to the operators because they have to pay taxes?" asked John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America.

"The question is whether the consumer should pay enough to cover the excess profits tax and at the same time give the operators their normal profit, too," replied Dr. Garfield.

"If the Federal Government took all the profits, by taxation, even that circumstance should not prevent the miners from asking reasonable increases," said Lewis.

A statement was issued on Nov. 22 by Secretary of Labor Wilson explaining the plan of settlement which he had set before the conference on the preceding day and to which we have referred above. Mr. Wilson's statement follows:

As I view the attitude of the public toward the present dispute between the miners and the operators in bituminous coal mining operations they will not willingly submit to pay a cent more for coal than is necessary to give a just wage to the miners and a fair profit to the operators, but they are willing to pay any rate that is fair to all three. The question to be determined then is what that rate should be.

The figures produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the three bituminous mining towns for which the workingman's family budget has been computed show an increase in the cost of living in these towns since December 1914, of 79.8%.

The run of mine pick mining price in the Pittsburg and Hocking Valley fields in 1914 was 64.64 cents per ton. Adding 79.8% to the 64.64 cents gives an increase of 51.58 cents per ton. Since December 1914, the miners in the Pittsburg and Hocking Valley fields received an increase of 23 cents per ton. Twenty-three cents deducted from 51.58 cents leaves a balance of 28.58 cents as the increase per ton that would be necessary to make the Pittsburg and Hocking Valley mine-run pick-mining rates equivalent to the present increase in the cost of living.

In 1914 the mine-run pick-mining rate in the Danville district of Illinois and the Indiana bituminous field was 61 cents per ton. Adding 79.8% to 61 cents makes an increase of 48.67 cents per ton. The increase in the mining rate since December 1914, has been 23 cents per ton. Deducting the 23 cents from 48.67 cents leaves a balance of 25.67 cents as the increase per ton necessary to bring the Danville and Indiana bituminous mine-run pick-mining rates up to the equivalent of the present cost of living.

These mining rates have always been accepted as the basic prices upon which flat advances or decreases should be computed in order to avoid changing the differentials between different kinds of mining. Assuming that the Pittsburg and Hocking Valley rates and the Danville and Indiana bituminous rates have equal weight, and taking the average, we arrive at 27.12 cents per ton as the increase that would be necessary to bring the miners to the equivalent of the present increase in the cost of living, which would be fair to the public, fair to the operators and fair to the miners.

An increase of 27.12 cents per ton would be 30.94% increase on the present Pittsburg and Hocking Valley rates, and 32.28% increase on the present Danville and Indiana bituminous rates, or an average increase of 31.61%. Applying this increase to the rate to drivers, which has always been the basic rate upon which a flat advance to day wage workers has been computed, we get 31.61% of \$5, or \$1.58, as the advance per day in the wage of day men.

On the same basis yardage and deadwork should be increased 31.61%. To summarize: There should be a flat increase in mining rates of 27.12 cents a ton, a flat increase in day wages of \$1.58 and an increase in yardage and deadwork of 31.61%.

When Dr. Garfield presented to the conference the Government's final plan for the solution of the wage controversy the representative of the coal miners, it was stated, denounced the decision and demanded of Dr. Garfield if it meant an open repudiation of Secretary Wilson.

On this point Washington advices of Nov. 26 to the N. Y. "Times" said:

Dr. Garfield refused to answer this, simply saying that questions to that effect by the representatives of the miners misrepresented the situation. He pictured the situation rather as one in which there had been a difference of opinion and where the stand taken by the Fuel Administrator had prevailed, pending further investigation. But he was none the less firm in stating that his offer was one which the miners could accept or reject as they saw fit, but behind which the Government would stand.

At 5 p. m. the miners and operators assembled at the Red Cross building and waited for Dr. Garfield. At 5:15 o'clock a messenger appeared from Dr. Garfield's office and stated that there would be delay and that Dr. Garfield would not be able to appear until 8:30.

Frank Farrington, representing the miners, arose when T. T. Brewster of the operators, Chairman of the meeting, made the announcement.

"I don't know about the others," he said, "but as for myself I am tired of waiting on Dr. Garfield. I would like to know if it is agreed that all of us are wanted to come back here." There was a murmur of surprise at this statement, Mr. Brewster declaring it out of order.

Miners and operators awaited the statement by Dr. Garfield tonight with ill-concealed interest.

The operators were satisfied after they heard Dr. Garfield; the miners openly rebellious. Acting President Lewis was on his feet the moment Dr. Garfield stopped talking and his voice had a cynical tone.

"Do I understand," he said, "that what you have stated means that you recommend but a 14% increase for the miners?"

Dr. Garfield assured him that that was the purport of his statement and that it was the decision of the Government.

Mr. Lewis tried to nail Dr. Garfield down to a definite statement that such an announcement was an open repudiation of Secretary Wilson. Dr. Garfield couched his reply in conciliatory terms, stating that Mr. Lewis's question was unfair.

The same advices had the following to say with reference to the attitude of the individual members of the President's Cabinet:

There were many who felt to-night that in face of the Garfield announcement that Secretary Wilson might offer his resignation, thus accentuating the differences of opinion in the Cabinet over the coal strike. It has been generally reported that Secretary Baker has been among the minority members, supporting a larger increase to the miners, but he has refused to comment upon the matter.

The controversy in the Cabinet between the Garfield faction and the one headed by Secretary Wilson was taken up again this morning when the Cabinet met at 11 o'clock. Dr. Garfield made it known that he had not receded from his position of yesterday, when he held that the terms of settlement, suggested by Secretary Wilson and backed by former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, were based upon a wrong hypothesis.

There ensued a warm debate from 11 a. m. until 1:30 p. m. Then Secretary Wilson left the Cabinet room, a frown upon his face. He told the reporters that he had nothing to say. Dr. Garfield and Attorney General Palmer, who was said to have backed him up in the Cabinet, appeared a few minutes later, smiling. They rode away in the same automobile.

Mr. Palmer remarked that he had "nothing to say at all." Dr. Garfield said that a decision had been reached and that the miners and operators would be called together later to hear it.

SUPREME COURT OF NORTH DAKOTA UPHOLDS ORDER TO RETURN COAL MINES TO THEIR OWNERS.

The Supreme Court of North Dakota on Nov. 22 sustained the action of District Judge W. L. Nuessle on Nov. 19 in issuing an injunction directing the authorities of that State to return to their private owners coal mining properties taken

over by Governor Frazier Nov. 13. On the same day the State surrendered control of the Washburn Lignite Company's mines at Wilton, N. D.

The opinion was rendered by Associate Justice James E. Robinson, a League member of the Supreme Court at Bismarck, N. D., in denying to William Lemke, Vice-President of the Non-Partisan League and his former law partner acting as counsel for Gov. Frazier, a writ of prohibition preventing Judge Nuessle from enforcing his order for the return of the Washburn Company's mines.

The decision of the Supreme Court was based entirely upon Lemke's application for an injunction and it did not touch upon legal phases of Judge Nuessle's order. Justices Christianson, Birdzell and Robinson voted to deny the Lemke motion and Justices Bronson and Grace voted to grant the injunction.

Judge Nuessle's decision was quoted in the "Chronicle" Nov. 22, page 1953.

The application for a writ of prohibition was filed in the Supreme Court by William Lemke, Nov. 21. The petition stated that the Governor could remove Judge Nuessle for his interference with the military forces and that Judge Nuessle's "interference, orders, and inflammatory remarks tend to invite bloodshed and civil war."

In upholding Judge Nuessle's action Judge Robinson said: "Pandering to the Labor vote we have passed laws to permit and encourage strikes; a law to permit any person to quit work in disregard of his contract and to persuade others to do likewise. . . . The military power is for military purposes only. . . . It may not be used to take from him that has and to give to him that has not." Judge Robinson's opinion was quoted and referred to in advices of Nov. 22 from Bismarck, N. D., to the N. Y. "Times" as follows:

"Pandering to the labor vote," said Judge Robinson, "we have passed laws to permit and encourage strikes, picketing, and idleness; a law to permit any person to quit work in disregard of his contract and to persuade others to do likewise; a law to prevent coal miners from working more than eight hours a day, and a law to subject mine owners to a tax of nearly 5% on their payroll at a rate of \$20,000 on the Wilton Mine.

"We have a statute of twenty-seven printed pages subjecting mine owners to fearfully expensive, onerous and drastic rules and regulations. The result is that the pleasant Summer days have passed with only a limited production of coal. We have sown to the wind and we are reaping the whirlwind. The long and cold Winter is upon us, and without any grievance our well-paid miners have quit work and struck pursuant to orders from some labor agitators.

"The miners were willing to continue work for the same wages, with an advance of 60% to be paid to the agitators and idlers. To this the mine owners did not accede and the result is that with the military the Governor has undertaken to operate the mines.

"In the District Court of Burleigh County the Washburn Coal Company sued for and obtained an injunctive order restraining such operations. The Governor applies to this court for a writ to forbid the District Court and the mine owners from interfering with his operation of the mines. His position is that the courts have no jurisdiction to interfere with him when he acts as a commander of militia, but that the courts have jurisdiction to aid him by enjoining all parties from obstructing him; in other words, that the courts have only such jurisdiction as the Governor may permit them to exercise; that the courts may aid him, but if they thwart his wishes then he may use military force to defy them and to turn them out of their offices."

The Jurist then quotes from the Constitution to prove that the military shall be subordinate to the civil power; that all men have a right to acquire and possess and protect property; that private property shall not be taken or damaged for public use without just compensation shall have been first made to the owner; that no person be deprived of life or liberty or property without due process of law and right and justice, open, and every man for any injury done him in his lands, goods, person or reputation shall have a remedy by due process of law; that all courts shall be administered without sale, denial or delay.

"In every civilized Government," says the Jurist, "the courts are the bulwarks of freedom and civil liberty and the refuge of the citizens for protection of life, liberty, and property. The military power is for military purposes only. It may be used to suppress insurrection and repel invasion. It may be not used to take from him that has and to give to him that has not.

"The shortage of fuel is in no way different from a shortage of bread and butter, flour and feed and other necessities of life, and who will say that such shortage does authorize the military to take bread or grain from one and to give it to another. It follows that the Governor has no jurisdiction to declare martial law for the purpose of taking over the mines, or to cause any one to do it, and any order to that effect is wholly void. The motion is denied."

On the other hand, Judge C. F. Amidon in the Federal District Court at Fargo, N. D., on Nov. 27 denied the application of the Dakota Coal Company, a Minnesota corporation, for a writ of injunction to restrain the Governor of North Dakota from operating the lignite mines of that State. In making his decision in the case Judge Amidon said: "The firm establishment of the supremacy by the law of the rights of the public is the next step in the life of the American people." His action was reported in advices of Nov. 27 from Fargo to the New York "Times" as follows:

"All that can be achieved by means of writs of injunction has been tried, and it has not produced a ton of coal," said Judge Charles F. Amidon in the United States District Court here to-day in denying the application by the Dakota Coal Company, a Minnesota corporation, for a writ of injunction to restrain Governor Lynn J. Frazier from seizing and operating the lignite coal mines of this State.

"Nearly half a million miners continue the strike. As the winter advances the crisis in the East deepens," said the Court. "It needs only the presence of North Dakota temperatures in the East to call into immediate action something besides injunctions.

"Every strike in a key industry involves three rights—the rights of the employer, the rights of the employees, and the rights of the public. The greatest of these is the rights of the public. The firm establishment of the supremacy by the law of the rights of the public is the next step in the life of the American people. Heretofore the public has been the sufferer. Private rights have been placed above public welfare. Employer and employees have been permitted to fight, while the public has acted simply as a police officer and borne most of the loss. By long suffering we have got sufficient wisdom to end that regime."

As was noted in these columns last week, page 1953, Judge Amidon on Nov. 19 simultaneous with the issuance by Judge Nuessle of the order referred to above on the petition of the McClure Coal Co., a Minnesota corporation, and the Dakota Coal Co., had issued an order, returnable Nov. 24, directing Governor Frazier to show cause why he should not be enjoined from continuing the operation of the company's lignite property at Tasker, N. D.

WILLIAM G. McADOO CHARGES PROFITEERING BY COAL OPERATORS.

William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury and Director-General of Railroads, sent a telegram on Nov. 24 to Federal Fuel Administrator Harry Garfield, setting forth his views on the present wage controversy between the bituminous coal miners and operators of the Central Competitive Field, whose differences the Government has been trying to settle.

Referring to the wage demands of the miners, Mr. McAdoo said: "I am convinced that the increase proposed for the mine workers are just and reasonable, but I have grave doubts as to whether the mine operators are entitled to increase the price of coal to consumers because thereof." Mr. McAdoo charges that "in the year 1917 many mine owners made shocking and indefensible profits on bituminous coal. I know this because, as Secretary of the Treasury, I examined in May 1918, their income tax returns to the Treasury." He therefore urged "that the bituminous coal operators be not permitted to impose an additional charge for coal on the public until a careful examination has been made of their income tax returns filed with the Treasury Department for the years 1917 and 1918."

The ex-Secretary's telegram to Fuel Administrator Garfield, which was sent from the office of McAdoo, Cotton & Franklin, attorneys, New York City, reads as follows:

Reports from Washington indicate that the miners are willing to accept the wage increase suggested by Secretary Wilson, but that the mine owners are holding back until they learn from you how much of the wage increase they can impose on the public through increased prices for bituminous coal. I am convinced that the increases proposed for the mine workers are just and reasonable, but I have grave doubts as to whether the mine operators are entitled to increase the price of coal to consumers because thereof.

"Mine Owners Made Shocking and Indefensible Profits."

In the year 1917 many mine owners made shocking and indefensible profits on bituminous coal. I know this because, as Secretary of the Treasury, I examined in May, 1918, their income tax returns to the Treasury. Before deduction of excess profits taxes, which were less in 1917 than now, these returns showed earnings on capital stock ranging from 15% to 2,000%. Earnings of 100% to 300% on capital stock were not uncommon. The operators claim that their "invested capital" frequently exceeds their "capital stock," but it is doubtless true that in many cases "capital stock" exceeds "invested capital." However this may be, it is clear that even on the basis of the operators' claims as to "invested capital" their net earnings in 1917 were abnormal.

Striking Facts as to Earnings.

In a report made by the Treasury in response to a Senate resolution on profiteering in 1918, some striking facts were given as to the earnings of various companies engaged in production of necessities of life, including fuel. Of course, I do not know what the profits of the bituminous coal operators were in 1918, since I left the Treasury in December 1918, and these reports were not filed until March 1919, but if they disclose any such profits as earned by the bituminous coal operators in 1917, it would be a grave wrong to permit the operators to take from the public additional profits in the form of increased prices for bituminous coal.

"Operators Can Well Afford to Pay the Increased Wages."

Moreover, if profits were even measurably as great in 1918 as in 1917, the operators can well afford to pay the increased wages to the miners and still have perhaps a larger return upon the capital employed in the mines than they are justly entitled to.

In behalf of the public, already overburdened with the high cost of living, I earnestly urge that the bituminous coal operators be not permitted to impose an additional charge for coal on the public until a careful examination has been made of their income tax returns filed with the Treasury Department for the years 1917 and 1918. It can be determined from the actual facts of the case whether an increased charge to the public is in any respect justifiable.

Income Tax Returns Ought to be Published.

I earnestly urge also that these income tax returns be published. They ought to be published, so that the American people can know what the true facts are about the earnings of the bituminous operators. They are entitled to this information, and there is no reason why it should be withheld, since the law permits it in certain circumstances. It can be taken for granted that the income tax returns of these companies are more likely to understate than to overstate net earning power for the purpose of taxation.

"Wage Increases Should be Promptly Conceded."

In my judgment the wage increases should be promptly conceded, and the coal operators should accept them and submit to the investigation and publication of their income tax reports, subject to your final determination, after all facts are considered, as to what the just price of bituminous coal should be. If later the facts show that an increased price is justified, the American people will, I am sure, be willing to pay it.

In my opinion, resumption of work at the mines should immediately begin upon this basis, so that the American people may not be subjected to the perils of a further depletion of the available fuel supply in this country.

COAL OPERATORS' REPLY TO CHARGES OF W. G. McADOO.—CHARGES REITERATED
BY MR. McADOO.

Following the publication by ex-Secretary of the Treasury W. G. McAdoo of a telegram sent by him to Fuel Administrator Garfield, on Nov. 24, relative to the wage controversy between the bituminous coal miners and operators, the operators on Nov. 25 sent an open telegram to Mr. McAdoo, denying the statements contained in Mr. McAdoo's telegram.

The operators charged Mr. McAdoo with "ignorance" of conditions in 1918 and 1919, and asked him upon what "current facts and figures" he held that the increases for the miners were just and reasonable. Regarding Mr. McAdoo's suggestion that a careful examination of the operators income tax returns be made before permitting an increase in the price of coal to the consumer and his further recommendation that these returns be published, the operators contend that they had agreed to such an examination a month ago and state they "will welcome the publication of just as full current tax returns for the bituminous coal industry as are published for any other industry." Their reply to Mr. McAdoo follows:

The Hon. William G. McAdoo, New York, N. Y.

Inasmuch as your message of Nov. 24 was released for publication and thus became a message to the public, we take the liberty of answering it in the same manner. The mine owners are opposing a wage increase at this time for the reason that they believe no increase in wage rates is necessary to permit any industrious man who wants to work to earn sufficient money to maintain a decent American standard of living. This point, together with all others, they have offered to submit to arbitration or investigation.

Upon what current facts and figures are you convinced that increased rates of wages proposed for the mine workers are just and reasonable? Upon what current facts and figures are your grave doubts based as to whether the mine owners are entitled to increase the price of coal to the consumers? If you have current facts and figures to substantiate your conviction and doubts, you will make a good witness for the miners before a board of arbitration or tribunal of investigation which, thus far, they have firmly declined to agree to. If you have not these current facts and figures your mere personal opinion has no weight.

Government Fixed Coal Prices During War Period.

Your admission that conditions in 1917 were abnormal is agreed to. When the world goes to war, conditions are certainly abnormal. So far as the mine workers are concerned, this abnormal condition was recognized by two abnormal increases in wages during the year 1917 and the United States Government promptly put an end to abnormal coal prices. It would be interesting to have your recollections regarding the tax reports made by other industries which were not so restrained. As you proceed to admit your ignorance of conditions in 1918 and 1919, that portion of your message carries no weight and requires no answer.

Operators Will Welcome Publication of Income Tax Returns.

You suggest a careful examination of income tax returns before an additional price for coal is allowed. This would be included in the investigation which the mine owners agreed to more than a month ago and have been urging ever since, but thus far the mine workers have been unwilling to agree either to arbitration or investigation. Either procedure will disclose not only the current tax returns of the mine owners but of the miners as well. The figures are here in Washington and can be readily produced if you can get the mine workers to agree. The bituminous coal operators will welcome the publication of just as full current tax returns for the bituminous coal industry as are published for any other industry.

Operators Accepted President Wilson's Plans of Settlement.

In the last two paragraphs of your message you again suggest investigation and also that the mines resume operation. Either your newspapers are not reaching you, you are not reading them, or you have deliberately ignored the published facts. Upon Oct. 24, in Washington, the mine owners promptly and without reservation agreed to the proposition made by President Wilson that the mines be continued at work and the entire matter be submitted to a board of arbitration. Upon Oct. 31 in Cleveland, the mine owners agreed to President Wilson's later suggestion that the whole matter be left to a tribunal to be appointed by him to investigate the facts. Upon Thursday, Nov. 20, in Washington, the operators offered three resolutions to the sub-scale committee of miners and operators, each referring the entire matter to arbitration, and they were all voted down by the miners.

Quote Fuel Administrator Garfield on Profits.

On November 19, in Washington, Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield, based upon the statistics collected by his officials, stated that the average realization upon 579,385,820 tons of bituminous coal mined in 1918 was \$2.61 a ton; that the average cost of production during the same period was \$2.15 a ton, leaving an average margin of 46 cents a ton to the operators. Mr. Garfield was then careful to state that "this margin of 46 cents a ton includes profit, but does not represent profit only, inasmuch as interest charges, selling expense, Federal taxes, both normal and excess profit, as well as certain other items not allowed in computing costs of production, were paid out of it." The average income and excess profits taxes "were upward of 30 cents a ton in 1918." From the remaining 16 cents a ton, after deducting interest charges, selling expense, as well as certain other

items not allowed in computing costs of production, come the net profits to the operator which are so shocking and indefensible to you.

Allege Misleading Statement.

If this message had not come from a former prominent official, supposedly accurately informed, it would not deserve the notice of a reply, but its misleading statements and insinuations are the kind of stuff which Bolshevism breeds upon. Whatever your purpose it is in exceedingly bad taste for you, a former member of the Cabinet of the present Administration, to inject yourself into the present tense situation in a manner which can only embarrass and handicap those officers of the Government who are now bending every effort to work out a solution of the mine wage controversy in a manner which will do justice to all parties concerned. Respectfully,
For the bituminous coal operators:

T. T. BREWSTER.
A. M. OGLE.
T. W. GUTHRIE.

Mr. McAdoo on Nov. 25, after he had had read to him an Associated Press dispatch from Washington giving the substance of the open telegram addressed to him by the operators made this statement:

The question is whether or not the coal operators are making excessive profits. Their income tax returns filed under oath will give an understanding of the truth and the facts. If they are making excessive profits, as they were clearly making in 1917, then any increase of wages that may be made to the miners should not be passed on to the public in the form of increased prices of bituminous coal. A showdown will enable the American people to form a just opinion.

Mr. McAdoo, in reply to the above, on Nov. 26 sent to the operators executives the following telegram:

T. T. Brewster, A. M. Ogle, T. W. Guthrie, Washington, D. C.:

Your telegram just received. The question at issue is very simple and must not be obscured. It is whether or not the coal operators are making such large or excessive profits on coal that they should be permitted to increase the price of coal to the overburdened public in the event the increase of wages is given to the miners.

How can the coal operators' profits be quickly shown? By publication of their income tax returns to the Treasury Department for the years of 1917 and 1918 as I have already suggested. These income tax returns are made under oath and they show the profits which each mine operator made on his capital stock as well as upon what he claims to have been his invested capital for the years in question. I repeat that in the year 1917 the tax returns of the coal operators showed profits ranging from 15 to 2,000% on capital stock before deduction for excess profits taxes. This is an understatement rather than an overstatement of what these returns disclosed.

The mine operators claim that their invested capital frequently exceeds their capital stock, and, of course, this will be given consideration in a final determination of profits. The point is that on the most favorable basis to the mine operators the income tax returns for 1917 disclosed extraordinary profits, and I have said that if such profits were maintained in 1918 and 1919 any increase of wages to the miners should not be put upon the already overburdened consuming public, but should be borne by the operators themselves.

These income tax returns should be published. The country is entitled to this information before it is made to suffer further burdens, and I can think of no reason why the public, which has a vital interest in this situation, should be deprived of all the facts. The statement in your telegram that the average margin per ton on all coal mined in 1918 was 46 cents has no bearing upon the issue. These averages are frequently used as convenient smoke screens to obscure the facts.

The question is: What were the profits on the capital employed by the mine owners regardless of the average profit that may have been earned on each ton of coal? Whatever the margin per ton was, if it resulted in excessive profits on the capital employed then clearly the public should not be made to pay the higher prices for coal and the mine owners should absorb the wage increase to the men. There need be no controversy about the matter, because the income tax returns speak for themselves.

You state that the bituminous coal operators will welcome the publication of just as full current tax returns for the bituminous coal industry as are published for any other industry. The publication of returns for any other industry has nothing to do with this case. Coal is vital to the life of the American people and basic to every industry in the country. Before the coal operators are permitted to increase the price of coal, which would mean taking toll from every factory, every business, and from every domestic fireside in America, it should be clearly demonstrated that the increase is justified.

Under the law, the Secretary of the Treasury may publish these returns with the President's approval, and I hope for the sake of the American public that such publication will be made. I am convinced that the increased wages proposed by Secretary Wilson for the mine workers are just and reasonable because they equalize the miners' wages with the present increased cost of living as shown by Secretary Wilson's figures.

I ignore the offensive tone of your telegram because neither personalities nor questions of motive should be permitted to obscure the issue. I am not surprised, however, that you think it bad taste for me as a private citizen to express my opinion upon an important question concerning the general public, but even a private citizen still has as much right as mine owners to express his opinions in free America.

The long suffering public has a right to be heard and considered. I shall never hesitate, so long as I have a voice, to raise it in behalf of the public whenever I think it proper to do so.

WILLIAM G. McADOO.

The operators on Nov. 27 again attacked Mr. McAdoo's statements and charges. They sent another telegram to Mr. McAdoo. On the same day Mr. McAdoo issued at his home in New York, the following statement in the matter:

The coal operators assert that I gave out confidential information when I stated that profits of the mine owners in 1917 ranged from 15 to 2,000% on capital stock before deduction of taxes.

This was not confidential information. The Treasury Department may publish statistical matter of this character any time. In fact, information concerning this very subject was furnished by me to the United States Senate in response to a resolution introduced by Senator Borah concerning profiteering and was published July 5, 1918 (see Senate document 259, 65th Congress, second session).

In this report the returns of several hundred coal companies showed profits ranging from 15 to 800% on their invested capital in 1917. The range of profits was higher on capital stock. In short, many coal operators got back their entire invested capital several times out of their profits in 1917, as shown by the reports, and must now be on velvet.

STATEMENT SHOWING PROFITS OF COAL OPERATORS.

A statement was issued on Nov. 26 by Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury, containing figures obtained from the income tax returns of the coal operators, intended to show the profits made by the operators during the past five years. Two days before, William G. McAdoo, as noted in another article, sent a telegram to Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield declaring that "in 1917 many mine owners made shocking and indefensible profits on bituminous coal." Secretary Glass's statement follows:

Memorandum—Furnished to the Secretary of the Treasury by experts of Internal Revenue Bureau as to profits of coal operators.

Coal operators generally in the United States in the year 1914 and 1915 lost money when normal depletion and depreciation are taken into consideration. What is meant by this is that a proper item in fixing costs is depreciation of plant and depletion of the cost or value of the coal in the ground.

In the latter part of 1916 all coal companies in the United States, save those in the extreme West, began making money with the result that the operations for the year 1916 generally show a profit of from 10 to 35% on capital invested.

In 1917 all bituminous coal mines east of the Mississippi River made what might be termed fabulous profits, the general average being from 100 to 150% on invested capital, the range being from 15 to 800%.

In 1918 conditions were not so good in the Appalachian and central competitive districts, profits generally being reduced 25 to 30%, less than for the preceding year, the range being from 15 to 300% on invested capital. In the West conditions in 1918 were better than in 1917, the profits in the Rocky Mountain district ranging as high as 400% on invested capital.

Unofficial figures for 1919, incomplete, of course, indicate that profits of the operators are less than for 1918, some of the operators claiming to have actually lost money.

**RIGHT TO STRIKE MUST BE SUBORDINATED TO
THE PUBLIC INTEREST SAYS ATTORNEY-
GENERAL PALMER—WARNS
ALIEN AGITATORS.**

The strike of the Boston policemen several weeks ago and the more recent strike of the bituminous coal miners in the face of an imminent coal shortage have brought into prominence the question: Shall labor employed in service indispensable to the welfare of the public be permitted to use the strike weapon to obtain increased wages. The attitude of the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee on this question was indicated a few weeks ago by its action in reporting to the Senate the Cummins bill for return of the railroads to private ownership which would specifically prohibit strikes of railroad employees. Notwithstanding the frequent warnings of leaders of organized labor that very serious consequences would come from the restriction of the workers' right to strike it has been made plain by the Government that the right to strike must not involve the right to disregard the interest of the public. Speaking recently before a convention of Mayors, Burgesses and District Attorneys of Pennsylvania, Attorney-General A. Mitchell Palmer said:

While the right to strike in all ordinary industries, under normal circumstances, cannot be denied, there are some callings which are so closely related to the life, liberty, and security of the people that the right to strike in those cases must be subordinated to the superior right of the public to enjoy uninterrupted service. Where the right of collective bargaining has been recognized and the peaceful processes of settlement of disputes has been offered and rejected, no Government worthy of the name can permit the strike weapon to be used to enforce the demands of a single class of workers at the expense of all the people.

The convention to which the foregoing remarks were addressed, was held at Harrisburg, Pa., on Nov. 6 at the instance of Governor William C. Sproul. The immediate purpose of the meeting was to consider means of curbing the high cost of living. In discussing the use of the strike weapon, Mr. Palmer referred to the soft coal miners' strike, then in progress. He said:

This is a critical hour in the life of our country. The test is being made whether the Government has the right and the power to protect all the people from a national disaster which would be inflicted upon them by a single group for its own advantage.

The strike of the bituminous coal miners, at the time and under the circumstances in which it was called, involves much more than a dispute between employers and employees over wages, hours or conditions of labor. In the proceedings which the Government has taken to prevent the strike, we have been careful not to take sides in the controversy between the operators and the miners. Nothing that we have done is intended or designed to have any effect upon the recognized right of labor to organize, to bargain collectively through its unions, and, under ordinary industrial conditions, to walk out by concerted action. There is involved the right and the power of the Government to vindicate its own authority and sovereignty.

Mr. Palmer, in a speech at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., on Oct. 15 sounded a note of warning to the alien agitator and radical declaring "that those who come to our shores shall come in the right spirit and with the right purpose." The immigrant, said he, "must realize that his revolution has been fought and won when he sets his foot on American soil. His time for the use of force is then behind him; his time for the use of intelligence has come." Mr. Palmer's remarks were further quoted in dispatches to the New York "Times" as follows:

Americans who have close to their hearts the preservation of our liberties under the forms fashioned by the wisdom of the fathers, have felt much concern of late by reason of the activities of certain classes of aliens who have taken up residence in this country. How far the alien agitator shall be permitted to advance his menacing propaganda among a people of whom he has made himself a part, only to further his designs against our institutions and laws, is one of the most serious questions arising out of the unprecedented condition following an unprecedented war.

We have been a hospitable people. In the beginning the strip of land along the eastern coast, from Massachusetts to Georgia, was peopled by courageous, freedom-loving men and women who found here all the real essentials of life which were denied them across the seas. In later times by reason of the open generosity of the Government the almost boundless stretches of the West were covered by the homes of men who became owners of the soil, a cause and effect never dreamed of in the Old World, where the land was only for those classes who had held it through the centuries.

The new land owners thus found themselves important factors in the life of the great republic under a plan which was conscientiously designed to make one great, homogeneous people out of a population gathered from every corner of the globe. No regret is anywhere expressed for this broad-minded and farsighted policy. But just to that degree that we have been generously and unselfishly hospitable we naturally resent the abuse of that hospitality.

We cannot back-track on the policy hallowed by more than a century of usefulness. We cannot be less willing now than we have always been that the oppressed of every clime shall find here a refuge from disorder and distress. But we can insist with more emphasis than we have employed heretofore that those who come to our shores shall come in the right spirit and with the right purpose; that those who remain shall stay with the intent to become Americans in every sense.

The ingenuity of man has made the Atlantic Ocean a mere ditch between the continents. But it must always be wide enough to permit the immigrant as he crosses it to rid himself once for all of the misconception of government with which the old conditions filled his mind. He must realize that his revolution has been fought and won when he sets his foot on American soil. His time for the use of force is then behind him; his time for the use of intelligence has come. Those who will not come here in this spirit, those who will not seek to promptly learn what democracy means, those who imagine that a government of the people is no different from the rule of kings under a bogus claim of divine right, should go back to fight their battles where their foe is real.

Not all disorder in the country is created by the alien element, but it is all created by an element that is un-American. Real Americans understand that popular Government is organized self-restraint in the common interest. I would not halt any movement designed to bring better conditions to any portion of our people, but I would use all the power of the people's Government to make certain such a movement shall be conducted in the peaceful and orderly way provided by the people for the accomplishment of all reform. That method will avail; it may be slower than force, but it will be safer and its result will be more enduring.

**BRITISH GOVERNMENT MAKES REDUCTION OF TEN
SHILLINGS IN PRICE OF COAL—LABOR UNIONS
OPPOSE SCHEME.**

An order making known that there would be a ten-shilling reduction in the price per ton of household coal in Great Britain, was issued on Nov. 24 by Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service and Reconstruction. Following the action of Sir Auckland, what was described as a "sweeping victory" was won by the Government on Nov. 28 in the House of Commons when the motion of William Brace, a Labor leader, calling for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the cost of production, the output and prices of coal, was rejected. The Government received 254 votes, as against 59 for the measure.

With reference to this event, London press advices of Nov. 28 said:

Mr. Brace's motion was regarded as aimed to censure the policy of the Government in connection with control of the coal output of the United Kingdom. Behind the resolutions the full strength of the Labor Party was marshaled. There was a full attendance of the House.

In presenting the motion Mr. Brace declared the Labor Party had been trying to co-operate with the Government in a grave and difficult problem, but that the Government had declined to permit the party's co-operation.

Mr. Brace asked why the Government was afraid of a committee of inquiry. The miners, he said, had been driven to despair over the blunders of the coal department, and the trade was working into chaos. Development was retarded, he declared. He asserted that the industry required reorganizing, because the shortage in the output was not attributable to the miners, but to the lack of development by the owners and to bad transportation. The miners, he said, were prepared to co-operate with anybody and everybody, on any system, in order to secure larger production.

Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service and Reconstruction, replying to Mr. Brace, said what the committee suggested was undesirable because inexpert. The Government had nothing to conceal, he declared, but objected to the committee because it wanted to proceed with the work. The reason for the obscure situation regarding coal was the existence of two parties, one fighting for nationalization and the other against a limitation of profits, and both bringing different figures. The Government, he said, had decided to refer the subject to impartial accountants.

London press dispatches of Nov. 25 indicated that the coal price reduction was an incident of unusual significance, stating:

No domestic event in a long time has so stirred the press as the reduction of 10 shillings a ton in the price of coal for household use, announced in the House of Commons by Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service and Reconstruction. The action, coming as it did shortly after a statement by the Minister that even a 6 shilling decrease was impossible, caused general amazement. A deep political move is imagined in some quarters to be at the bottom of the matter, one editorial suggestion being that as several by-elections are impending the concession to householders is a vote catching dodge.

Explaining the Government's decision Sir Auckland said that the prices for export coal were unprecedentedly high and the decrease in prices had been postponed because of events in the United States. The prices of coastwise and bunker coal also were high, and it was from those sources that

profits were being made. The coal used for inland purposes was being sold at less than the average cost of production. This was an unsatisfactory and dangerous position, he said, and industrial coal must be sold on an economic basis at the earliest possible date.

The Government proposed gradually to transform the coal control machinery until it consisted of three parts—first, the limitation of exports; second, the limitation of owners' profits; third, special limitation on the price of coal supplied for domestic purposes. Coastwise coal will be reduced to the industrial level, and, according to this standard, coastwise coal will be reduced by 30 shillings.

While the coal owners, through some of their spokesmen, assert the reduction in price means ruin for them, as coal cannot be produced under such conditions except at a grave loss, the miners' leaders contend that the reduction can and ought to be carried much further. The latter and the section of the press which supports them point out that the new reduction does not affect industrial coal, which remains at what is said to be an unreasonable price and will have to be paid for by the public in high prices for commodities which depend on coal for production.

Frank Hodges, secretary of the Miners Federation, says the coal used by domestic consumers amounts to only 15% of the total and that its reduction by 10 shillings absorbs only 11,000,000 pounds of the surplus money obtained through the July increase, there being still 40,000,000 pounds at the Government's disposal for a further reduction.

The Laborite members of the House of Commons and their supporters intend, it is said, to carry on an agitation against the Government until this alleged surplus has been applied to lowering the price all around, and especially on industrial coal.

END OF THE TROUBLE IN THE NEW YORK PRINTING TRADE.

The trouble in the local printing trades, which began Oct. 1 and tied up practically all of the book and job printing establishments in this city were terminated this week by the action of members of the pressmen's and feeders' unions who voted to rejoin the international unions from which they had seceded.

This action followed the decision of the members of the "Big Six" Typographical Union on Nov. 23, who had remained away from work on "vacations," to return to work and submit the question of the 44-hour week, for which they had been contending, to arbitration, along with their wage demands. In taking this step the members of "Big Six" obeyed the mandate of the executive council of the International Typographical Union, the parent body. The threat of penalization by the international union was held over their heads in the event of failure to comply. The preceding day officers of the "Big Six" union were in conference with the executive council of the international union, after which the mandate, based upon the complaint of the employers that the vote to remain out on "vacations" was virtually a vote to strike and was illegal without the sanction of the international officers, was issued. The results of the strike was summarized in the N. Y. "Sun" of Nov. 27, as follows:

An official of the Printers League (the employers organization) figured that 10,000 workers earning from \$40 to \$70 a week sacrificed approximately \$3,500,000. It is more difficult to estimate what the strike cost owners, but one plant alone places its losses at \$200,000. More than 250 shops were tied up.

Magazine publishers who sent their work out of town had to pay high for it. It was reported that \$23,000 was paid for getting out one issue of a periodical that ordinarily cost \$9,500.

The general opinion among employing printers, however, is that the victory was worth the price. It was more than a question of wages and hours; the stability of labor was at stake, conservatives contend. Had the radical element won many publishers intended going out of business, they said.

The troubles in the printing trades began on Oct. 1 when the press rooms of 250 local printing establishments were closed down following the decision of the employing printers on the preceding day to refuse re-employment to press room workers whose unions were not in good standing with their international unions. A strike of compositors, members of Typographical Union No. 6, which was looked forward to as a possibility was averted on Sept. 28, when at a mass meeting resolutions were adopted indorsing the stand of its President, Leon Rouse, who declared he would not act contrary to the laws of the International Typographical Union. At the same time the meeting adopted a resolution authorizing appointment of a committee of five to disseminate propaganda throughout the country in behalf of the stand of Mr. Rouse against Marsden G. Scott, President of the International, the latter having strongly opposed the idea of a definite and direct strike if the printers did not win their demands for a weekly wage increase of \$14 and the immediate adoption of the 44-hour week. Notwithstanding this vote members of the "Big Six" union began to take "vacations", i. e., quit work, while at the same time avoiding the technical act of striking. The members of the "vacationists" increased to such an extent that the employing printers association finally refused to carry on negotiations with the officers of their union. On Nov. 16 the members of the "Big Six" at a mass meeting voted to stay away from their positions until their demands were granted

and consequently the employing printers association protested to the International Typographical Union that the "vacationists" action was equivalent to a strike vote. As a result, the Executive Council of the international body, as stated above, issued a mandate ordering the men to return to work. A great many of the weekly and monthly papers which had previously been published in this city, were during the strike brought out in other cities, some in Boston, others in Philadelphia and Chicago. The offer of the employing printers, as represented by the Printers' League Section of the Association of Employing Printers, has been a \$6 wage increase and the adoption of the 44-hour week May 1 1921. The International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union throughout the strike supported the employing printers and opened offices here to recruit pressroom workers to fill the places of those who, because of their affiliation with the four outlawed local unions, had, as stated above, been refused re-employment. The other international unions also upheld the employing printers. Despite the orders of the "Big Six"

Some magazines, notably the "Literary Digest," were published regularly without compositors, the text matter being reproduced from plates made from photographic copies of the typewritten manuscript.

"GOVERNMENT BROKE ITS PLEDGE TO ORGANIZED LABOR IN BRINGING COURT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST COAL MINERS," SAYS SAMUEL GOMPERS.

In a speech before the Central Labor Union of Washington, D. C., on Nov. 22, Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor reiterated charges recently made by that organization to the effect that the Federal Government promised there would be no prosecutions of labor unions under the Lever Food and Fuel Control act upon which was based the injunction issued by Judge Anderson at Indianapolis ordering the officers of the United Mine Workers of America to call off the coal strike.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Gompers read from notes, records and statements including the "Congressional Record" to show that President Wilson, Secretary of Labor Wilson, former Attorney General Gregory, the Council of National Defense, Food Administrator Hoover, and former Representative Lever, author of the act, had given assurances, accepted as conclusive, that labor unions would not be prevented from striking.

He then asked: "If labor cannot depend on the pledges of the United States Government and its officers what hope is there for better relations between the workers of this country and the administrative forces of the United States?"

In a statement issued by the American Federation of Labor on Nov. 9, appearing in the "Chronicle," Nov. 15, page 1850, it was alleged that "every assurance from the highest authority of our Government was given that the (Lever) law would not be so applied," i. e., applied to the activities of organized labor. Mr. Gompers' speech reiterating these charges was quoted in Washington advices of Nov. 22 to the Phila. "Public Ledger" which said:

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, drove another wedge tonight in the breach between the organized workers of the United States and the officers of the Government when he directly charged President Wilson, William B. Wilson, secretary of labor, T. W. Gregory, formerly Attorney-General, and members of the Senate and House with breaking the pledge they made to labor that the provisions of the Lever act would not be applied to the activities of the organized worker.

Mr. Gompers said that his presentation was made so that the workers and through them the citizens of the United States might know that he and the officials of the American Federation of Labor had not made statements that were untrue, but in his closing sentence he indicated the attitude that labor now takes when he said:

"If labor cannot depend on the pledges of the United States Government and its officers, what hope is there for better relations between the workers of this country and the administrative forces of the United States?"

The allusions of the president of the American Federation of Labor to the present coal strike were meager, except in two or three instances, when he charged the Government with obtaining a restraining order and injunction in order to starve the miners into submitting to the overlordship of the operators. He drew a parallel that brought out his attitude on what labor calls "government by injunction" when in discussing the sentence for contempt which was returned against him in the Buck Stove case under the Sherman anti-trust law, he said:

"I am willing to go to jail at any time if necessary to defend the rights of our citizenship."

"The question is whether Mr. Gregory, who has denied that we were promised that the Lever act would not be used against organized labor, is right, and we are prevaricators, or whether Mr. Gregory is wrong and we are right."

"First, let me say that under present conditions and according to the activities of the Government they are making no distinction between anarchists, Bolsheviks and the great body of constructive, patriotic workers. It is regrettable that such a state of mind should exist, for it is only necessary to recall the activity of organized labor during the war, and then no one can question our loyalty."

"To revert to the subject at hand, M. L. Gregory has contradicted the statements made by me and the executive council of the A. F. of L. that assurances were given us that the Lever act would not be used against the workers. I have prepared a statement of evidence that I desire to submit to you and through you to the whole mass of the people and to the conscience of our Government in its legislative halls, the Department of Justice and the executive head of our government. I ask you to say whether there has been fair dealing and whether the pledge given was sustained or violated."

Mr. Gompers' statement which was read to the meeting was made up mainly of extracts from the Congressional Record and memoranda in the files of Mr. Gompers which stated that Mr. Gompers had been assured during the consideration of the bill that it was not the intention to use it against organized labor and that President Wilson had assured Mr. Gompers through the medium of a conference with Secretary Wilson that district attorneys would be instructed not to make use of the act against unionized workers.

"No district attorney brought the suit against the mine workers. It was brought by the attorney general as the representative of the Department of Justice," was the point made by Mr. Gompers when the reading of his evidence had been concluded.

"As there any sane person in our country that would imagine I would give support to that bill, that I would be so assinine as to believe the bill would be applied to make strikes unlawful?"

Mr. Gompers reviewed the fight which labor made against the Sherman anti-trust law twenty years ago because it did not exempt labor organizations from its provisions, and made references to both the Danbury haters and Huck stove cases.

"We were told at that time that the law would not be construed to apply to the working man. There were few then, as now, however, who could tell how the courts would construe laws, especially as affecting the rights of the working man. We were deceived and misled then. Did you imagine that we would remain silent when a similar situation arose? We protested against the Lever Act as it was and its enactment, and we were urged not to interpose any objections. We answered that while fighting autocracy in Europe we could not yield democracy over here.

"Then the promises came that the bill could not be construed to apply to labor from members of both the House and the Senate. Then assurances came that the government would interpret the law as not affecting the workers and that the attorney general held the same view and would so instruct the district attorneys. These assurances were accepted.

"I ask whether these were not all the assurances we could have had? Why then for the period of the war should we have opposed it?"

"I make this presentation of the case in behalf of labor to be judged on its merits.

ASBURY F. LEVER, AUTHOR OF FOOD AND FUEL CONTROL ACT SAYS LAW WAS MADE TO APPLY TO LABOR AS WELL AS CAPITAL.

Following the issuance by the American Federation of Labor on Nov. 9 of a statement alleging that the Federal Food and Fuel Control Act was never intended to "be applied to workers in cases of strikes or lockouts," Asbury F. Lever, author of the measure, made a statement on Nov. 10, in which he said:

I could not conceive at that time, nor do I believe now, that any body of American citizens desired to be exempted from the provisions of an act which made it criminal to limit production of food or fuel, the two vital necessities of life.

The section of the act, upon which the court has relied in dealing with the coal strike, was vigorously assailed on the floor of the House by certain Representatives claiming to speak the mind of organized labor throughout the country.

I resisted the attempt to strike the provision from the bill. This resistance was successful because the provision was so just as to admit of no dispute, and in addition there was back of me the full administration support and endorsement. President Wilson considered this provision as a very vital section of the food control bill.

I have read Judge Anderson's decision as reported and I feel that his interpretation speaks fully the will of Congress. It should be borne in mind that the terms of this act are applicable to the mine operators and miners.

In the statement of the Federation of Labor referred to above it was claimed that at the time of the passage of the Lever Bill "the then Attorney General, Mr. Gregory, gave assurance that the Government would not apply that law to the workers' efforts to obtain improved working conditions." In denying this allegation, Mr. Gregory on Nov. 11 issued at New York the following statement:

While Attorney General I did not at any time give assurances to any one that any law would not be enforced against any class of citizens. I gave no assurances that the Government would not seek to enforce the Lever act against workers.

The following reply to former Attorney General Gregory was issued by the Federation of Labor headquarters at Washington, Nov. 13:

Now comes former Attorney General Gregory, who says that he did not give assurance that the Lever bill, if enacted, would not be applied to the workers.

A few days ago Mr. Gregory declared through the public press that he remembers having had the conference with Mr. Gompers and Mr. Morrison regarding the Lever bill, but added that he had no recollection of having made a statement that its provisions would not be so applied.

Mr. Gregory, as well as everyone else in the Administration and in Congress and elsewhere, knows that the Lever bill was intended to prevent speculation and profiteering in food and fuel and that it was not intended to apply to working people engaged in an effort to improve wages, hours and conditions and standards of labor and life.

At that conference with the Attorney General in 1917 Mr. Gregory stated emphatically, speaking for himself and for the Government, that the provisions of the Lever act would not be applied to such workers and that he would write to the United States District Attorneys that they, too, should be governed by that assurance. Whether Mr. Gregory carried out his pledge to write his subordinates I am not in a position to say, but that he gave that assurance that he would do so there is absolutely no question.

In the official report of the Executive Council to the convention of the American Federation of Labor in 1917 that situation and assurance was fully recorded. Copies of that printed report were sent to every member of the Cabinet, including the Attorney General. It was sent to the newspapers of the country, and not until this day has the accuracy of that report been challenged by any one.

NATIONAL ADJUSTMENT COMMISSION GRANTS FURTHER WAGE INCREASES TO LONGSHOREMEN.

A wage increase of ten cents an hour was awarded to the deep sea longshoremen of the Atlantic seaboard by the National Adjustment Commission of the United States Shipping Board on Nov. 21. The increase is applicable to both regular work, for which the men had previously been granted seventy cents, and to overtime work for which they had been awarded \$1 10 an hour. The new scale will be effective from Dec. 1 to Oct. 1 1920. On Oct. 7 the Adjustment Commission announced it had awarded to the longshoremen an increase of five and ten cents an hour for regular and overtime work respectively. The wage scale on Oct. 1 had been sixty-five cents and a dollar an hour for regular and overtime work respectively. It was also stated on Oct. 7 by the Adjustment Commission that in the event that the cost of living was not reduced by Dec. 1 1919 the case would be reopened. The conditions under which the further wage increases were granted on Nov. 21 were set forth in the New York "Times" of the following day as follows:

Holding that the cost of living had not shown a decrease since the tentative award in October and that under the terms of that award his condition justified a re-opening of the case, the National Adjustment Commission of the United States Shipping Board yesterday afternoon rendered a decision of an increase in wages to deep sea longshoremen from 70 cents an hour to 80 cents, and from \$1 10 an hour for overtime to \$1 20, effective on Dec. 1. This is an increase of 22 1/2% over the scale of wages in force up to Oct. 1 last. The longshoremen demanded \$1 an hour and \$2 overtime.

Checkers are to get an increase of 50 cents a day, making their wage now \$6 a day. The case of the coastwise longshoremen, of whom there are about 6,000 in this port, will be taken up in Washington on Dec. 5.

The decision of the Commission was reached at an executive session, following a public hearing in the Produce Exchange Building yesterday morning, at which several witnesses told of the continued high cost of living.

The October award of the Commission of 70 cents and \$1 10 furnished the cause for the strike of the longshoremen, which ran for four weeks. The men who expressed themselves last night said they were pleased with the new award and thought there would be no further trouble. The rate of wages runs until Oct. 1 1920. John F. Riley, President of the New York District Council, said that he thought the men would be satisfied.

T. V. O'Connor and Joseph Ryan, President and Vice-President, respectively, of the International Longshoremen's Association, who represent the longshoremen on the Commission, voted for 85 cents an hour and \$1 25 for overtime. Professor William Z. Ripley, Chairman, voted with the two members representing the steamship interests, and Mr. O'Connor afterward moved to make the award unanimous. Frederick Topplin, Vice-President of the International Mercantile Marine, and Oakley Wood are representatives of the steamship interests on the Commission.

Twenty locals in this port had accredited representatives present at yesterday's meeting and there were also delegates from Hampton Roads, Boston and Baltimore. The steamship interests were represented by Clemon H. Betts of Funch Edey & Co., who declared that since the strike the longshoremen had not given the steamship companies a square deal in the way of efficiency. The cost of loading a ship is from \$1 50 to \$2 a ton, while in 1914 it was 35 cents a ton, he said.

Following its decision of Nov. 21 in the case of the longshoremen of the Atlantic coast, the National Adjustment Commission on Nov. 22 awarded to the longshoremen of the Gulf Coast District similar wage increases.

A strike of 50,000 longshoremen employed in the Port of New York and vicinity, which was in progress for a month and tied up practically all the Trans-Atlantic and coastwise shipping of New York, Jersey City and Hoboken, ended on Nov. 6 precisely where it had begun, with no change in hours, wages or working conditions. It was an unauthorized strike. It cost the longshoremen \$8,000,000 in pay, it was estimated, and it cost the shipping interests \$35,000,000. On Nov. 5 at a meeting of the Federal Conciliation Commission, which had been appointed earlier in the strike by Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson, 2,500 of the longshoremen, who were known as "insurgents" and "insurrectionists," because they openly defied and renounced the leadership of their responsible union heads, voted unanimously to return to work. They represented a faction, whose membership was claimed to be 26,000. At the same time these men voted to ignore the five and ten cent award of the National Adjustment Commission of the U. S. Shipping Board, which they called the "Woolworth award," but which they nevertheless, through their authorized representatives, had agreed to abide by before the decision was announced.

The men began to return to work on Nov. 1, and from that time up to Nov. 6 they continued to go back in increasing numbers. From the beginning, T. V. O'Connor, President of the International Longshoremen's Union, stood firmly against the walkout. His position was upheld and supported by the American Federation of Labor, with which the longshoremen's union is affiliated. Mayor Hylan, one of the three members of the Federal Conciliation Commission, appointed by Secretary Wilson to settle the strike, tried consistently to obtain wage increases for the men above the

award of the National Adjustment Commission but the steamship lines refused to employ the men on any other terms than those laid down by the decision, to which both employer and employee had voluntarily subscribed. The longshoremen, who prior to the award of the Adjustment Commission were receiving 65 cents and \$1 an hour for regular and overtime work, respectively, were as stated above, given an increase to 70 cents and \$1 10 an hour by the decision. The National Adjustment Commission, whose Chairman is William Z. Ripley, Professor of Economics at Harvard, in announcing its award on Oct. 7 said: "We agree that if the prevailing high prices do not decline substantially by Dec. 1 1919, in conformity with the President's prediction, that the Adjustment Commission on its own motion will reopen the case with a view to further relief" ("Chronicle," Oct. 11, page 1421). Notwithstanding this proposal the men refused to return to work until all their counter-proposals for arbitration and compromise were rejected by their employers who were pledged to stand by the Commission's award as were the men.

The efforts of Mayor Hylan to obtain for the strikers a wage increase greater than the award of the National Adjustment Commission brought from President O'Connor of the International Union, who had tried to induce the men to abide by the decision much opposition and open criticism. A few days before the strike ended Mr. O'Connor issued a statement in which he charged that Mayor Hylan's efforts in behalf of the men were prolonging the strike. Mayor Hylan in a statement previously had declared that the men had "no confidence" in Mr. O'Connor. "It is impossible for me to get the men to go back to work," said the Mayor's statement, "so long as Mr. O'Connor and another have anything to do with the adjustment of the trouble."

On Nov. 5 Mayor Hylan sent to Secretary of Labor Wilson the following telegram:

This afternoon I appeared at a meeting of the longshoremen held at Tammany Hall. After addressing the meeting and urging the men to return to work, immediately they agreed to do so at the old rates of 65 cents and \$1 pending the decision of the National Adjustment Commission upon the application for a rehearing on the award to be made by representatives of the various locals and the Board of Conciliation composed of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Vaccarelli and myself. The action of the longshoremen was in line with the recommendations made to them by the Board of Conciliation appointed by you. A motion was made and unanimously carried that the longshoremen of New York and vicinity pass a vote of thanks and confidence in Secretary of Labor Wilson and the Board of Conciliation for their efforts to settle their difficulties in an amicable manner.

JOHN F. HYLAN, Mayor.

Mr. O'Connor on Nov. 6 denied it was stated that the men would refuse to accept the increases offered to them, and said: "The men have gone back to work under the arrangements made by the National Adjustment Commission. Any man who refuses to work under these conditions will not be permitted to work."

On the other hand, F. Paul A. Vaccarelli, one of the members of the Federal Board of Conciliation, appointed by Secretary Wilson and a leader with Richard Butler of the unauthorized strikers, said that they had not accepted the increase offered them.

"Unless the men can prove that they deserve more than a five and ten cent increase they will work under the old scale," he was quoted as having said.

A statement charging that "the Mayor was playing politics" in urging the insurgent strikers to return to work was issued on Nov. 6 by James McGuire, President of Local 996 of the International Longshoremen's Union. The statement follows:

The action taken by Mayor Hylan at the meeting held yesterday in Tammany Hall, in advising the insurgent longshoremen to return to work was in line with predictions made ten days or more ago by any number of the level headed officers and members of locals of the I. L. A., who did not hesitate to say that the Mayor was playing politics and that after election the Mayor's interest would soon cease.

The facts are that the strike was ended before this meeting was called and would have been ended fully two weeks ago had not the Mayor injected himself into the controversy. Every thinking man realizes that when an agreement has been made it is necessary to live up to it, even though at times they may be unfortunate in making an agreement that is not quite to their liking.

Mr. O'Connor could not have taken any other position than the one he did take in order to uphold the integrity of our international. He told the men in the beginning that the award was not what he felt they were entitled to, but, according to the agreement entered into with the National Adjustment Commission, which agreement every local in our Atlantic coast district approved through not objecting when given an opportunity to do so.

Another fact which should not be overlooked is that the Mayor has not arranged for the reopening of the award. It is specifically stated in the award that the National Adjustment Commission "will reopen the case prior to Dec. 1 unless the cost of living has materially decreased by that date."

The Mayor's criticism of President O'Connor does not make the slightest difference, in the opinion of the great majority of the longshore workers of greater New York, and time will show the radical element who were with the so-called leaders, that there never was any time that they had the least chance to assist them in gaining anything.

We have established a reputation in this fight by showing the public that our promise means more to us than a "scap of paper."

The so-called "insurgent" faction of the longshoremen's union subsequently ratified the action of their representatives at the meeting attended by Mayor Hylan, at which the vote to return to work was accompanied by rejection of the wage award of the National Adjustment Commission. This faction it is claimed has a membership of 26,000. A statement was issued by their leader, R. J. Butler, on Nov. 10 announcing their intention to bring impeachment charges against T. V. O'Connor. The statement follows:

We wish to state for the benefit of the public that the locals that were out on strike, with a total membership of 26,000 men, by their representatives unanimously confirmed the action taken in Tammany Hall of rejecting the award entirely and returning to work on the old scale of 65 cents for straight time and \$1 for all overtime, and further, impeachment charges against T. V. O'Connor are now being preferred and drafted so that they will be properly presented to a member of the executive board of the I. L. A. for trial. In the event that no redress is given us by the executive board of the I. L. A., we have been promised a hearing before the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, which meets in Washington in December, and a committee will present the charges in person.

STEAMSHIP PIER CLERKS OBTAIN FAVORABLE DECISION ON PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

A favorable decision on an application for recognition of the right of collective bargaining in the case of Steamship Pier Clerks Local No. 1017 of New York, was handed down by the National Adjustment Commission of the United States Shipping Board on Oct. 24. The steamship pier clerks, it is stated, had not previous to the decision of the Adjustment Commission enjoyed the right of collective bargaining; and the application therefor was opposed by the steamship employers. In making known the decision on Oct. 24 Prof. William Z. Ripley, its Chairman, was quoted as saying: "This at least refutes the contention that the National Adjustment Commission is a steamship employers' organization."

RAILWAY EXECUTIVES DESIROUS OF EMERGENCY LEGISLATION TO INSURE STANDARD RETURN.

With regard to a meeting on Nov. 24 of the Standing Committee of the Association of Railway Executives "to consider pending railway legislation and various matters connected with the resumption of private operation on Jan. 1," an announcement issued in behalf of the committee said:

It is understood that the railway executives feel that it is essential in case permanent legislation cannot be enacted by Congress prior to Jan. 1st to have emergency legislation which will protect the situation, at least to the extent of insuring the standard return for a sufficient period to secure an adjustment of rates and which will also maintain in existence the rate structure established during Federal control.

The Special Committee on Allocation and Financing of Equipment also met, and it is expected, now that the enabling legislation has passed both branches of Congress, that the proposed National Equipment Corporation will be established as soon as the necessary details can be arranged.

R. M. Callins, formerly President and now Vice-President of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co., resigned from the standing committee, and H. E. Byram, formerly Federal Manager, and now President of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co., was elected in his place.

While the above is the only official information made available regarding the meeting the New York "Sun" of Nov. 25 said:

At yesterday's meeting the railroad executives had before them data which showed the following important developments:

1. The Government deficit this year will not be less than \$300,000,000 below the standard return. The amount of the deficit will probably approximate \$350,000,000, against \$235,000,000 deficit in 1918.
2. The railroads are earning less than 3 1/2% on their total property investment of \$19,750,000,000, and the percentage is actually close to 3%.
3. Only 31 of the 163 Class 1 railroads are earning amounts equal to or exceeding their rental contracts, and of them only two operate as much as 1,000 miles of road. The only big railroad system earning its rental contract is the Union Pacific.
4. Approximately 10% of the Class 1 roads are not earning amounts equal to their fixed charges.
5. Of the 10% between 40 and 50 are not earning even their operating expenses.
6. When the roads shall be returned to private operation it is expected that inter-State rates will stand, but intra-State rates, of course, will be lowered to meet State laws superseded by Federal control, but which will return to practical effect as soon as the Government gives up control, unless something be done to maintain the entire rate structure.

Those facts, railroad men contend, show clearly the vital necessity of prompt enactment of emergency legislation. Just what will be done in the direction of a drive to obtain essential temporary legislation could not be learned yesterday, but it was stated that the entire matter met with vigorous discussion.

WAGE AND WORKING AGREEMENT SIGNED BY BROTHERHOOD OF MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES—8-HOUR DAY GRANTED

A new wage and working agreement affecting, it is estimated, approximately 400,000 railroad workers, was signed on Nov. 24 by officials of the Brotherhood of Maintenance

of Way Employees and Railway Track Laborers and the U. S. Railroad Administration at Washington.

While demands of the union were not fully met, the eight-hour basic day was established for track laborers and others of that classification and time and half pay after that hour was provided. Most of the other employees included under the agreement will receive time and a half overtime pay after 10 hours.

Signing of the new contract by Director-General Hines ended negotiations which had been in progress since February. The contract provides that the new scale shall be applicable during the period of Federal control of the roads unless notice of 30 days is given of its cancellation.

An explanatory statement issued by Mr. Hines in connection with the signing of the new agreement said:

Specifically, the new contract provides overtime for regular section laborers and other employees in this classification except laborers in extra or floating gangs whose employment is seasonal and temporary in character, and certain employees whose positions do not require continuous manual labor will be paid on the basis of time and one-half after the eight hour of continuous service exclusive of the meal period, thus applying the same principle which was established last year for important classes of railroad workers.

Heretofore such maintenance employees have been paid overtime at pro-rata rates for the ninth and tenth hour and time and one-half after the tenth hour. Under the agreement, laborers in extra or floating gangs whose employment is seasonal or temporary in character will be paid overtime at a pro-rata rate for the ninth and tenth hour and time and one-half after the tenth hour, whereas employees holding positions not requiring continuous manual labor, such as track, bridge and highway crossing watchmen, signalmen at railway non-interlocked crossings, lampmen, engine watchmen at isolated points and pumpers, will continue to be paid for their present hours of work a monthly rate equal to their present pay.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL HINES TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF RAILROAD BROTHERHOODS—CHIEFS DENY STRIKE THREAT.

Director-General Hines of the U. S. Railroad Administration announced on Nov. 28 that he would meet on Dec. 2 representatives of the four great railroad brotherhoods for the purpose of explaining his wage offers, for settlement of the employees' demands.

A conference on that date was requested by the railroad brotherhoods on Nov. 27, when the meeting of 500 General Chairmen of the brotherhoods, which began at Cleveland, on Nov. 24, adopted a resolution to send a committee, including the four chiefs, and representing all four organizations, to Washington to confer with Mr. Hines. A telegram was sent asking for a conference on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

The convention accepted Mr. Hine's proposal that the pay of train and engine crews will automatically start at the expiration of sixteen hours from the time of release at away-from-home terminals.

No action looking toward a railroad strike by the four railroad brotherhoods was taken by the General Chairmen's meeting, which had been called to act on Director-General Hine's offer of time and one-half for slow freight service, and no vote was taken on the proposition, although a motion to vote on it was adopted.

Mr. Hine's wage proposals were outlined in the "Chronicle" Nov. 22, page 1956.

On Nov. 28 the General Chairmen of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, about 180 in number, met in separate session at Cleveland and discussed the demands of their organization for a wage increase of 40 to 45%. The demands were presented to the Railroad Administration in September, but no reply, it is stated, has been received. The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, who made similar demands, were advised that the question was up to President Wilson. When told of reports regarding a possible strike on Dec. 1 by the four railroad brotherhoods, emanating from Chicago, William G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, at Cleveland, Nov. 25, issued the following statement:

No motion or resolution pertaining to a quick strike has come before the conference of general chairmen of the four Railroad Brotherhoods in session here for action, and I do not know whether any such motion or resolution will be presented.

I received messages to-day from Kansas City saying that trainmen and yardmen had decided to strike on the 26th (to-morrow) unless a favorable reply to their request for increased pay to overcome the high cost of living is granted.

I have said to all of them, in reply, that if they think they are bigger than the United States Government, which is operating the railroads at present, I have no advice to give them.

On the same day Timothy Shea, acting President of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, commenting on reports of a threatened railroad strike, declared that it was "neither the purpose nor the spirit of the Cleveland conference to discuss a strike."

Regarding the purpose of the Cleveland conference, he said:

All we will consider here is Mr. Hines's time-and-a-half proposal for overtime. I know that discussion or action on a general strike to force general wage increases is not on the program here. I believe I can say safely that it will not be possible, if indeed, it is attempted, for any faction or group to stampede this conference into a vote on a general strike.

S. DAVIES WARFIELD SEES CRUX OF RAILROAD PROBLEM SOLVED BY CUMMINS BILL—ANSWER TO BROTHERHOODS.

Discussing "Pending Congressional Legislation as Affecting Owners of Railroad Securities" at the annual meeting of the Academy of Political Science at the Hotel Astor, New York, on Nov. 21, S. Davies Warfield, President of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, declared that the failure of a rate-making formula to pass the House substantiates our contention that the Act should definitely interpret what a 'reasonable' rate means by naming the minimum and provide for a maximum return from such rates, as the only practical legislative solution of the railroad problem." Mr. Warfield added:

Definite directions in the Act in respect to these essentials are as necessary to satisfy the demands of the public, the apprehensions of the shippers and the caution of Congress as it is to be certain that the railroads will be enabled to give adequate service, as a whole, and finance themselves to state that rates shall be made that "will produce reasonable return" and nothing to the bill or to the present law that has not been considered by the Commission in the past in making rates as pointed out by Commissioner Clark at a hearing before the House Committee.

In introducing his remarks Mr. Warfield referred to the statement published Nov. 12, signed by the chief executives of organizations of railroad workers (including three of the four principal brotherhoods), which, in denouncing the labor clauses of the Esch bill, characterized it as a "conscienceless betrayal of the public interest"; that "it validates twenty billion dollars of railroad securities, at least eight billions of which is water"; that it enters to "Big Business" and that generally the measure is "vicious." The statement continued: "This travesty on legislation reveals the fundamental weakness of all schemes to return the roads to their former owners. The fact is that private ownership of the means of transportation has broken down. . . ." That "apparently our statesmanship is as bankrupt as our railroads. . . ." That "the railroads should be held under Federal control for at least two years," and in respect to Government ownership it said that "labor is willing to accept the sober judgment of the American voters as expressed at a general election."

Commenting on this Mr. Warfield said in part:

Since this statement was made, the Esch Bill has passed the House stripped of the provision which the Committee of the House that framed the bill thought would enable rates to be made which would insure sufficient revenue to properly operate the railroads. The defeated section read thus:

"In reaching its conclusions as to the justness and reasonableness of any rate, fare, charge, classification, regulation, or practice, the Commission shall take into consideration the interest of the public and the shippers, the reasonable cost of maintenance and operation (including the wages of labor, depreciation, and taxes) and a fair return upon the value of the property used or held for the service of transportation."

Under the bill as amended and passed the inefficient rate laws as at present constituted stand, with the wage dispute adjustment provision incorporated therein demanded by the chief executives of the brotherhoods.

The specific charge in respect to railroad securities made in the statement by the organization of railroad workers referred to requires answer. The charge is that the Esch Bill (before amendment), clearly meaning any legislation giving financial protection, "validates approximately twenty billion dollars of railroad securities, at least eight billions of which is water, and directs the Inter-State Commerce Commission to tax the American people through an increase in freight and passenger rates to pay dividends on those 'shadow dollars.'"

Any such characterization of railway value is untrue and is but one of many evidences of a deliberate determination by violent terms and action to attempt to coerce and demoralize Congress so that no constructive railroad legislation shall pass. By these irresponsible representations as to values and denouncement of the Congress where they say "statesmanship is as bankrupt as our railroads," and by abusive criticism of proposed legislation inconsistent with their own, those issuing the statement have apparently succeeded in defeating the meagre financial provisions in the Esch Bill, and hope to destroy the enterpriss which employs the men they purport to represent in order that they may gain its possession.

The reckless charges in respect to the value of the securities of the railroads are but a repetition of similar misstatements in connection with railroad legislation which for months has been before committees of both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Property Accounts Represent Less Than Aggregate Value.

The property investment accounts of the railroads have been under the close supervision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission only since 1907, yet within the short intervening period of twelve years the records show that more than six billion dollars of cash expenditure has been made on the properties of Class I railroads, over one-third of the seventeen and a half billion dollars total property book value of these roads, exclusive of inter-company securities (as of the test period 1915-16-17). I am speaking of property value not security values or issues. No well-informed person will contest the statement that in the aggregate the properties and equipment devoted to the public use of Class I railroads (89% of the total mileage) are worth more in the aggregate than the seventeen and a half billion dollars, as shown by the books of the railroads.

But whether this be true or not true, the billions of alleged "water" and "shadow dollars" are effectually provided against in Section 6 of the Cummins Bill, now awaiting action by the Senate.

The importance of the provisions of this section of the Cummins Bill as the minimum essential to the continuance of the development and pro-

perity of the country cannot be too strongly urged upon Congress, upon the shipping interests and the public. It now stands alone between a successful transportation system privately owned and operated, and a Government system, how operated you cannot know.

Fair Value of Railroads Taken as Basis for Return.

The effect of Section 6 of the Cummins Bill is to provide that, pending actual physical valuations of all railroad properties, the Inter-State Commerce Commission, taking into consideration all the elements that should properly be considered, shall determine the "fair value" of the property, and equipment of the railroads, in the aggregate, in each rate group. For the purpose of determining and adjusting rates so that they will yield a living and fair return, the Commission shall group the roads (as they have done in the past for similar purpose) into as many groups as they may decide. Upon the aggregate amount of the investment in or "fair value" of all the railroads of each group a level of rates shall be established that will yield "as nearly as may be" $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ on this aggregate value, plus $\frac{1}{2}\%$ of 1%, at the discretion of the Commission, for unproductive improvements, which in the case of those roads earning over 6% on value determined as stated—not on securities—shall not be capitalized for future rate making.

Earnings that may be made by any railroad in excess of the 6% (on value) and up to 7% are divided one-half to the railroad earning them as incentive the other half to be used as a national fund administered by a Governmental authority in the interest of transportation as a whole, for joint terminals and other joint facilities, or for cars and equipment to be leased to roads to relieve congestion, but not to be capitalized in future rate making. Thus there is a division of excess earnings beyond the given reasonable return on "fair value," between those who use the railroads and those who own them. The one-half of the excess which goes to the road earning it is credited to a reserve account to be used, under specific conditions, to enable it to meet financial obligations and in lean years to provide against deficiencies which might impair its obligations to the public. After 7% is earned by any road the ratio of division becomes one-third to the railroad earning it and two-thirds to the transportation fund.

Director-General Hines's Prediction.

The Esch Bill now passed by the House does not contain, nor did the unamended bill contain, any permanent financial provision for the railroads. It does not nor did the original bill provide for the regulation of excess earnings, essential to produce a uniformly efficient service throughout our transportation system. Such regulation becomes necessary because railroads that serve dense traffic territory can earn more from a rate than those serving sparsely settled territory, and the latter constitute the majority of the railroads (Class I). You cannot make rates that will suit all the railroads alike. A rate level that will enable the great majority of railroads to live must necessarily produce more earnings to roads serving dense traffic territory than such roads are entitled to have and more than they would receive but for the necessities of the majority. The Commission in the past has hesitated to allow rates that will give to a few favorably situated roads inordinate earnings which the shippers and public served by these roads have repeatedly declared they will not stand for. Yet such a result is unavoidable under present laws if regard is to be had for the life of the majority which constitute those roads no to favorably situated as the few. The result has been that the Commission could not make rates that were necessary to the majority, so the railroads and the public have both suffered the consequences. Should this continue? If it does, Director-General Hines's prediction will come true when he said that "the plan of private management necessarily involves the idea that if one or many railroad companies happen to be exceptionally prosperous, the entire exceptional profits remain with the railroad company. This condition," continues Mr. Hines, "will make the public always fear or suspect that it is being exploited through the transportation service for the benefit of private capital and will lead to continual insistence upon the railroads being operated exclusively for the public benefit through Government ownership and operation." Mr. Hines recognized the necessity of excess earnings regulation.

Crux of Railroad Problem Solved by Section 6, Cummins Bill.

At a hearing before the House Committee which framed the Esch Bill, in reply to a member of the Committee who after repeating substantially the provision relating to rates then in the proposed bill, whether such provision would change the past methods of the Commission for making rates, Commissioner Clark, Chairman of their Legislative Committee and a member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, stated that "it would not change it in substance, because all of those things are now considered." In like manner, Commissioner Clark, when questioned upon the advisability of providing in the Act a fixed percentage return on value ascertained by public authority which, as we have shown, carries with it regulation of excess earnings, stated, "it would avoid endless controversies (and) it would put an end to interminable discussion and argument."

There is no higher type of man than the men who occupy responsible positions in the service of the railroads. From the locomotive engineer to the man who walks the track I do not believe one of them if fully informed would look for fairer protection to themselves and the public than is provided by Section 6 of the Cummins Bill. Shippers and the public are vitally concerned in this section, for unless adequate revenue is provided for the railroads, now only to be had through definite requirements of a fixed return with a division and regulation of earnings in excess thereof substantially as Section 6 provides, their railroad service will break down for another opportunity will not be afforded them for securing constructive legislation, and Government ownership will be forced upon them.

Whether all the existing railroads shall be ultimately forced to consolidate into twenty-five or thirty-five or even two or three larger companies, or whether consolidations are made permissive (which we favor), it will require years of valuation, bargaining, and litigation in the case of the former, and considerable time in the case of the latter, so this is not the immediate issue. The crux of this problem lies in whether the principles laid down in Section 6 of the Cummins Bill are to be enacted into law as the only means to save the railroads on the termination of the proposed six months' extension of the standard return; or whether they shall be turned back to their owners loaded with debt, many of them, their traffic disrupted as the consequence of the necessary unification plans of the Government incident to the war, with nothing to rely upon by the same regulating laws and procedure of the past, nothing definite upon which they can depend. Any legislation embodying substantially what is now on the statute books, though it may contain added verbiage, will fail unless it empowers the Commission to adjust rates through the regulation of excess earnings of a comparatively few railroads, and to a fair and reasonably fixed initial return to all.

Section 6 of the Cummins Bill is a constructive step in recognizing that the impossible conditions which existed in the past between the shipper and the carrier must be stopped that the business of transportation may be carried on in a business fashion. The mandate by Congress to the Commission comes as near producing an automatic adjustment of rates as possible, and will avoid the "endless controversies" (and) "interminable discussion," as characterized by Commissioner Clark.

RAILROAD PROBLEM ONE OF CREDIT, ACCORDING TO A. P. THOM.

Alfred P. Thom, General Counsel of the Association of Railway Executives, was one of those who at the dinner of the Academy of Political Science, on Nov. 21, discussed the subject of Railroad Legislation. "From unmistakable manifestations of public opinion," Mr. Thom said, "it must be assumed that a system of Governmental ownership and operation will not, for the present at least, be accepted by the American people." Private ownership and operation being thus, he said, the only aspect of the matter open for consideration, the question is what system of Governmental regulation shall be adopted in order to make railroad transportation, privately owned, supported and operated, a success and adequate to the needs of the public. The problem of the railroads, and the problem of the public in respect of transportation, Mr. Thom said, is a problem of credit, and the test which any system of Governmental regulation of privately supported transportation facilities must successfully stand, is whether it adequately provides for and maintains the necessary railroad credit. In part he added:

If it does not, it must be changed or the system of private ownership must be abandoned; if it does, the system of private ownership will succeed. Let us look, then, at the question of credit from the standpoint of the private investor, for it is with him, in the final analysis, that the system of regulation must reckon.

When, under the existing system, he is approached with the proposal that he invest in a railroad enterprise, with what is he confronted? He is offered an investment in a business as to the revenues of which he has no control. They are controlled for him by governmental authority. Nor can he rely on the control being based on business principles. The standards of regulations are set by legislative bodies sensitively alive to political considerations and limitations. This is inherent in our system of government. Legislative action will always be responsive to public opinion, no matter how uninformed or misinformed. There can be no assurance to the investor that public opinion will be always governed by a broad appreciation of business needs and conditions.

Moreover, the investor can not be certain of a uniform or consistent standard of regulation, political or business, inasmuch as a part of his revenues are regulated by the national authority, and the remainder by the several states through which the roads may run, with their inharmonious and divergent policies. It must, I think, be admitted that, as the system of regulation now stands, there is little on the revenue side to attract the private investor.

Turning to the expense account, the investor sees that he would have far less control over his expenses than in most of the other subjects of investment open to him. Aside from the peculiarly exposed position of the railroads in labor controversies, their expenses may be added to by governmental requirements as to facilities and service—the separation of grades, the enlargement of train crews, the enlargement and improvement of stations, the equipment of cars and engines, and many other matters legitimately subject to governmental regulation; and here, again, both the national Government and the governments of the several states, all, possess powers to increase the expense account.

Thus the expense account of the business so which the private investor must be attracted, is seen to be largely beyond the owner's control.

Without referring to other deterrent conditions—such as the hope he must abandon of speculative or large returns—if he embarks in this line of investment, and the positive attractions of competing subjects of investment which are free from governmental regulation, from political interference, and which are unrestricted in opportunities, let us turn to the things that must be done, if the policy of private ownership and operation is to succeed.

From what has been said, it is manifest that it is a condition precedent to any successful system of regulation that there shall be an assurance to the investing public of revenues to the carriers adequate to attract the necessary investment. The old system of unlimited and uncontrolled discretion in the Interstate Commerce Commission will not be sufficient. Congress has recently received from every investing source the assurance that this system has not prevented an alarming decline of railroad credit. This conclusion has been reflected in each of the leading plans proposed to Congress—in the Warfield plan, by subjecting the discretion of the Commission to a fixed statutory percentage on values as a guide to rates; in the Chamber of Commerce plan, by likewise subjecting the Commission's discretion to a permanent rule of a fixed percentage on values; and in the Railway Executive's plan, by securing from an independent board, charged with the obligation to see that transportation facilities and services are at all times adequate, a certificate of the amount of revenue that it is necessary that rate shall provide. In fact, it can not be denied that the conviction is widespread, and, outside of governmental circles, universal, that something must be added to the discretion of the Interstate Commerce Commission if the confidence of the investing public is to be attracted.

The railway executives, from advices which they can not disregard, apprehend that no fixed percentage on values can be adopted which will be adequate for the needs of the carriers; and, if a fixed percentage is adopted, it will be accompanied by other conditions which can not be satisfied without undermining the very foundations of all property. They, accordingly, have not seen fit to recommend a percentage figure in the statute, but have urged, and are urging, upon the attention of Congress the necessity for a rule of rate-making which shall be precise and definite, and shall contain a statutory assurance that the proper elements in determining what revenue rates shall provide, will be properly considered by the regulatory body, and the necessary amount of revenue will be raised. We do not think that there can be a legitimate doubt that the revenues, considered in respect to average conditions in a traffic group, should be adequate to provide (1) for the expenses of operation, including labor and taxes; (2) a fair return upon the property used or held for the public service; and, (3) a surplus sufficient as a basis of credit to attract the new capital needed for the facilities and service which the commerce of the country must have. We think, further, that, in the present condition of inadequate credit under the system of unrestricted discretion in the Commission, it is necessary to provide an authority whose express statutory duty it shall be to see that the facilities and service in transportation are up to the requirements of commerce; to study the credit of the carriers with reference to their needs in order that they may be able to provide these facilities; and to certify the facts to the Commission, which should take them as their guide in rate making.

If these requirements are put in the form of definite statutory duties, we believe that the administrative authorities will faithfully administer them, and, in doing so, will be supported by an express statutory mandate in providing the revenues declared necessary by the legislature.

We believe that all revenues must come from rates; that it is as much beyond the limits of constitutional regulation to make the rates too high for the service as it is to make the rates too low; and that no rate can lawfully be permitted to be collected which it is unlawful for the carrier performing the service to retain.

If the private investor is to be attracted, it is, in our judgment, necessary to avoid taking away any part of a carrier's earnings from lawful rates. To do so, in our opinion, would be unconstitutional. It is not proposed, however, to state here the reasons for that view.

For the reasons thus imperfectly and inadequately stated, it is submitted that, if a system of transportation supported by private capital is to succeed, it is necessary:

First, That revenues shall be provided sufficient to enable the carriers to efficiently perform their public duties, and, to that end, that a rule of rate making be established which shall express, as a plain statutory requirement, the elements that must be considered by the rate-making power, and that the Commission, in making rates, shall be guided by the expert advice of a board specially charged with the responsibility of seeing that the transportation facilities and services are adequate to the needs of commerce, and with the duty of ascertaining and certifying to the Commission the amount of revenues the carriers need in order to provide them; and

Second, that the burden of providing these revenues shall be properly distributed by a single authority—which, in the nature of things, can only be the national Government—between all the traffic, state and interstate, of these interstate carriers, so that no class of traffic shall be unduly burdened, and no carrier shall be required to furnish service of any class at less than reasonable compensation.

In other words, we ask for a system of harmonious regulation, based on business principles—a system which shall not only contain the principles of correction and repression, but also the assurance of proper and adequate encouragement to those who lawfully engage in this basic and essential industry.

HOUSE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS REVIEW OF SETTLEMENT OF WAR CONTRACTS.

A report alleging losses of several millions of dollars in the settlement of eight war contracts by the War Department was submitted to the House on Nov. 11 by Representative Graham (Rep.) of Illinois, chairman of the Select Committee on Expenditures in the War Department.

Accompanying the report was a resolution requesting the Secretary of War to review the settlement of certain claims arising out of war contracts and if the Government has been defrauded or if money is due it on the contracts, to take immediate steps to recover the amounts. The action is the result of an investigation extending over several weeks by the sub-committee on ordnance whose report was approved by the full committee.

A minority report answering some of the charges of the majority was filed on Nov. 14 by Representative Garrett, Democrat, of Tennessee. Passage of the resolution introduced by Chairman Graham, requesting review of all settlements, Mr. Garrett said, "was wholly unnecessary," and would be construed as a reflection upon the integrity of that branch of the War Department which has been engaged for more than a year in settlements of war claims.

The resolution recommending review of the war settlements was formulated by the Select Committee's subcommittee on Ordnance. With reference to the findings of the committee the report said:

In some of the cases investigated they obviously seem to be tainted with fraud. In some also the committee is of the opinion that constructive if not actual fraud occurred, violating the settlements.

The committee is of the opinion that millions of dollars are involved in these settlements, which the Government might have a right to recover if a proper review of such settlements were made. Part of the blame for this condition is due to the rules adopted for the settlement of these claims and the laxness and inefficiency of the Government representatives.

The sub-committee, among other things, has investigated the following settlement of war claims and contracts, to wit: American Can Co., New York, contract for hard bread cans; Stein-Burn Camp & Field Equipment Co., Chicago, contract for fireless cookers, cooks' chests and bread boxes; Henry Moss & Co., Chicago, contract for branding irons; Briar Hill Steel Co., Youngstown, contract for corrugated roofing; National Enameling & Stamping Co., Baltimore, contract for boilers and kettles; Standard Steel Co., Hammond, Ind., contract for 964 240-millimeter Howitzer carriages; Jones & Laughlin Co., Pittsburgh, contract for by-product coke ovens, and United Metals Selling Co., New York, contract for copper.

In all these cases except the last two named salvage values were fixed by Government agents and army officers on special facilities furnished by the Government, sometimes buildings and sometimes machinery and equipment, which were, in the opinion of the committee, insufficient and unjust to the Government.

In the last case cited, that of the United Metals Selling Co., immense profits were made by the producers of copper by virtue of a combination of the low price of copper producers, which was a combination aided and encouraged by the Government, although in violation of the law of the land.

The resolution originates in the sub-committee on ordnance, and is the result of a very considerable investigation the sub-committee has made on certain settlements of claims made by the War Department, or by the various claim boards under its jurisdiction since Nov. 11 1918.

This investigation as shown by the hearings of said sub-committee has taken a wide range. It has included investigation of the rules that have been formulated by the War Department for the settlement of such claims and the machinery that has been devised. It has gone into a few of the great mass of claims that have been adjusted, all of which is incorporated in 500 printed pages of committee hearings and is too voluminous to be even briefed in this report.

The Act of March 2, under which the claims are settled, has never been tested in the courts. It is manifest, however, that Congress had in con-

sideration when this Act was passed the probability or at least the possibility that some board or body might desire to review them. The select committee has been created since the passage of that Act, but there remains some doubt whether it is such a reviewing committee of Congress as is intended by the language of such Act. If it is, it has no right to bring action to recover the moneys now due the Government, on said settlements, which, through the Department of Justice, can institute the proper proceedings.

The minority views submitted by Representative Garrett were summarized in Washington press dispatches of Nov. 14, which said:

Representative Garrett, Democrat, Tennessee, minority member of the special sub-committee investigating ordnance expenditures in the War Department, to-day filed a report answering charges made by Representative Graham, Republican, Illinois, in a majority report issued several days ago, which claimed "settlements of war contracts by the War Department, in some instances seem to have been obviously tainted with fraud." More than 4,000 claims have been settled by the War Department since the armistice, Representative Garrett estimated.

"These claims and the settlements aggregate millions of dollars," his report continued, "and nearly 3,000 yet remain to be settled. The majority report cites the cases of eight contractors and without giving the details of a single settlement of any one of these eight, makes a request that Secretary Baker review the thousands of settlements already made."

Passage of the resolution introduced by Chairman Graham accompanying the majority report and requesting review by Secretary Baker of all settlements, Mr. Garrett said, "was wholly unnecessary."

"Its passage would be extremely unfortunate from whatever standpoint it may be viewed," he added. "Its passage will be construed as a reflection upon the integrity of that branch of the War Department which has been engaged for more than a year in the settlements of claims against the Government growing out of the war contracts involving billions of dollars."

"There is nothing in the evidence taken by the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department to justify any such imputation or to give ground for such inferences," Representative Garrett declared. "The majority report states that the committee 'has gone into a few of the great mass of claims that have been adjusted,' mentions certain ones, and, without definite reference to any particular adjustment, concludes with a loose indictment alleging fraud and 'laxness and inefficiency of the Government representatives,' coupled with general criticisms of the settlement organization. Too strong emphasis cannot be laid upon the unfairness and injustice of citing 'a few cases without giving a single detail as to one of them, predicating upon them a sweeping blanket resolution asking for a review of all settlements.'"

An investigation of all contracts and expenditures made by the War Department during the war was called for under a resolution passed by the House of Representatives on June 4. The resolution provided for a "select committee of fifteen members," whose appointment by the Speaker of the House, Representative Gillett, was announced on June 5. The inquiry was made to cover the matter of expenditures of five branches of the War Department's activities—ordnance, quartermaster's department, overseas supplies, aviation, and the purchase of camps and cantonments, each inquiry being conducted by a sub-committee composed of two Republicans and one Democrat. The main committee consisted of ten Republicans and five Democrats ("Chronicle," Aug. 2, page 437).

BILL EXTENDING WAR TIME SYSTEM OF PASSPORT CONTROL BECOMES LAW WITHOUT PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE.

The bill extending the war-time system of passport control and further regulating the entry of aliens into the United States, the conference report thereon having passed the House and Senate on Oct. 27, subsequently became a law without the President's signature, the President having failed to return the bill within the time prescribed by the Constitution. The measure was submitted to the President on Oct. 29. The enactment of such a law was requested by President Wilson in a message to Congress in August. The law will be effective until March 4 1921.

A statement submitted by the House conferees in connection with their report, explained the effect of the action agreed on by the joint conference committee as follows:

The agreement fixes March 4 1921, as the date when the law shall cease to be operative. The House proposal provided that it should continue in force for a period of one year after the date when the act of May 22 1918, entitled "An act to prevent in time of war departure from and entry into the U. S. contrary to the public safety," should cease to be operative. The Senate proposal would have made the law permanent.

The bill (H. R. 9782) passed the House on Oct. 16 by a vote of 314 to 1, and the Senate on Oct. 22 without a record vote. The President in a message to Congress on Aug. 25 asked that action be taken to extend the passport-control Act of May 22 1918. "Information from agents of the Government in foreign countries," the President said, "indicates that as soon as the restrictions on travel are removed many persons will seek admission to this country," undesirable as future citizens, and "whose origin and affiliations make it inadvisable that they should be permitted to enter the United States."

With reference to the scope and purpose of the measure, Washington dispatches of Oct. 16 to the New York "Times" said:

The passage of this bill was recommended by Secretary Lansing and other officials as a means of preventing radicals rushing into this country hame-

dately after the formal declaration of peace. Unless the law were extended and made effective after peace is declared, there would have been no bar against immigration except the literacy and other tests of the general immigration law.

When it was seen that it would be impossible to amend the immigration law so as to prohibit general immigration for two years, Representative Johnson, Chairman of the Immigration Committee, induced the Foreign Relations Committee to recommend an extension of the passport law, to which proposal Secretary Lansing agreed.

Under the present law, strict regulations are enforced as to outgoing Americans, outgoing aliens, incoming Americans and incoming aliens. The present bill deals entirely with incoming aliens, extending their passport regulations as for one year after peace is declared; but it may cease to become operative within the year if so ordered by the President.

It was brought out during consideration of the bill that there are a large number of aliens in Germany, Russia, and other unsettled countries who are planning to come to the United States at the earliest possible moment. Many, it was asserted, would be undesirable citizens, and most could not be effectively excluded under the present immigration laws. Secretary Lansing stated that the only way to check them was to stop them before they started, by means of a passport control system.

Mr. Lansing said it was very desirable that this country should carefully watch the character of immigration during the crucial year which would follow the coming of peace. Within this year, it is believed, Congress will determine its policy with respect to the admission or exclusion of applicants for admission to the United States. The bill passed to-day is intended to preserve the status quo while Congress is considering its permanent program.

GUY E. BOWERMAN CHOSEN SECRETARY OF AMERICAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION, SUCCEEDING F. E. FARNSWORTH.

The Administrative Committee of the American Bankers Association this week announced the selection of Guy E. Bowerman of Idaho as General Secretary of the Association, to succeed Frederick E. Farnsworth, resigned. Mr. Bowerman has accepted and will assume the duties of his office Jan. 1 1920. An announcement made by the American Bankers' Association says in part:

Mr. Bowerman began his banking career in South Dakota where he spent fifteen years before going to St. Anthony, Idaho, some twenty years ago. He organized the First National Bank of St. Anthony, Ashton, and Driggs, Idaho, in which institutions he later disposed of his interest. He participated actively in the organization of the Idaho State Bankers' Association and his talent for organization work coupled with his own personal interest in the passage of necessary and beneficial banking legislation resulted in his being honored a number of times by the organizations with which he became identified. He has been President of his District Bankers' Association and of the Idaho State Bankers' Association, Vice-President of the American Bankers' Association for the State of Idaho, and in 1915 was elected a member of the Executive Council of the American Bankers' Association for a three year term. He has also served on the State Legislative Council and the Federal Legislative Council. He is at present interested in banks at St. Anthony, Sugar City, Rexburg, Rigby, and Brookland, Idaho, as well as two banks in Salt Lake City. He is also Vice-President and Director of two banks and a Director of the Home Fire Insurance Company at Salt Lake.

Mr. Bowerman served as a member of the Idaho Legislature and was Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House. He was a member of the Idaho Committee on War Activities and is at present Commissioner of Finance for the State of Idaho. This office he accepted at the urgent request of Governor Davis in view of Mr. Bowerman's known ability to handle intricate details of State finance including the subject of taxation.

Mr. Bowerman is a man of independent fortune, for besides his banking interests he has an extensive investment and real estate loan business, which it has taken many ears to build. His broad experience in banking and business affairs combined with the fact that his training and environment enable him to get the view point of the country banker, makes Mr. Bowerman an ideal man for the office of General Secretary of the American Bankers' Association. He possesses a commanding presence, unusual dignity, and a pleasing personality.

Colonel Frederick E. Farnsworth, whose resignation as General Secretary of the American Bankers' Association was tendered at the recent convention at St. Louis or take effect on the selection of his successor, announces that he will leave that office Jan. 1 to take up his new duties as President of the Bankers' Statistics Corporation of New York.

PARCEL POST SYSTEM CLAIMED TO BE EARNING \$10,000,000 A YEAR.

As a result of the popularization of the parcel post system, a comparatively new branch of the Post Office Department, the Government is now earning a profit from that source of \$10,000,000, Assistant Postmaster-General Koons contends. This fact was disclosed to the House Committee on Post Office Department Expenditures, on Oct. 3, before which Mr. Koons was testifying. Washington press dispatches of that date reporting the hearings of the Committee said:

The parcel post is earning a profit of \$10,000,000 annually, and rates have been constantly reduced since the beginning of the service seven years ago, Assistant Postmaster General Koons testified to-day before the House Committee on Post Office Department Expenditures.

Mall order houses send most of their packages by parcel post, Mr. Koons said, adding that deliveries had been so prompt that one big house asked for delay in the service so that the packages would not arrive before invoices were sent out at night after dispatch of the packages during the day.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

Forty-five shares of bank stock were sold at auction this week and no sales were made at the Stock Exchange. There were no transactions in trust company stocks.

Shares. BANK—New York. Low. High. Close. Last previous sale.
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Walter H. Tappan has retired as Cashier of the National City Bank of the city after twenty-three years' service with the bank. His successor as cashier is Nathan C. Lenfestey, previously assistant cashier in the Comptroller's Department.

William N. Enstrom and George D. Graves have been appointed vice-presidents of the Irving National Bank of this city. Northrop Holbrook has been made an assistant cashier, and Robert W. Kuebl, James C. Bradshaw, George Helfrich and Fritz Hartman, have become assistant managers of the Foreign Department.

Brown Brothers & Co., 59 Wall Street, are distributing an interesting study on the progress of the reconstruction in France. This work has been prepared by the Statistical Department, from whom copies may be obtained. In addition to much important data on the subject not heretofore published in this country the booklet contains a general survey of the economic outlook in the French republic and a series of appropriate illustrations and charts.

Negotiations that have been pending for the past six months have resulted in the Bankers Trust Company of New York acquiring the Hotel Bristol, in Paris, for a Paris office, according to a cable received by the company from Fred L. Kent, Vice-President. Mr. Kent's cable stated that the Japanese Peace Commission which has been temporarily occupying this property had vacated it, and that the Bankers Trust Company would take possession on December 1st. The announcement by the Bankers Trust Company also says:

The Hotel Bristol, which for years has been one of the most famous hotels in Paris, is located at 3 and 5 Place Vendôme, with a frontage on Rue St. Honoré. This site is within a few blocks of the Opera, Jardin des Tuilleries and Champs-Élysées, and is centrally located for American tourists who visit Paris. The Hotel Bristol has been since the Third Empire one of the most famous hotels in Paris, and for many years it was a favorite abode of visiting royalty. The exterior presents a fine appearance that is in keeping with the quality of the Bankers Trust Company's Downtown or Uptown offices in New York. There are four floors and a basement, with a total of 21,240 sq. ft., and work will be begun at once for an extensive reconstruction of the interior to fit the needs of the Bankers Trust Company.

Because of the fact that the Bankers Trust Company is Trustee for the "A.B.A." Travellers' Cheques, issued by the American Bankers Association, special arrangements will be made in this Paris office for the convenience of tourists using these cheques.

It is hoped that the reconstruction work on the interior of this building may be completed so that it will be ready to handle all the Paris business of the Bankers Trust Company by Spring. The Bankers Trust Company's present Paris office, which is in charge of Mr. Bertrom Lord, is at 5 Rue Scribe.

Philip L. Saltonstall, member of the banking house of Tucker, Anthony & Co. of Boston and New York, died on Nov. 15 at the age of fifty-two, following a month's illness. Mr. Saltonstall became a member of the firm in 1897 and was associated with numerous banking, railroad and public utility corporations. Among the positions which he filled in recent years were the following: director in the American Trust Co., the Old Colony Trust Co. and the Bay State Trust Co.; President and director of Northwestern Power Co. and Mesaba Railway Co.; President and director of the Kansas City, Clay County & St. Joseph Railway Co.; director of Bay State Street Railway Co.; director of Electric Bond & Share Co.; Treasurer and director of Grafton County Electric Light & Power Co. of New Hampshire; director of Great Northern Power Co.; President and director of Hartford & Springfield Street Railway Co.; Treasurer and member of the executive committee of Manchester Traction, Light & Power Co.; Trustee of Union Safe Deposit Vaults; Trustee of Warren Chambers Trust, and President, director and member of executive committee of Westfield River Paper Co. Mr. Saltonstall was one of those who some years ago bought 35 small street railways which later became consolidated into the Bay State Street Railway Co.

After an administration of nearly three years, during which period as a result of world war problems, the banks passed through the most trying experiences of all their history, Philip C. Berg has resigned as Superintendent of Banks of Ohio to accept a Vice-Presidency of the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, the largest State bank in Ohio. An announcement relative thereto says in part:

Last spring this bank absorbed the Cleveland National Bank and in doing so attracted the attention of the whole banking world because the case was the first in the history of American banking where a State bank absorbed a national bank. The Guardian Savings & Trust Co. has had a wonderful development, especially during the past ten years. In 1908, at the close of its first decade, it had 4,000 customers. The next ten years it increased its deposits from eleven million to fifty-three million and its roster of customers to more than one hundred thousand, of whom seventy-five carried active accounts either commercial or savings. This bank is known as a young man's bank, most of its managing officials being men in the neighborhood of forty years of age.

Ohio banks have experienced great prosperity during the period that Mr. Berg served as Superintendent. At the outset of his tenure, their resources were \$900,000,000. Since they have grown to more than \$1,200,000,000, reaching the highest level in their history.

During the war period, Superintendent Berg was called upon to solve difficult financial problems the most important being one to modify restrictions of the regulatory law so banks would not be hampered in placing their facilities at the disposal of the Government for Liberty Loan and war savings campaigns. The Superintendent ruled the law to be elastic enough to permit him to allow banks to exceed limitations of normal times in their patriotic work for the Government.

Prior to entering the State service he was a national bank examiner and has been a student of banking and finance for many years, and is considered an authority on such subjects. He has won his way in the financial world by unremitting zeal and hard-earned merit. His career as a financier began when early in life he was appointed cashier of a national bank in Hillsboro, Ohio, his home city.

The Lake Shore Banking & Trust Co. of Cleveland has decided to increase its capital from \$650,000 to \$800,000, and, subject to the approval of the stockholders, to offer a portion of the new stock to the employees on the same terms at which the stockholders were permitted to purchase a new issue during the summer. The capital of the new institution was increased in June from \$500,000 to \$650,000, and at that time the stock was offered to shareholders at \$133 33 per share. In the case of the prospective issue, 80% will be set aside for the present shareholders, the rest being made available for subscription by the employees. The stockholders will meet on Dec. 15 to act on the question of increasing the capital to \$800,000.

Friends of Melvin A. Traylor, President of the First Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, have launched a campaign to encourage his appointment to the treasury portfolio in President Wilson's cabinet to succeed Carter Glass. William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, is said to have taken a personal interest in the proposed appointment and Traylor's friends are encouraged to believe that the President may make the appointment upon the advice of his son-in-law. Mr. Traylor was in charge of the sale of United States Treasury certificates of indebtedness in the Chicago Federal Reserve District and made a record in Government financing. This work drew the attention of James B. Forgan to Mr. Traylor with the result that he was elected to head the trust company of the First National group at the age of forty. Mr. Traylor is peculiarly fitted for the position. He is an able lawyer, a trained banker, a student of economics, a forceful speaker, and a man of dominant and engaging personality.

He was president of the Live Stock Exchange National Bank and of the Chicago Cattle Loan Company, previous to his election to his present position.

A pamphlet treating of its newly established trust department has been issued by the Chemical National Bank of this city. The bank states therein that it is "prepared to extend the services heretofore performed so as to include the fiduciary relationship in all its branches, and in addition to assume entire charge of personal and real property, performing all acts necessary to their proper conservation." A concise summary of the services which the bank will render in its trust department is furnished in the booklet, these services, it notes, being "identical with those which a trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York is permitted to perform."

The Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans during the past 12 months has made, it is announced, the largest gains in its history. The figures of deposits on Nov. 17 this year were \$50,000,000 whereas one year ago they were only \$28,000,000, a gain for the year of \$22,000,000 thus being witnessed. The total resources a year ago were \$39,000,000 on Nov. 17 of this year they reached \$69,000,000, an increase for the year of \$30,000,000.

Sir Thomas White, formerly Canadian Minister of Finance, has been elected a director of The Canadian Bank of Commerce (Head Office, Toronto).

Sir Thomas White, K.C.M.G., formerly Canadian Minister of Finance, has become a director of the National Trust Co. Sir Thomas, prior to becoming Minister of Finance in 1911, had been General Manager of the National Trust.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR OCTOBER.

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

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

	Exports.			Imports.		
	1919.	1918.	1917.	1919.	1918.	1917.
January	\$622,553	\$504,797	\$615,325	\$212,903	\$233,942	\$241,794
February	585,097	411,363	467,648	235,124	207,715	199,480
March	603,142	522,900	533,956	267,596	242,162	270,257
April	714,800	500,443	529,928	272,957	278,981	253,932
May	603,967	550,925	549,074	328,926	322,853	280,727
June	928,379	483,799	573,467	292,915	260,350	306,623
July	568,568	507,468	372,758	343,746	341,878	225,926
August	646,062	527,014	488,656	307,289	273,938	267,855
September	596,535	550,396	454,597	435,385	261,069	238,197
October	631,911	501,861	542,101	415,666	246,765	221,227
November	-----	522,236	487,328	-----	251,008	220,535
December	-----	565,886	600,135	-----	210,887	227,911
Total	-----	\$6,140,087	\$6,233,513	-----	\$3,031,213	\$2,952,468

GOLD.

	Exports.			Imports.		
	1919.	1918.	1917.	1919.	1918.	1917.
January	\$3,396	\$3,746	\$20,720	\$2,113	\$4,404	\$58,926
February	3,110	5,084	22,068	3,945	2,549	103,706
March	3,803	2,809	17,920	19,481	1,912	139,499
April	1,770	3,660	16,965	6,692	2,746	32,372
May	1,956	3,599	57,698	1,080	6,821	52,262
June	82,973	2,704	67,164	26,134	31,892	91,339
July	54,673	7,200	99,052	1,846	2,697	27,304
August	45,189	3,277	46,049	2,490	1,555	18,892
September	29,050	2,284	31,353	1,472	1,470	4,160
October	44,149	2,178	11,154	-----	1,920	2,906
November	-----	3,048	7,223	-----	1,766	17,066
December	-----	1,580	4,538	-----	-----	-----
Total	-----	\$41,069	\$371,884	-----	\$62,043	\$552,454

SILVER.

	Exports.			Imports.		
	1919.	1918.	1917.	1919.	1918.	1917.
January	\$19,615	\$6,628	\$5,887	\$5,576	\$5,998	\$3,346
February	32,100	6,519	7,694	6,757	4,449	2,478
March	23,106	13,432	5,556	8,193	6,963	2,977
April	25,077	12,281	4,353	7,067	5,081	2,376
May	23,598	46,381	6,272	7,913	7,298	4,741
June	12,608	8,566	8,965	7,079	5,351	2,335
July	8,262	40,686	5,538	5,828	5,220	3,420
August	13,509	20,549	7,504	5,327	7,257	5,681
September	12,928	10,340	10,465	7,539	7,172	5,796
October	12,270	32,038	6,983	8,723	6,766	5,050
November	-----	7,150	4,789	-----	5,490	9,086
December	-----	48,306	10,125	-----	4,330	6,155
Total	-----	\$252,846	\$84,131	-----	\$71,375	\$53,341

EXCESS OF EXPORTS OR IMPORTS.

	Merchandise.			Gold.		Silver.	
	1919.	1918.	1917.	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Jan.	+\$99,560	+\$270,855	+\$371,531	+\$1,283	-\$658	+\$14,099	+\$630
Feb.	+\$349,973	+\$203,647	+\$268,168	-\$835	+\$2,535	+\$26,343	+\$2,070
Mar.	+\$335,546	+\$280,738	+\$283,729	-\$6,678	+\$898	+\$14,908	+\$6,469
April	+\$441,843	+\$221,462	+\$275,992	-\$4,922	+\$814	+\$18,010	+\$7,170
May	+\$275,041	+\$328,072	+\$268,947	+\$870	-\$3,022	+\$20,655	+\$19,083
June	+\$35,464	+\$223,449	+\$266,844	+\$6,539	-\$29,188	+\$5,529	+\$3,215
July	+\$221,942	+\$265,590	+\$148,832	+\$52,827	+\$4,032	+\$2,724	+\$5,466
Aug.	+\$338,773	+\$254,014	+\$230,801	+\$42,699	+\$1,722	+\$5,482	+\$13,292
Sept.	+\$161,150	+\$285,727	+\$218,310	+\$27,578	-\$337	+\$5,389	+\$3,168
Oct.	+\$216,245	+\$285,066	+\$320,874	-----	+\$78	+\$5,647	+\$25,272
Nov.	-----	+\$271,228	+\$266,793	-----	+\$1,128	-----	+\$1,660
Dec.	-----	+\$354,999	+\$372,189	-----	-\$180	-----	+\$43,976
Total	-----	+\$3,117,874	+\$3,281,465	-----	-\$20,974	-----	+\$181,471

+ Exports. — Imports.

Totals for merchandise, gold and silver for ten months:

10 Mos. (000s omitted).	Merchandise.			Gold.			Silver.		
	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919.	6,501,133	3,112,596	3,388,537	270,070	61,223	208,847	199,374	72,707	116,667
1918.	5,089,965	2,569,318	2,520,647	36,441	57,073	21,532	197,369	61,549	135,820
1917.	5,146,950	2,504,022	2,642,928	360,123	532,482	172,359	69,217	38,100	31,117
1916.	4,443,240	2,069,538	2,333,707	101,434	486,397	378,913	33,746	26,127	7,619
1915.	2,867,694	1,451,208	1,416,486	15,873	345,560	329,687	40,795	28,505	12,290
1914.	1,662,113	548,153	1,113,960	207,959	45,887	162,072	42,453	20,615	21,838

f Excess of imports.

Similar totals for four months since July 1 for six years make the following exhibit:

4 Mos. (000s omitted).	Merchandise.			Gold.			Silver.		
	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919.	2,443,195	1,022,085	841,110	173,062	10,778	162,284	47,269	30,117	17,152
1918.	2,086,738	1,023,314	1,063,424	14,938	7,849	7,089	103,552	26,499	77,053
1917.	1,858,022	951,205	906,817	157,588	54,317	103,271	30,490	19,447	11,043
1916.	1,962,619	724,737	1,237,882	35,078	293,417	258,339	22,698	10,715	11,983
1915.	1,165,896	585,458	580,438	8,293	200,636	192,343	15,946	12,763	3,183
1914.	615,370	567,236	48,034	133,984	15,144	108,840	16,942	7,925	9,017

f Excess of imports.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF U. S. JUNE 30 1919.

(Formerly Issued as "Statement of the Public Debt.")

The following statements of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States are as officially issued as of June 30 1919:

CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS.		Settlement warrants, matured interest obligations, and checks outstanding:	
Balance held by the Treasurer of the U. S. as per daily Treasury Statement for June 30 1919	\$ 1,251,664,827 54	Treasury warrants	7,199,695 03
Deduct—Net excess of disbursements over receipts in June reports subsequently received	25,499,892 28	Matured interest obligations	80,145,012 72
		Disbursing officers' checks	136,088,155 51
		Balance free of current obligations	1,002,732,042 00
	1,226,164,935 26		1,226,164,935 26

a The unpaid interest due on Liberty Loan is estimated in cases where complete reports have not been received.

PUBLIC DEBT BEARING NO INTEREST.

Obligations required to be released when redeemed:	
United States Notes	\$346,651,016 00
Less gold reserve	162,979,025 83
Excess of notes over reserve	\$183,701,990 37
Obligations that will be retired on presentation:	
Old demand notes	53,012 50
National bank notes and Federal Reserve bank notes assumed by the United States on deposit of lawful money for their retirement	35,830,457 00
Fractional currency	6,843,314 82
Total	\$236,428,774 69

DEBT ON WHICH INTEREST HAS CEASED SINCE MATURITY.

Funded Loan of 1891, continued at 2%, called for redemption May 18 1900; interest ceased August 18 1900		
1900; interest ceased August 18 1900		\$1,000 00
Funded Loan of 1891, matured September 2 1891		19,800 00
Loan of 1901, matured February 2 1901		13,050 00
Funded Loan of 1907, matured July 2 1907		407,350 00
Refunding Certificates, matured July 1 1907		10,840 00
Old Debt matured at various dates prior to January 1 1891, and other items of debt matured at various rates subsequent to Jan. 1 1861		900,330 26
Certificates of indebtedness, at various interest rates, matured		8,821,000 00
Loan of 1908 18		936,000 00
Total		\$11,109,370 26

INTEREST BEARING DEBT.

Title of Loan—	Payable.	Interest Issued.	Outstanding June 30 1919—	Total.
2s, Consols of 1930 Q. J.	646,250,150	508,031,100	\$ 1,692,950	599,724,050
4s, Loan of 1925 Q. F.	162,315,400	105,036,250	13,463,650	118,489,900
Panama Canal Loan:				
2s, of 1916 3s, Q. F.	54,931,980	48,948,080	6,100	48,954,180
2s, of 1918 3s, Q. F.	30,000,000	25,525,520	111,880	25,947,400
3s, of 1921 Q. M.	50,000,000	45,389,600	6,610,400	50,000,000
3s, Conversion bds. Q. J.	28,894,500	6,705,000	22,189,500	28,894,500
Var. etts. of Indeb. J. J.	4,719,582,400		3,446,260,450	3,446,260,450
2s, Cts. of Indeb. J. J.	178,723,000	178,723,000		178,723,000
3 1/2s, First Lib. L'n J. D.	1,989,455,550	288,862,500	1,121,299,100	1,410,071,600
4s, 1st L'n, conv. J. D.	568,318,450	21,062,950	146,729,800	167,792,750
4 1/2s, 1st L'n, conv. J. D.	405,443,150	85,588,100	316,852,000	403,440,100
4 1/2s, 1st L'n 2d conv. J. D.	3,492,050	1,112,700	2,379,350	3,492,050
4s, 2d Lib. Loan, M. N.	3,807,864,200	85,942,950	618,261,400	704,204,350
4 1/2s, 2d L'n conv. M. N.	3,034,609,850	444,421,350	2,417,830,900	2,862,252,250
4 1/2s, 3d Lib Loan, M. S.	4,175,148,700	530,720,350	3,427,832,350	3,958,552,700
4 1/2s, 4th Lib. L'n A. O. a6,959,504,587			6,794,504,587	6,794,504,587
3 1/2s, 4 1/2s, Vie. L. L. J. D. a43,467,844,972			3,467,844,972	3,467,844,972
4 1/2s, War Sav. & Thrift stps., ser. 1918 19b a43,091,017,008			953,997,435	953,997,435
2 1/2s, Postal Sav.-Bonds (1st to 16th ser.) J. J.	11,349,960	10,676,000	673,960	11,349,960
Aggr. of int. bear'g debt.	31,384,445,995			25,234,406,274

a This amount represents receipts of the Treasurer of the United States on account of principal of bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan to June 30.
 b The average issue price of War Savings Stamps for the years 1918 and 1919, with interest at 4% per annum compounded quarterly for the average period to maturity, will amount to \$5 on Jan. 1 1923 and Jan. 1 1924, respectively. Thrift stamps do not bear interest.
 c This amount represents receipts of the Treasurer of the United States on account of proceeds of sales of war savings certificate stamps and U. S. Thrift stamps.
 d This amount represents receipts of the Treasurer of the United States on account of principal of notes of the Victory Liberty Loan to June 30.

RECAPITULATION.

GROSS DEBT.		NET DEBT.	
Debt bearing no int.	\$236,428,774 69	Gross debt (opposite)	\$25,482,034,418 49
Debt on which interest has ceased	11,109,370 26	Deduct—	
Interest-bearing debt	25,234,496,273 54	Balance free of current obligations	1,002,732,042 00
x Gross debt	\$25,482,034,418 49	x Net debt	\$24,479,302,376 49

x Total gross debt June 30 1919, on the basis of daily Treasury statements, \$25,484,506,160 05; net amount of public debt payments in transit, &c., June 30 1919, \$2,471,741 56; balance, \$25,482,034,418 49.
 z No deduction is made on account of obligations of Foreign Governments or other investments. The amount of \$9,102,285,015 56 has been expended to above date in this and preceding fiscal years for purchase of the obligations of Foreign Governments and \$7,570,000 of such obligations have been repaid.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Oct. 13 1919:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £86,272,430, a slight decrease of £25,175 as compared with last week's return.

There has been a quantity of gold on the market this week. The bulk has been disposed of to India, but sales have also been made to America and the Continent. Larger offerings are expected for next week.

The following are the imports and exports of gold into and out of the United Kingdom during the four months ending Oct. 31 1919:

	Imports.	Exports.
Netherlands	£24,547,500	£4,281
Belgium	18,224,500	11,140
Switzerland		112,000
Spain and Canaries		305,504
West Africa		474,227
United States of America		406,787
Egypt		8,853
Rhodesia		894,983
Cape of Good Hope		300,000
Transvaal		13,363,998
British India		1,342,515
Sundry Countries		229,016
	£59,504,379	£4,164,397

It will be observed that the net imports amount to £55,339,982. Nearly the whole of this sum consists of the net imports from the Netherlands and Belgium (together amounting to over £42,750,000). These remittances are said to have been made in payment of foodstuffs, &c., supplied by the United States to Germany.

SILVER.

The market has remained in much the same condition, although no indication has been shown here to buy for shipment to China. Ready supplies are still scanty, but, on the other hand, the present high prices discourage demand from abroad, and from the trade in this country. Private individuals have commenced to overhaul their stock of manufactured silver goods with a view to realize the metal in their bulky and in artistic articles which possess no sentimental value.

The price in New York touched 133 cents per fine ounce (4 cents over the coining value in the U. S. A.). This, at the exchange of 4.12, is equal to 71.72 pence per standard ounce. London has been by much the cheaper market of the two, for, at that time, only 68 1/2 d. was quoted here. On the 12th inst. the price rose to 69d. The difference between silver for cash and for forward delivery varied, the widest difference being that of 2 1/2 d. The value on the 10th inst. the quotation for two months exceeded for the first time 69d., the melting value of our silver currency.

The stock in Shanghai on the 8th inst. consisted of about 19,185,000 ounces in sycee, 11,000,000 dollars, and 2,300 bars, as compared with about 19,850,000 ounces in sycee, 11,000,000 dollars, and 4,000 bars on the 25th ult.

The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 7s. the tael.

Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:

Nov. 7	66 1/2 d. cash	64 1/2 s. 2 mos.
" 8	67d.	65d.
" 10	68 1/2 d.	67d.
" 11	68 3/4 d.	66 1/2 d.
" 12	69d.	66 3/4 d.
" 13	69d.	66 1/2 d.
Average	68 2/3 d.	66 0/2 d.
Bank rate		6 1/2
Bar gold per fine ounce, about		100s.

The prices to-day for cash and two months delivery are, respectively, 2 1/2 d. and 2 1/4 d. above those 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:

Week ending Nov. 28.	Nov. 22.	Nov. 24.	Nov. 25.	Nov. 26.	Nov. 27.	Nov. 28.
Silver, per oz	75 1/4	76	75 1/4	74	72 1/2	72 1/2
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents	Holiday 51	50 1/2	50 1/2	51	51	51
British, 5 per cents	Holiday 91	90 1/2	90 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
British, 4 1/2 per cents	Holiday 85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4
French Rentes (in Paris), fr.	61.40	61	60.10	60.10	60.5	60.5
French War Loan (in Paris), fr.	85.50	87.80	87.80	87.85	87.85	87.85

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz. 135 1/4 137 1/4 135 135 135 135 135

GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury, we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for October 1919 and 1918 and for the four months of the fiscal years 1919-20 and 1918-19.

Receipts.	Oct. 1919.	Oct. 1918.	* 4 Mos. 1919.	4 Mos. 1918.
Ordinary	\$ 24,276,476	\$ 11,463,097	\$ 90,552,598	\$ 54,185,814
Customs				
Internal revenue:				
Income and profits tax	34,903,495	30,136,620	1,052,459,588	594,736,829
Miscellaneous	139,333,736	93,327,252	593,946,584	372,017,379
Miscellaneous revenue	58,201,459	16,053,976	247,602,466	74,435,921
Total	256,715,166	150,975,945	1,894,561,236	1,095,375,943
Panama Canal—				
Tolls, &c.	394,589	604,815	1,424,498	2,218,639
Public Debt—				
First Liberty bonds				2,664,306
Second Liberty bonds				129
Third Liberty bonds	150,440	287,354	200,460	933,295,693
Fourth Liberty bonds	2,165	2,295,109,704	5,037,641	2,266,749,204
Victory notes	136,008,130		946,092,150	
Certificates of indebtedness	29,675,000	1,198,489,800	5,895,783,233	5,026,154,500
War Savings & Thrift stps.	7,316,468	89,084,097	24,806,441	637,160,822
Postal Savings bonds			103,140	198,150
Deposits for retirement of national bank notes and Federal Reserve bank notes (Acts of July 14 '90 and Dec. 23 1913)	2,750,295	428,180	6,677,207	11,938,247
Total	175,902,627	3,583,400,086	6,848,706,691	8,798,161,437
Grand total receipts	433,012,382	3,734,980,846	8,744,686,425	9,895,756,029
Disbursements.				
Ordinary—				
Checks and warrants paid (less balances repaid, &c.)	411,203,605	1,143,625,062	2,428,157,472	5,159,859,570
Int. on public debt paid	113,521,358	30,997,344	250,424,147	83,232,058
Total	524,724,964	1,174,622,406	2,678,581,619	5,233,812,628
Special—				
Panama Canal: Checks paid (less bal., repaid, &c.)	1,469,315	1,139,855	2,973,638	4,587,466
Purchase of obligations of foreign Governments	59,154,927	489,100,000	304,086,878	1,393,985,000
Purchase of Federal Farm Loan bonds:				
Principal				3,600,000
Accrued interest				37,329
Total	61,624,242	490,239,855	307,060,516	1,402,109,795
Public Debt—				
Bonds, int.-bearing notes and certificates retired	157,961,205	1,167,610,497	5,114,187,161	2,982,329,203
One-year Treasury notes redeemed (Sec. 18, Federal Reserve Act, approved Dec. 23 1913)		5,064,000		9,840,000
National bank notes and Fed'l Reserve bank notes retired (Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913)	2,407,950	2,061,975	8,489,420	6,922,253
Total	160,369,155	1,174,736,472	6,122,676,581	2,999,100,456
Grand total disbursements	736,718,361	2,839,598,733	9,108,318,732	9,635,022,879
Excess of total receipts over total disbursements		895,382,114		260,733,141
Excess of total disbursements over total receipts		303,705,979		363,632,306

* Receipts and disbursements for June reaching the Treasury in July are included

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.—In addition to the other tables given in this department, made up from weekly returns, we give the following figures for the full months, also issued by our New York Custom House:

Table with columns: Month, Merchandise Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), Customs Receipts at New York (Imports, Exports). Rows include January through October and a Total row.

Imports and exports of gold and silver for the 9 months:

Table with columns: Month, Gold Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), Silver—New York (Imports, Exports). Rows include January through October and a Total row.

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

By Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table listing various securities for auction, including Shares, Stocks, Bonds, and other financial instruments with their respective values and terms.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing securities for auction by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, including Shares, Stocks, and Bonds.

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

Table listing securities for auction by R. L. Day & Co., including Shares, Stocks, and Bonds.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing securities for auction by Barnes & Lofland, including Shares, Stocks, and Bonds.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending Nov. 20 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week of 1918, show an increase in the aggregate of 33.7%.

Table showing Canadian Bank Clearings for the week ending November 20, 1919, compared to 1918, 1917, and 1916. Columns include City, 1919, 1918, % change, 1917, and 1916.

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 listing dividends for various corporations, including Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam)—Continued.			
Phila. Germantown & Norristown (qu.)	\$1.50	Dec. 4	Nov. 21 to Dec. 3
Extra	85c	Dec. 4	Nov. 21 to Dec. 3
Pittsburgh Bessemer & Lake Erie, pref.	\$1.50	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Pittsb. & West Va., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 29	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Pittsb., Youngstown & Ashland, pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 11	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Reading Co. first preferred (quar.)	50c	Dec. 11	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Southern Pacific (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 28
Union Pacific, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Street and Electric Railways.			
American Railways, common	*87 1/2c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Baton Rouge Elec., com.	4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Preferred	3	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Central Arkansas Ry. & Lt., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 14
Cities Service, com. & pref. (mthly.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Common (payable in com. stock)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Cities Service, com. & pref. (monthly)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (payable in common stock)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common and preferred (monthly)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Common (payable in common stock)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Cities Service, pref. B (No. 1) (monthly)	5c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Cities Service, Bankers Shares (mthly.)	\$1.40	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Detroit United Ry. (quar.)	2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Duluth-Superior Trac., pref. (quar.)	1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Eastern Wisconsin Elec. Co., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
El Paso Electric Co., common (quar.)	*2 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 4
Indianapolis Street Ry., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Nov. 22 to Dec. 1
Ironwood & Bessemer Ry. & Lt., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Nov. 18 to Nov. 30
Norfolk Ry. & Light	70c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Northern Ohio Elec. Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 18
Rochester Gas & Elec. Co. (formerly Rochester Ry. & Light), pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Preferred B (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
San Joaquin Light & Pow., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Second & Third Sts. Pass. Ry. (quar.)	*83	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
United Gas & Elec., Baltimore, preferred	*2	Nov. 29	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Washington (D.C.) Ry. & Elec. pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Nov. 23 to Nov. 20
West Penn Ry., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Wisconsin Minn. Lt. & Pow., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 24
Banks.			
Cuba, Bank of	6	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Trust Companies.			
Manufacturers, Brooklyn (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Miscellaneous.			
Aeme Tea, first pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Aeme White Lead & Color Wks., com. (qu.)	1	Dec. 1	Nov. 21 to Dec. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Nov. 21 to Dec. 1
Alax Rubber, Inc. (quar.)	*1.50	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
American Bank Note, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Bosch Magneto (quar.)	*82	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Gas, pref. (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Chile, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 29
American Cotton Oil, com. (quar.)	3	Dec. 1	Nov. 14 to Dec. 4
Preferred	3	Dec. 1	Nov. 14 to Dec. 4
American Drugist Syndicate	4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
American Express (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
American Gas & Elec., common (quar.)	*1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (payable in common stock)	78	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
American Hide & Leather, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Amer. Internat. Corp., com. & pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Amer. Laundry Machinery, com. (quar.)	1	Dec. 1	Nov. 22 to Dec. 1
American Linsseed, com. (quar.) (No. 1)	4 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Locomotive, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
American Molluscan, common (quar.)	2	Dec. 1	Nov. 21 to Dec. 1
Common (extra)	2	Dec. 1	Nov. 21 to Dec. 1
American Power & Light, com. (quar.)	1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 21
American Radiator, common (quar.)	3	Dec. 31	Dec. 23 to Dec. 31
American Sewer Pipe (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Amer. Smelt. & Refg., com. (quar.)	1	Dec. 15	Nov. 29 to Dec. 7
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Nov. 18 to Nov. 25
American Sugar, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Common (extra)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Amer. Tel. & Cable (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
American Tel. & Tel. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
American Tobacco, common (quar.)	5	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Arizona Silver Mines	30c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Association Dry Goods 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Atlantic Gulf & W. I. S.S. Lines, pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Atlantic Refining (quar.)	5	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 24
Atha Powder, common (quar.)	3	Dec. 10	Nov. 30 to Dec. 9
A. T. Securities Corporation (No. 1)	*1.25	Dec. 5	Nov. 21 to Dec. 4
Autogales Corporation (No. 1)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Extra	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Baldwin Locomotive Works, com. and pref.	*3 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 8
Banks Oil Co. of Louisiana (monthly)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Bethlehem Steel, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common B (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Blackstone Valley Gas & Elec., com. (qu.)	\$1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Preferred	3	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Booth Fisheries, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
Borden Company, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Brandram Ho-derson, Ltd., common (qu.)	1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Brooklyn Edison (quar.)	2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Brown Shoe, common (quar.)	4 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	*21	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 24
California Packing, common (quar.)	50c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Calumet & Arizona Mining (quar.)	50c	Dec. 22	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Calumet & Hecla M. U. (quar.)	*85	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 6
Cambria Steel (quar.)	75c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Extra	25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Canada Steamship Lt. es, com. (quar.)	1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Canadian Car & Foundry, preferred	1 1/2	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Canadian General Electric (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
Carbo-Hydrogen, preferred (quar.)	3 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Casa (J. I.) Thrashing Mach., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Central Leather, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Cerro do Passo Copper (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 21
Chitts Company, com. (quar.)	1	Dec. 10	Nov. 29 to Dec. 10
Common (extra)	1 1/2	Dec. 10	Nov. 29 to Dec. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 10	Nov. 29 to Dec. 10
Cleveland & Sandusky Brew. Co., com. (quar.)	6	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Colorado Power, common (quar.)	3 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Computing-Tabulating-Recording (quar.)	*1	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Consoleum Co., I. c., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Connecticut River Power, preferred	3	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Consolidated Clay, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Consolidated Gas (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 12
Consol. Gas, Elec. L. & P., Balt. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Continental Oil & Refining (monthly)	50c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5
Copper Range Co. (quar.)	83c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Crescent Company, preferred (quar.)	75c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Crescent Pipe Line (quar.)	75c	Dec. 15	Nov. 23 to Dec. 15
Cres. Carpet	3	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 28
Crown's Nest Pass Coal (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Nov. 26 to Nov. 30
Cruible Steel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 22	Holders of rec. Dec. 8
Cuba Company, preferred	3 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Cuban American Sugar, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15

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Cumberland Pipe Line	12	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Davis-Daly Copper Co.	50c	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Deere & Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Diamond Match (quar.)	2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Dome Metals	25c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Dominion Foundries & Steel, com. (quar.)	1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Preferred (quar.)	2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Dominion Glass, common (quar.)	1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Dominion Oil (monthly)	10c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Dominion Power & Transm., com. (qu.)	1	Dec. 15	Dec. 1 to Dec. 15
Dominion Steel Corp., common (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
Dominion Textile, common (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
du Pont (E. I.) & Nem. & Co., com. (qu.)	4 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Debiture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 26	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
du Pont (E. I.) & Nem. Powder, com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
East Coast Fisheries, com. (qu.) (No. 1)	10c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 27
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 27
Eastern Shore Gas & Electric, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 24
Eastern Steel, common (quar.)	42 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Eastman Kodak, common (extra)	2 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Eastman Kodak, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Common (extra)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Preferred (extra)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Edmunds & Jones Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Eisenlohr (Otto) & Bros., Inc. pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Elk Horn Coal Corp., preferred (quar.)	75c	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Fairbanks, Morse & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Nov. 21 to Nov. 30
Fastfeed Drill & Tool Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Federal Min. & Smelting, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Federal Utilities, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Flak Rubber Co., 2d preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Freeport Gas, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Galena Signal Oil, old & new, pref. (qu.)	2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Gas & Electric Securities (in com. stock)	*73	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
General Asphalt, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 14
General Chemical, common (quar.)	2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
General Chemical, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
General Clear, Inc., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 24
Debiture preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
General Electric (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Extra (payable in stock)	62	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
General Motors, common (quar.)	*3	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Debiture stock (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
General Railway Signal, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Globe Rubber Tire Mfg., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Globe Soap Co.			
Com. 1st. 2d and special pref. stks. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Nov. 30 to Dec. 15
Goodrich (B. F.) Co., com. (quar.)	1	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Goodrich Tire & Rubber, common (quar.)	3	Dec. 31	Nov. 21 to Nov. 30
Goodrich Chemical, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (extra)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Great Northern Paper	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 24
Gulf States Steel, first pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Harbison-Walker Refract., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Hartman Corporation (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 4	Holders of rec. Nov. 19
Hart, Schaffner & Marx, com. (quar.)	1	Nov. 29	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Haskell & Barker Car (quar.)	*81	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hesselt & Sons, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Hewlett, Brown & Wakefield Co., common	4	Dec. 1	Nov. 15 to Nov. 30
Common (extra)	4	Dec. 1	Nov. 15 to Nov. 30
Honolulu Petroleum Corp. (of Denver) (qu.)	5	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Illinois Pipe Line	8	Dec. 31	Nov. 30 to Dec. 21
Imperial Oil, Ltd. (quar.)	75c	Dec. 1	Nov. 26 to Dec. 1
Independent Brewing, Pittsb., com. (qu.)	50c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 28
Preferred (quar.)	87 1/2c	Nov. 29	Holders of rec. Nov. 18
Indiana Refining Co. (monthly)	*5c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Inland Steel (quar.)</			

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National Surety (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
Nebraska Power, preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
New Jersey Zinc (extra)	*2	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
New Niquero Sugar, common	3 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 24
Preferred	3 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 24
New York Air Brake (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 19	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
New York Dock, preferred	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
New York Transit (quar.)	4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Extra	4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Niles-Bement-Fond, com. (quar.)	2	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
North American Co. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Northern Pipe Line	5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
Ogden Flour Mills, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 21
Ohio Cities Gas, common (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Ohio Oil (quar.)	\$1.25	Dec. 31	Nov. 30 to Dec. 23
Extra	\$4.75	Dec. 31	Nov. 30 to Dec. 23
Oklahoma Producing & Refining (quar.)	12 1/2	Jan. 6	Holders of rec. Dec. 26a
Pabst Brewing, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 16	Dec. 7 to Dec. 16
Pacific Mail Steamship	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Extra	\$1.50	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Paekard Motor Car, preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
Peerless Truck & Motor Corp. (No. 1)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 13
Extra	1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Petroleum-Muliken Co., 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Philadelphia Electric (quar.)	43.75	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a
Pierce-Arrow Motor Car, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Pittsburgh Brewing, common (quar.)	50c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Preferred (quar.)	87 1/2	Nov. 29	Holders of rec. Nov. 19a
Pittsburgh Plate Glass, common (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 12a
Common (extra)	12	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 12a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Pittsburgh Steel, preferred (quar.)	2	Dec. 3	Holders of rec. Nov. 12a
Pressed Steel Car, common (quar.)	2	Dec. 3	Holders of rec. Nov. 12a
Procter & Gamble 6% pref. (qu.) (No. 1)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25a
Quaker Oats, common (quar.)	*3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Quaker Oats, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 14
Quincy Mfg. (quar.)	*51	Dec. 22	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Railway Steel Spring, common (quar.)	2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 6a
Ready Associates	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Extra	*25c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Reo Motor Car (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Republic Iron & Steel, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	*2	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Republic Oil & Refining (extra)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a
Rordan Palm & Paper, pref. (quar.)	*1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Rout & Vandervoort Eng'g Co. (No. 1)	25c	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 21
St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Savage Arms Corporation, com. (quar.)	5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Common (extra)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Savoy Oil (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Extra, Redwood & Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Sherrill-Walton & Co. of Canada, pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Shoss Shafting Steel & Iron, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Solar Refining	15	Dec. 20	Nov. 30 to Dec. 21
Extra	5	Dec. 20	Nov. 30 to Dec. 21
South Penn Oil (quar.)	*5	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
South Porto Rico Sugar, common (quar.)	5	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Southern Pipe Line (quar.)	5	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Standard Oil of Ind., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 22
Standard Gas & Electric, preferred (quar.)	*2	Nov. 29	Holders of rec. Nov. 18a
Standard Milling, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 29	Holders of rec. Nov. 18a
Preferred (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Standard Oil (Calif.) (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Extra	3	Dec. 15	Nov. 15 to Dec. 15
Standard Oil (Ind.) (quar.)	3	Dec. 15	Nov. 15 to Dec. 15
Standard Oil (Kansas) (quar.)	3	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a
Extra	3	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a
Standard Oil (Kentucky) (quar.)	*3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Standard Oil (Nebraska)	10	Dec. 20	Nov. 21 to Dec. 20
Standard Oil of New Jersey, com. (quar.)	5	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a
Preferred (quar.) (No. 1)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 21a
Standard Oil of N. Y. (quar.)	4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 21a
Standard Oil (Ohio) (quar.)	1	Jan. 1	Nov. 29 to Dec. 17
Extra	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Steel Products, preferred (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Stromberg Carborundum (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 28a
Studebaker Corp., com. (quar.)	2 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 28a
Common (extra)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 28a
Preferred (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Symington (T. H.) Co., com. (No. 1)	2 1/4	Feb. 14	Holders of rec. Feb. 3
Preferred (quar.)	2 1/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a
Texas Company (quar.)	2 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 25a
Texas Ranger Prod. & Ref. (monthly)	1 1/4	Dec. 13	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Toledo Bros., Ltd., preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 6a
Underwood Typewriter, common (quar.)	2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 6a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 6a
Union Bar & Paper (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5a
Union Tank Car (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 24	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
United Cigar Stores, common	6	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
United Cigar Stores, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 28a
United Drug, common (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
United Drug, 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
United Drywood, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 13a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 13a
United Paperboard, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
United Profit Sharing	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 10a
Extra	3 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 10a
U. S. Carbon Iron & Fdy., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 13	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
U. S. Gypsum, common (special)	1	Dec. 31	Dec. 16 to Dec. 26
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	Dec. 16 to Dec. 26
U. S. Industrial Alcohol, com. (quar.)	2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
U. S. Playing Card (quar.)	*3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Extra	*5	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
U. S. Steel Corporation, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 30	Dec. 4 to Dec. 2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 29	Nov. 4 to Nov. 5
United States Title Guaranty	3	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
V. Vivadou, Inc., (quar.) (No. 1)	*50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Vacuum Oil	*3	Nov. 29	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Valvoline Oil, common (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Wabash Cotton (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Wayland Oil, com. (quar.)	15c	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Weber & Helbrenner, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Welch Grape Juice Co., com. (No. 1)	*75c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Preferred (quar.) (No. 2)	*1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Western Grocery, common	4	Dec. 31	Dec. 20 to Jan. 1
Preferred	3	Dec. 31	Dec. 20 to Jan. 1
West. Church, Kerr & Co., Inc., com. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 29
West India Sugar Finance Corp., com	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Preferred	2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
White (J. G.) & Co., Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
White (J. G.) Engineering Corp., pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
White (J. G.) Manager Corp., pf. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
White Motor Co. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Willis Corp., 1st pref. (quar.) (No. 1)	\$1.23a	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
W. Wheel Corp. of Amer., pref. (monthly)	*1	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Wolverine Copper Mining (quar.)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 6
Woman's Hotel Co.	3	Dec. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Woods Mfg., Ltd., common (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 28
Common (bonus)	5	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 28
Woolworth (F. W.) Co., com. (quar.)	2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 10a
Woolworth (F. W.), preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded)			
Worthington Pump & Mach., pref A (qu.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred B (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20

* 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. § Less British Income tax. ¶ Correction. † Payable in stock. ‡ Payable in common stock. § Payable in scrip. ¶ On account of accumulated dividends. † Payable in Liberty Loan bonds. ‡ Bond Cross dividend. † Payable in U. S. Liberty Loan 4 1/4% bonds. ‡ Payable March 1 1920. † Less 10c. on account of war income taxes. § Declared 3% on common stock, payable 3/4% each on Dec. 15 1919, March 15 1920, June 15 1920 and Sept. 15 1920, to holders of rec. Dec. 1 1919, March 1 1920, June 1 1920 and Sept. 1 1920, respectively. ¶ Declared 7% on preferred stock, payable 1 1/4% each on Jan. 2 1920, April 1 1920, July 1 1920 and Oct. 1 1920 to holders of rec. Dec. 15 1919, March 15 1920, June 15 1920 and Sept. 15 1920, respectively.
 ‡ At rate of 8% per annum from date of issue, Oct. 6 1919.

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 Nov. 22. 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 RETURNS.
(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers 1,000 omitted.)

Members of Fed. Res. Bank	Capital	Net Profits	Loans, Discounts, &c.	Over In Vault	Reserve with Legal Depositaries	Net Demand Deposits	Time Deposits	Bank Credits
Bk of N. Y. & N. B. A.	2,000	6,099	55,145	489	6,099	30,829	8,622	747
Manhattan Co.	2,500	7,982	74,184	1,777	10,234	73,376	89	—
Mech & Metals	3,000	3,379	30,041	690	3,313	25,814	1,298	1,759
Bank of America	6,000	13,027	155,081	10,512	24,297	159,859	3,848	1,000
National City	1,500	7,141	33,951	1,070	3,331	27,084	—	—
Chemical Nat.	25,000	65,345	504,336	14,590	85,216	413,170	32,780	1,419
American Nat.	3,000	10,050	90,538	3,001	9,235	60,359	2,541	428
Nat. Buteh & Dr.	300	122	5,026	127	627	16,045	621	145
Amer. Exch Nat.	5,000	6,943	123,696	1,839	12,248	95,737	5,728	4,444
Nat. Bk of Comm.	25,000	27,899	351,628	2,901	37,730	284,309	6,456	—
Pacific Bank	500	1,174	22,377	1,670	3,468	22,720	50	—
Chatt. & Phenix	6,000	6,951	134,005	5,385	14,109	101,524	10,958	4,165
Hanover Nat.	3,000	18,513	143,472	5,861	19,127	130,760	—	100
Citizens Nat.	2,550	3,443	44,402	1,193	5,676	36,784	639	968
Metropolitan	2,000	2,674	40,587	2,004	2,465	35,379	57	—
Corn Exchange	4,200	8,627	151,471	5,044	21,497	131,375	5,840	—
Imp & Trad Nat.	1,500	3,378	45,805	651	3,410	35,699	1,190	51
National Park	20,078	210,534	1,469	21,729	165,077	3,893	4,845	—
Seaboard Nat.	1,000	933	10,937	393	1,348	10,176	492	50
Second Nat.	1,000	4,268	22,049	999	2,334	17,972	—	623
First National	10,000	33,395	352,481	1,187	26,638	191,944	9,173	8,067
Irving National	6,000	7,245	124,986	4,398	15,321	115,389	3,877	2,011
N. Y. County Nat.	1,000	482	13,798	804	1,667	13,296	548	198
Continental	1,000	692	8,434	161	1,639	7,838	—	—
Chase National	10,000	20,479	380,054	6,945	40,213	314,078	20,907	1,100
Fifth Avenue	500	2,316	20,932	1,279	2,940	19,267	—	—
City	200	926	8,352	398	1,170	8,317	—	—
Commonwealth	400	794	9,360	414	1,345	9,241	—	—
Lincoln Nat.	1,000	2,128	17,315	1,274	2,373	17,035	16	210
Garfield Nat.	1,000	1,465	15,538	411	2,092	12,757	56	303
Fifth National	446	250	11,133	363	4,876	10,696	401	239
Seaboard Nat.	1,000	4,248	53,607	1,095	8,078	53,379	500	65
Liberty Nat.	45,000	10,791	100,275	652	10,745	81,621	5,420	

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

Table with columns: Averages, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve on Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve Banks, State banks, Trust companies, and totals for Nov. 22, 15, 8, and 1.

Table with columns: Actual Figures, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve on Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve Banks, State banks, Trust companies, and totals for Nov. 22, 15, 8, and 1.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.
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: Nov. 22, \$7,405,890; Nov. 15, \$7,455,330; Nov. 8, \$7,524,120; Nov. 1, \$7,532,820.

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.

Table with columns: Loans and Investments, Speels, Currency and bank notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Total deposits, Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories, Reserve on deposits, Percentage of reserve, 20.2%. Includes a RESERVE section with State Banks and Trust Companies data.

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.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vault, Reserve in Depositories. Rows list dates from May 31 to Nov. 22.

* 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 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.

Table with columns: Week ended Nov. 22, State Banks, Trust Companies, Nov. 22, Differences from previous week, Nov. 1919, Differences from previous week. Rows include Capital as of June 30, Surplus as of June 30, Loans and Investments, Speels, Currency & bk. notes, Deposits with the F. R. Bank of N. Y., Deposits, Reserve on deposits, P. C. reserve to dep.

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.)

Table with columns: CLEARING NON-MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Dis-counts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, Nat'l Bank Circulation. Rows include Members of Fed'l Res. Bank, Total, State Banks Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank, Trust Companies Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank, Grand aggregate, Comparison previous week, Gr'd asgr, Nov. 8, Gr'd asgr, Nov. 1, Gr'd asgr, Oct. 25, Gr'd asgr, Oct. 18.

* U. S. deposits deducted, \$1,004,000. Bills payable, rebalances, acceptances and other liabilities, \$8,618,000. Excess reserve, \$317,658 increase. † As of Oct. 11 1919.

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

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Nov. 22, 1919, Changes from previous week, Nov. 15, 1919, Nov. 8, 1919. Rows include Circulation, Loans, dis'c't & Investments, Individual deposits, Inc. U. S. Due to banks, Time deposits, United States deposits, Exchanges for Clear. House, Due from other banks, Cash in bank & in F. R. Bank, Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank.

* Formerly included under the head of "Individual Deposits."

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending Nov. 22 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."

Table with columns: Week ending Nov. 22 1919, Members of F. R. System, Trust Cos., Total, Nov. 15 1919, Nov. 8 1919. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, dis'c't & Investm'ts, Exchanges for Clear. House, Due from banks, Bank deposits, Individual deposits, Time deposits, Total deposits, U. S. deposits (not included), Res'v with Fed. Res. Bank, Res'v with legal depositories, Cash in vault, Total reserve & cash held, Reserve required, Excess res. & cash in vault.

* 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 in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 14 1917, published in the "Chronicle" 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 NOV. 7 1919

Further liquidation of Government securities and war paper, also material reduction of loans secured by stocks and bonds and of the banks' borrowings from Federal Reserve banks, are indicated by the Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement of condition on Nov. 14 1919 of 782 member banks in leading cities.

Declines of 1.4 millions in the holdings of U. S. bonds, of 13.7 millions in Victory notes on hand, and of 16.2 millions in Treasury certificates held are shown for the week. War paper holdings were 79.6 millions less than the week before, most of this liquidation being reported by the banks in the twelve Federal Reserve Bank cities. Loans secured by stocks and bonds show a decline of about 76 millions for the New York City banks alone, and of 43.1 millions for all reporting banks. All other loans and investments went up 6.7 millions. The ratio of war securities and war paper to total loans and investments shows a further decline for the week from 18.7 to 18.3%, the corresponding ratios for the New York City banks being 22.9% and 22.6% respectively.

The Government reduced its deposits by 44.9 millions for the week, the greater portion of the reduction being shown for the New York City banks, while other demand deposits (net) increased by 71.3 millions notwithstanding decreases of 5.5 millions shown for the New York banks and of 24.9 millions for the Chicago banks. Time deposits were about 15 millions larger than the week before. The banks' reserve balances with the Federal Reserve banks show a decline for the week of 44.5 millions, the decrease being considerably larger (61.6 millions) for the New York City banks alone, while cash in vault declined 1.1 millions.

Aggregate borrowings from Federal Reserve banks by reporting member banks show a decline for the week of 44.5 millions, a reduction of 101.3 millions in the banks' own collateral notes being offset in part by an increase of 56.8 millions in rediscounted customers' paper. The change in discount rates of the Federal Reserve banks by which the differential in favor of 15-day war paper was discontinued may afford a partial explanation for this shifting from collateral notes (15 day paper) to rediscounts of longer maturities.

1. Data for all reporting banks in each district. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Three ciphers (000) omitted.	Boston.	New York	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richm'd.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks.....	46	112	56	90	82	47	99	35	35	77	42	61	782
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	\$13,536	\$48,636	\$11,097	\$41,841	\$26,071	\$14,015	\$20,885	\$17,154	\$7,120	\$14,467	\$19,573	\$34,005	\$268,997
Other U. S. bonds*.....	15,824	254,192	29,466	62,405	37,407	28,084	47,970	14,002	10,276	33,832	20,552	58,220	631,730
U. S. Victory notes.....	8,284	119,433	14,676	26,311	13,756	10,425	48,357	6,331	4,238	9,437	4,932	12,303	278,659
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	30,237	395,552	39,587	69,366	20,785	30,997	114,587	14,219	22,547	20,626	16,154	56,534	831,281
Total U. S. securities.....	\$67,881	\$947,110	\$94,866	\$199,923	\$97,989	\$83,521	\$231,599	\$51,816	\$44,581	\$68,302	\$60,711	\$161,066	\$2,010,667
Loans secured by U. S. bonds, &c.....	42,787	557,124	117,065	90,395	37,302	25,192	89,720	20,411	14,538	19,769	5,943	26,192	1,061,438
Loans secured by stocks and bonds other than U. S. securities.....	207,584	1,488,037	217,781	343,885	114,110	49,258	373,016	147,336	33,898	74,560	38,668	124,855	3,202,988
All other loans and investments.....	690,577	3,288,514	489,328	783,924	339,318	354,977	1,287,092	294,265	261,395	459,813	202,836	725,225	9,147,264
Reserve balances with F. R. bank.....	80,356	698,268	63,734	91,392	39,392	33,010	180,906	46,846	26,038	56,423	27,069	73,059	1,417,123
Cash in vault.....	20,154	126,782	17,560	34,033	18,767	14,201	68,892	11,330	9,297	15,550	11,800	27,034	351,503
Net demand deposits.....	797,097	5,141,917	675,519	832,217	374,455	289,346	1,342,717	342,092	268,267	462,054	233,253	595,594	1,354,899
Time deposits.....	124,698	433,876	23,389	324,227	95,688	120,846	471,880	108,281	58,317	85,159	32,117	344,874	2,224,042
Government deposits.....	18,731	158,497	29,536	22,264	8,568	3,987	25,527	5,679	6,388	6,404	5,484	3,578	285,863
Bills payable with F. R. bank.....	35,898	515,575	75,090	95,470	49,614	4,861	107,972	21,233	19,700	43,368	10,650	43,101	1,095,540
Bills rediscounted with F. R. bank.....	81,621	236,569	99,648	35,259	17,383	34,129	53,313	21,545	18,927	37,405	6,782	25,439	668,000

2. Data for Banks in Federal Reserve Bank and Branch Cities and All Other Reporting Banks.

Three ciphers (000) omitted.	New York.		Chicago.		All F. R. Bank Cities.		F. R. Branch Cities.		All Other Reporting Banks.		Total.		
	Nov. 14.	Nov. 7.	Nov. 14.	Nov. 7.	Nov. 14.	Nov. 7.	Nov. 14.	Nov. 7.	Nov. 14.	Nov. 7.	Nov. 14.	Nov. 7.	May 16.
Number of reporting banks.....	71	71	44	44	268	268	178	178	330	330	782	782	773
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	\$38,936	\$38,836	\$1,439	\$1,438	\$101,784	\$101,688	\$86,199	\$85,549	\$101,014	\$100,977	\$268,997	\$268,209	\$268,095
Other U. S. bonds*.....	253,078	232,510	15,245	15,341	374,999	373,477	130,578	133,764	126,153	126,564	631,730	631,905	682,490
U. S. Victory notes.....	105,431	107,161	22,674	23,811	164,256	172,183	57,604	62,331	66,805	67,888	278,659	292,402	292,402
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	370,900	374,629	57,973	58,183	556,937	570,783	165,178	166,739	199,169	190,981	847,281	847,623	2,222,332
Total U. S. securities.....	768,345	773,136	96,931	98,773	1,197,070	1,281,120	419,559	428,403	393,138	395,510	2,010,667	2,012,036	3,172,917
Loans secured by U. S. bonds, &c.....	526,881	565,800	63,311	66,542	832,000	907,614	123,007	126,989	108,358	105,413	1,061,438	1,141,016	1,079,980
Loans secured by stocks and bonds other than U. S. securities.....	1,345,160	1,421,159	288,102	278,031	2,387,211	2,455,714	414,875	396,167	400,902	394,192	3,202,988	3,246,073	4,288,511
All other loans and investments.....	2,929,595	2,927,960	709,680	714,002	3,708,516	3,770,587	1,673,858	1,654,079	1,704,890	1,706,921	9,140,264	9,140,857	10,428,511
Reserve balances with F. R. bank.....	600,000	721,073	123,045	122,921	1,058,629	1,115,146	182,310	179,477	176,184	166,969	1,417,123	1,461,692	1,317,760
Cash in vault.....	113,487	116,124	38,709	39,270	220,171	220,689	67,879	69,328	83,456	92,019	381,503	382,636	600,596
Net demand deposits.....	4,898,916	4,704,741	879,182	904,058	8,001,621	8,020,179	1,998,864	1,988,864	1,754,414	1,710,000	11,354,899	11,283,629	10,571,547
Time deposits.....	351,538	348,644	177,841	176,238	1,082,406	1,073,998	600,553	595,397	540,993	539,505	2,224,042	2,208,960	1,718,894
Government deposits.....	156,215	193,167	15,514	15,613	235,849	279,546	24,467	27,929	25,547	23,348	285,863	330,843	434,848
Bills payable with F. R. bank.....	461,758	564,760	34,861	40,352	708,803	801,393	215,168	222,011	141,569	143,361	1,065,540	1,196,816	1,312,063
Bills rediscounted with F. R. bank.....	217,851	203,952	40,480	22,974	511,264	461,701	90,107	82,274	66,629	67,256	668,000	611,231	248,000
Ratio of U. S. war securities and war paper, total loans & invest. %.....	22.6	22.9	13.7	14.2	15.9	19.5	18.1	18.8	15.3	15.4	18.2	18.7	27.1

* Including Liberty bonds.

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Nov. 21:

Further liquidation of 26.7 millions of war paper, more than offset by increases in all other classes of earning assets and a decline of 14 millions in gold reserves and 13.1 millions in total cash reserves are indicated by the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on Nov. 21 1919. Deposit liabilities show a decrease of 11.5 millions, while Federal Reserve note circulation shows a further expansion of 8.7 millions. As a result the reserve ratio declined from 47.1 to 46.9%. Discounts, other than war paper, show an increase of 11.7 millions, acceptances on hand went up 24.4 millions and Treasury certificate holdings were 6.8 millions larger than the week before. Total earning assets show an increase for the week of 16.2 millions. War paper holdings of the

Chicago and St. Louis banks include 20.4 millions of bills discounted on other Federal Reserve banks, while acceptances held of the Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas and San Francisco banks are inclusive of 116.6 millions of acceptances purchased from other Federal Reserve banks, as against 113.8 millions the week before.

An increase of 24.9 millions in Government deposits is accompanied by a decrease of 25.8 millions in members' reserve deposits and of about 3 millions in other deposits, including foreign Government credits. The "float" carried by the reserve banks was 7.6 millions larger than the week before and net deposits worked out at 11.5 millions above the figure for the preceding week. Gold reserves declined about 14 millions, a decrease of 4 millions being caused by sale of gold held in the vaults of the Bank of England.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 21 1919.

	Nov. 21 1919.	Nov. 14 1919.	Nov. 7 1919.	Oct. 31 1919.	Oct. 24 1919.	Oct. 17 1919.	Oct. 10 1919.	Oct. 3 1919.	Nov. 22 1918.
RESOURCES.									
Gold coin and certificates.....	\$ 245,012,000	\$ 248,601,000	\$ 244,836,000	\$ 254,027,000	\$ 248,375,000	\$ 251,954,000	\$ 245,485,000	\$ 242,405,000	\$ 271,498,000
Gold settlement fund, F. R. Board.....	444,547,000	440,078,000	429,429,000	444,126,000	465,533,000	461,193,000	499,904,000	516,335,000	435,897,000
Gold with foreign agencies.....	142,195,000	146,176,000	127,165,000	129,529,000	126,917,000	126,917,000	108,123,000	108,922,000	8,829,000
Total gold held by banks.....	831,754,000	834,855,000	801,430,000	828,076,000	840,825,000	840,064,000	850,512,000	867,632,000	813,219,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	1,165,080,000	1,194,319,000	1,207,275,000	1,295,576,000	1,197,933,000	1,201,302,000	1,186,697,000	1,166,398,000	1,168,917,000
Gold redemption fund.....	118,475,000	104,086,000	110,800,000	104,348,000	101,799,000	107,077,000	94,119,000	101,252,000	78,129,000
Total gold reserves.....	2,119,315,000	2,133,260,000	2,119,505,000	2,138,000,000	2,146,605,000	2,128,443,000	2,131,328,000	2,135,282,000	2,060,265,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	67,657,000	66,846,000	67,804,000	67,592,000	67,956,000	70,742,000	70,742,000	70,229,000	85,992,000
Total reserves.....	2,186,972,000	2,200,106,000	2,187,309,000	2,205,592,000	2,214,561,000	2,199,185,000	2,202,100,000	2,205,511,000	2,146,257,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by Govt. war obligations.....	1,673,890,000	1,700,618,000	1,771,028,000	1,681,082,000	1,666,055,000	1,698,885,000	1,672,797,000	1,654,166,000	1,281,245,000
All other.....	450,747,000	439,900,000	418,461,000	447,465,000	418,084,000	422,842,000	401,058,000	361,771,000	428,190,000
Bills bought in open market.....	480,043,000	465,653,000	433,586,000	394,145,000	368,840,000	342,933,000	326,852,000	326,667,000	368,784,000
Total bills on hand.....	2,604,680,000	2,595,271,000	2,623,075,000	2,522,902,000	2,450,985,000	2,464,656,000	2,400,707,000	2,342,604,000	2,078,219,000
U. S. Government bonds.....	26,847,000	26,846,000	26,840,000	26,846,000	27,095,000	27,097,000	27,096,000	27,095,000	29,134,000
U. S. Victory Notes.....	87,000	79,000	84,000	84,000	86,000	87,000	133,000	136,000	136,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	285,341,000	278,538,000	273,199,000	274,325,000	273,585,000	269,414,000	267,551,000	263,148,000	148,180,000
All other earning assets.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	27,999
Total earning assets.....	2,918,925,000	2,900,734,000	2,923,204,000	2,824,156,000	2,751,751,000	2,761,263,000	2,695,487,000	2,632,983,000	2,255,560,000
Bank premises.....	12,278,000	12,286,000	12,222,000	13,357,000	13,353,000	13,336,000	13,319,000	14,184,000	-----
Gold in transit or in custody in foreign countries.....	-----	-----	19,242,000	19,242,000	19,242,000	46,355,000	46,355,000	46,355,000	-----
Uncollected items and other deductions from gross deposits.....	1,000,288,000	1,023,574,000	917,936,000	855,795,000	918,005,000	1,115,812,000	853,664,000	851,955,000	819,016,000
6% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes.....	13,638,000	13,960,000	13,408,000	13,333,000	12,571,000	12,831,000	12,636,000	11,897,000	4,525,000
All other resources.....	8,040,000	10,071,000	8,225,000	7,869,000	9,139,000				

	Nov. 21 1919.	Nov. 14 1919.	Nov. 7 1919.	Oct. 31 1919.	Oct. 24 1919.	Oct. 17 1919.	Oct. 10 1919.	Oct. 3 1919.	Nov. 22 1918.
Ratio of gold reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	45.4%	45.7%	45.3%	46.3%	47.0%	46.1%	47.0%	47.7%	50.9%
Ratio of total reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	46.9%	47.1%	46.8%	47.0%	48.7%	48.3%	49.1%	49.7%	50.5%
Ratio of total reserves to F. R. notes in circulation after setting aside 35% against net deposit liabilities.....	54.7%	55.2%	54.6%	56.6%	57.6%	57.1%	58.1%	59.1%	60.5%
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market.....	\$ 94,230,000	\$ 102,441,000	\$ 76,671,000	\$ 83,577,000	\$ 88,601,000	\$ 95,063,000	\$ 95,228,000	\$ 104,417,000	\$ 1,206,215,000
1-15 days bills discounted.....	1,518,169,000	1,568,739,000	1,723,833,000	1,770,521,000	1,721,280,000	1,777,863,000	1,756,890,000	1,657,407,000	5,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	27,614,000	21,760,000	21,066,000	20,067,000	31,814,000	32,290,000	14,156,000	20,856,000	69,029,000
1-15 days municipal warrants.....	87,971,000	91,471,000	99,432,000	99,740,000	79,054,000	59,443,000	60,772,000	69,704,000	175,680,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market.....	122,628,000	149,456,000	119,955,000	103,418,000	115,589,000	109,132,000	77,632,000	117,639,000	5,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	15,681,000	12,499,000	10,908,000	6,499,000	3,000,000	4,999,000	15,500,000	16,850,000	17,000
16-30 days municipal warrants.....	188,021,000	180,666,000	176,945,000	159,536,000	124,124,000	131,462,000	129,176,000	116,949,000	338,876,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market.....	273,145,000	184,578,000	144,555,000	143,943,000	143,183,000	162,437,000	167,147,000	167,570,000	10,335,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	18,299,000	22,343,000	22,507,000	23,497,000	25,762,000	18,227,000	13,497,000	9,499,000	6,000
31-60 days municipal warrants.....	111,821,000	81,085,000	80,461,000	80,502,000	76,167,000	56,248,000	41,144,000	34,004,000	337,346,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market.....	192,744,000	220,029,000	186,561,000	99,017,000	91,868,000	83,495,000	64,444,000	65,320,000	2,023,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	9,054,000	6,715,000	5,517,000	12,655,000	14,875,000	10,760,000	24,177,000	28,229,000	3,000
61-90 days municipal warrants.....	17,951,000	16,816,000	14,555,000	11,648,000	10,239,000	8,900,000	7,942,000	7,951,000	20,102,000
Over 90 days bills bought in open market.....	214,693,000	218,221,000	213,111,000	211,607,000	198,134,000	194,129,000	200,221,000	187,714,000	66,793,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness.....	18,299,000	22,343,000	22,507,000	23,497,000	25,762,000	18,227,000	13,497,000	9,499,000	3,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants.....	111,821,000	81,085,000	80,461,000	80,502,000	76,167,000	56,248,000	41,144,000	34,004,000	337,346,000
Federal Reserve Notes—									
Outstanding.....	3,031,492,000	3,036,690,000	3,000,867,000	2,958,700,000	3,980,619,000	2,970,132,000	2,949,244,000	2,890,122,000	2,768,777,000
Held by banks.....	214,319,000	228,234,000	194,108,000	205,824,000	227,153,000	217,563,000	207,590,900	190,938,000	213,562,000
In actual circulation.....	2,817,173,000	2,808,456,000	2,806,759,000	2,752,876,000	2,753,457,000	2,752,569,000	2,741,654,000	2,708,188,000	2,555,215,000
Fed. Res. Notes (Agents Accounts)—									
Received from the Comptroller.....	5,774,280,000	5,746,280,000	5,665,380,000	5,620,180,000	5,577,160,000	5,511,620,000	5,481,940,000	5,380,120,000	3,660,546,000
Returned to the Comptroller.....	2,350,935,000	2,314,968,000	2,281,864,000	2,241,894,000	2,187,243,000	2,154,160,000	2,122,288,000	2,085,335,000	591,693,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent.....	3,423,345,000	3,431,312,000	3,383,516,000	3,378,288,000	3,389,917,000	3,357,460,000	3,339,652,000	3,294,785,000	3,068,847,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks.....	3,031,492,000	3,036,690,000	3,000,867,000	2,958,700,000	2,980,619,000	2,970,132,000	2,949,244,000	2,890,122,000	2,768,777,000
How Secured—									
By gold coin and certificates.....	236,248,000	238,248,000	238,248,000	242,249,000	242,248,000	242,248,000	242,248,000	242,248,000	211,626,000
By lawful money.....	1,865,406,000	1,842,371,000	1,793,592,000	1,753,124,000	1,782,677,000	1,768,830,000	1,762,547,000	1,732,724,000	1,599,860,000
By eligible paper.....	98,821,000	105,267,000	93,368,000	83,669,000	90,999,000	91,949,000	88,108,000	93,608,000	78,793,000
With Federal Reserve Board.....	831,017,000	859,804,000	876,669,000	242,249,000	864,686,000	867,105,000	854,341,000	830,542,000	878,498,000
Total.....	3,031,492,000	3,036,690,000	3,000,867,000	2,958,700,000	2,980,619,000	2,970,132,000	2,949,244,000	2,890,122,000	2,768,777,000
Eligible per delivered to F. R. Agent.....	2,519,660,000	2,509,369,000	2,530,781,000	2,427,125,000	2,366,882,000	2,371,047,000	2,312,574,000	2,264,643,000	2,066,806,000

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 21 1919

Two figures (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.													
Gold coin and certificates.....	\$ 8,533.0	\$ 146,923.0	\$ 1,263.0	\$ 21,634.0	\$ 2,344.0	\$ 8,043.0	\$ 24,081.0	\$ 3,410.0	\$ 8,234.0	\$ 275.0	\$ 6,823.0	\$ 16,449.0	\$ 248,012.0
Gold Settlement Fund, F. R. B'd	29,952.0	125,038.0	31,952.0	29,952.0	29,857.0	13,950.0	62,365.0	17,452.0	16,993.0	42,139.0	24,278.0	26,619.0	444,547.0
Gold with Foreign Agencies.....	10,380.0	62,186.0	11,376.0	11,660.0	6,968.0	5,119.0	16,921.0	6,683.0	3,839.0	6,825.0	3,697.0	6,541.0	142,195.0
Total gold held by banks.....	48,865.0	324,147.0	44,591.0	63,246.0	39,169.0	27,113.0	103,367.0	27,545.0	29,066.0	49,239.0	34,798.0	49,609.0	834,754.0
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	65,815.0	283,780.0	78,378.0	107,012.0	48,840.0	64,403.0	252,412.0	71,331.0	35,396.0	40,516.0	25,492.0	103,681.0	1,166,686.0
Gold redemption fund.....	23,750.0	25,000.0	10,641.0	842.0	11,491.0	6,639.0	17,768.0	1,887.0	3,776.0	3,008.0	9,560.0	9,560.0	118,475.0
Total gold reserves.....	132,430.0	632,927.0	133,610.0	171,100.0	99,500.0	88,153.0	374,567.0	103,510.0	65,849.0	93,331.0	63,898.0	161,840.0	2,119,315.0
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	5,103.0	50,265.0	446.0	878.0	198.0	1,289.0	2,401.0	4,952.0	90.0	250.0	1,584.0	193.0	67,657.0
Total reserves.....	137,533.0	683,192.0	134,056.0	171,978.0	99,698.0	89,442.0	375,971.0	108,462.0	65,939.0	93,781.0	64,882.0	162,033.0	2,186,972.0
Bills discounted: Secured by Government war obligations (a).....	127,078.0	701,956.0	188,259.0	125,938.0	84,986.0	68,895.0	169,345.0	45,614.0	30,128.0	49,635.0	26,054.0	56,102.0	1,673,890.0
All other.....	32,763.0	88,855.0	18,399.0	30,194.0	12,899.0	38,172.0	81,449.0	23,273.0	27,259.0	49,027.0	15,923.0	32,835.0	480,747.0
Bills bought in open market (b).....	50,559.0	80,379.0	1,444.0	67,971.0	7,175.0	12,428.0	102,054.0	29,077.0	21,692.0	450.0	7,830.0	92,988.0	540,343.0
Total bills on hand.....	210,396.0	877,190.0	208,102.0	234,103.0	104,759.0	119,495.0	352,848.0	97,964.0	79,079.0	99,012.0	49,807.0	181,925.0	2,604,680.0
U. S. Government bonds.....	339.0	1,257.0	1,355.0	844.0	1,234.0	376.0	4,477.0	1,153.0	110.0	8,865.0	3,966.0	2,632.0	26,847.0
U. S. Government Victory bonds.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	22,449.0	75,584.0	80,361.0	26,018.0	11,860.0	15,865.0	40,485.0	17,469.0	8,380.0	14,820.0	11,310.0	10,960.0	285,341.0
Total earning assets.....	233,384.0	954,061.0	239,848.0	250,965.0	117,853.0	135,540.0	397,810.0	116,586.0	87,578.0	123,700.0	65,033.0	195,517.0	2,916,926.0
Bank premises.....	1,078.0	3,994.0	500.0	889.0	491.0	503.0	2,536.0	691.0	.....	402.0	394.0	400.0	12,278.0
Gold in transit or in custody in Foreign Countries.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Uncollected items and other deductions from gross deposits.....	79,290.0	240,801.0	79,752.0	74,314.0	89,270.0	42,971.0	116,023.0	67,468.0	23,698.0	79,540.0	59,358.0	47,713.0	1,000,288.0
5% redemption fund against Federal Reserve bank notes.....	1,072.0	2,901.0	1,450.0	1,155.0	583.0	851.0	1,915.0	610.0	330.0	957.0	559.0	655.0	13,038.0
All other resources.....	337.0	1,294.0	766.0	658.0	1,790.0	1,777.0	1,073.0	242.0	129.0	494.0	313.0	797.0	8,040.0
Total resources.....	452,699.0	1,880,333.0	456,372.0	499,959.0	309,655.0	269,484.0	895,728.0	294,059.0	177,674.0	297,874.0	190,589.0	407,115.0	6,137,541.0
LIABILITIES.													
Capit. paid in.....	7,103.0	23,447.0	7,856.0	9,469.0	4,383.0	3,388.0	12,254.0	4,056.0	3,059.0	3,981.0	3,437.0	5,454.0	86,885.0
Surplus.....	5,026.0	32,922.0	5,311.0	5,860.0	3,800.0	2,805.0	9,710.0	2,589.0	2,320.0	3,057.0	2,029.0	4,578.0	81,087.0
Government deposits.....	10,511.0	50,747.0	7,318.0	5,163.0	1,174.0	2,534.0	4,962.0	4,589.0	3,710.0	4,347.0	3,271.0	3,989.0	102,805.0
Due to members, reserve account.....	114,878.0	733,912.0	100,716.0	134,426.0	64,198.0	51,017.0	251,035.0	66,008.0	53,338.0	91,376.0	60,720.0	115,847.0	1,837,540.0
Deferred availability items.....	66,242.0	171,662.0	77,688.0	68,644.0	76,547.0	40,509.0	93,588.0	55,499.0	19,740.0	69,620.0	39,367.0	32,103.0	811,204.0
All other deposits.....	7,016.0	42,506.0	6,414.0	6,002.0	3,602.0	2,737.0	9,672.0	3,733.0	2,279.0	3,005.0	2,638.0	5,435.0	96,539.0
Total gross deposits.....	198,647.0	998,817.0	192,136.0	214,235.0	145,521.0	96,787.0	359,257.0	129,889.0	79,067.0	169,448.0	105,905.0	137,37	

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, November 28 1919.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The expected irregular movement which always accompanies readjustment after the bursting of a bubble in Wall Street has characterized the security markets this week. While the general trend of prices has since Monday been towards a lower level, not a few issues, especially of the industrial list, substantially advanced until to-day. Almost no developments of the week have been interpreted in Wall Street as favorable and the announcement this morning that negotiations in the coal strike are off and that the Government will take over and operate the mines, in addition to increasing tension in the Mexican situation and a firmer money market caused renewed liquidation and a drop of 3 to 20 points in a long list of stocks. Balt. & Ohio closed with a net loss for the day of 5½ points, Can. Pac. 4½, St. Paul and Texas & Pac. 3¾, Nor. Pac. 3½, Union Pac. and So. Pac. 3 and Gr. Nor., Atch., New York Cent. and Reading from 2 to 3.

Gen. Motors closes nearly 28 points below the highest at which it has sold during the week, Crucible Steel 25, Pierce Arrow 14½, Mex. Pt. 16, Chandler Motors 10, Studebaker and U. S. Rubber 9 and a considerable list of other stocks in this group are from 5 to 8 points lower.

The troubles in the printing trades having been settled, the Stock Exchange to-day resumed the issue of its daily sales sheet, which had been suspended since Oct 2.

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

STOCKS. Week ending Nov. 28.	Sales for Week	Range for Week.		Range since Jan. 1.	
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
American Express, 100	1,800	90	Nov 24 100	Nov 25 76½	Sep 103 May
Am. Tel. & Cable, 100	200	55½	Nov 28 56	Nov 28 55½	Nov 63 May
Ann Arbor, pref., 100	300	20	Nov 20 20	Nov 24 15	Oct 21 Nov
Baldwin Locom., 100	400	105¼	Nov 25 105¼	Nov 22 102	Jan 111½ June
Buff. Roch. & Pittsb., 100	10	55	Nov 24 55	Nov 24 55	Nov 72½ Feb
Chic. & Alton, pref., 100	100	12	Nov 26 12	Nov 26 10½	May 17½ July
Chic. & E. Ill. pref. cit. dep., 100	400	7	Nov 28 8	Nov 26 7	Nov 17½ July
C. St. P. & Om., pref., 100	300	95½	Nov 28 96½	Nov 28 95½	Nov 107½ July
Cres. Carpet, 100	300	50	Nov 28 50	Nov 28 48	Mar 70 July
Fam. Play Lasky rights, 27,000	10	Nov 24 10	Nov 22 10	Nov 14	Nov 14 Nov
Gen. Chem., pref., 100	200	101	Nov 25 101	Nov 25 101	Nov 108 Feb
Gray & Davis, Inc., 25	4,600	49½	Nov 26 53½	Nov 26 49½	Nov 53½ Feb
Homestake Mining, 100	100	53½	Nov 25 63½	Nov 25 60	Oct 100 Nov
Internat. Nickel, pref., 100	200	92½	Nov 28 93	Nov 28 90	Oct 97½ May
International Salt, 100	300	65	Nov 24 66½	Nov 25 63	Feb 66½ May
Kaiser (Julius) & Co. 100	100	115	Nov 28 115	Nov 28 105	Apr 130 Apr
Kelsey Wheel, pref., 100	100	99½	Nov 22 99½	Nov 22 89	Jan 100½ Oct
Kresge (S. S.) Co., 100	300	140	Nov 26 140	Nov 22 100½	Jan 170 July
Lee Rubber & Tire rights, 100	6,500	65	Nov 25 65	Nov 24 61	July 80½ Nov
Marlin Rock & Ice, no par	600	85	Nov 25 85	Nov 25 71½	July 80½ Nov
Maxwell Motor etfs. dep., 100	1,800	36½	Nov 25 42½	Nov 25 36½	Nov 43 Nov
1st pref. cit. dep., 100	100	63	Nov 28 63	Nov 22 66	Nov 69½ Nov
2d pref. cit. dep., 100	100	35½	Nov 24 35½	Nov 24 32½	Nov 35½ Nov
M. St. P. & S. W., pref., 100	200	95	Nov 28 95½	Nov 26 95	Nov 109½ May
Nashv. Chatt. & St. L., 100	200	112	Nov 28 112½	Nov 25 111	Nov 119½ May
Norfolk & West, pref., 100	400	67	Nov 28 67½	Nov 25 67	Nov 75 July
Otis Elevator, pref., 100	100	96	Nov 25 96	Nov 25 96	Nov 96 Nov
Owens Bottle, pref., 100	200	100½	Nov 25 101	Nov 25 100	Oct 104 May
Pan Am P. & T. rights, 35,000	50	Nov 28 76	Nov 22 74	Nov 31½ Nov	Nov 31½ Nov
Parish & Blenheim Corp., 2,500	54	Nov 28 47½	Nov 26 44	Nov 47½ Nov	Nov 47½ Nov
Porter & Eastern, 100	300	14	Nov 28 14½	Nov 22 14	Mar 20 July
Saxon Motor rights, 100	300	11	Nov 28 11	Nov 22 11	Nov 11 Nov
Standard Mill rights, 1,300	7½	Nov 28 9½	Nov 24 7½	Nov 14 Oct	Nov 14 Oct
Studebaker rights, 26,100	2½	Nov 28 4½	Nov 26 2½	Nov 4½ Nov	Nov 4½ Nov
Texas Co. rights, 5,000	51	Nov 28 65	Nov 22 61	Nov 70 Nov	Nov 70 Nov
Vulcan Dettmold, pt. 100	100	89½	Nov 24 89½	Nov 24 80	Jan 95 Oct
West. E. & M., 1st pf. 500	100	65½	Nov 26 65	Nov 26 61	Feb 70 May

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

Week ending Nov. 28 1919.	Stocks.		Railroad, etc., Bonds.	State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
	Shares.	Par Value.			
Saturday	388,758	\$34,155,800	\$1,890,000	\$750,000	\$10,422,000
Monday	803,893	73,515,800	2,965,000	498,000	14,385,000
Tuesday	1,060,000	96,894,500	2,872,000	501,000	20,257,000
Wednesday	1,188,900	109,640,500	4,265,000	581,000	22,741,000
Thursday			HOLIDAY		
Friday	1,458,218	130,760,050	3,995,000	759,000	20,672,000
Total	4,899,769	\$444,966,650	\$15,959,000	\$3,039,000	\$88,477,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week ending Nov. 28.		Jan. 1 to Nov. 28.	
	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Stocks—No. shares	4,899,769	3,291,529	291,206,942	131,927,808
Par value	\$444,966,650	\$309,456,400	\$26,563,277,930	\$12,332,394,315
Bank shares, Div. Bonds.			\$47,200	\$19,700
Government bonds.	\$88,477,000	\$42,124,000	\$2,368,574,800	\$1,122,231,000
State, mun., &c., bonds	3,989,000	5,347,500	251,850,500	249,377,500
RR. & misc. bonds.	15,988,000	8,999,000	499,230,000	310,546,000
Total bonds	\$107,554,000	\$56,470,500	\$3,119,435,300	\$1,682,154,500

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week ending Nov. 28 1919.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	11,801	\$23,400	5,172	\$16,100	1,594	\$11,900
Monday	31,585	70,500	5,877	28,300	3,278	7,600
Tuesday	39,511	184,450	10,435	35,000	1,536	34,100
Wednesday	31,918	118,200	6,733	121,300	3,101	44,600
Thursday			HOLIDAY			
Friday	29,568	23,000	14,993	26,900	1,793	31,000
Total	143,483	\$419,550	43,183	\$226,700	10,302	\$129,200

State and Railroad Bonds.—Sales of State bonds at the Board are limited to \$1,000 N. Y. Canal 4½s at 109½.

The market for railway and industrial bonds has been unusually weak both on its own account and in sympathy with

the market for shares. The downward movement of prices was lead by the local traction issues which have been thrown on the market regardless of results and declined from 5 to over 6 points. Inter. Met. 4½s close 13 points below their selling price late in Oct. and Interboro. R. T. 5s have declined over 15 points during the same period. Weakness is not, however, confined to this group. St. Paul cv. 4½s have lost 3½ points within the week, So. Pac. 5s 2¾, Atch. gen. 4s 2¼ and New York Cent. 6s 2¼. Of a list of 16 notably active bonds only Consol. Gas 6s show a fractional net gain.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to the various Liberty Loan issues. Today's prices are given below. For weekly and yearly range see fourth page following.

Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices.	Nov. 22	Nov. 24	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Nov. 28.
First Liberty Loan						
3½s, 15-30 year, 1932-47	High 100.12	100.10	100.10	100.08	100.04	100.04
	Low 100.04	100.02	100.04	100.05	100.05	100.00
	Close 100.06	100.08	100.04	100.05	100.05	100.00
Total sales in \$1,000 units	493	791	388	768	1,055	1,055
Second Liberty Loan						
4s, 10-25 year conv, 1942	High 92.34	92.40	92.20	91.92	91.92	91.54
	Low 92.22	92.00	91.80	91.30	91.10	91.10
	Close 92.30	92.12	91.95	91.40	91.40	91.10
Total sales in \$1,000 units	181	338	245	364	226	226
Second Liberty Loan						
4s, convertible, 1932-47	High 94.40	94.30	94.30	94.20	94.10	94.00
	Low 94.30	94.30	94.20	94.10	94.00	94.00
	Close 94.30	94.30	94.20	94.10	94.00	94.00
Total sales in \$1,000 units	66	43	111	196	27	27
Third Liberty Loan						
4½s of 1925	High 94.30	94.30	94.30	94.24	94.08	94.08
	Low 94.12	94.20	94.20	94.02	93.88	93.88
	Close 94.20	94.24	94.20	94.12	93.76	93.76
Total sales in \$1,000 units	1,500	1,499	2,307	3,465	4,344	4,344
Third Liberty Loan						
4½s of 1st L L conv, '32-'47	High 94.50	94.50	94.42	94.28	94.20	94.20
	Low 94.50	94.30	94.30	94.30	94.20	94.20
	Close 94.50	94.30	94.32	94.20	94.20	94.20
Total sales in \$1,000 units	82	136	45	149	27	27
Third Liberty Loan						
4½s of 2d L L conv, '27-'42	High 92.74	92.60	92.36	92.26	91.76	91.76
	Low 92.54	92.30	92.20	91.70	91.40	91.40
	Close 92.60	92.36	92.26	91.82	91.58	91.58
Total sales in \$1,000 units	1,530	2,180	1,680	3,063	2,257	2,257
Fourth Liberty Loan						
4½s of 1933-38	High 92.58	92.56	92.34	92.30	91.76	91.76
	Low 92.54	92.30	92.16	91.70	91.36	91.36
	Close 92.58	92.40	92.22	91.75	91.52	91.52
Total sales in \$1,000 units	4,400	3,071	5,816	7,799	7,269	7,269
Fourth Liberty Loan						
4½s, 1st L L 2d conv, '32-'47	High	---	101.00	---	100.96	100.96
	Low	---	101.00	---	100.96	100.96
	Close	---	101.00	---	100.96	100.96
Total sales in \$1,000 units	---	---	3	---	1	1
Victory Liberty Loan						
4½s conv gold notes, '22-'23	High 99.28	99.28	99.22	99.18	99.08	99.08
	Low 99.24	99.20	99.14	99.06	99.02	99.02
	Close 99.24	99.20	99.16	99.10	99.02	99.02
Total sales in \$1,000 units	1,810	3,204	7,376	4,595	3,985	3,985
Victory Liberty Loan						
3½s conv gold notes, '22-'23	High 99.30	99.20	99.22	99.14	99.10	99.10
	Low 99.24	99.20	99.14	99.06	99.02	99.02
	Close 99.26	99.20	99.16	99.06	99.02	99.02
Total sales in \$1,000 units	360	1,118	947	2,397	2,345	2,345

EXCHANGE CLOSED—HOLIDAY

Foreign Exchange.—The market for sterling exchange has ruled dull at or near the closing rates of last week. Continental exchange was again weak and irregular, while neutral exchange has relaxed into its former nominal position.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3 06¼ @ 3 98¼ for sixty days, 4 00¼ @ 4 02¼ for checks and 4 01¼ @ 4 03¼ for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 00¼ @ 4 02¼; sixty days, 3 97¼ @ 3 99¼; ninety days, 3 96¼ @ 3 98¼, and documents for payment (sixty days) 3 96 @ 3 98; cotton and grain for payment, 4 00¼ @ 4 02¼.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 9 86 @ 9 80 for long and 9 78 @ 9 81 for short. Germany bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 37¼ @ 37 5-16 for long and 37 11-16 @ 37 7-11 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 39-23 fr.; week's range, 38.90 fr. h gh and 39.35 fr. l w.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

	Sterling Actual—	Sixty Days	Checks.	Cables.
High for the week	4 03½	4 06½	4 07½	4 07½
Low for the week	3 96¼	4 03½	4 01½	4 01½

Paris Bankers' Francs—High for the week 9 67, Low for the week 9 89

Germany Bankers' Marks—High for the week 2 53, Low for the week 2 26

Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—High for the week 37 5-16, Low for the week 36 15-16

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$45 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

Outside Market.—"Curb" securities showed renewed strength throughout the week until to-day when a heavy selling movement caused a sharp break in numerous instances and a heavy tone generally. General Asphalt com. was a conspicuous feature, advancing from 123 to 127 and to-day dropping to 102. General Motors, new stock was also a centre of interest and on heavy transactions gained five points to 40, and to-day sold back to 35. The new 7% debenture stock was traded in for the first time to-day down from 100 to 96. A. T. Securities moved up steadily from 61 to 66 and to-day broke @ 60½, finishing back to 61. Loft Inc., declined from 26 to 22. Roplogle Stee lost four points to 50, and Rockaway Rolling Mills three points to 7. Submarine Boat weakened from 17¾ to 16½. Tobacco Products Exports sold down from 28¾ to 27. Vanadium Steel, after an advance from 54½ to 62½ during the week, dropped to-day to 53. Trading in oil shares was on a large scale. Simms Petroleum was an exception to the rule, gaining eight points to 53 and closing to-day at 50½. Shell Transport & Trading sold up from 78 to 82½ and down to-day to 76¾, the close being at 77. Boone Oil advanced from 6½ to 8½. Carib Syndicate, new stock, rose from 48¼ to 48½ and sank to 44, the final figure to-day being 45. Guffey-Gillespie com. declined from 34¾ to 32 and sold finally at 32¼. Houston Oil com. advanced 16 points to 160 and reacted to 151. Internat. Petroleum improved from 53½ to 58½ and to-day sold back to 54. Among mines the silver issues were in demand. Nipissing gained 1½ points to 13.

A complete record of "curb" market transactions for the week will be found on page 2066.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT						STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 On basis of 100 share lots		PER SHARE Range of Previous Year 1918	
Saturday Nov. 22	Monday Nov. 24	Tuesday Nov. 25	Wednesday Nov. 26	Thursday Nov. 27	Friday Nov. 28	Sales for the Week	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	
\$ per share						\$ per share		\$ per share		\$ per share	
880 880	85 85	85 85	85 85	85 85	85 85	10,200	81 1/2 Nov 28	104 May 27	81 Mar	104 Nov	
78 7/8	79 7/8	79 7/8	79 7/8	79 7/8	79 7/8	3,800	77 1/2 Nov 28	89 Jan 4	89 Jan	92 1/2 Nov	
94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	3,800	90 1/2 Mar 31	15 1/2 July 24	5 Dec	10 1/2 Jun	
38 3/8	37 3/8	37 3/8	37 3/8	37 3/8	37 3/8	92 9/2	31 3/5	107 May 29	89 1/2 Apr	109 Nov	
50 50	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	15,400	42 1/2 Nov 28	59 1/2 May 27	48 1/2 Dec	64 1/2 Nov	
18 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	3,200	10 1/2	127 July 23	35 Dec	48 1/4 Jan	
14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	12,700	16 Nov 26	33 1/2 July 23	135 Mar	17 1/2 Oct	
57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	8,200	10 1/2	28 1/2 July 23	49 1/4 Jan	82 1/2 Nov	
25 25	25 25	25 25	25 25	25 25	25 25	4,500	53 1/2	170 1/2 July 10	8 Apr	11 Nov	
42 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	2,100	22 1/2	30 1/2 May 19	15 1/2 Apr	22 Nov	
63 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	24,600	34 1/2	52 1/2 July 17	37 1/2 Apr	64 1/2 Sept	
9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	18,100	52 1/2	76 1/2 July 17	60 1/2 Apr	86 1/2 Nov	
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	2,800	10 1/2	105 May 29	80 1/2 Mar	90 1/2 Nov	
12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	500	117 1/2	133 Jan 17	128 Jan	137 Jan	
27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	82 1/2 July 17	18 Apr	32 1/2 Nov	
74 7/8	73 3/4	73 3/4	73 3/4	73 3/4	73 3/4	1,230	7 1/2	84 June 6	64 1/2 Jan	83 Nov	
63 63	63 63	63 63	63 63	63 63	63 63	594 600	55 1/2	73 July 17	40 Jan	75 Nov	
60 60	60 60	60 60	60 60	60 60	60 60	100	60	82 Jan 7	89 Sept	82 Dec	
45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	44 1/2	32	54 1/2 June 6	26 Feb	40 Nov	
86 70	86 70	86 70	86 70	86 70	86 70	200	63	74 July 12	58 1/2 May	70 Nov	
23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	600	21 1/2	41 1/2 May 5	18 Apr	27 1/2 Nov	
103 103	102 103	102 103	102 103	102 103	102 103	200	48 1/2	54 1/2 July 24	47 Apr	56 Dec	
182 191	182 191	182 191	182 191	182 191	182 191	1,800	100	116 May 29	100 1/2 Apr	119 1/2 Nov	
8 9 1/2	8 9 1/2	8 9 1/2	8 9 1/2	8 9 1/2	8 9 1/2	700	172 1/2	317 May 7	160 Apr	185 Sept	
15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	400	35	15 1/2 July 19	2 1/2 Jan	7 Nov	
15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	8,300	6 1/2	24 July 14	5 Apr	13 1/2 Jan	
24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	11,883	13	20 1/2 May 19	14 Apr	23 1/2 Nov	
17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	20 22	20	33 July 16	23 1/2 Jan	30 1/2 Nov	
84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	1,300	16	23 July 17	18 1/2 Jan	27 1/2 Nov	
39 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	79 81 1/2	18,700	79	100 1/2 May 27	86 Jan	106 1/2 Nov
8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	10,800	31 1/2	52 1/2 July 19	25 1/2 Jan	34 1/2 Nov	
34 35 1/2	34 35 1/2	34 35 1/2	34 35 1/2	34 35 1/2	34 35 1/2	200	30 1/2	12 1/2 July 25	8 Mar	10 May	
9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	30 35 1/2	30	40 1/2 July 18	27 Mar	35 1/2 Dec	
54 5 1/2	54 5 1/2	54 5 1/2	54 5 1/2	54 5 1/2	54 5 1/2	90 90	90	104 May 16	92 Jan	105 1/2 Nov	
17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	27,300	31 1/2	9 1/2 June 2	4 1/2 Dec	9 1/2 Jan	
48 48	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	18,850	11 1/2	31 1/2 June 12	17 1/2 Dec	47 1/2 Nov	
9 11	9 11	9 11	9 11	9 11	9 11	13	11 1/2	9 1/2 July 21	14 Apr	5 1/2 Nov	
17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	4,700	13	25 1/2 May 19	15 1/2 Jan	24 1/2 Nov	
45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	46 46	46	57 May 21	45 Jan	59 1/2 Nov	
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11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	7,800	42 1/2	60 1/2 June 2	53 1/2 Dec	65 1/2 Nov	
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27 27 1/2	27 27 1/2	27 27 1/2	27 27 1/2	27 27 1/2	27 27 1/2	80	80	98 1/2 July 22	80 1/2 Jan	97 1/2 Nov	
47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	9 11 1/2	9 11 1/2	25 1/2 July 15	8 1/2 Jan	9 1/2 Nov	
45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	38 1/2 July 9	20 Jan	38 1/2 Nov	
32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	3,900	40 1/2	68 1/2 June 7	41 Jan	62 Nov	
72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	800	5 1/2	14 Mar 10	4 1/2 May	10 1/2 Nov	
68 70	68 70	68 70	68 70	68 70	68 70	1,100	44 1/2	57 Sept 24	17 Apr	36 1/2 Dec	
43 46	43 46	43 46	43 46	43 46	43 46	11,500	69 1/2	83 1/2 June 9	67 1/2 Jan	84 1/2 Nov	
31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	100	62	33 1/2 July 10	13 1/2 Oct	34 Nov	
18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	27 29	27	70 Apr 2	65 July	95 Nov	
100 101	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	43 46	43	53 1/2 July 7	40 Oct	48 Nov	
84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	40 1/2 July 17	27 Apr	45 1/2 May	
42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	1,800	16 1/2	24 July 18	18 1/2 Jan	24 1/2 Nov	
23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	13	13	20 May 29	14 Jan	21 1/2 Dec	
37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	3,600	30 1/2	12 1/2 May 29	102 Jan	112 1/2 Nov	
17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	14,340	14 1/2	99 1/2 May 19	81 1/2 Jan	105 Nov	
15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	21 1/2	23	26 1/2 June 11	9 1/2 May	18 1/2 Nov	
67 70	67 70	67 70	67 70	67 70	67 70	64 64	64	52 1/2 July 15	52 1/2 Apr	64 Nov	
30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	30 30 1/2	800	800	50 Nov 17	30 Apr	50 Nov	
77 80	77 80	77 80	77 80	77 80	77 80	300	300	72 Sept 15	25 1/2 June	58 1/2 Nov	
78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	6,800	20 1/2	44 1/2 June 9	22 1/2 Jan	40 Nov	
34 35 3/4	34 35 3/4	34 35 3/4	34 35 3/4	34 35 3/4	34 35 3/4	200	77	84 1/2 June 7	61 Jan	83 Nov	
37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	32,400	74	98 1/2 June 6	75 Jan	96 1/2 Oct	
15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	9,300	34	35 1/2 Feb 4	35 Jan	39 May	
25 25	25 25	25 25	25 25	25 25	25 25	200	30	35 1/2 May 16	35 Apr	40 July	
16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	400	40	27 1/2 July 17	9 1/2 Apr	17 1/2 Dec	
97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	37 May 2	21 Apr	33 1/2 Nov	
24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	26	26	23 1/2 June 9	19 Oct	25 Nov	
46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	800	800	37 1/2 June 10	28 Oct	40 1/2 Jan	
13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	700	700	12 July 23	7 Apr	12 Nov	
19 25	19 25	19 25	19 25	19 25	19 25	83 1/2	83 1/2	23 1/2 July 17	15 1/2 Apr	25 1/2 Nov	
85 88	85 88	85 88	85 88	85 88	85 88	94,900	92 1/2	115 June 2	80 1/2 Jan	110 Nov	
8 9 1/2	8 9 1/2	8 9 1/2	8 9 1/2	8 9 1/2	8 9 1/2	13,600	22	33 May 19	20 1/2 Apr	34 1/2 Nov	
28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	900	59 1/2	72 1/2 May 27	57 Jan	75 1/2 Nov	
10 19	10 19	10 19	10 19	10 19	10 19	16,300	39	70 1/2 July 2	14 May	29 1/2 Dec	
12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	13	13	70 1/2 July 2	12 1/2 Dec	21 1/2 Jan	
21 22	21 22	21 22	21 22	21 22	21 22	800	800	25 1/2 July 29	4 June	7 1/2 Aug	
55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	123 125 1/2	123 125 1/2	35 1/2 July 25	8 1/2 Mar	10 1/2 Nov	
14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	67 67 1/2	67 67 1/2	60 June 3	39 1/2 Apr	53 1/2 Jan	
21 23	21 23	21 23	21 23	21 23	21 23	8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2	7 1/2 July 1	4 1/2 Jan	12 June	
30 34	30 34	30 34	30 34	30 34	30 34	17 1/2	17 1/2	34 1/2 July 1	10 1/2 Apr	20 May	
32 35 1/2	32 35 1/2	32 35 1/2									

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE NOT PER CENT., Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1918. Rows list various stocks like Amer Smelting & Refining, American Smelt, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ 80% paid. ** Full paid. *** Old stock. †† Ex-dividend. ‡‡ For fluctuations in rights see second page preceding.

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HIGH AND LOW SALES PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales of the Week	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1918	
Saturday Nov. 22	Monday Nov. 24	Tuesday Nov. 25	Wednesday Nov. 26	Thursday Nov. 27	Friday Nov. 28		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest		
\$ 175 185	\$ 175 190	\$ 185 186	\$ 175 180	\$ 175 180	\$ 175 180	1,600	Industrial & Misc. (Con.)	\$ 147 1/4	Apr 15	\$ 245	Aug 23	
\$ 110 115	\$ 110 115	\$ 115 115	\$ 111 115	\$ 111 115	\$ 111 115	200	Lordbird (P)	107	Jan 28	115	July 29	
\$ 73 80	\$ 73 80	\$ 73 80	\$ 73 80	\$ 73 80	\$ 73 80	400	Do preferred	70	Jan 22	70 1/2	May 27	
\$ 64 64 1/4	\$ 64 64 1/4	\$ 64 64 1/4	\$ 64 64 1/4	\$ 64 64 1/4	\$ 64 64 1/4	100	Mackay Companies	263	June 6	65	July 11	
40 40 1/2	41 43 1/2	41 43	26 1/2 26 1/2	26 1/2 26 1/2	26 1/2 26 1/2	27	Manhattan Shirt	28	Aug 5	38 1/2	July 17	
68 68	35 35	35 35	67 68	67 68	67 68	40	Martin Parry Corp.	26 1/2	Nov 21	31 1/2	Nov 7	
\$ 33 35	\$ 35 35	\$ 35 35	\$ 35 35	\$ 35 35	\$ 35 35	6,900	Maxwell Motor, Inc.	26 1/2	Jan 22	31 1/2	Nov 28	
\$ 115 122	\$ 120 123	\$ 118 125	\$ 120 122 1/2	\$ 120 122 1/2	\$ 120 122 1/2	4,300	Do 1st pref.	50 1/2	Jan 22	84 1/2	July 28	
\$ 104 110	\$ 104 110	\$ 104 110	\$ 100 109	\$ 100 109	\$ 100 109	600	Do 2d pref.	19 1/2	Jan 2	46 1/2	June 3	
200 204 1/2	201 1/2 205 1/2	202 1/2 205 1/2	195 1/2 202 1/2	195 1/2 202 1/2	195 1/2 202 1/2	1,300	May Department Stores	60	Jan 4	131 1/2	Oct 31	
24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	23 1/2 23 1/2	23 1/2 23 1/2	23 1/2 23 1/2	23 1/2 23 1/2	100	Do preferred	104	Jan 2	110	May 2	
60 1/2 60 1/2	60 1/2 60 1/2	60 1/2 60 1/2	60 1/2 60 1/2	60 1/2 60 1/2	60 1/2 60 1/2	48,000	Mexican Petroleum	163 1/2	Jan 23	264	Oct 22	
51 1/2 51 1/2	51 1/2 51 1/2	51 1/2 51 1/2	50 1/2 51 1/2	50 1/2 51 1/2	50 1/2 51 1/2	100	Do pref.	105	Feb 7	118 1/2	Sept 30	
60 60	50 60	50 60	50 1/2 59	50 1/2 59	50 1/2 59	5	Miami Copper	21 1/2	Nov 23	32 1/2	July 17	
44 1/2 45 1/4	44 1/2 45 1/4	45 1/2 46	44 1/2 46	44 1/2 46	44 1/2 46	30	Middle States Oil Corp.	32	Oct 9	7 1/2	Nov 18	
35 1/2 35 1/4	35 1/2 35 1/4	36 36	36 36	36 36	36 36	34,400	Midway Steel & Ordnance	40 1/2	Feb 7	62 1/2	July 14	
64 1/2 65	68 68 1/2	64 1/2 71	63 1/2 65	63 1/2 65	63 1/2 65	3,500	Montana Power	4 1/2	Nov 28	83	July 29	
\$ 87 90	\$ 87 89 1/2	\$ 89 89	\$ 88 1/2 88 1/2	\$ 88 1/2 88 1/2	\$ 88 1/2 88 1/2	2,100	National Acmec	29 1/2	Jan 2	48 1/2	July 12	
77 80	77 80	77 77	77 80	77 80	77 80	14,700	Nat Aniline & Chem vte no par	4 1/2	Sept 15	75	Nov 7	
\$ 103 107	\$ 103 107	\$ 103 107	\$ 103 107	\$ 103 107	\$ 103 107	300	Do preferred v t c	87	Nov 13	91 1/2	Oct 7	
76 78	78 1/2 79 1/2	79 1/2 81 1/2	79 1/2 80	79 1/2 80	79 1/2 80	100	National Biscuit	107	Aug 20	139	Oct 7	
\$ 100 103	\$ 102 102	\$ 100 104	\$ 100 104	\$ 100 104	\$ 100 104	100	Do preferred	112 1/2	Nov 20	121	Mar 14	
82 1/2 82 1/2	81 1/2 83 1/2	81 1/2 83 1/2	83 1/2 83 1/2	83 1/2 83 1/2	83 1/2 83 1/2	100	National Cloak & Suit	70	Jan 22	92	July 28	
\$ 103 109 1/4	\$ 102 106 1/4	\$ 103 106 1/4	\$ 103 110	\$ 103 110	\$ 103 110	100	Do preferred	103 1/2	Feb 26	108 1/2	May 28	
15 1/2 15 1/2	14 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	5,000	Nat Condit & Cable No par	12	Nov 23	24 1/2	July 15	
\$ 117 121	\$ 118 121	\$ 120 120 1/2	\$ 118 119 1/4	\$ 118 119 1/4	\$ 118 119 1/4	100	Nat Enam's & Stampg	100	45 1/2	Feb 8	88 1/2	June 7
\$ 48 51	\$ 46 52	\$ 46 52	\$ 48 48	\$ 48 48	\$ 48 48	2,500	National Lead	93	Jan 15	104	May 27	
\$ 60 65	\$ 59 65	\$ 59 65	\$ 60 60 1/2	\$ 60 60 1/2	\$ 60 60 1/2	8,600	Do pref.	102	Sept 8	112	July 15	
\$ 54 57	\$ 54 57	\$ 54 57	\$ 54 57	\$ 54 57	\$ 54 57	2,000	Nevada Consol Copper	5	13 1/2	Nov 23	21 1/2	July 15
71 1/2 75 1/2	75 78 1/2	75 1/2 77 1/2	72 1/2 75	72 1/2 75	72 1/2 75	500	New York Air Brake	100	19 1/2	Feb 3	145 1/2	Oct 22
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	200	New York Dock	100	19 1/2	Feb 3	70 1/2	July 29
9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	6,300	Do preferred	100	44 1/2	Mar 13	75	July 29
\$ 104 111 1/2	\$ 110 111 1/2	\$ 110 111 1/2	\$ 10 11	\$ 10 11	\$ 10 11	25,700	North American Co	100	47	Jan 11	67	July 28
37 37	37 37 1/2	36 1/2 37 1/2	36 1/2 37 1/2	36 1/2 37 1/2	36 1/2 37 1/2	200	Nova Scotia Steel & Coal	100	46	Jan 30	67	June 2
60 61	60 61	60 60 1/4	58 1/2 61	58 1/2 61	58 1/2 61	25,700	Ohio Cities Gas (The)	25	435 1/4	Feb 14	61 1/2	July 10
75 75	75 75	75 75	75 75	75 75	75 75	450	Ohio Fuel Supply	25	43	Jan 18	65 1/2	July 25
\$ 97 98	\$ 97 98	\$ 97 98	\$ 97 98	\$ 97 98	\$ 97 98	10,200	Ontario Food & Refining	5	8	Feb 3	13 1/2	May 10
105 108 1/2	107 1/2 109 1/2	107 1/2 109 1/2	103 1/2 107	103 1/2 107	103 1/2 107	200	Ontario Silver Mining	100	5 1/2	Mar 18	11 1/2	Nov 5
33 1/2 33 1/2	33 1/2 34 1/2	35 1/2 36 1/2	36 1/2 38 1/2	36 1/2 38 1/2	36 1/2 38 1/2	6,800	Ots Elevator	100	128	Nov 13	148	Nov 8
\$ 88 90	\$ 88 90	\$ 88 90	\$ 88 90	\$ 88 90	\$ 88 90	2,200	Ots Steel	89	34 1/2	Nov 19	39 1/2	Nov 14
100 101 1/2	101 1/2 102 1/2	101 1/2 102 1/2	101 1/2 103	101 1/2 103	101 1/2 103	1,400	Owens Bottle	25	46	Mar 3	74	Oct 17
101 1/2 101 1/2	100 1/2 100 1/2	100 1/2 100 1/2	100 1/2 100 1/2	100 1/2 100 1/2	100 1/2 100 1/2	700	Pacific Development	73	Oct 23	80	Oct 15	
72 72	72 72	72 72	72 72	72 72	72 72	1,400	Pacific Gas & Electric	100	59 1/2	Nov 20	75 1/2	July 24
\$ 121 122 1/2	\$ 120 121	\$ 117 1/2 130 1/4	\$ 115 118	\$ 115 118	\$ 115 118	300	Pacific Mail SS	5	29 1/2	Feb 8	42 1/2	July 11
86 1/2 90	80 1/2 90 1/2	90 1/2 90 1/2	88 1/2 91	88 1/2 91	88 1/2 91	51,500	Pacific Teleph & Telc	22	Jan 21	49 1/2	Aug 16	
98 98	97 1/2 98	98 1/2 99	97 97	97 97	97 97	14,300	Pan-Am Pet & Trans	60	67	Jan 21	140 1/2	Oct 22
\$ 104 109 1/2	\$ 104 109 1/2	\$ 104 109 1/2	\$ 106 109 1/2	\$ 106 109 1/2	\$ 106 109 1/2	27 1/2	Pan-Seaboard St v t c No par	100	17 1/2	Apr 30	58	July 18
211 211 1/2	205 211 1/2	205 211 1/2	201 204 1/2	201 204 1/2	201 204 1/2	33 1/2	People's G-L & C (Ohio)	100	34 1/2	Nov 23	57	May 26
\$ 82 1/2 87	\$ 84 1/2 86 1/2	\$ 84 1/2 86 1/2	\$ 84 1/2 86 1/2	\$ 84 1/2 86 1/2	\$ 84 1/2 86 1/2	1,800	Philadelp C & C (Pittsb)	50	30	Jan 3	47	Apr 28
\$ 106 107	\$ 106 107	\$ 106 107	\$ 106 107	\$ 106 107	\$ 106 107	134,100	Pierces-Arrow M Car No par	33 1/2	Jan 22	99	Oct 30	
100 102	101 1/2 102 1/2	101 1/2 103	100 1/2 103 1/2	100 1/2 103 1/2	100 1/2 103 1/2	300	Do pref.	101 1/4	Jan 11	111	Oct 20	
82 1/2 82 1/2	83 83 1/2	83 85	84 85	84 85	84 85	8,700	Pierco Oil Corporation	100	16	Jan 2	31 1/2	Apr 17
14 1/2 14 1/2	13 1/2 15 1/2	14 1/2 15 1/2	13 1/2 14 1/2	13 1/2 14 1/2	13 1/2 14 1/2	100	Do pref.	101 1/2	Nov 12	105 1/2	Oct 28	
\$ 215 220	\$ 216 218	\$ 215 218	\$ 218 218	\$ 218 218	\$ 218 218	500	Pittsburgh Coal of Pa	100	45	Feb 3	75 1/2	July 29
49 50 1/2	49 1/2 50 1/2	49 1/2 50 1/2	47 1/2 49 1/2	47 1/2 49 1/2	47 1/2 49 1/2	600	Do pref.	85 1/2	Mar 17	98	May 25	
72 72	72 72	72 72	72 72	72 72	72 72	3,500	Pond Creek Coal	100	12 1/2	Feb 5	31 1/2	Oct 15
\$ 104 107	\$ 104 107	\$ 104 107	\$ 104 107	\$ 104 107	\$ 104 107	18,400	Pressed Steel Car	100	259	Feb 11	109	Oct 20
\$ 110 118	\$ 112 118	\$ 112 118	\$ 115 115	\$ 115 115	\$ 115 115	100	Do pref.	100	Mar 3	106	July 16	
\$ 130 140	\$ 130 140	\$ 130 140	\$ 130 140	\$ 130 140	\$ 130 140	100	Publ Serv Corp of N J	100	70	Nov 5	91 1/2	Jan 7
\$ 85 90	\$ 85 90	\$ 85 90	\$ 85 90	\$ 85 90	\$ 85 90	21,500	Public Company	100	110	Nov 23	132 1/2	July 17
74 1/2 75	75 77 1/2	75 1/2 77 1/2	77 1/2 77 1/2	77 1/2 77 1/2	77 1/2 77 1/2	50	Railway Steel Spring	60	81	Apr 4	87	Oct 30
110 111 1/2	110 111 1/2	110 111 1/2	110 111 1/2	110 111 1/2	110 111 1/2	7,500	Do pref.	104	Feb 10	107 1/2	Nov 5	
45 1/2 45 1/2	45 1/2 45 1/2	45 1/2 47	45 1/2 47	45 1/2 47	45 1/2 47	1,800	Ray-Consolidated Copper	100	19	Mar 4	27 1/2	July 17
114 114	114 114	114 114	114 114	114 114	114 114	300	Reynolds Typewriter v t c	100	88	Aug 18	109 1/2	Oct 24
299 301	295 302	295 301 1/2	290 300	290 300	290 300	100	Republic Iron & Steel	100	71 1/2	Jan 18	145	Nov 1
\$ 260 270	\$ 260 275	\$ 260 275	\$ 260 275	\$ 260 275	\$ 260 275	8,700	Do pref.	100	100	Jan 10	109 1/2	July 28
\$ 82 1/2 83 1/2	\$ 83 1/2 84 1/2	\$ 83 1/2 85 1/2	\$ 83 1/2 85 1/2	\$ 83 1/2 85 1/2	\$ 83 1/2 85 1/2	65,700	Royal Motor Truck No par	44 1/2	Sept 8	74 1/2	Nov 1	
\$ 94 99	\$ 93 1/2 95 1/2	\$ 93 1/2 95 1/2	\$ 93 1/2 95 1/2	\$ 93 1/2 95 1/2	\$ 93 1/2 95 1/2	1,000	Royal Dutton Co (N Y shares)	84	Aug 27	121	July 17	
\$ 62 62	\$ 62 63 1/2	\$ 62 64 1/2	\$ 61 1/2 62 1/2	\$ 61 1/2 62 1/2	\$ 61 1/2 62 1/2	1,200	St Joseph Lead	100	134	Nov 28	17	July 14
39 1/2 39 1/2	39 39 1/2	39 39 1/2	36 1/2 38 1/2	36 1/2 38 1/2	36 1/2 38 1/2	13,200	St. Joseph Lead	100	53 1/2	Jan 24	94 1/2	Oct 17
\$ 51 51 1/2	\$ 52 52 1/2	\$ 52 52 1/2	\$ 50 1/2 52 1/2	\$ 50 1/2 52 1/2	\$ 50 1/2 52 1/2	400	Saxon Motor Car Corp	100	94	Mar 21	29	Aug 8
\$ 141 145	\$ 140 141 1/2	\$ 143 1/2 143 1/2	\$ 141 141 1/2	\$ 141 141 1/2	\$							

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Nov. 28										BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Nov. 28											
Interest Period		Price Friday Nov. 28		Week's Range or Last Sale		Range Since Jan. 1		Bonds Sold		Interest Period		Price Friday Nov. 28		Week's Range or Last Sale		Range Since Jan. 1		Bonds Sold			
Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	Low	High		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	Low	High			
Delaware & Hudson	1922	J	J	97 1/8	97 1/2	97	Oct '19	96	97	Lon Y Term Ry 1st gu g 5 1/2	1941	A	O	97 1/4	99	99	Oct '19	98	102 1/4		
1st lien equip g 4 1/4	1922	J	J	80	81	80	81 1/2	1	78 1/2	Registered	1934	A	O	100	100 1/2	100	Mar '17	100	102 3/4	24	
1st & ref 4 1/2	1943	N	N	85	86	85	86	1	84 1/2	Lon Val RR 10-yr coll 5 1/2	1928	J	J	96	100	100	101	97 1/4	100		
20-year conv 5 1/2	1943	A	O	70 1/4	73	71	71 1/4	2	71	Lon Val Coal Co 1st gu g 5 1/2	1933	J	J	105	105	105	Oct '15	105	100		
Alb & Saratoga 3 1/4	1941	M	N	102 1/4	104	102 1/4	Apr '19	102 1/4	102 1/4	Registered	1933	J	J	105	105	105	Oct '15	105	100		
Romas & Saratoga 1st 7 1/2	1921	M	N	102 1/4	104	102 1/4	Apr '19	102 1/4	102 1/4	1st lien reduced to 4 1/2	1933	J	J	105	105	105	Oct '15	105	100		
Danver & Rio Grande	1934	J	J	62	64	62	63 1/2	42	62	Lon & N Y 1st guar g 4 1/2	1945	M	S	68	67 1/2	70	July '18	68	67 1/2		
1st cons g 4 1/2	1934	J	J	65	69	65	69 1/2	Nov '19	60	70 1/2	Registered	1945	M	S	68	67 1/2	70	July '18	68	67 1/2	
Consol gold 4 1/4	1936	J	J	70	73	74	Nov '19	73 1/2	80	Long 1st 1st cons gold 5 1/2	1931	Q	J	89 1/2	100 1/2	92 1/2	Sept '19	92 1/2	98 1/2		
Improvement gold 5 1/2	1925	J	D	50	52 1/2	57	Nov '19	55	60 1/2	1st consol gold 4 1/2	1931	Q	J	73 1/2	73 1/2	75	Nov '19	72 1/2	80		
1st & refunding 5 1/2	1925	F	A	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	Nov '19	87 1/2	87 1/2	General gold 4 1/2	1932	J	D	70	70	70	Oct '19	70	70		
Rio Gr June 1st gu g 5 1/2	1949	J	O	39 1/2	39 1/2	34	July '17	34	34	Gold	1932	M	S	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	Oct '19	80 1/2	80 1/2		
Rio Gr 1st gold 4 1/2	1940	J	J	64 1/2	65 1/2	66	66 1/2	3	63 1/2	Unified gold 4 1/2	1932	J	D	70	70	70	Oct '19	70	70		
Guaranteed	1940	J	J	64 1/2	65 1/2	66	66 1/2	3	63 1/2	Debtenture gold 5 1/2	1949	M	S	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	Jan '19	72 1/2	72 1/2		
Rio Gr West 1st gold 4 1/2	1939	J	J	64 1/2	65 1/2	66	66 1/2	3	63 1/2	20-year p m deb 5 1/2	1937	M	S	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	Jan '19	72 1/2	72 1/2		
Mtge & coll trust 4 1/2	1949	A	O	55	55 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	2	52 1/2	Guar refunding gold 4 1/2	1949	M	S	67 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	Oct '19	67 1/2	67 1/2		
Del & Mack—1st lien g 4 1/2	1949	J	D	55	55 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	2	52 1/2	Registered	1949	M	S	67 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	Oct '19	67 1/2	67 1/2		
Gold 4 1/2	1949	J	D	55	55 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	2	52 1/2	N Y B & M B 1st con g 5 1/2	1935	A	O	92	92	92	Aug '19	92	94		
Del Riv Tug & Coal 5 1/2	1949	M	N	75	77	75 1/2	July '19	75 1/2	84 1/4	N Y & R B 1st gold 5 1/2	1927	M	S	80	80	87	87	1	87	92	
Dul Missabe & Nor gen 5 1/2	1941	J	J	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	June '19	94 1/2	94 1/2	Registered	1927	M	S	80	80	87	87	1	87	92	
Dul & Iron Range 1st 5 1/2	1937	A	O	90	90	89 1/2	Nov '19	89 1/2	95	Louisville & Nashv gen 6 1/2	1930	J	D	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	June '19	82 1/2	88 1/2		
Registered	1937	A	O	90	90	89 1/2	Nov '19	89 1/2	95	Gold 5 1/2	1930	J	D	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	June '19	82 1/2	88 1/2		
Dul Sout Shore & Ad 1st g 5 1/2	1937	J	J	75	83	83	June '19	83	84 1/2	Unified gold 4 1/2	1940	J	J	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	Oct '19	81 1/2	88 1/2		
Elgin Joliet & East 1st g 5 1/2	1941	M	N	90 1/2	90 1/2	89 1/2	Sept '19	89 1/2	94 1/2	Registered	1940	J	J	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	Oct '19	81 1/2	88 1/2		
Erle 1st consol gold 7 1/2	1920	M	S	100	100	100	100	2	98 1/4	Collateral trust gold 5 1/2	1931	M	N	90 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	Sept '19	91 1/2	97		
N Y & Erie 1st ext g 4 1/2	1949	M	N	82	82	82	Oct '19	82	82	Clin & Lex gold 4 1/2	1931	M	N	90 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	Sept '19	91 1/2	97		
2d ext gold 5 1/2	1919	M	S	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	Oct '19	91 1/2	91 1/2	N O & M 1st gold 6 1/2	1930	J	J	101	101	104	Sept '19	103 1/2	105 1/2		
3rd ext gold 4 1/4	1923	M	S	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	Oct '19	91 1/2	91 1/2	2d gold 6 1/2	1930	J	J	101	101	104	Sept '19	103 1/2	105 1/2		
4th ext gold 5 1/2	1920	A	O	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	July '17	95 1/2	95 1/2	Paducah & Mem Div 4 1/2	1946	F	A	78	89 1/2	79 1/2	Jan '19	79 1/2	79 1/2		
5th ext gold 5 1/2	1928	M	S	95 1/2	100	98 1/2	Aug '19	98 1/2	98 1/2	St Louis Div 1st gold 7 1/2	1921	M	S	89 1/2	100	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	101 1/2	
N Y L E & W 1st 1st 7 1/2	1920	M	S	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	56	41	98 1/2	2d gold 3 1/2	1930	M	S	51 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	Nov '19	51 1/2	57		
Registered	1920	M	S	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	56	41	98 1/2	Atk Knox & Clin Div 4 1/2	1935	M	N	72	74	72 1/2	72 1/2	1	72 1/2	79	
1st consol gen lien g 4 1/2	1949	J	J	43	43	43	45	147	43	Hendrix Bdge 1st s f g 6 1/2	1946	J	D	95 1/2	100	95 1/2	Nov '19	95 1/2	95 1/2		
Registered	1949	J	J	43	43	43	45	147	43	Kentucky Central gold 4 1/2	1937	J	J	71 1/2	77	75	Oct '19	75	80 1/2		
Penn coll trust gold 4 1/2	1951	F	A	80	83	80	80	2	77 1/2	L & N M & M 1st s f g 5 1/2	1905	A	O	88	87 1/2	87 1/2	10	87 1/2	95 1/2		
50-year conv 4 1/2 Ser A	1951	F	A	38	37 1/2	38	40 1/2	21	38 1/2	L & N South M joint 4 1/2	1945	M	S	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	July '19	80 1/2	87 1/2		
do Series B	1953	A	O	38	37 1/2	38	40 1/2	21	38 1/2	Registered	1945	M	S	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	July '19	80 1/2	87 1/2		
Gen conv 4 1/2 Ser D	1953	A	O	38	37 1/2	38	40 1/2	21	38 1/2	N Fla & S 1st gu g 5 1/2	1937	F	A	95	94 1/2	94 1/2	Sept '19	94 1/2	95 1/2		
Chic & Erie 1st gold 5 1/2	1932	M	N	83 1/2	87 1/2	85	Nov '19	84	95 1/2	N & C Bdge gen gu g 4 1/2	1945	F	A	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	May '16	80 1/2	88 1/2		
Clev & Mahon Val g 5 1/2	1938	M	N	99	99 1/2	99 1/2	Oct '19	99 1/2	101	Pensac & Atl 1st gu g 6 1/2	1921	F	A	99	101	101 1/2	July '19	101 1/2	101 1/2		
Erle & Jersey 1st s f 6 1/2	1955	J	J	95	97	94	97	8	94 1/2	St Louis Div 1st gold 7 1/2	1921	M	S	89 1/2	100	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	101 1/2	
Genesee Silver 1st s f 6 1/2	1957	J	J	95	97	94	97	8	94 1/2	2d gold 3 1/2	1930	M	S	51 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	Nov '19	51 1/2	57		
Long Dock consol g 5 1/2	1935	A	O	108	108 1/2	108 1/2	Sept '19	108 1/2	108 1/2	Atk Knox & Nor 1st g 6 1/2	1946	J	D	95 1/2	100	95 1/2	Nov '19	95 1/2	95 1/2		
Ont & RR 1st cur gu 5 1/2	1942	M	N	93	93 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '18	93	100	Hendrix Bdge 1st s f g 6 1/2	1946	J	D	95 1/2	100	95 1/2	Nov '19	95 1/2	95 1/2		
Dock & Imp 1st ext 5 1/2	1943	J	J	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	July '17	90 1/2	90 1/2	Kentucky Central gold 4 1/2	1937	J	J	71 1/2	77	75	Oct '19	75	80 1/2		
N Y & Green L gu g 5 1/2	1946	M	N	84	85	85	Jan '18	84	85	L & N M & M 1st s f g 5 1/2	1905	A	O	88	87 1/2	87 1/2	10	87 1/2	95 1/2		
N Y Busq & W 1st 6 1/2	1937	J	J	60	64 1/2	65	Nov '19	64 1/2	73 1/4	L & N South M joint 4 1/2	1945	M	S	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	July '19	80 1/2	87 1/2		
2d gold 4 1/4	1937	F	A	55	100 1/4	Dec '06	Dec '06		55	Registered	1945	M	S	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	July '19	80 1/2	87 1/2		
General gold 5 1/2	1940	F	A	55	100 1/4	Dec '06	Dec '06		55	N Fla & S 1st gu g 5 1/2	1937	F	A	95	94 1/2	94 1/2	Sept '19	94 1/2	95 1/2		
Terminal 1st gold 5 1/2	1943	M	N	88	88	88	Dec '18	88	88	N & C Bdge gen gu g 4 1/2	1945	F	A	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	May '16	80 1/2	88 1/2		
Mid of N J 1st ext 5 1/2	1940	A	O	72	72	72	72	1	72	Pensac & Atl 1st gu g 6 1/2	1921	F	A	99	101	101 1/2	July '19	101 1/2	101 1/2		
Will & East 1st gu g 5 1/2	1946	J	D	55	55	55	Nov '19	55	55	St Louis Div 1st gold 7 1/2	1921	M	S	89 1/2	100	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2	101 1/2	
V & Ind 1st cons gu g 5 1/2	1926	J	D	55	55	55	Nov '19	55	55	2d gold 3 1/2	1930	M	S	51 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	Nov '19	51 1/2	57		
Evans & T E 1st cons 5 1/2	1921	J	J	95	96 1/2	95 1/2	Aug '19	95	98	Atk Knox & Nor 1st g 6 1/2	1946	J	D	95 1/2	100	95 1/2	Nov '19	95 1/2	95 1/2		
1st general gold 5 1/2	1942	A	O	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	Aug '19	95	98	St Louis 1st 7 1/2	1927	J	D	94	97 1/2	97 1/2	Apr '19	97 1/2	97 1/2		
Mat Vernon 1st gold 5																					

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N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE									
Week ending Nov 23										Week ending Nov 23									
Interest	Par	Price	Week's	Range	Bonds	Interest	Par	Price	Week's	Range	Bonds	Interest	Par	Price	Week's	Range	Bonds		
Per Cent		Friday	Range	Since	Sold	Per Cent		Friday	Range	Since	Sold	Per Cent		Friday	Range	Since	Sold		
		Nov 23	of	Jan. 1				Nov 23	of	Jan. 1				Nov 23	of	Jan. 1			
			Last	Jan. 1					Last	Jan. 1					Last	Jan. 1			
N Y Cent & H R RR (Con)	A	72 1/4	78 1/4	Apr '15	78	80	P. C. C. & St. L (Con)	A	92	91	Sept '18								
N Y & Pu Ist cons gu 4 1/2	A	103 1/4	113	May '15			Series F guar 4 1/2 gold	M	92	90 1/2	Aug '18								
Pine Brook reg guar 6 1/2	A	97 1/2	99 1/2	July '19	99	99 1/2	Series G guar 4 1/2	M	92	91	Apr '19								
R W & O con lat ext 5 1/2	A	73	77	Oct '19	87	77 1/2	Series I cons gu 4 1/2	A	99 1/2	100 1/2	June '19								
Rutland lat con g 4 1/2	J	56	60	Aug '19	60	61 1/2	O St L & P lat cons g 5 1/2	A	90	95	101	June '19							
Og & L Cham lat gu 4 1/2	J	56	60	Aug '19	60	61 1/2	Peoria & Pekin Un lat 5 1/2	Q	90	95	100	June '19							
But-Canada lat gu g 4 1/2	J	82 1/4	85	Nov '19	87	87	2d gold 4 1/2	M	92	91	Mar '16								
St Lawr & Adir lat g 5 1/2	A	82 1/4	85	Nov '19	87	87	Pere Marquette lat Ser A 5 1/2	A	95	94	Mar '16								
2d gold 5 1/2	A	95 1/2	103	Nov '19	95	98	1st Series B 5 1/2	A	95	94	Mar '16								
Utica & Bk Riv gu g 4 1/2	J	63	69 1/2	Nov '19	69 1/2	74	Philippine Ry 1st 30-yr g 4 1/2	J	45	50	45	Nov '19							
Lake Shore gold 3 1/2	J	63	71	Nov '19	70 1/2	70 1/2	Pitts Sh & L E lat g 5 1/2	A	97 1/2	99	Jan '17								
Registered	J	87	83 1/2	87	7	34 1/2	1st consol gold 5 1/2	A	95 1/2	97 1/2	Dec '17								
Debiture gold 4 1/2	M	83	84 1/2	84 1/2	10	84 1/2	Reading Co gen gold 4 1/2	J	81	80 1/2	81	60	80	80 1/2					
25-year gold 4 1/2	M	83	84 1/2	84 1/2	10	84 1/2	Registered	J	79 1/2	80	80 1/2	10	79 1/2	85					
Registered	J	85	84 1/2	Nov '19	84 1/2	84 1/2	Jersey Central coll g 4 1/2	A	95 1/2	96	96 1/2	10	95 1/2	98					
Ka A & G R 1st gu g 5 1/2	J	85	103 1/2	Dec '15	103	103 1/2	Atlantic City guar 4 1/2	J	53	62	60 1/2	Nov '19							
Mahon C I RR lat 5 1/2	J	93 1/2	103 1/2	Dec '15	103	103 1/2	St Louis & San Fran (reorg Co)	J	55	55	55 1/2	220	55	64					
Pitts & L Erie 2d g 5 1/2	A	102 1/2	130 1/2	Jan '09	130 1/2	130 1/2	Prior lien Ser B 4 1/2	J	67	67	68	128	67	79					
Pitts Mck & Y 1st gu 5 1/2	J	102 1/2	133 1/2	Mar '12	133 1/2	133 1/2	Prior lien Ser B 5 1/2	J	67	67	68 1/2	118	67 1/2	71 1/2					
2d guaranteed 5 1/2	J	94 1/2	98 1/2	Aug '17	98 1/2	98 1/2	Cum adjust Ser A 4 1/2	A	40	40	43 1/2	103	39 1/2	56					
Michigan Central 5 1/2	M	92 1/2	93 1/2	Nov '19	93 1/2	93 1/2	St Louis & San Fran gen 5 1/2	J	101 1/2	101	Nov '19								
Registered	J	80	87	Feb '14	87	84	General gold 5 1/2	J	92 1/2	96	94	94	3	91 1/2	98 1/2				
Registered	J	70 1/2	90	June '03	90	74 1/2	St L & S F RR cons g 4 1/2	J	78	78	May '17								
J L & S lat gold 3 1/2	M	67 1/2	74 1/2	Aug '19	70 1/2	74 1/2	South Div lat g 5 1/2	A	90	90	May '17								
1st gold 3 1/2	M	74 1/2	74 1/2	Nov '19	74 1/2	74 1/2	K C Ft S & M cons g 5 1/2	M	100	101	100 1/2	100 1/2	2	99 1/2	103 1/2				
40-year debenture 4 1/2	A	74 1/2	74 1/2	Nov '19	74 1/2	74 1/2	K C Ft S & M cons g 5 1/2	M	62	63	64	64	1	63 1/2	73 1/2				
N Y Chl & St L 1st g 4 1/2	A	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	1	78 1/2	K C Ft S & M Ry ref g 4 1/2	A	87 1/2	88	88 1/2	11	87 1/2	90 1/2					
Registered	A	71	72 1/2	75	Nov '19	71	71	K C & M R & B lat gu 5 1/2	A	81	81	81	11	81	81				
Debiture 4 1/2	M	71	71	71	71	71	St L S W lat g 4 1/2 bond etc.	M	81	81	81	11	81	81					
West Shore lat 4 1/2 guar	J	70	71	71	71	71	2d 4 1/2 income bond etc.	M	57	57	57	5	57	63					
Registered	J	70	71	71	71	71	Consol gold 4 1/2	J	59	59	59	5	59	64 1/2					
N Y C Lines eq tr 5 1/2	M	97 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	1st terminal & unifying 5 1/2	J	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2					
Equip trust 4 1/2	J	80	80 1/2	81 1/2	Nov '19	73	80 1/2	S A & A Pass lat gu g 5 1/2	J	59	59	61 1/2	4	59	68				
NY Connect lat g 4 1/2	A	50	50	50	50	51 1/2	S A & A Pass lat gu g 5 1/2	J	59	59	61 1/2	4	59	68					
N H & Hartford	M	50	50	50	50	51 1/2	Seaboard Air Line g 4 1/2	A	62 1/2	64 1/2	63	Nov '19							
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	M	51	49	49	49	49	Gold 4 1/2 stamped	A	43	44 1/2	44 1/2	36	43	74					
Non-conv debent 3 1/2	A	48	50	Aug '19	50	52	Adjustment 5 1/2	A	45	45	45	5	45	60					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	J	50	52	52 1/2	Nov '19	51 1/2	Refunding 4 1/2	A	45	45	45	5	45	60					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	M	50	52	52	52	52	Atl Birm 30-yr lat g 4 1/2	M	70 1/2	70	70	70	70	76					
Conv debenture 3 1/2	J	72 1/2	72 1/2	75	15	72 1/2	Caro Cent lat con g 4 1/2	J	103	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2					
Conv debenture 5 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Fla Cent & Pen lat ext 6 1/2	J	104	101	102	102	102	102					
Cons Ry non-conv 4 1/2	J	51	51	51	51	51	1st land grant ext g 5 1/2	J	89 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	92 1/2					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	J	51	51	51	51	51	Consol gold 5 1/2	J	88	88	88	88	88	94					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Ga & Ala Ry lat con 5 1/2	J	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Ga & Ala Ry lat con 5 1/2	J	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Ga Car & No lat gu g 5 1/2	J	88	88	88	88	88	94					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Seaboard & Roan lat 5 1/2	J	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Southern Pacific Co	J	68 1/2	68 1/2	70	10	68	79 1/2					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Gold 4 1/2 (Cont Pac) etc.	J	68 1/2	68 1/2	70	10	68	79 1/2					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Registered	J	68 1/2	68 1/2	70	10	68	79 1/2					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	20-year conv 4 1/2	M	78	78	78	36	78	87 1/2					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	20-year conv 5 1/2	J	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	115					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	20-year conv 5 1/2	J	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	115					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Cent Pac lat ref gu g 4 1/2	A	74 1/2	75	75	70	72 1/2	83					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Registered	J	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	83					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Mort guar gold 3 1/2	J	82 1/2	82	82 1/2	24	81	85 1/2					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Through St L lat gu 4 1/2	A	93	101	100	Oct '18							
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	G H & S A M & P lat 5 1/2	M	93	101	100	Oct '18							
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	No C Gen lat gu g 5 1/2	J	87 1/2	99	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	104					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Gila V G & N lat gu g 5 1/2	M	92 1/2	102	102	102	102	104					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Hous E & W T lat g 5 1/2	M	85 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	1st guar 5 1/2 red	M	85 1/2	100	100	100	100	100					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	H & T C lat 5 1/2 lat gu	J	91 1/2	94 1/2	94	94	94	94 1/2					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Gen gold 4 1/2 int guar	A	91 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	94					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Waco & N W div lat g 5 1/2	M	90	94	94	94	94	94					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	A & N W lat gu g 5 1/2	J	87 1/2	95	95	95	95	95					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Louisiana West lat 5 1/2	J	93 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2					
Non-conv debent 4 1/2	A	51	51	51	51	51	Morgan's La & T lat 5 1/2	J	93 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2					

BONDS										BONDS									
N Y STOCK EXCHANGE										N Y STOCK EXCHANGE									
Week ending Nov. 28										Week ending Nov. 28									
Interest	Period	Price	Week's	Range	Since	Interest	Period	Price	Week's	Range	Since	Interest	Period	Price	Week's	Range	Since		
		Friday	Range or	Since	Jan. 1			Friday	Range or	Since	Jan. 1			Friday	Range or	Since	Jan. 1		
		Nov. 28	Last Sale					Nov. 28	Last Sale					Nov. 28	Last Sale				
Street Railway																			
Brooklyn Rapid Trans 4 5/8	1945	A	O	30 1/4	35	32	32	3	31	76									
1st refund conv gold 4 1/2	2002	J	J	25 1/2	28	30	Nov 19		28	53									
3-yr 7% secured 4 1/2	1921	J	J	40	40	40	40	119	43	86									
Certificates of deposit		J	J	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	45	195	39 1/2	79									
Wholesale Div 1st gold 5 1/2	1928	M	O	85 1/2	85	85	85	23	84	78 1/2									
Wheel Div 1st gold 5 1/2	1928	M	O	85 1/2	85	85	85	23	84	78 1/2									
Ext'n & Imp't gold 5 1/2	1930	F	A	85 1/2	85	85	85	23	84	78 1/2									
Refunding 4 1/2 series A	1926	M	S	50 1/2	55	55	55	5	50 1/2	54									
RR 1st consol 4 1/2	1949	M	S	43	55	59	59	5	43	63 1/2									
Winston-Salem S B 1st 4 1/2	1960	J	J	67 1/2	69	67 1/2	67 1/2	11	64	80									
Wm Cent 50-yr lat gen 4 1/2	1949	J	J	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2	11	64	80									
Sup & Dist Div & term lat 4 1/2	1926	M	N	71	71 1/2	72 1/2	Nov 19		72 1/2	77									
Miscellaneous																			
Adams Ex coll tr 4 1/2	1948	M	S	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57	26	55	62									
Alaska Gold M deb 5 1/2	1925	M	S	17 1/2	20	20	Nov 19		17 1/2	20									
Conv deb 6 1/2 series B	1926	M	S	17 1/2	20	17 1/2	17 1/2	6	17 1/2	35									
Am SS of W Va 1st 5 1/2	1920	M	N	100	100	100	100	10	97 1/2	100									
Armour & Co 1st real est 4 1/2	1930	J	O	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	51	82 1/2	88 1/2									
Broth Fisheries deb 5 1/2	1926	A	O	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	1	95 1/2	97									
Brush Term lat 4 1/2	1932	F	A	74	74	74	74	1	74	75 1/2									
Consol 5 1/2	1952	A	O	70	70	70	70	1	70	71 1/2									
Buildings 5 1/2 guar lat 4 1/2	1950	A	O	75	75	75	75	1	75	76 1/2									
Chic C & Conn Ry 5 1/2	1927	A	O	77	77	77	77	1	77	78 1/2									
Chic N Sta 1st lat 4 1/2	1943	J	J	81	81	81	81	1	81	82 1/2									
Chile Copper 10-yr conv 7 1/2	1923	M	N	104	104	104	104	10	104	120									
Reels (part paid) conv 6 1/2	1932	A	O	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	1	89 1/2	90 1/2									
Coll tr & conv 6 1/2 ser A	1932	A	O	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	1	70 1/2	71 1/2									
Computing Tab-Rec 1 1/2	1941	J	J	83	83	83	83	1	83	84 1/2									
Granby Cons M&P con G A	1928	M	N	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	1	93 1/2	94 1/2									
Great Falls Pow 1st 5 1/2	1940	M	N	94	94	94	94	1	94	95 1/2									
Int Marcan Marine 1 1/2	1941	A	O	84	84	84	84	1	84	85 1/2									
Montana Power 1st 5 1/2	1943	J	J	87	87	87	87	1	87	88 1/2									
Morris & Co lat 1 1/2	1939	J	J	78	78	78	78	1	78	79 1/2									
Mtge Bonds (N Y) 4 1/2 ser 2	1966	A	O	83	83	83	83	1	83	84 1/2									
10-20-year 5 1/2 series 3	1932	J	J	83	83	83	83	1	83	84 1/2									
N Y Doc 50-yr 1st 4 1/2	1951	F	A	98	98	98	98	1	98	99 1/2									
Niagara Falls Power 1st 5 1/2	1932	J	J	93	93	93	93	1	93	94 1/2									
Ref & gen 6 1/2	1932	A	O	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1	100 1/2	101 1/2									
Niag Lee & O Pow 1st 5 1/2	1954	M	N	88 1/2	90	93 1/2	Nov 19		88 1/2	94 1/2									
Nor States Power 25-yr 5 1/2	1941	A	O	84 1/2	85	84	84 1/2	1	84 1/2	85 1/2									
Ontario Power N P 1st 5 1/2	1943	F	A	87	87	87	87	1	87	88 1/2									
Ontario Transmission 5 1/2	1943	M	N	79	80	79	79	1	79	80 1/2									
Pub Serv Corp N J gen 5 1/2	1950	A	O	170	170	170	170	1	170	171 1/2									
Tennessee Coal 1st conv 6 1/2	1925	M	N	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	1	94 1/2	95 1/2									
Wash Water Power 1st 5 1/2	1939	J	J	90	90	90	90	1	90	91 1/2									
Wilson & Co 1st 25-yr 1 1/2	1941	A	O	98	98	98	98	1	98	99 1/2									
10-yr conv 1 1/2	1928	J	D	95	95	95	95	1	95	96 1/2									
Manufacturing & Industrial																			
Am Agric Chem 1st 5 1/2	1928	A	O	93	93 1/2	93 1/2	93	19	96 1/2	101									
Conv deben 5 1/2	1924	F	A	98	100	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	98 1/2	101 1/2									
Am Col Oil debenture 6 1/2	1931	M	N	82	89	87 1/2	87 1/2	3	87	89 1/2									
Am Oil & L 1st 30-yr 5 1/2	1947	A	O	85 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	1	85 1/2	86 1/2									
Am Sm & L 1st 30-yr 5 1/2	1947	A	O	85 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	1	85 1/2	86 1/2									
Gold 4 1/2	1951	F	A	110	110	110	110	1	110	111 1/2									
Am Writ Paper 1st 7 1/2	1939	J	J	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	1	85 1/2	86 1/2									
1st 1 1/2 ser of deposit		J	J	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	1	85 1/2	86 1/2									
Baldw Loco Wor 1st 5 1/2	1940	M	N	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	1	100 1/2	101 1/2									
Consol Foundry 1st 1 1/2	1931	F	A	84 1/2	86	85	Nov 19		84 1/2	85 1/2									
Cons Leather 20-year 2 1/2	1925	A	O	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1	97 1/2	98 1/2									
Consol Tobacco 4 1/2	1951	F	A	75	80 1/2	73 1/2	Dec 18		75	76 1/2									
Cons Prod Ref 1st 5 1/2	1931	M	N	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	100 1/2	1	100 1/2	101 1/2									
1st 2 1/2 ser of 5 1/2	1934	M	N	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	100 1/2	1	100 1/2	101 1/2									
Distill Sec Cor conv 1 1/2	1927	A	O	85 1/2	87 1/2	89	89	2	85 1/2	87 1/2									
E I du Pont Powder 4 1/2	1930	J	D	94	100	93 1/2	Sept 19		94	95 1/2									
General Baking 1st 2 1/2	1930	J	D	89	90	88 1/2	July 19		89	90 1/2									
Gen Electric deb 3 1/2	1942	F	A	70	71	70 1/2	70 1/2	1	70	71 1/2									
Debenure 5 1/2	1952	M	S	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	93 1/2	1	93 1/2	94 1/2									
Ingersoll-Rand 1st 5 1/2	1935	J	J	98	98	98	98	1	98	99 1/2									
Int Agric Corp 1st 20-yr 5 1/2	1932	M	N	82 1/2	83	82 1/2	82 1/2	1	82 1/2	83 1/2									
Int Paper conv 5 1/2	1935	J	J	98 1/2	98	98	98 1/2	1	98 1/2	99 1/2									
1st & ref 5 conv ser A	1947	J	J	92	92	92	92	1	92	93 1/2									
Liggett & Myers Tobac 7 1/2	1944	A	O	110 1/2	110	110 1/2	110 1/2	1	110 1/2	111 1/2									
1st 1 1/2 ser of 5 1/2	1951	F	A	87	87	87	87	1	87	88 1/2									
Lorillard Co (P) 7 1/2	1944	A	O	110	110 1/2	109 1/2	Nov 19		110	111 1/2									
1st 1 1/2 ser of 5 1/2	1951	F	A	87	87	87	87	1	87	88 1/2									
Nat Enam & Stamp 1st 5 1/2	1929	J	D	96 1/2	97 1/2	97	97	1	96 1/2	97 1/2									
Nat Starch 20-year deb 5 1/2	1930	J	D	93 1/2	94 1/2	94	Aug 18		93 1/2	94 1/2									
National Tube 1st 5 1/2	1942	M	N	93	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	1	93	94 1/2									
N Y Air Bra 1st conv 6 1/2	1938	M	N	98 1/2	99	99 1/2	Nov 19		98 1/2	99 1/2									
Pierce Oil 5-year conv 6 1/2	1920	J	D	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2												

SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES.						Sales for the Week. Shares.	STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE		Range Since Jan. 1.		Range for Previous Year 1918.				
Saturday Nov. 22	Monday Nov. 24	Tuesday Nov. 25	Wednesday Nov. 26	Thursday Nov. 27	Friday Nov. 28		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.					
125 125	124 1/2	124 1/2	125 125	125 125	125 125	88	Boston & Albany	121	Sept 22	145	Apr 3	122 1/2	Apr	146	Nov
65 60	65 60	65 60	65 60	65 60	65 60	596	Boston Elevated	63 1/2	Sept 20	80 1/2	Apr 5	37	Jan	80	Nov
88 80	88 80	88 80	88 80	88 80	88 80	45	Do pref	86	Oct 24	97	Jan 28	91 1/2	Dec	98	Nov
78 80	78 80	78 80	78 80	78 80	78 80	39	Boston & Lowell	78	Oct 15	95	Jan 3	80	Jan	104	Nov
36 36	36 36	36 36	36 36	36 36	36 36	595	Boston & Maine	28	Jan 30	38 1/2	July 29	19	Jan	40	Sept
40 40	40 40	40 40	40 40	40 40	40 40	25	Do pref	49	Oct 10	50	Jan 27	27	Feb	60	Nov
140 145	140 145	140 145	140 145	140 145	140 145	180	Boston Providence	180	Sept 22	168	Jan 6	150	Apr	170	Aug
35 35	35 35	35 35	35 35	35 35	35 35	356	Boston Suburban Elec.	356	Nov 21	700	Nov 5	50	Dec	3	June
34 34	34 34	34 34	34 34	34 34	34 34	335	Do pref	335	Nov 24	11	Jan 14	10 1/4	Mar	15	June
19 19	19 19	19 19	19 19	19 19	19 19	300	Bost & Wore Elec pref	300	Nov 24	300	Feb 7	25	July	30 1/2	Nov
132 85	132 85	132 85	132 85	132 85	132 85	132	Chio June Ry & U S Y	132	Oct 1	135	Jan 4	138	July	147	Apr
102 103	100 103	100 103	100 103	100 103	100 103	84	Do pref	84	Feb 13	90	June 10	82 1/2	Apr	85 1/2	Dec
50 51	50 51	50 51	50 51	50 51	50 51	81	Concord & Mont class 4	81	Apr 30	77	Jan 6	73	Nov	80	Feb
104 106	100 103	100 103	100 103	100 103	100 103	100	Connecticut River	100	Sept 6	115	Apr 9	104	Feb	125	Nov
68 68	67 1/2	67 1/2	68 68	68 68	68 68	47	Fitchburg pref	47	Nov 7	53	Jan 2	53	Jan	65	Jan
32 32	31 1/2	31 1/2	32 32	32 32	32 32	99 1/2	Georgia Ry & Elec stampd	99 1/2	Mar 15	110	June 24	106	Sept	116 1/2	Jan
80 80	80 80	80 80	80 80	80 80	80 80	200	Do pref	200	Mar 15	73 1/2	July 29	70	Oct	81	Feb
84 86	85 85	85 85	84 86	84 86	84 86	1,950	Maline Central	43	Oct 3	83	Jan 6	77 1/2	Nov	88	Nov
82 82	81 1/2	81 1/2	82 82	82 82	82 82	39	S Y N H & Hartford	39	Apr 11	109	July 29	27	Feb	46	May
42 42	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 42	42 42	42 42	55	Northern New Hampshire	55	May 10	99 1/2	Aug 6	84	Oct	96	Nov
50 50	50 51	50 51	50 51	50 51	50 51	405	Old Colony	85	Nov 23	105	Jan 5	28 1/2	June	112 1/2	Dec
6 6 1/2	6 6 1/2	6 6 1/2	6 6 1/2	6 6 1/2	6 6 1/2	115	Rutland pref	115	Nov 20	23	May 27	20	Jan	25	Jan
11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	700	Vermont & Massachusetts	82	Oct 30	100	Jan 18	80	Aug	90	Oct
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	174	West End Street	38 1/2	Sept 24	50	Apr 3	37	Feb	50	July
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	1,745	Am Oil Engineering	10	Nov 20	7 1/4	Nov 8	40	July	2 1/2	Mar
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	556	Amer Pneumatic Service	25	Jan 2	2	Aug 14	4	Sept	15 1/2	Mar
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	216	Amer Telp & Teleg	100	Aug 1	9 1/4	Aug 14	4	Sept	15 1/2	Mar
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	440	Amoskeag Manufacturing	79	Feb 15	152	Nov 21	60 1/2	Jan	92	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	41	Do pref	78 1/2	Jan 9	84	Mar 22	76	Jan	82	June
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	905	Anglo-Am Canal Corp	18 1/2	Sept 11	21 1/2	Nov 5	11	Feb	21 1/2	Dec
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	1,430	Art Metal Construc Inc	10	Jan 21	24	Nov 5	11	Feb	21 1/2	Dec
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	1,554	Bilzhear Prod & Refg	10	Nov 12	13 1/2	May 19	10 1/4	May	14 1/2	Dec
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	1,291	Boston Mex Pet Trustees	3	Nov 23	4 1/2	Nov 10	10 1/4	May	14 1/2	Dec
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	145	Century Steel of Amer Inc	10	Mar 26	15 1/2	Mar 7	11 1/2	Jan	17 1/2	May
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	425	Cuban Portland Cement	10	Jan 4	6 1/2	June 19	4	Jan	5 1/2	Mar
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	4,975	East Boston Land	10	Jan 2	2 1/2	Nov 25	6	Nov	8 1/2	Mar
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	39	Eastern SS Lines Inc	39	Apr 11	77	Oct 30	39	Oct	58	Mar
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	73	Do pref	73	Oct 24	172	Jan 2	184	June	186	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	1,515	Edison Electric Illum	100	Oct 9	152	Nov 7	27 1/2	June	64 1/2	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	216	Edler Corporation	25	Jan 21	9 1/2	Nov 6	27 1/2	June	64 1/2	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	575	Fairbanks Company	50	Apr 11	35	Nov 17	27	Aug	35	Aug
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	12,720	Gorton-Pew Fisheries	25	Sept 11	54 1/2	Nov 10	4 1/2	Oct	7 1/2	Oct
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	2,164	Gray & Davis Inc	25	Nov 22	9 1/2	May 6	12	Apr	23	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	285	Internat Portland Cement	10	Mar 20	30	Oct 24	3 1/2	Aug	6 1/2	Dec
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	1,032	Do pref	50	Jan 2	9 1/2	Feb 20	3 1/2	Aug	6 1/2	Dec
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	555	Internat Products	10	Nov 13	35	Oct 20	7 1/2	Jan	10	May
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	1,153	Island Oil & Trans Corp	10	Feb 11	11	Jan 15	7 1/2	Jan	10	May
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	34	Libby, McNeill & Libby	10	Jan 17	9 1/2	Jan 26	8 1/2	Jan	9 1/2	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	167	Loew's Theatres	10	Nov 19	86	Jan 9	27 1/2	Jan	9 1/2	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	167	McElwain (W H) Ice pref	100	Nov 19	86	Jan 9	27 1/2	Jan	9 1/2	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	187	Massachusetts Gas Cos	100	Jan 21	71	Jan 13	62	June	71	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	37	Merchants Trust	130	Feb 10	149	Jan 18	107	June	147	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	195	Mexican Investment Inc	10	Nov 20	72	July 17	82 1/2	July	100 1/2	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	2,315	Mullins Body Corp	32 1/2	Sept 30	54	Oct 10	130	Feb	160	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	290	New England Telephone	100	Sept 26	98	Mar 16	82 1/2	July	100 1/2	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	641	Pacific Mills	145	Feb 24	90	Nov 1	130	Feb	160	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	5,667	Parish & Binjamin Corp	34	Aug 21	35 1/2	Oct 29	91	Aug	100	Feb
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	93	Plant (Chos G) pref	100	Jan 6	99	Mar 29	91	Aug	100	Feb
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	90	Reece Button-Holt	10	Jan 3	16	May 15	11	Jan	13 1/2	Mar
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	770	Root & Van Dervoort Class A	35	July 1	59 1/2	Oct 20	27	Oct	41 1/2	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	1,210	Silmas Magneto	5	Nov 10	27 1/2	Nov 10	27	Oct	41 1/2	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	1,212	Stewart Alf Corp	100	Jan 23	59 1/2	Oct 24	102	Aug	146 1/2	Nov
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	172	Torrington	25	Jan 13	75 1/2	Nov 7	45	Jan	55	Dec
100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	1,517	United Shoe Mach Corp	25							

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Nov. 22 to Nov. 28, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like U S Lib Loan 3 1/2% 1932-47, 1st Lib Loan 4% 1932-47, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Nov. 22 to Nov. 28, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Armour & Co, preferred, Briscoe, com, Booth Fish, com, new (*), Bucyrus, preferred, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Nov. 22 to Nov. 28, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Amer Rolling Mill, com, Amer Vitified Products, com, Amer Wind Glass Mach, 100, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Pittsb Brewing, com, preferred, Pittsb Coal, com, 100, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Nov. 22 to Nov. 28, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Alabama Co, Second preferred, Arundel Corporation, Arundel Sand & Gravel, 100, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Nov. 22 to Nov. 28, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Alliance Insurance, com, American Gas, 100, American Milling, 10, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and date.

r Ex-dividend.

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from Nov. 22 to Nov. 28, both inclusive. It covers the week ending Friday afternoon. On the "Curb" there are no restrictions whatever. Any security may be dealt in and any one can meet there and make prices and have them included in the lists of those who make it a business to furnish daily records of the transactions. The possibility that fictitious transactions may creep in, or even that dealings in spurious securities may be included, should, hence, always be kept in mind, particularly as regards mining shares. In the circumstances, it is out of the question for anyone to vouch for the absolute trustworthiness of this record of "Curb" transactions, and we give it for what it may be worth.

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

Table with columns: Other Oil Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and date.

Table with columns: Mining (Continued) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists various mining stocks like Mason Valley, McKinley Darragh, etc.

* Odd lots. † No par value. ‡ Listed as a prospect. § Listed on the stock exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. ¶ New stock. † Unlisted. ‡ When issued. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-stock dividend. Dollars per 1,000 lire. ¶ Correction.

CURRENT NOTICES

—Elmer G. Parsly, formerly a member of the firm of Harper & Turner, Philadelphia, with L. Fuller Parsly and Joseph Priestley Button have formed a co-partnership under the name of Parsly Bros. & Co.

—Rutter & Co. announce that Carroll Dunham, 3rd, formerly of Hodges, Dunham & Co., has been admitted to the firm and that Robert D. White, recently with Blake Bros. & Co., is now associated with them.

—William G. Gallagher and Max Winkelman have formed a co-partnership under the firm name of William G. Gallagher & Co., and will transact business in curb stocks and unlisted securities with offices at 15 Broad Street.

—The American Exchange National Bank has been appointed registrar of the stock issues of the Langley Mills, the Alken Mills and the Seminole Mills, all corporations in South Carolina.

—Morton Lachenbruch, of Morton Lachenbruch & Co., 42 Broad St., New York City, has been elected a member of the Detroit Stock Exchange.

—The Mechanics & Metals National Bank has been appointed New York Registrar of the capital stock of the Ohio Body and Blower Company.

—The Guaranty Trust Company of New York has been appointed Transfer Agent of stock of the Basin Metals Mining Corporation.

—Blodgett, Hart & Co., dealers in investment securities, have moved to 42 Broadway.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices now dollars per share.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details. Includes entries like American Bank, Atlantic Bank, etc.

* Banks marked with a (*) are State banks. † Sales at auction or at Stock Exchange this week. ‡ Includes one-half share Irving Trust Co. † New stock. ‡ Ex-rights

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices now dollars per share.

Table listing various realty and surety companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details. Includes entries like Alliance Realty, American Surety, etc.

Quotations for Sundry Securities

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

Large table listing various securities including Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments, Ordinance Stocks, Public Utilities, and Short Term Notes. Columns include company names, bid/ask prices, and other financial data.

* Per share. † Basis. ‡ Purchase also pays accrued dividend. § New stock. † Flat price. ‡ Nominal. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights. (†) Without par value.

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of the electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

Main table of Railroad Gross Earnings with columns for Road, Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year, Jan. 1 to Latest Date, Current Year, Previous Year.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns for Weekly Summaries, Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, % and Monthly Summaries, Curr. Yr., Prev. Yr., Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %.

* 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 second week of November. The table covers 14 roads and shows 13.99% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Second week of November.	1919.	1918.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ann Arbor	\$0,433	\$5,177	\$5,256	
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	163,476	244,894		151,418
Canadian National Rys.	1,061,003	1,719,030	241,675	
Canadian Pacific	4,083,000	3,247,000	836,000	
Colorado & Southern	497,633	483,322	14,311	
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	93,461	80,940	6,521	
Grand Trunk of Canada				
Grand Trunk Western	1,488,716	1,471,654	17,062	
Detroit Grand Hav & Milw.				
Canada Atlantic				
Mineral Range	13,961	20,577		6,616
Nevada-California-Oregon	9,958	3,815	6,143	
Tennessee Alabama & Georgia	3,135	2,870	265	
Texas & Pacific	758,836	600,065	158,771	
Total (14 roads)	9,193,612	8,065,344	1,286,302	158,034
Net increase (13.99%)			1,128,268	

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.
Belt Ry of Chicago, b. Oct	389,626	349,689	70,745	def20,318
Jan 1 to Oct 31.	3,111,865	3,287,437	367,907	89,966
Birmingham South, b. Oct	47,672	92,840	8,681	61,890
Jan 1 to Oct 31.	480,310	1,239,763	103,263	335,774
El Paso Southwest, b. Oct	1,168,000	1,179,466	293,797	257,620
Jan 1 to Oct 31.	10,360,981	12,306,599	3,231,008	5,093,676
Montour, b. Oct	165,111	156,127	20,833	33,620
Jan 1 to Oct 31.	1,135,514	1,130,219	def13,600	104,057
Newburgh & South Sh, b. Oct	19,435	169,845	def12,745	53,673
Jan 1 to Oct 31.	1,067,249	1,168,984	def10,940	241,105
Pennsylvania System—				
Long Island, b. Oct	1,854,252	1,817,117	83,271	251,337
Jan 1 to Oct 31.	20,902,501	18,861,375	4,037,638	5,619,618
Phila Beth & New Eng, b Oct	75,932	123,468	def4,721	13,107
Jan 1 to Oct 31.	686,436	1,231,159	18,427	219,368
South Buffalo, b. Oct	52,820	140,108	9,345	32,552
Jan 1 to Oct 31.	830,820	1,301,921	110,704	282,102
Union RR Co of Penn, b. Oct	683,211	684,331	def74,623	568
Jan 1 to Oct 31.	6,523,312	5,818,278	264,639	435,848
Western Maryland, b. Oct	1,385,965	1,262,474	89,611	def405,112
Jan 1 to Oct 31.	12,376,593	12,271,879	471,677	def320,118

b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes.

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

American Rl. Express Co.—	Month of July		Jan. 1 to July 31	
	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Total from transportation	24,103,723	19,413,293	153,197,519	
Express privileges—De	12,067,654	9,740,904	70,723,959	
Revenue from transport'n	12,085,069	9,672,889	76,473,530	
Oper. other than transport'n	702,298	307,698	4,315,605	
Total operating revenues	12,737,277	9,979,987	80,789,135	
Operating expenses	14,303,280	11,086,062	94,516,518	
Net oper. revenue (deficit)	1,566,063	1,105,075	13,727,383	
Uncollect. rev. from transp'n	4,099	600	21,951	
Express taxes	187,668	127,974	955,543	
Operating income (deficit)	1,707,767	1,234,649	14,702,877	

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Name of Road or Company.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.		
	Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Adirondack El Pow Co	October	161,982	161,932	1,384,573	1,476,803
Alabama Power Co.	October	275,142	275,827	2,359,271	2,434,406
Atlantic Shore Ry.	October	14,483	9,961	152,944	145,514
Bangor Ry & Electric	September	97,088	83,952	781,334	685,717
Baton Rouge Elec Co	September	31,078	21,909	265,410	193,144
Blackstone V G & El.	September	236,955	214,109	1,878,963	1,744,027
Brazilian Trac. L & P	September	979,200	908,100	8,559,000	7,770,000
gBklyn Rap Trn Sys	June	3260,157	2774,333	17,614,662	15,240,907
Cape Breton Elec Co	September	49,404	46,027	426,493	369,204
Cent Miss V El Prop.	September	35,913	29,847	304,515	249,256
Chattanooga Ry & Lt	September	164,034	173,242	1,378,103	1,347,673
Cities Service Co.	October	1498,677	1784,000	18,606,847	18,452,718
Cleve Palney & East	September	65,471	50,941	521,222	416,826
Colorado Power Co.	July	85,591	73,548	652,726	733,413
gColumbia Gas & Elec	August	80,671	79,687	7,709,114	7,680,977
Columbia (Ga) El Co	September	121,984	95,028	941,370	876,385
Conn w'th P, Ry & Lt	October	2289,808	1709,029	20,929,418	17,715,993
Connecticut Pow Co	September	109,617	97,746	912,356	724,434
Constum Pow (Mich)	October	721,249	582,240	6,558,580	5,281,859
gCumb Co (Me) P & L	September	250,318	299,726	2,026,130	2,416,287
Dalton Pow & Light	October	259,177	218,689	2,302,456	1,902,457
gDetroit Edison	October	1539,273	1298,289	13,130,802	11,063,958
gDetroit United Lines	September	2330,351	1710,423	17,862,321	14,103,983
Duluth-Superior Trac	September	159,634	137,877	1,434,927	1,270,746
East St Louis & Sub.	September	373,893	385,033	3,050,285	3,050,932
Eastern Texas Elec.	September	124,344	98,293	1,013,892	836,882
Edison El of Brooklyn	September	87,030	60,610	782,737	579,436
J Elec Light & Pow Co	September	28,511	23,460	290,891	183,933
El Paso Electric Co.	September	130,079	104,290	1,130,870	933,514
gEl River Gas Works	September	73,577	64,173	548,045	522,955
Federal Light & Trac.	August	303,931	283,088	2,512,378	2,289,886
Fort Worth Pow & Lt	September	119,047	110,208	1,041,469	955,663
Galv-Hous Elec Co.	September	257,945	243,118	2,302,880	1,986,493
gGreat West Pow Sys	August	480,215	452,193	3,410,246	2,961,638
Harrisburg Railways	September	133,648	123,474	1,048,189	865,290
Haverhill Gas & Lt.	September	792,317	714,696	6,724,847	6,042,507
Houghton R T & Land	September	34,769	30,435	272,081	243,340
Houghton Co El L Co	September	65,316	60,620	569,266	523,503
Houghton Co Trac Co	September	35,877	33,881	318,528	301,718
Hudson & Manhattan	July	23,020	25,258	221,766	246,917
gIllinois Traction	October	470,293	385,024	3,484,536	2,844,732
I Interboro Rap Trn.	September	1602,692	1249,294	14,095,468	12,102,410
Jacksonville Trac Co.	September	3842,198	3176,577	34,218,819	30,248,338
Kansas Gas & Elec Co.	September	81,609	97,820	756,078	682,791
Keokuk Electric Co.	September	194,051	171,346	1,884,034	1,501,922
Key West Electric Co	September	27,130	23,820	229,822	195,889
Lake Shore Elec Ry.	September	15,208	19,153	166,779	143,151
Long Island Electric.	July	232,045	216,053	1,940,763	1,633,751
Louisville Railway.	October	27,060	28,175	141,140	129,487
Lowell Electric Corp.	September	264,073	288,175	2,897,580	3,052,532
		79,876	79,546	714,379	621,142

Name of Road or Company.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.		
	Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Manhat Bdge 3c Line	July	12,843	12,301	90,091	81,942
gMilw El Ry & Lt Co	September	1207,608	1023,287	10,612,189	8,550,007
Mississippi Ry P Co	September	191,050	183,812	1,694,558	1,660,657
Nashville Ry & Light	September	274,151	271,642	2,366,376	2,081,799
New England Power.	September	382,672	338,160	2,922,423	2,300,482
New N&H Ry, G&E.	October	226,048	187,664	2,305,123	1,766,613
New York Dock Co.	October	416,180	461,850	4,282,025	4,446,584
N Y & Long Island.	July	55,066	54,255	324,217	264,870
N Y & Queens County	July	14,431	15,383	88,619	84,186
New York Railways.	July	101,787	91,641	622,443	535,282
Northampton Trac.	June	1077,895	905,830	8,342,663	6,519,757
Northern Ohio Elec.	October	799,765	585,822	7,328,102	5,095,743
North Texas Electric.	September	292,346	226,617	2,426,983	2,265,466
Ocean Electric (L D)	July	39,429	30,336	112,196	85,347
Pacific Power & Light	September	204,727	167,678	1,585,325	1,370,630
Pensacola Electric Co	September	43,182	47,385	412,857	366,306
Phila & Western	August	69,130	59,268	476,825	400,642
Phila Rapid Trans Co	October	3165,552	2411,986	29,100,984	25,535,542
Portland Gas & Coke	September	190,275	173,504	1,575,864	1,293,316
Port (Or) Ry, L&P Co	September	706,479	672,791	6,376,094	5,680,876
Republic Ry & Lt Co	September	508,241	443,863	4,522,471	4,150,660
Richmond L & RR.	July	53,951	47,803	310,487	257,614
St L Rocky Mt & Pac	August	368,305	467,825	2,654,636	3,848,376
Santiago El Lt & Tr.	August	64,367	57,839	495,858	440,507
Savannah Electric Co	September	119,585	101,467	1,031,166	858,150
Second Avenue (Rec)	July	88,561	80,748	502,317	472,471
Southern Boulevard.	June	22,900	16,390	117,898	99,400
Southern Cal Edison.	October	886,394	699,958	8,749,031	7,254,900
Staten Island Mid'd.	July	42,028	31,539	200,023	163,839
Tampa Electric Co.	September	102,653	91,614	915,804	788,287
Tennessee Power	September	161,296	186,419	1,603,598	1,580,498
Tenn Ry, L & P Co	September	527,745	557,768	4,676,071	4,478,404
Texas Power & Lt Co	September	279,145	329,820	2,426,172	2,426,633
Third Avenue System	October	1030,116	737,604	6,438,135	5,541,601
D D E B & B RR.	June	50,426	51,366	284,313	240,805
42d St M & St Navy	June	160,503	140,262	879,231	799,125
Union Ry Co (N Y C).	June	274,226	255,823	1,407,661	1,392,869
Yonkers Railroad.	June	97,567	72,552	479,795	395,568
N Y City Inter Ry.	June	68,220	58,271	367,300	338,642
Belt Line Railway.	June	48,577	48,053	292,776	298,470
Third Avenue.	June	348,060	316,629	1,909,917	1,909,852
Twin City Rap Tran.	October	990,865	751,697	9,231,497	8,051,212
Virginia Ry & Power.	October	811,308	594,948	7,497,023	6,539,814
Wash Balt & Annap.	June	203,153	242,955	1,175,052	1,196,668
Westchester Electric.	June	61,099	54,888	396,435	272,214
Youngstown & Ohio.	September	47,935	40,657	362,189	314,517

a Includes Milwaukee Light, Heat & Traction Co. b Includes all sources. c Earnings given in millions. g Includes constituent or subsidiary companies. h Subsidiary companies only. j Lewiston Augusta & Waterville Street Ry. earnings, expenses, &c., not included in 1919. k Includes Tennessee Ry. Light & Power Co., the Nashville Ry. & Light Co., the Tennessee Power Co. and the Chattanooga Ry. & Light Co. l Includes both elevated and subway lines. j Of Abington and Rockland (Mass.).

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.
Beaver Vail Trac Co and Pitts	52,02			

The United Gas & Electric Corp.					Industrial Companies (Cont.)—Page.		Industrials (Concluded)—Page.	
	Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.				
	\$	\$	\$	\$				
Citizens Gas & Fuel Oct '19	33,721	11,525	3,813	7,712	American Window Glass Co.	1790	Lindsay Light Co.	1787
Co (Terre Haute, Ind) '18	28,121	10,820	3,650	7,470	Amoskeag Manufacturing Co.	1462	Loft, Incorporated.	1371
12 mos '19	357,040	120,865	44,386	76,479	Apostolich Power Co.	1459	Mahoning Investment Co.	1459
'18	313,018	130,314	44,708	85,606	Astoria Mahogany Co.	1368	Maple Leaf Milling Co.	1270
Colorado Spgs (Col) Oct '19	53,725	19,763	13,853	5,910	Autosales Corp.	1611	Melville Shoe Corp.	1798
Light Heat & Pow Co '18	51,244	19,688	12,450	7,229	Barnet Leather Co.	1511	Mercer Motors Co.	1466
12 mos '19	637,708	254,538	103,447	91,091	Beaver Board Co.	1359	Mexican Petroleum Co.	1271
'18	594,972	215,564	149,527	65,037	Beech-Nut Packing Co.	1460	Mexican Telegraph Co.	1371
Columbia (Pa) Oct '19	4,058	1,319	342	977	Briggs & Stratton Co.	1894	Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co.	1798
Gas Co '18	3,773	1,084	349	735	Brighton Mills Co.	1794	Mullins Body Corp.	1614, 1793
12 mos '19	41,046	9,054	4,148	4,906	Butte & Superior Mining Co.	1989	National Acme Co.	1703
'18	36,847	7,548	4,070	3,478	Butterick Co.	1369	Nevada Consol. Copper Co.	1993
Conestoga Traction Oct '19	126,638	47,545	26,489	21,056	California Barrel Co.	1611	New Jersey Zinc Co.	1798
Co (Lancaster, Pa) '18	77,408	1,031	26,551	def25,520	California Petroleum Co.	1989	Niagara Falls Power Co.	1798
12 mos '19	1,295,126	466,903	319,913	148,990	Canadian Locomotive Co.	1267, 1889	Northern States Power Co.	1371
'18	1,234,262	445,909	325,101	120,718	J. I. Case Flow Works Co.	1701	Notasema Hosiery Co.	1466
Consumers Elec Lt Oct '19	48,587	19,037	6,923	12,114	Central Leather Co.	1611	Ogden Flour Mills Co.	1530
& Pow Co (New Orleans, La) '18	33,064	473	6,833	def0,360	Central & South American Tel.	1369	Otto Fuel Supply Co.	1705
12 mos '19	559,958	195,775	83,274	112,501	Chandler Motor Car Co.	1528	Otto Elevator Co.	1614
'18	356,892	140,823	81,962	58,861	Cresk Carpet Co.	1277, 1364	Owen's Bottle Co.	1799
Edison Electric Co Oct '19	89,148	43,122	10,822	32,300	Chas. Iron Co.	1955	Pacific Coast Co.	1372, 1457
(Lancaster, Pa) '18	68,732	27,543	10,270	17,264	Chesebrough Manufacturing Co.	1989	Packard Motor Car Co.	1668
12 mos '19	940,527	428,867	125,942	302,925	Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.	1701, 1794	Paige-Detroit Motor Car Co.	1530
'18	783,566	359,520	116,031	234,489	Chile Copper Co.	1611	Pan-Amor. Petroleum & Trans. Co.	1370
Elmira (N. Y) Oct '19	135,841	46,441	20,207	26,234	China Copper Co.	1990	Penn. Coal & Coke Co.	1365
Water Light & RR Co '18	119,784	31,882	20,851	11,031	Cities Service Co.	1795	Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co.	1372
12 mos '19	1,536,557	474,739	249,131	225,608	Clatsop Plow Co., Ltd.	1795	Phillips Petroleum Co.	1466
'18	1,350,229	462,815	245,508	217,307	Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.	1990	Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.	1705
Groves (La) Light Oct '19	9,855	2,691	5	2,686	(P. F.) Collier & Son Co.	1612	Pierce Oil Corp.	1372, 1467
& Power Co, Inc '18	9,349	4,064	4	4,060	Columbia Gas & Electric Co.	1612	Pittsburgh Steel Co.	1527
12 mos '19	90,061	14,879	64	14,815	Columbia Graphophone Co.	1612	Pittsburgh Brewing Co.	1985
'18	52,837	12,522	53	12,469	Computing Tabulating Recording Co.	1795	Producers & Refiners Corp.	1269
Harrisburg (Pa) Oct '19	90,913	34,872	20,047	14,825	Corn Products Refining Co.	1792	Pond Creek Coal Co.	1699
Light & Power Co '18	81,519	29,167	19,240	9,927	Cosden & Co.	1699	Pool Engineering & Machine Co.	1372
12 mos '19	1,092,513	429,876	237,635	192,241	Cruelth Steel Co.	1990, 1463	Public Service Co. of North Ill.	1372
'18	979,595	385,029	225,694	159,335	Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.	1370	Pullman Co.	1614, 1698
Houston (Texas) Oct '19	64,564	18,518	7,911	11,207	Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Corp.	1628	Punta Alegre Sugar Co.	1614, 1698
Gas & Fuel Co '18	53,691	8,561	6,941	1,620	(Alfred) Decker & Cohn, Inc.	1277	Rays Consolidated Copper Co.	1993
12 mos '19	751,529	143,712	85,137	58,575	Detroit Edison Co.	1795	Repub. Iron & Steel Co.	1531
'18	661,066	198,490	82,379	116,111	Diem & Wing Paper Co.	1370	Republic Motor Truck Co.	1372
Houston Heights Oct '19	2,264	835	130	705	(W. L.) Douglas Shoe Co.	1271	Royal Dutch Co.	1458
(Tex) Water & Lt Assn '18	2,322	907	130	777	Edison Electric Illuminating Co.	1529	Russel Motor Car Co.	1799
12 mos '19	28,533	10,234	1,560	8,674	Eisman Magneto Corp.	1792	Saxon Motor Car Co.	1706
'18	31,146	14,628	1,560	13,068	Elder Corporation.	1529	Savage Arms Corp.	1799
*Internat System Oct '19	796,134	124,785	178,258	def35,503	Fairbanks Co.	1277, 1370	Securities Corp. General.	1373
(Buffalo, N. Y) '18	192,445	def139,698	175,755	def17,453	Federal Sign System.	1703	Shattuck-Arizona Copper Co.	1993
12 mos '19	9,124,216	1,301,424	2,382,963	def1081,539	Federal Sugar Refining Co.	1895	Shenandoah Consolidated Corp.	1279
'18	7,464,768	1,421,842	2,153,176	def731,334	Ford Motor Co.	1529	(A. O.) Smith Corp.	1279
Lancaster (Pa) Elec Oct '19	4,429	1,283	1,388	826	Ford Motor Co. of Canada.	1458	Southern Fertilizer & Chemical Co.	1467
Lt Heat & Power Co '18	4,414	2,243	1,417	826	Franklin Process Co.	1990	(A. G.) Spalding & Bros.	1373
12 mos '19	56,588	26,045	16,716	19,329	Freepit Texas Co.	1613, 1984	Spanish River Pulp & Paper Co.	1706
Lancaster (Pa) Gas Oct '19	33,397	12,783	2,432	10,351	General Chemical Co.	1613, 1703, 1799	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	1467
Light & Fuel Co '18	26,770	6,809	2,283	4,526	General Gas & Electric Co.	1798	Spring Valley Water Co.	1365
12 mos '19	328,364	94,704	27,468	67,238	Geneva Outtery Co.	1703	Standard Gas & Electric Co.	1993
'18	282,308	75,738	26,067	52,071	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	1703	Standard Milling Co.	1373
Leavenworth (Kan) Oct '19	20,837	6,303	3,843	2,460	Grady Consol. Min. Smelt. & Pow.	1985	Standard Textile Products Co.	1799
Lt Heat & Power Co '18	22,331	2,032	2,884	def852	Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.	1277	Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.	1799
12 mos '19	306,392	75,770	43,029	32,741	Great Western Power System.	1363, 1703	Stromberg Carburetor Co.	1899
'18	256,827	11,282	34,612	def23,230	(Geo. E.) Keith Co.	1530	Union Oil Co.	1380
Lockport (N. Y) Oct '19	44,739	11,753	6,615	5,138	Hendee Manufacturing Co.	1889	United Claw Stores, Ltd.	1380
Lt Heat & Power Co '18	39,282	7,431	6,919	512	Hocking Valley Products Co.	1889	United Drug Co.	1707, 1888
12 mos '19	475,995	113,600	81,772	31,828	Independent Brewing Co.	1889	United Fruit Co.	1994
'18	435,109	101,632	83,130	18,502	International Agricultural Corp.	1699	U. S. Finishing Co.	1280, 1889
Richmond (Ind) Lt Oct '19	13,407	def124	5,511	def5,635	International Nickel Co.	1796, 1896	U. S. Glass Co.	1899
Heat & Power Co '18	14,498	4,265	4,510	def245	Kennedy Utilities Co.	1278	U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co.	1899
12 mos '19	173,272	43,039	61,047	def18,008	Island Creek Coal Co.	1896	U. S. Rubber Co.	161
'18	182,078	56,499	55,078	1,421	Julius Kayser & Co.	1888	U. S. Steel Corp.	1698
Union Gas & Elec Oct '19	23,553	8,750	2,538	6,212	Keystone Telephone Co.	1704	Utah Copper Co.	1280
Co (Bloomington, Ill) '18	18,920	6,312	2,637	3,675	Lackawanna Steel Co.	1465	Vacuum Oil Co.	1280
12 mos '19	251,481	83,139	30,851	52,288	Laurentide Co., Ltd.	1466	Western Canada Flour Mills.	1373
'18	206,411	58,505	31,976	26,529	Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	1276	Wheeling Mould & Foundry Co.	1373
The Wilkes-Barre Oct '19	98,385	38,668	21,046	17,622			Wheeling Steel & Iron Co.	1364
Co (Wilkes-Barre, Pa) '18	83,373	27,708	21,603	6,105				
12 mos '19	1,134,449	469,685	256,041	213,644				
'18	946,777	357,931	246,437	101,494				

* Operation suspended twenty-four (24) days during Oct. 1918, on account of strike.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co., New York.
(Report of Engineers, Dated Nov. 1 1919.)

Day & Zimmermann, Inc., engineers, Philadelphia and New York, under date of Nov. 1 1919, have submitted to J. P. Morgan, Chairman of Committee for First & Refunding Mortgage 5% gold bonds and 3-year 7% Secured Convertible gold notes, a summarized statement of their findings and conclusions relative to the business of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co., covering operating, financial and statistical data. This summary shows in substance:

Past Earnings.—A condensed statement of past operating results follows:

Condensed Statement of Operating Results—Years Ending June 30.				
	1913-14.	1915-16.	1917-18.	1918-19.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross operating revenue	33,515,000	35,891,000	40,497,000	43,207,000
Operating expenses	12,902,000	14,008,000	19,113,000	26,235,000
Taxes	2,682,000	2,341,000	3,768,000	3,134,000
Gross income (incl. oth. inc.)	19,143,000	20,122,000	18,219,000	14,447,000
Deduct—Rentals, Int., a. L., &c.	11,110,000	11,409,000	13,557,000	18,257,000
Net corporate income	8,024,000	8,713,000	4,662,000	def3810,000

1905 through 1914.—For the year ended June 30 1905 the gross operating revenue was \$17,201,083; after 10 years, in the year ending June 30 1914, it had increased to \$33,515,395, a growth of almost 100% on the original sum, notwithstanding they were not in complete operation until 1909. During the same period the annual surplus, after paying all fixed charges, rentals and income deductions increased from \$2,419,921 to \$8,024,580.

1914 through 1919.—Since 1913-14 gross operating revenue has shown, except in 1915, marked improvement each year, and the surplus after fixed charges increased each year until the year 1916-17, when it aggregated \$8,885,368 [year omitted from above table for lack of space E. D.]. For the year 1917-18 the surplus after fixed charges was \$4,662,000 as compared with \$8,885,000 in the previous year. As the interest chargeable to income account due to Contract No. 3 and the related certificates was increased but \$1,194,000, it will be seen that the larger part of the loss was occasioned by the increase in operating expenses and taxes owing to conditions growing out of the war. The operating ratio including taxes increased from 48.9% in 1917 to 56.5% in 1918.

Year ended June 30 1919.—Throughout the year 1917-18 the cost of coal delivered was approximately \$3.30 per ton; in the 1918-19 year it was about \$9.19 per ton. Similarly rails increased from \$31.36 per ton to \$57 per ton; brake shoes from \$42.50 a ton to \$76 a ton, and wages in excess of \$3,000,000. Consequently, although gross earnings for 1918-19 increased \$2,700,000, the net earnings, after payment of operating expenses and taxes, declined from \$18,219,000 to \$14,447,000, or nearly \$4,000,000.

Further, during the year in question the interest and sinking fund on the First & Refunding Mtrg. bonds and 3-year 7% notes chargeable to income amounted to \$9,215,295, being an increase of almost \$4,500,000 owing to the opening of the 7th Ave. and Lexington Ave. lines and other extensions. The deficit of \$3,810,339 was the direct result of the foregoing conditions.

If wages and material costs had prevailed through the fiscal year 1919 upon the basis of the wage rates and unit prices prevailing during the fiscal year ended June 30 1916, a substantial surplus would have been earned; in fact, the financial status of the company would have been better than was estimated for this transition period at the time Contract No. 3 was executed.

Influence of War Costs on Original Estimates.—The agreement with the bankers for the sale of 5% bonds was entered into in 1913, following careful estimates of earnings by independent engineers. The dependability of these forecasts in the light of conditions then existing is clearly indicated by the fact that if the ratio of 45% existing in 1915-16

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Annual, &c., Reports.—The following is an index to all annual and other financial reports of steam roads, street railways and other companies published since Sept. 27.

As many stock and bond offerings contain financial statements of value this index should serve as a guide to most of the leading offerings of new securities which have been brought out during the period covered, as well as to the reports issued by important investment properties at regular intervals.

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Mobile & Ohio RR.	1983	American Candy Co.	1610
New Orleans Tex & Mexico Ry.	1364	American Chiefs Co.	1699
Norfolk Southern RR.	1268	American Cities Co.	1899
Quebec Central Ry.	1793	American Coal Co.	1899
Sb. Louis Southwestern Ry.	1300	American Cotton Oil Co.	1984
Southern Railway Co.	1456	American Factors, Ltd.	1459
Toledo St. Louis & Western	1487	American Hide & Leather Co.	1701
United Rys. of the Havana & Regla	1459	American-La France Fire Eng. Co.	1889
Warehouses	1459	American Linseed Co.	1888
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West Jersey & Seaside RR			

had been maintained the company would have earned a surplus of about \$6,000,000 for the year ended June 30 1919 instead of a deficit of \$3,800,000. It was not contemplated, however, that the operating ratio of 1916 would continue. However, of the \$10,000,000 represented by the increase in the operating ratio (including taxes) from 45.6% in 1916 to 67.9% in 1919, \$6,000,000 is accounted for directly by the increase in wages and \$3,000,000 by the increased cost of coal and other supplies.

August 1919 Wage Increase.—The wage increase of 25% which went into effect Aug. 17 1919 has, however, changed the situation completely. The statement given below is identical to the one of Aug. 11, except that the wage increase of approximately \$5,000,000 per annum has been added to operating expenses in each estimate. (Compare V. 109, p. 676, 1080, 1174.)

Estimates After Wage Increase of Aug. 1919—Entire Interborough System.
(1) Day & Zimmermann, Inc.; (2) Stone & Webster.

(000s omitted in each amount.)	1919-20		1921-22		1923-24	
	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
Gross earnings	\$47,050	\$47,300	\$52,750	\$52,000	\$58,300	\$57,800
Operating expenses	32,734	32,894	36,384	35,329	38,009	37,766
Taxes	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,700	2,750	2,900
Net	\$11,816	\$11,906	\$13,866	\$14,571	\$16,941	\$17,134
Deduct—Rentals	8,779		8,791		8,803	
	\$3,037		\$5,075		\$8,138	
Int. & sinkr. fund 5% bonds and 7% notes.	11,909		13,379		13,823	
Net deficit	\$8,872	\$8,778	\$8,304	\$7,155	\$5,885	\$4,786

Estimated accumulated deficit June 30 1924: Day & Zimmermann, Inc., \$39,501,000; Stone & Webster, \$35,390,000.

The estimated deficits as shown in the above table for the years ended June 30 1920 and 1924, namely \$8,872,000 and \$5,685,000, respectively, are the results of estimated deficits on the elevated lines of \$6,143,000 and \$5,021,000 and from the subway lines of \$2,729,000 and \$664,000.

Prior to the recent wage increase the deficits for 1920 and 1924 were estimated at \$4,072,000 and \$35,000, respectively, the result of deficits of \$4,143,000 and \$2,671,000 on the elevated division, reduced however, by a surplus of \$71,000 and \$2,636,000 on the subway division.

It will be observed that, notwithstanding the very substantial increases in gross operating revenue which appear in both estimates, the resulting estimated income will fail to meet the interest and sinking fund on the 5% bonds and 7% notes by \$8,800,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30 1920, which deficit would be reduced to \$5,200,000 for the year ending June 30 1924, based upon an average of the estimates prepared by Messrs. Stone & Webster and ourselves. In other words, the recent wage increase, with the continuance of the 5-cent fare, precludes the possibility of earning income sufficient to meet the existing fixed charges of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. If present costs continue through the next five years, the estimates indicate that the accumulated deficit would be from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000.

Capital Requirements.—We believe that the funds already available from the sale of the 5% First Mtge. bonds and 3-year 7% notes will be sufficient to meet all the construction obligations as provided for in Contract No. 3 and related certificates. However, it may be necessary to provide during the next five years approximately \$7,500,000 for additional equipment.

Cash Position Dec. 31 1919.—On Dec. 31 1919 approximately \$5,000,000 will have to be provided from some source other than operating income in order that the company may meet the rentals and fixed charges payable on Jan. 1 1920.

Rights in Case of Default on Bonds.—The mortgage covers all the rights of the company under Contracts Nos. 1, 2 and 3, the Manhattan lease and the certificates permitting certain short extensions; and in case of default on the bonds the bondholders or their receiver or trustee would succeed to all such rights of the company.

Under present conditions a default under the mortgage would not involve a default under Contract No. 3. The only charges under Contract No. 3 payable prior to the "subway preferential" and to interest and sinking fund on the company's investment in the new subways are the \$2,400,000 rental payable to the city under Contracts Nos. 1 and 2, (\$470,000 Q-J, and \$520,000 in December) taxes, operating expenses, maintenance and depreciation.

Preferential Rights.—It is apparent that the "subway preferential" of \$6,335,000, if earned, together with the company's other income, is sufficient to provide for the interest and sinking fund on the 5% bonds and 7% notes representing the investment other than under contract 3 (Contract No. 3 covers the 7th Ave. and Lexington Ave. lines together with extensions to the Bronx, line through 42d St., and under the East River extending to Astoria and Corona in Queens, as well as important extensions in Brooklyn). If all the revenues to which the company has preferential rights are earned, there will be available for interest and sinking fund on the 5% bonds and 7% notes a total of \$17,535,990, whereas the annual charges on the bonds and notes now outstanding amount to but \$13,009,000. For the purpose of simplification in this computation we have excluded miscellaneous earnings, including revenue from the Subway Realty Co. These miscellaneous items amounted for the year June 30 1919 to a net credit of about \$417,000.

The accrued preferential earnings remaining unpaid are cumulative and must be paid in full before the city gets any return on its investment.] **Conclusion.**—The city is certainly entitled to a return on the \$100,000,000 which it has invested in the new, interborough Rapid Transit Company's subway system and if this return is taken at 5%, which would call for additional interest payments of \$5,000,000 a year, our estimated deficit, in interest and sinking fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30 1920 would become substantially \$14,000,000, which is over 40% of the total operating expenses that have been estimated for that year.

It is obvious that even if it is admitted for argument's sake that improved management would obtain better results, no amount of skill displayed in this respect could wipe out this loss and enable the Interborough Rapid Transit Company to earn a fair return on even that part of the capital investment which is represented by the 5% bonds and 7% Notes. As a matter of fact, our investigation indicates that the Interborough Rapid Transit Company has been operated with extraordinary efficiency throughout the fifteen years since the first subway was opened.

It is clear, therefore, that an increase in fares constitutes a rational and equitable solution to this problem.—V. 109, p. 1700.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit System.

(Digest of Reports by Stone & Webster, Nov. 15 1919.)

The following data are from the very full summary sent out by the Protective Committee (see a following page) of the report on the system which Stone & Webster presented under date of Nov. 15 1919 to Hon. Julius M. Mayer, United States District Judge, N. Y. City:

Scope of Report, &c.—Our reports have been somewhat delayed because of the recent changes in operating conditions, especially the 25% increase in wages following the August strike, which necessitated complete revision of all our estimates of future earnings. Our reports treat the system as a whole as it existed at the time of the appointment of the receiver. Estimates as to future earnings are necessarily based upon the present scale of wages and of other items entering into operating costs.

Main Conclusions—Eight and Seven Cent Fares a Minimum.

In our opinion, there is no escape from the following conclusions:

The Surface Lines.—(1) Unless there is an increase in fares the operation of many of the surface lines will eventually have to be discontinued because of their failure to earn operating expenses and taxes.

(2) Nothing less than an 8-cent fare with a charge of two cents for transfers will provide a safe margin for the operation of the surface lines as one system, with reasonable provision for upkeep.

(3) Even an 8-cent fare will not yield a fair return upon the actual investment in the surface lines or upon their reproduction value. For that purpose a higher fare would be necessary.

(4) **The Rapid Transit Lines.**—Without an increased fare the rapid transit lines will not be able to earn even the fixed charges upon the underlying bonds aggregating \$22,907,000 and the notes, bonds and receiver's certificates (authorized by the U. S. District Court), together aggregating \$73,000,000, which represent fresh capital provided for the rapid transit lines subsequent to March 19 1913, the date of City Contract No. 4, to say nothing

of the \$14,654,794 of certificates of indebtedness, representing but a small part of the cost of the elevated lines contributed by the company to the rapid transit system.

(5) It will take an 8-cent fare to cover the company's preferential and provide a substantial return upon the city's investment (including cost of completion) of more than \$150,000,000 in the city-owned subways, although a 7-cent fare will yield a surplus above the company's preferential and a somewhat larger surplus above its fixed charges.

(6) **General.**—Neither the rapid transit lines nor the surface lines can be permanently maintained and developed by the operating companies without an assurance of sufficient earnings to justify the investment of the additional capital that will from time to time necessarily be required to keep up with the increasing demands of the traffic of the city.

Securities of System Held by General Public Aggregate \$231,895,745.

Bonds	\$64,847,477	Stock of B. R. T. Co.	\$74,455,159
Notes (secured by bonds) 61,200,000		Stocks of controlled cos.	1,085,809
Receiver's certificates	18,000,000	Stocks of lesser cos.	12,247,300
Total obligations	\$144,107,477	Total stocks	\$87,788,268

* Includes (a) dividends guaranteed as rentals on \$12,000,000 Brooklyn City RR. stock with rental of \$1,200,000, or 10%; (b) not guar. on \$247,300.

Ownership of Aforesaid Securities (other than the receiver's certificates): (a) Women and estates of decedents, 7,247; (b) institutions, such as savings banks and charitable institutions, 2,034; (c) other holders, 14,704; total number of holders, 23,985. Average holding less than \$10,000.

Earnings of Entire System.

Our estimate shows that for the current fiscal year the earnings, above operating expenses and taxes, upon the entire investment represented by \$231,895,745 of securities in the hands of the public are approximately \$3,870,000, as follows:

Earnings upon rapid transit lines	\$3,984,000
Add earnings from power house and other facilities operated by the B. R. T., say	1,000,000
Total	\$4,984,000
Deduct estimated loss on surface lines	1,114,000
Balance	\$3,870,000

This is about 2 1/2% on the outstanding obligations and about 1 3/4% on all the outstanding securities.

The decrease in earnings resulting from the changes due to the war is shown by the fact that in 1917 the system earned, according to the co.'s report, above oper. exp. and taxes, \$10,839,312

Those earnings, after providing for all fixed charges, left a surplus for the stock of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. of 5,195,238

It has not been possible in the time at our disposal to prepare estimates of the probable results of the partial disintegration resulting from the return of about 40% of the surface tracage to the Brooklyn City RR. Co. following the recent default in the payment of the rental under the lease of those lines.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. itself owns the principal power plant which supplies power for both the surface and the rapid transit lines and also does the maintenance and repair work for the entire system.

Rapid Transit Lines (Subway and Elev.)—Preferential with a 5c. Fare.

Under the provisions of City Contract No. 4 the net earnings of such fully completed lines remaining after the payment of operating expenses and taxes are to be applied each year as follows:

First, to the company's preferential made up as follows:
(a) An amount based upon the earnings of the Elevated lines prior to the execution of Contract No. 4, \$3,500,000
(b) 6% on the new investment under Contract No. 4, which, upon the completion of that investment, will be approx. 4,750,000

Total company preferential \$8,250,000

Second, to the payment of the city's preferential, being interest and sinking fund charges upon the city's investment in subways. When that investment is completed this preferential will be approximately 7,540,000

Interest on account of lines not yet in full operation is charged to cost of construction.

Actual Deficits in Earning Preferential.

Year ending June 30—	1916-17	1917-18	1918-19	1919-20 (Est.)
Total revenue under Contract No. 4	\$11,371,282	\$13,057,406	\$15,710,000	\$18,435,000
Oper. expenses and taxes	7,012,831	8,299,956	11,378,000	14,761,000
Company's preferentials	4,608,823	5,166,201	5,886,000	6,640,000
Deficit in co.'s preferentials	250,372	405,751	1,554,000	2,966,000
City's preferential	2,495,000	2,865,000	3,285,000	5,280,000
Deficit in city's preferential	2,745,372	3,270,751	4,839,000	8,246,000

The accrued deficit in company's preferentials on June 30 1919 was \$2,996,751 and on June 30 1920 on old fare basis would be abt. \$5,962,751

Under Contract No. 4 these accumulated deficits must be paid before any payment can be made upon the city's preferential.

Estimates of Results from Increased Fares upon Preferentials.

Fare	Year ending June 30 1921—		Yr. '21-22.	
	5 cents	7 cents	8 cents	8 cents
Total revenue under Contract No. 4	\$21,500,000	\$27,960,000	\$30,860,000	\$33,990,000
Oper. expenses and taxes	17,300,000	17,300,000	17,300,000	18,920,000
Balance	4,250,000	10,650,000	13,550,000	15,060,000
Company's preferentials	7,600,000	7,600,000	7,600,000	8,250,000
Balance surplus	def. 3,349,000	3,050,000	5,950,000	6,810,000
City's preferential	7,260,000	7,260,000	7,260,000	7,540,000
Deficit in city's preferential	10,609,000	4,209,000	1,309,000	729,000

In other words, under the present contract, with a 5-cent fare the company will in year 1920-21 fail to earn its preferential by \$3,349,000 and nothing would be earned on the city's preferential, while with a 7 or 8-cent fare the co.'s preferential would be earned in full with a balance for the city's preferential of \$3,051,000 in the case of a 7-cent fare and in the case of an 8-cent fare \$5,951,000, in year 1920-21, and \$6,811,000 in year 1921-22. In so far as the preferentials are concerned, the results for 1922 will not differ greatly from 1921, the improvement in net earnings as the lines are completed being in large measure offset by the increasing amount of interest which must be charged against operation instead of against cost of construction. Even an 8-cent fare will not provide in full for the city's preferential in 1922.

Earnings, Actual and Estimated, of Rapid Transit Div. (Omitting Preferential).

Year ending June 30—	—Present Earnings, 5-cent Fare—			—7-cent Fare—	
	1918.	1919.	Est. 1920.	Est. 1921.	Est. 1922.
Gross earnings a.	13,316,802	16,019,479	18,675,000	28,200,000	31,604,000
Op. exp. & tax. b.	8,034,862	11,758,107	14,691,000	17,239,000	18,859,000
Balance	5,281,940	4,252,372	3,984,000	10,961,000	12,745,000
(1) Fixed charges excluding (2).	2,856,124	3,489,995	4,458,000	5,418,000	5,938,000
(2) Fixed charges on cts. of ind. c.	878,885	879,407	880,000	880,000	880,000
d Balance sur.	1,546,951	def117,030	def1354,000	sur4663,000	sur5363,000

a Includes certain items of non-operating income excluded under Contract No. 4. b Excludes certain rentals included in the accounting under Contract No. 4. c Certificates of indebtedness held by the B. R. T. and pledged under its First Refunding Mtge. y Fixed charges in year 1920-21 include: Underlying bonds, \$1,080,000; subway bonds and receiver's certificates, \$4,100,000 (for 1921-22, \$4,750,000); discount on receiver's certificates (none in 1921-22), \$130,000; rents, &c., \$108,000; total, \$5,418,000. d With an 8-cent fare it is estimated the surplus balance would be \$7,563,000 in 1920-21 and \$8,553,000 in 1921-22.

The estimate for 1920 takes into account the effect of the traffic diverted to the rapid transit lines on account of the 2c. charge for transfers on surface

lines which became effective Aug. 1 1919 and the 25% wage increase effective Aug. 10 1919.

The fixed charges stated do not include interest chargeable to construction, which on securities now outstanding will amount to about \$1,240,000 in 1920 and \$280,000 in 1921. This item should become practically negligible in the fiscal year ending June 30 1922, as it is estimated the new lines will be completed and placed in operation during that year.

In all our estimates of earnings resulting from increased fares we have made allowance based to some extent on the experience in other cities, for the decrease in the number of passengers which always results from an increased fare.

Securities Outstanding in Rapid Transit Lines.

(1) New York Consolidated RR Co.—	
(a) Common stock held by public, \$214,015; by B. R. T., \$4-785,955	\$5,000,000
(b) Pref. stock held by public, \$469,169; by B. R. T., \$13,430,831	13,900,000
(c) "Underlying bonds" of New York Consolidated RR. in hands of public, namely Kings County Elevated 4s, \$7,000,000, and Brooklyn Union Elevated 5s, \$15,967,000	\$22,967,000
(d) Certificates of indebtedness (see below)	14,654,794
(2) New York Municipal Railway Corporation—	
(a) Capital stock (excluded because all owned by N. Y. Consol. RR. Co.)	
(b) "Subway bonds," viz., 1st M. 5s of N. Y. Municipal Ry. Corp., of which \$2,265,000 are held by public and \$57,735,000 are pledged to secure a like amount of B. R. T. 3-year and 6-year notes	60,000,000
(c) Receiver's certificates pledged as part of the security for the \$18,000,000 of certificates issued by the Receiver	13,000,000

[The certificates of indebtedness represent advances by the B. R. T. prior to the date of City Contract No. 4, and they are pledged under its First Refunding Mortgage.—Ed.]

Earnings of Surface Lines—Actual and Estimated.

During the fiscal year ending June 30 1919 the net earnings of the surface lines were insufficient to pay more than about 40% of the fixed charges. This appears from table No. 1 following.

We estimate that during the current fiscal year those properties as a whole, at the present rate of fare, and disregarding the effect on earnings of the partial disintegration of which has occurred, will fall by over \$1,000,000 to earn their operating expenses and taxes. This estimate (shown in table No. 1) includes the revenue from the 2-cent transfers and also the increase due to the 25% increase in wages effective Aug. 10 1919.

If operating expenses continue upon the present basis, and assuming the operation of the surface lines as one system, an increase in the rate of fare to 5c. will still provide insufficient revenue to pay all fixed charges, as is shown by the following estimate (in table No. 2) for the fiscal years ending June 30 1921 and 1922. As already stated, allowance has been made for the probable decrease in riding due to an increase in the fare.

(1) Earnings of All the Surface Lines and Estimate for Current Year.

Year ending June 30—	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	Est. 1919-20.
Gross earnings	\$19,182,000	\$18,462,000	17,962,000	20,545,000
Oper. expenses and taxes	\$12,992,000	\$13,276,000	16,174,000	21,659,000
Balance	6,190,000	5,186,000	1,788,000	def1114,000
Rentals, netting to public (incl. \$1,200,000 guar. div. on Bklyn. City RR. Co. stk.)	1,576,000	1,576,000	1,576,000	1,576,000
Other fixed chgs. to public	1,020,000	1,121,000	1,020,000	1,020,000
Balance	3,487,000	2,489,000	def808,000	def3710,000
Fixed charges payable to B. R. T. or its subsidiaries	\$2,394,000	\$2,304,000	1,970,000	2,045,000
Balance	sur1,093,000	sur185,000	def278,000	def5755,000

* Combined statements of companies without elimination of inter-company charges and credits.

Note.—The above estimate for 1920 includes the revenue from the 2c. charge for transfers which was put into effect Aug. 1 1919, and the increase in oper. exp. due to the 25% wage increase effective Aug. 10, 1919.

(2) Estimated Earnings with Increased Fares.

Years ending June 30—	Year 1920-21—	Year 1921-22—
	Fare 7 cents	Fare 8 cents
Fare	7 cents	8 cents
Gross earnings	\$23,704,000	\$24,386,000
Oper. expenses and taxes	\$21,133,000	\$21,888,000
Balance	2,571,000	3,253,000
Rentals to public	1,576,000	1,576,000
Other fixed charges to public	1,020,000	1,020,000
Balance, surplus	def25,000	657,000
Fixed charges payable to B. R. T. or its subsidiaries	2,165,000	2,165,000
Balance	def2,190,000	def1,508,000

Surface Lines Face Disintegration Unless Granted Adequate Fare.

Outlook.—The situation will not, in our estimation, be materially improved for several years, as the increased traffic which would normally result to the surface lines through the growth and development of the regions which they traverse will in large part be offset by the diversion of traffic from many of them to the rapid transit lines.

Deterioration.—The physical condition of some parts of the surface lines has seriously deteriorated, and deterioration is bound to continue so long as the income is insufficient for operating expenses and taxes. It will require an expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000 per annum for several years to make up deferred maintenance on the surface lines and bring them up to a proper standard, most of this cost being chargeable to operating expenses. This is a substantially larger amount than has been spent for these purposes in recent years.

Disintegration.—The disintegration of the system, which began with the surrender of the Brooklyn City lines, is bound to continue unless the fare is increased. The result will be the breaking up of the system into a number of independent lines. Those most favorably located may be able to earn something more than operating expenses and taxes but nothing like an adequate return upon the investment, while many lines, which can run only at a loss, will have to be abandoned. Thus the value of the surface lines to the public served will be very greatly impaired. The people of the Borough of Brooklyn can never have a satisfactory service from the surface lines until they are reassembled into a single system and that can only be accomplished through an increased fare.

Ownership of Surface Line Securities as Divided between the B. R. T. and Public.

(1) Lines under stock control by B. R. T.	Owned by B. R. T.	Held by the Public.	Total.
Stock	\$17,994,275	\$402,625	\$18,396,900
Certificates of indebtedness	21,829,441		21,829,441
Bonds	3,786,000	23,884,927	27,670,927
(2) Leased Lines—			
(a) Brooklyn City RR. stock (10% dividend rental)		12,000,000	12,000,000
Bonds (see note)	\$2,552,000	4,373,000	6,925,000
(b) Prospect Park & Coney Island (So. Bklyn. Ry. rental \$45,000) stk	2,700	247,300	250,000
Bonds (3 issues, incl. \$250,000 income bonds)	1,450	948,550	950,000

Grand total (supplied by Ed.)—\$46,165,866 \$41,856,402 \$88,022,268

* The \$1,627,000 of First Consol. M. 5s and \$125,000 of the Refunding Mortgage 4s of Brooklyn City RR., which are held by the B. R. T. are deposited in the guaranty fund pledged as security for the performance of the lease from the Brooklyn City RR. Co. which has already been breached.

Of course, the securities of underlying companies owned by the B. R. T. Company are in effect owned by the public through the ownership of the stock and bonds of the latter company.

The certificates of indebtedness include: (a) Brooklyn Heights RR., \$7,992,174; (b) Nassau Electric RR., \$6,047,188; (c) Brooklyn Queens County & Suburban, \$2,640,710; (d) Coney Island & Brooklyn RR., \$1,182,985; (e) Coney Island & Gravesend RR., \$2,637,000; (f) South Brooklyn RR., \$2,394,071; total, \$21,829,441.

[See also caption Brooklyn City RR. above.—Ed.]

B. R. T. Capitalization—Power, &c., Charges Included in Operating Expenses.

None of the securities issued by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. are included in the above statement. Although the surface lines obtain power from power stations of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., the fixed charges on this investment are included in the amount paid for power and charged to operating expenses by the surface line companies.

As already pointed out, both the Rapid Transit Lines and the Surface Lines receive power and repair and maintenance service from the power houses and other facilities operated by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., and in large measure owned by it. For this service that company makes a charge sufficient to cover the cost of the service and also some return upon the investment, which return, under existing arrangements, we estimate at about \$1,000,000. The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company's investment (not including facilities operated by the B. R. T. but owned by subsidiaries) in these facilities, as shown by the books of the Company, is more than \$11,000,000. During the next two years, it contemplates a considerable additional expenditure upon them, to provide for which \$5,000,000 of Receiver's Certificates have been issued.

Securities of Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company.

Stock outstanding in hands of public	Pledged, &c.	Public Holds
50-year 5% bonds, \$7,000,000, viz.: (a) Held by Public		\$74,455,150
(b) In Brooklyn City RR. guaranty fund, \$25,000; pledged for B. R. T. rec. certs., \$5,000	\$30,000	6,970,000
First Refunding Mtge. 4% bonds, \$27,621,000, viz. (a) Held by public		3,429,000
(b) Otherwise held: (aa) Pledged for 3 and 6-year notes, \$10,000,000; (bb) pledged for \$3,300,000 of bank loans, \$7,079,000; (cc) In Brooklyn City RR. guaranty fund, \$250,000; (dd) held by surface line cos., \$1,761,000; (ee) pledged for B. R. T. receiver's certs., \$5,000,000	24,182,000	
Three-year 7% notes: War Finance Corp., \$16,544,700; general public, \$40,685,300		57,230,000
Six-year 5% notes held by public		505,000
Receiver's certificates		18,000,000

Total—\$24,212,000 \$160,599,159

[The issue of \$18,000,000 receiver's certificates was sold last August. See V. 109, p. 774. In addition to the notes shown in the table there are \$3,300,000 bank loans outstanding.—Editor.—V. 109, p. 1986, 1891.]

Quebec Central Railway.

(Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30 1919.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1915-16.
Freight revenues	\$1,950,247	\$1,409,444	\$1,215,001	\$1,042,108
Passenger revenues	566,166	446,648	445,919	378,364
Mail, express, &c.	33,479	70,312	65,108	65,786
Total oper. revenues	\$2,549,893	\$1,926,404	\$1,726,028	\$1,487,258
Maint. of way & struct.	\$444,773	\$273,675	\$243,255	\$208,266
Maint. of equipment	378,968	189,535	172,067	150,603
Transportation expenses	1,046,695	837,458	672,661	523,805
Traffic expenses	28,914	29,531	28,479	27,004
General, &c., expenses	21,169	19,109	15,723	16,813
Taxes	104,441	15,250	15,046	18,493
Total oper. expenses	\$2,024,960	\$1,424,559	\$1,207,401	\$994,984
Net operating income	\$524,932	\$501,845	\$518,627	\$492,274
Other income	7,370	5,600	15,427	16,540
Gross income	\$532,303	\$507,345	\$534,054	\$508,814
Int. on debenture stock	175,315	175,314	173,314	175,314
Int. on mortgage bonds	82,246	82,247	82,247	82,247
Dividends paid (5%)	169,080	(5)169,080	(5)169,080	(4)135,264
Balance, surplus	\$105,662	\$80,704	\$107,413	\$116,089

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

	1919.	1918.
Assets—		
Cost of main line, extensions, &c.	\$9,937,060	9,548,960
Uncompleted wks. & distrib. accts.	9,505	411,505
Cash	221,624	151,490
Agents' and agencies balances	23,992	43,228
Traffic accounts	24,306	45,409
Fuel, materials & supplies	374,510	274,485
Miscellaneous	127,640	32,504
Victory bonds	25,000	
Liabilities—		
Share capital	3,381,603	3,381,603
4% 1st M. deb. stk.	2,943,540	2,943,540
3 1/2% 2d M. deb. stock	1,644,933	1,644,933
5% 3d M. bonds	1,644,933	1,644,933
Aud'd vouch. &c.	120,943	154,713
Traffic accounts	56,626	31,697
Pay rolls	92,901	75,247
Int. & div. due & accrued	\$263,389	247,199
Unexp. approp. & reserves	381,767	168,697
Res've conting. fd.		50,000
x Revenue bal.	193,911	168,249
Total	10,743,636	10,507,712

* Includes in 1918 4% debenture stock accrued, \$49,059, and 3 1/2% debenture stock payable July, \$28,786, 5% 3d Mtge. bonds payable July, \$41,123, share dividend payable July, \$84,549, and interest and dividends unclaimed, \$48,880.—V. 109, p. 1793.

Tidewater Oil Co. (of N. J.), N. Y. City, and Subsidiaries

(Report for Nine Months ending Sept. 30 1919.)

(Including Tide Water Oil Co. and Subsidiaries.)

	1919.	1918.
Total volume of business done by company and subsidiaries, as represented by their combined gross sales and earnings, exclusive of inter-company sales and transactions	\$34,322,671	\$30,420,574
Net from operations	\$12,601,009	\$13,178,870
Total income	\$12,821,797	\$13,451,317
Outside stockholders, portion	25,695	367,070
Depreciation charged off	2,934,164	2,620,203
Provision for Federal taxes	1,988,132	2,627,540
Net income	7,899,501	8,203,575
Dividends paid (12%)	3,922,930	(14)446,940
Balance, surplus, for period	3,959,874	3,380,565
Previous surplus	13,292,325	12,017,001
Add—Through acquisition of outside interests of subsidiary companies	618,456	
Total profit and loss surplus	\$17,861,555	\$16,297,566

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (INCLUDING SUBSIDIARIES).

	Sept. 30 '19.	Sept. 30 '18.		Sept. 30 '19.	Sept. 30 '18.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Prop't & equip't	\$32,138,131	33,698,473	Capital stock	33,697,000	31,900,000
Other investments	1,631,228	1,541,771	Subsidiaries' int.	112,288	190,250
Cash	851,387	1,975,452	Res. for fire losses	441,225	444,809
Tax reserve fund		1,967,951	Minority interest		
U. S. cts (tax fd.)	2,088,099		In build. cost		1,353,631
Accts. & notes rec.	1,562,148	1,205,840	Accounts payable	4,147,556	1,861,215
Accts. & notes pay.	4,846,329	4,130,015	Accrued taxes	2,991,986	2,757,688
Prepaid expenses	64,629	109,325	T. O. surplus	17,861,555	16,297,566
Crude oil & prod't	10,673,103	7,374,956	Sub. outside interest surplus		47,803
Materials & supp.	3,048,224	3,326,783			
Deferred items	1,696,161	53,892			
Total	\$8,599,412	\$5,405,859	Total	\$8,599,412	\$5,405,859

x Includes on Sept. 30 1919 refining and gasoline plants, \$14,185,927; pipe lines, \$10,482,153; oil producing properties, \$18,900,249; railroad and lighterage properties, \$813,964; timber properties, \$314,873; less reserve for depreciation, \$12,559,034.—V. 109, p. 1898.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation, New York.

(Fourth Annual Report—Year ending Sept. 30 1919.)

On subsequent pages will be found the remarks of President Manuel Rionda, in the company's fourth annual report, also the profit and loss account for the entire fiscal year 1918-19, and the balance sheet of Sept. 30 1919.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING SEPT. 30.

	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Operating profit	\$11,069,881	\$7,390,804	\$11,095,531
Deduct—Depreciation reserve	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000
Interest and exchange	555,810	679,654	244,043
Reserve for taxes (incl. income and war excess profits taxes)	979,490	834,525	1,280,471
Reserve for doubtful accounts	400,000		500,000
Preferred dividends (7%)	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Total deductions	\$7,185,300	\$6,764,180	\$7,280,514
Balance, surplus	\$3,884,581	\$626,624	\$3,815,017

BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30.

Assets—	1919.	1918.	Liabilities—	1919.	1918.
Property & plants, &c.	77,388,307	75,290,449	Declared capital, (1) 7% cum'd conv. pref. stk.	500,000 shares, par \$100.	52,500,000
Cane cultivations	2,056,024	2,771,853	(2) Com. stock, 500,000 shares, without nom'l or par value		52,500,000
Materials & supplies	2,634,600	3,211,159	Bills payable	15,000,000	12,000,000
Advances to—			Acceptances	11,000,000	
Colonos (less res.)	6,850,873	9,052,710	Drafts outstanding	1,541,082	1,409,498
Stores, &c.	263,146	261,113	Assets, payable and accrued charges	2,512,439	5,894,638
Sugars, &c., on hand	12,112,029	261,113	Pref. divs. pay. ord.	875,000	875,000
Accts. & bills rec., less reserve	1,245,108	1,026,886	Liens on properties	954,541	1,264,201
Cash	4,303,138	700,712	Deprec'n reserve	6,500,000	4,750,000
Cash for pref. div. due October	875,000	875,000	Res. or taxes, &c.	1,439,059	800,000
Special deposit	63,000		Deferred liabilities	947,491	1,518,898
Security for lien redemption, &c.	934,541	1,263,205	Surplus account	16,712,303	14,292,949
Prepaid insurance, rents, &c.	605,601	516,290			
Items in suspense	39,627	261,882			
Total	109,981,945	95,274,158	Total	109,981,945	95,274,158

—V. 109, p. 1980.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

Bath & Hammondsport RR.—Bond Extension.

Under the contract for the extension of the \$100,000 1st M. 5c due June 1 1919 the principal of these bonds is payable June 1 1929, the interest rate is increased from 5% to 6%, the principal and interest are required to be paid in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness. —V. 109, p. 1890.

Boston & Maine RR.—Receiver to Be Discharged.

Judge Morton in U. S. District Court Nov. 26 agreed to discharge the receiver of the Boston & Maine RR. at once, declaring he believed the time was proper for such course. George L. Mayberry, counsel for the receiver, was told by the Court that he would sign the decree for the discharge of the receiver as soon as presented to him, which will probably be Monday, Dec. 1. —V. 109, p. 1985.

Brooklyn City RR.—Alleged Debt to B. R. T. Co.—Power, Facilities, etc.

The report of Stone & Webster, cited in a preceding page says: "Under the terms of the lease from Brooklyn City RR. Co. the lessee [namely the Brooklyn Heights RR. Co. whose stock is all owned by the B. R. T. Co.] has from time to time, out of its own funds or funds furnished by the B. R. T. Co., provided additions and betterments to the leased lines, the cost of which the B. R. T. Co. claims the lessor is obligated to repay. That portion of this account accruing before the execution of the First Refunding Mortgage in 1902 is not represented by any Certificates of indebtedness but has passed by assignment to the B. R. T. Co. and in turn been mortgaged by it. This portion of the construction account is referred to on the books as the B. R. T. Equity in Brooklyn City Construction [the amount being \$5,380,477.—Ed.]. Additions and betterments made after 1902 have been provided for out of funds furnished by the B. R. T. Co. for which it has taken Certificates of indebtedness of the Brooklyn Heights Co., these certificates being pledged to secure bonds of the B. R. T. Co."

Drops Second Fare on Flatbush Ave. Line.

The company has abandoned its efforts to collect a second fare on Flatbush Ave. line at Foster Ave., pending legal determination of the issue. The P. S. Commission had ordered the company to cease collecting the second fare, but the company determined to fight the order and issue rebate slips. In a statement issued discontinuing the collecting of the second fare the company said: "The company's policy of giving a rebate slip to those paying a second fare had proved unacceptable to the public, with a consequent delay of traffic and disorder."

The company has secured a writ of certiorari for a review of the P. S. Commission's decision by the Appellate Division in Manhattan. —V. 109, p. 1986.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Report of Experts—Statement by Protective Committee.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Kidder, Peabody & Co. acting as a Protective Committee for Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., Three-Year 7% Secured Gold Notes, due July 1 1921; Six-Year 5% Secured Gold Notes, due July 1 1918; and New York Municipal Ry. Corp. 1st M. 5% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series A, due Jan. 1 1966, are sending to the holders of these securities a summary of the important report just made by Stone & Webster (see "Financial Reports") and based thereon say in subst.:
Makeup of System.—The B. R. T. System may be divided into three distinct parts:
 (a) **The Rapid Transit Companies.**—These are (aa) New York Consolidated RR. Co., a consolidation of the companies owning the elevated lines which existed prior to the dual subway contracts of 1913; (bb) New York Municipal Railway Corporation, which was organized to make the contracts with the City and to construct and equip the new lines and reconstruct and build the third tracks on the old lines. The Municipal Corporation owns certain elevated extensions and under the lease from the City has the right to operate the subways, &c.; built under the City contracts. All of its operating rights were assigned to the Consolidated Company which, therefore, operates the entire subway and elevated system of the B. R. T. System.
 (b) **The Surface Line Companies.**—There are six of these subsidiaries which own or lease, and operate various surface lines.
 (c) **Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. Itself.**—This company directly owns, and operates all, of the power plants and repair and maintenance facilities for the entire system. It controls the various railway operating companies of the system through ownership of stocks and securities, mostly junior to mortgages issued by the individual subsidiaries before they came into the system. Since then the subsidiaries have been financed through the B. R. T. Security for these Notes and Bonds.

(1) Your notes and bonds are charged primarily, upon the Rapid Transit Companies. The 1st M. bonds of New York Municipal Railway Corpora-

tion (which will be spoken of as the "Subway Bonds" because they were issued to raise funds primarily for subway construction and equipment under the City contracts) of which there are \$60,000,000 outstanding, are a direct lien upon all the properties of the two Rapid Transit Companies, including all their rights under the City contracts, subject to \$22,967,000 of underlying liens on the old elevated lines and to the Receiver's Certificates hereinafter mentioned. Of these bonds \$57,735,000 are pledged as the principal security for the \$57,735,000 Three Year Notes and Six Year Notes of the B. R. T. Company. These bonds also bear the unsecured guaranty of the B. R. T. Company.

(2) Both Classes of the Notes are secured also by the pledge of \$10,000,000, out of a total issue outstanding of \$27,621,000, of First Refunding Mortgage Bonds of the B. R. T. Company.

In addition to the \$10,000,000 of First Refunding Mortgage Bonds pledged to secure your notes, \$7,079,000 thereof are pledged for \$3,300,000 of bank loans, \$250,000 are in the Guaranty Fund securing the lease of the Brooklyn City Lines, \$5,092,000 are subject to the lien of the Receiver's Certificates hereinafter mentioned, \$1,761,000 are held by the Surface Line Companies and \$3,439,000 are outstanding in the hands of the general public. These First Refunding Mortgage Bonds are secured by a direct lien, which the Trustee of the Mortgage and your Committee contend is a first lien upon the power plants and real estate of the B. R. T. Company and by the pledge of stocks and junior securities of the Surface Line Companies.

(3) The Three Year Notes are also secured by the pledge of the entire issue, about \$29,000,000, of Consolidated and Refunding Mortgage Bonds of the B. R. T. Company, which have a lien junior to the First Refunding Mortgage upon the properties covered by that mortgage. Thus indirectly the Notes are secured by a lien upon all the properties owned by the B. R. T. Company, including the power plants and other facilities common to both the rapid transit and surface systems.

All of these mortgages are in foreclosure in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York.

Status of 1st M. 5s of Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.

The B. R. T. Company has outstanding \$7,000,000 of 5% bonds secured by its so-called First Mortgage of Oct. 1 1895, which is also in foreclosure. The Trustee under that mortgage and the committee representing those bonds have contended that the mortgage is a lien both on the real estate and power plants owned by the B. R. T. Company and upon various stocks and securities pledged and deposited with the Trustee under the First Refunding Mortgage, none of which are expressly mentioned in the 1895 Mortgage and many of which were acquired with the proceeds of First Refunding Bonds. All such claims are being vigorously resisted by your Committee and by the Trustee under the First Refunding Mortgage.

Financial Position of the B. R. T. System.

The situation with respect to the Rapid Transit Companies, the Surface Line Co. and the B. R. T. Company proper may be summarized as follows:

(a) **Funds Provided to Complete Equipment and Power Plant.**—As a result of greatly increased costs due to the war, the City's delay in completing the new rapid transit lines and other causes, it became necessary to provide a large additional sum to meet the System's obligations under the City Contracts, including both equipping the new lines and completing the addition to the power plant which had been commenced to provide power for the new rapid transit lines.

Receiver's Certificates.—This money was provided by the sale of \$18,000,000 of the B. R. T. Receiver's 6% Two Year Certificates. The proceeds of \$5,000,000 of these certificates have been retained by the B. R. T. Receiver mainly for power development, the proceeds of the remaining \$13,000,000 being advanced for use by the Rapid Transit Companies' Receiver under the City contracts. Against this advance, the Rapid Transit Companies' Receiver has issued \$13,000,000 of Receiver's Certificates secured by a lien upon all the properties of those companies, prior to the Subway Bonds and junior to the underlying bonds, these certificates being in turn pledged to secure the B. R. T. Receiver's Certificates.

Messrs. Stone & Webster advise that, assuming that there will be no further important advance in wages or cost of materials, the proceeds of these certificates, with such part of the income as is available for the purpose under the decree, will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the contract with the City and that, provided the City does its part with reasonable promptness, all of the rapid transit lines provided for in the City contracts should be equipped and in full operation before the maturity of the certificates.

(b) **5-cent Fare Insufficient even with 2-cent Transfers.**—As a result of the investigation of Messrs. Stone & Webster, it became apparent that the surface lines of the System would be unable to earn their fixed charges, despite the two-cent charge for transfers recently allowed by the Public Service Commission, and they now report that with the increased scale of wages, and regarding the effect of the disintegration which has occurred, these companies cannot earn during the current fiscal year, and probably for some time thereafter will be unable to earn, even operating expenses and taxes.

Receiver'ship for Surface Lines.—A receiver for the surface lines was appointed by the United States District Court in July and defaults in payment of the interest on practically all the mortgages resting upon those lines have occurred. Following default in the payment of rental to Brooklyn City RR. Co., that company has taken possession of its lines, comprising about 40% of the surface mileage of the system, which had been operated by a subsidiary of the B. R. T. Co. under lease. The result has been a general breaking up of the system of surface lines formerly controlled by the B. R. T. Co. How far this will affect the earnings of the lines is still problematical.

Resulting Deficit.—As appears from the reports of Messrs. Stone & Webster, with the wages and other operating costs now in force and a five-cent fare, the earnings of the rapid transit lines remaining after the payment of interest upon the Receiver's Certificates and the \$22,967,000 of underlying elevated bonds, will fall considerably short of the interest upon the \$60,000,000 of B. R. T. Notes and Subway Bonds. Without an increased fare or substantial contribution toward your interest can be expected from the surface lines or from the properties of the B. R. T. Co. proper. Efforts are being made to secure higher fares for all lines.

(c) **B. R. T. Receivership and Operations.**—The activities of the Receiver of the B. R. T. Co. proper, are now, in general, confined to completing the additional power generating facilities and furnishing power and doing repair and maintenance work for both the rapid transit and surface lines. Under a contract negotiated by the Receiver, he will also furnish power for the future operation of the Brooklyn City Lines. Messrs. Stone & Webster report that while this part of the system is earning and will probably continue to earn, interest on the B. R. T. Co.'s investment therein, there will be no substantial surplus over such interest.

Trust Co. Withdraws.—Central Union Trust Co. of New York has resigned as a member of the Committee because of possible conflict with its duties as Trustee of the First Refunding Mortgage of the B. R. T. Co.

Deposits with Committee.—There have now been deposited with the Committee about \$30,000,000 of the Three Year Notes, which, together with the \$16,544,700 of that issue held by War Finance Corporation, which has been cooperating with the Committee, constitute over 80% of the entire amount outstanding. The Committee also represents the majority of the Subway Bonds outstanding.

Cravath & Henderson are counsel and Charles E. Sigler, 80 Broadway, N. Y., Secretary, to the committee. [See "Financial Reports" above for extracts from expert's report.]

Ten-Cent Fare Upheld.

In a test suit brought by Julius Merksamer in the Municipal District Court to compel the company to return an alleged excess fare of 5 cents charged them for a trip to Coney Island and so recognize the dual subway contract clause providing for a 5-cent fare, Municipal Court Justice William D. Niper gave judgment for the defendant. The case is to be appealed, it is said. —V. 109, p. 1986, 1891.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Dividend.

A semi-annual dividend of 2% has been declared on the capital stock, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 5, subject to the completion of the necessary financial arrangements with the U. S. Railroad Administration or otherwise. —V. 109, p. 769.

Chicago Peoria & St. Louis RR.—Default—Deposit.

Default having occurred May 1, and again Nov. 1, 1919 on the Equipment 6% notes, Series A, the committee named below, headed by Chellis A. Austin, President of Mercantile Trust Co., 115 Broadway, N. Y., is urging the immediate deposit of these notes with said trust company as depository. Almost 50% of the outstanding notes has already been deposited with the committee.

Digest of Statement by Committee, Dated Oct. 30 1919.

Default occurred in the interest due May 1 1919 on the above mentioned notes, and default in payment of both principal and interest due Nov. 1 1919 is apparently unavoidable (as proved to be the case—E4.) The interest and principal due Nov. 1 1918 were not met by the receiver, and finally arrangements were made whereby the notes maturing on that date were purchased, and the interest coming due then was paid by the U. S. Railroad Administration. The Railroad Administration, however, has definitely declined to meet principal or interest maturing Nov. 1 next, and the receiver, upon whom the burden of such payment primarily rests, is without funds sufficient to meet this payment.

The equipment upon which these notes are a first lien appears to have a present value largely in excess of the amount of the outstanding issue. The insurance against fire and damage on this equipment, however, expired on Sept. 13 1919, and the receiver states that he is without funds to effect a renewal, a matter which the committee feels should be given immediate attention.

Protective Committee: Chellis A. Austin, Chairman, Pres. Mercantile Trust Co.; J. Stanley Foster, Pres. The Bowery Bank; H. A. Smith, Pres. The National Fire Ins. Co.; with Harry A. Cushing as counsel and J. C. Traphagen as Sec., 115 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 109, p. 370.

Elkin & Alleghany RR.—Sold.—

A recent dispatch from Winston-Salem, N. C., says that the Court has ratified the sale of the road by the receiver, C. B. Penny, to J. W. Ring. The sale includes a roadbed 16 miles long from Elkin to Vener, N. C., and other assets, including franchises, &c. The line is in operation, and it is projected to build an extension of 87 miles.—V. 108, p. 2528.

Louisville & Nashville RR.—To Pay Bonds.—

The \$150,000 6% bonds of the Evansville Henderson & Nashville Div., due Dec. 1 1919, will be paid off at that date at office of the company, 71 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 109, p. 676.

Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.—Interest.—

The interest due June 1 1919 on the first mtge. 4% 100-year gold bonds, due 1990, will be paid on Dec. 1, and interest due on that date will be deferred.—V. 109, p. 1700.

New York Railways.—Interest Payment.—

Judge Julius M. Mayer on Nov. 25 authorized and directed Job E. Hedges, receiver, to pay the interest when it falls due on Dec. 1 on bonds.—V. 109, p. 1987.

Northampton Traction Co.—Protective Committee.—

The committee named below has notified the holders of the First Mortgage Bonds that a hearing will be held by the Court on Dec. 1 with a view to making permanent the receivership. The Receiver on that date will make application to the Court for permission to issue a series of Receiver's Certificates to an amount not in excess of \$25,000 for the purpose of meeting the taxes assessed against the property and for the payment of such other amounts as may be necessary and incident to the proper operation of the line under the administration of the Receiver.

In view of the above the committee requests the holders of the above bonds to deposit them prior to Nov. 28 with The Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, Philadelphia.

Committee:—Theodore Lewis, Charles L. Serrill, C. S. Newhall, Jay Gates, with W. B. Reed, Sec., 517 Chestnut St., Phila.—V. 109, p. 1891.

Salt Lake Garfield & Western Ry.—Status.—

Joel Richards, Secretary of company, under date of Nov. 8, informs us in substance as follows:

Stock.—The company issued an additional block of \$450,000 Capital stock (during 1919) with which to purchase the Saltair Beach Amusement Resort, so that now we have \$750,000 Capital stock outstanding, and the property previously owned by the Saltair Beach Co., which was placed back of the bonds, is now owned by the Salt Lake Garfield & Western Ry. and is still pledged on both the First and Second mortgages.

Bonds.—The Second mortgage is in the form of a promissory note to Zion Savings Bank & Trust Co., originally issued for \$200,000, of which \$35,000 has been paid, leaving a balance of \$165,000 outstanding. On Sept. 1 1919, \$3,000 was paid on the principal of the First Mortgage bonds, leaving a balance outstanding of \$297,000.

Equipment Notes, &c.—We have also issued \$75,000 in equipment notes, covering 6 electric motor cars, of which \$15,000 has been paid, leaving a balance of \$60,000 outstanding. These notes bear 7% interest, and the balance is due \$30,000 each August 1 1920 and 1921.

On March 4 1919 we issued \$30,000 Sub Station Equipment Notes to the General Electric Co., payable \$1,000 per month, bearing 7% interest. \$8,000 has been paid on these notes (to Nov. 8 1919) leaving a balance outstanding of \$22,000.

Electrification.—Electric operations over the line was commenced Aug. 4 1919, and company has now abandoned its locomotives and is using electric power exclusively.—V. 108, p. 2011.

San Joaquin Light & Power Corp.—Bonds Offered.—

Cyrus, Pierce & Co., Blyth, Witter & Co. and Security Mortgage Co., San Francisco, are offering at 99 and int. \$3,600,000 First & Refunding Mortgage 6% gold bonds.

Due August 1 1950. Int. F. & A. Redeemable at 105. Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., trustee. Exempt from personal property tax in California. Individual income tax of 2% paid by corporation.

Issued to provide 75% of cost of additional hydro-electric installation urgently needed to meet present demand. Security is a first mortgage on a large part of the corporation's most valuable property and a direct lien upon the remainder of the property, subject to only \$2,684,000 divisional closed mortgage bonds.

Capitalization	
Divisional Closed Mortgage bonds	\$2,684,000
1st & Ref. M. bonds, due 1950, Series A, B and C (equally sec.)	*12,994,000
Debentures, due 1927-1929, convertible into stock	2,000,000
Preferred 1% Cumulative stock	6,500,000
Common stock	11,000,000

* Includes present issue.

Cal. Year	Gross	Net	Oth. Inc.	Avail for int.	Int. (net)	Bal., Sr.
1912	\$1,303,643	\$825,942	\$16,268	\$842,211	\$373,651	\$469,560
1918	2,614,740	1,622,306	24,733	1,147,039	655,295	491,744
1919	2,439,951	1,616,198	22,996	939,195	548,950	390,236

See offerings in V. 91, p. 1332; V. 106, p. 2650, and see statement in "Electric Railway" Section, page 45; also V. 108, p. 2529; V. 109, p. 1178.

Toledo Railways & Light Co.—

See Toledo Trac., Light & Power Co. below.—V. 109, p. 1988, 1893.

Toledo Trac., Light & Power Co.—Bonds Called, &c.—

The entire issue of \$1,200,000 7% Second Lien convertible bonds of 1918, due Jan. 1 1921, have been called for payment on Jan. 1 1920 at Bankers Trust Co., New York.

Mayor Schreiber's application to the Court for an order compelling the Toledo Ry. & Light Co. to resume its car service was to be heard by Judge Killis on Nov. 28.—V. 109, p. 1893.

United Railroads of San Francisco.—Bonds Deposited.

The committee in charge of the reorganization has announced that more than \$4,000,000 of the \$4,680,000 underlying bonds have been deposited in assent to the plan (V. 109, p. 1367), which will go before the California Railroad Commission as soon as preliminary steps are concluded.—V. 109, p. 1610.

Wabash Railway.—Deficiency Judgment in Foreclosure of Old Company Affirmed.—

By decision rendered by Circuit Court of Appeals for eighth district St. Louis on the 24th instant, judgment rendered by United States District Court for Eastern district of Missouri in the amount of approximately \$51,000,000 against the Wabash Co. was affirmed. [This is a confirmation of the contested deficiency judgment given following foreclosure of the old Wabash RR. back in 1915 (V. 101, p. 1372.)—V. 108, p. 2529.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

American Glue Co.—Acquires Interest.—

The company, it is stated, has purchased a substantial interest in the business of Bader, Adamson & Co., of Phila., recently incorporated in Massachusetts with a capital of \$2,500,000. Business established in 1824. Manufacturers of abrasive cloth and paper, also glues. Pres., William Adamson; V.-Pres., King Upton; Treas., J. P. Lyman, who, together with William B. Adamson and George Upton, form the board of directors of the new company.—V. 109, p. 1462.

American Metal Co., Ltd.—Sold.—

Charles D. Barney & Co. and associates were the successful bidders for the v. t. c. representing 34,644 shares of stock offered for sale on Nov. 20 by the Alien Property Custodian. The price bid was \$166 per share, or a total of \$5,750,904, subject, however, to the approval of the Government advisory committee, within 30 days.

Sales and Net Earnings (from Boston News Bureau)		Calendar Years		June 30 Years	
June 30 (6 Mos.) 1919.	1918.	1917.	1916. (6 Mos.)	1916.	1915.
Sales	\$2,268,252	\$1,061,660	\$1,492,116	\$2,615,282	\$1,537,968
Net	\$350,004	\$32,158	\$2,892,387	\$4,899,750	\$7,638,337

—V. 109, p. 1988.

American Woolen Co.—"Motherhood Insurance."—

The company on Nov. 26 announced to its employees a plan of free sick and accident benefits effective at noon Dec. 1 1919. The plan includes every employee of the American Woolen Co. and its subsidiary companies.—V. 109, p. 983.

Arkansas Light & Power Co.—To Issue Capital.—

The Arkansas Corporation Commission has granted the company permission to issue \$150,000 7% Pref. stock and \$50,000 6% bonds.—V. 109, p. 889.

A. T. Securities Corp.—Director.—

Joseph E. Widener of Philadelphia has been elected a director.—V. 109, p. 1989.

Autosales Corporation.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1/2% of 1% along with the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2%, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15. A like amount was paid extra in September last.—V. 109, p. 1611, 890.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—Com. Div. of 3 1/2%.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 3 1/2% on the Common stock and the regular semi-ann. dividend of 3 1/2% on the Preferred, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 6. This is the first distribution on the Common stock since Jan. 1915 when 1% was paid.—V. 109, p. 1701.

Belding-Paul-Corticelli (Silk Co.) Ltd.—Accum. Divs.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 3 1/2% on the Preferred stock on account of accumulations, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 1. This, it is understood, reducing the deferred dividends to 3 1/2%.—V. 109, p. 777.

Boston Cape Cod & New York Canal Co.—Valuations.

A jury in the U. S. Government condemnation proceedings entered in the Federal Court at Boston, returned a verdict in which the value of the canal as of April 1 1919, was placed at \$16,801,201. Testimony in the suit showed that the cost was about \$14,730,907, divided as follows: Financing costs, \$3,646,250; construction costs, \$6,245,253; administration costs, \$2,533,102; and operating costs, \$2,296,302. Secretary of War Baker testified that the Government offered the owners \$8,250,000 for the property last Jan. The owners showed that the property cost about \$11,000,000 and Gen. George A. Goethals estimated the value of the canal at \$25,000,000, basing his estimate on what such a property would cost to-day if constructed by the Government. He stated that the cost to reproduce an identical canal under private contractorship would be about \$30,000,000.—V. 108, p. 881.

Brown Company, Portland, Me.—Offering of Bonds.—

Hornblower & Weeks, New York, &c., are offering, at prices ranging from 100 to 98, to yield from 6% to 6.15%, according to maturities, \$7,500,000 6% Serial Gold Debenture Bonds, Series "A," dated Nov. 15 1919. Due \$375,000 annually each Nov. 15 from 1920 to 1939, inclusive. See advertising pages.

Int. payable M. & N. at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee; Liberty Nat. Bank, N. Y.; Fidelity Trust Co., Portland, Me.; without deduction for any Federal normal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 & \$100 c* (interchangeable). Callable, all or part, on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 102 1/2% and interest.

Data from Letter of Pres. H. J. Brown Portland Me. Nov. 15 1919.

Capitalization after this financing	Authorized	Outstanding
First (closed) mortgage bonds, due 1920-31	\$2,750,000	\$1,250,000
6% Debenture bonds (this issue)	15,000,000	7,500,000
6% First preferred stock	500,000	500,000
6% Second preferred stock	1,500,000	800,000
Common stock	2,000,000	2,000,000

Company.—Established in 1852 and incorp. in Maine as the Berlin Mills Co. in 1888. Name changed to Brown company in 1917 (V. 105, p. 2458). Owns all the stock of the Brown Corporation of Canada. Is the largest manufacturer in this country of bleached sulphite fibre pulp and kraft wrapping paper, and also manufactures bond paper, lumber and allied products. A research laboratory is maintained for control of its processes and development of its various by-products. Daily capacity is 600 tons bleached sulphite fibre, 160 tons kraft paper, 40 tons bond paper, 150,000 feet merchantable lumber, and 1,200 window frames.

Property.—(1) The mill property consists of (a) two paper mills; (b) two bleached sulphite fibre mills; (c) a sawmill located at Berlin and Gorham, N. H.; (d) has five hydro-electric power plants, located at Berlin, Gorham and Shelburne, on the Androscoggin River, installed capacity of 25,000 h. p., furnishing electric power to the paper, pulp and sawmills; (e) also a steam plant of 20,000 h. p. (2) The timberlands are held in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, and by the Brown Corporation in the Prov. of Quebec, amounting to 400,000 acres in fee simple and 100,000 acres in stumpage on lands in fee simple in Canada, and 1,700,000 acres in timber lands held under perpetual license in Canada, a total of 2,900,000 acres, or 4,530 sq. miles., estimated to contain 15,000,000 cords of pulpwood.

Earnings.—As certified by Messrs. Niles & Niles, for the last five fiscal years, after taxes, depreciation, interest and before dividends, have averaged \$2,190,222, and for the last three fiscal years \$3,102,369. In addition, special reserves have been set up during the last five years averaging \$445,658. Earnings of the Brown Corporation for the last three fiscal years, after taxes, depreciation, interest and before dividends, have averaged \$507,617. In addition, special reserves have been set up during the last three years averaging \$272,617.

Purpose.—Issued to provide payment for extensions and betterments already made, to provide working capital and for other corporate purposes.—V. 105, p. 2458.

Canadian General Elec. Co., Ltd., Toronto.—Stock.—

The company has arranged to issue 10,000 shares of new Common stock at par (\$100) per share, and will offer the same to the holders of Common stock of record on Dec. 12th next, in the proportion of one new share to eight then held. Payments may be made in four installments, 25% with subscription on or before Jan. 5 1920, 25% on Feb. 29 1920, 25% on April 30 1920, and 25% on June 30 1920.—V. 109, p. 1989.

Canadian Car & Foundry Co.—1 3/4% on Accum.—Earnings.

A dividend of 1 3/4% has been declared on the preferred stock on account of accumulations payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Dec. 1. The accumulations after this payment will amount to 22 3/4%.

Consol. Surplus and Income Acct., Years End. Sept. 30 (Incl. Can. Car & Edg. Co., Ltd., Can. Steel Foundries, Ltd., and Assoc. Cos.)

	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1915-16.
Approximate output		\$45,253,000	\$25,000,000	
Net profits	\$2,993,471	\$1,617,391	\$2,572,884	\$1,292,105
Deprec'n & renewals	568,710	711,563	467,610	350,000
Bond interest	493,910	507,305	523,915	538,693
Int., &c., on deb. notes			50,019	50,150
Int. on bank loans, &c.	43,206	145,913	118,331	
Prof. dividends	(83%)656,250	(3½)262,500		

Bal., surplus \$1,231,386 \$2,990,110 \$1,413,009 \$353,256
 V. 109, p. 680.

Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co., Chicago.—New Stock—Official.—Touching the plan to increase the auth. capital stock from \$7,500,000 to \$13,000,000 and the outstanding stock from \$6,448,800 to \$12,897,600 by sale to stockholders at par, an official circular says in substance:

Digest of Letter by President H. A. Jackson, Chicago, Nov. 8 1919.
 Owing to the rapid growth of our business, the directors have determined that the productive capacity of the plants should be substantially increased, that additional working capital should be provided, and that the bond issue should be retired.

The earnings would be substantially increased by the expenditure of the sum of \$6,448,800 for the following purposes:

Redemption of bonds now outstanding	\$3,086,000
Extension of plants and of sales and service branches	1,775,000
Additional working capital	1,587,800

The proposed retirement of the bonds would free us from all fixed charges, including sinking fund requirements, and leave no capital liabilities other than \$12,897,600 Capital stock.

The earnings of the company and of its subsidiaries for the calendar year 1918, after providing for excess profits taxes and liberal depreciation, but before deducting extraordinary losses, and computed without allowance for interest on bonds or borrowed money or for sinking fund requirements would have amounted to \$1,847,271 or an annual rate per share of \$28.65. Computed on the same basis, the earnings for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1919 amounted to \$1,719,317, or an annual rate per share of \$37.35.

In view of the excess profits tax law there will also be an incidental but very substantial saving in taxes from the increase above contemplated.

(Shareholders of record Dec. 10 may subscribe and pay for their 100% new stock at par at the Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., on or before Jan. 20).—V. 109, p. 1794.

Childs Company, N. Y.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of 1½% has been declared on the Common stock along with the regular quarterly dividends of 1% on the Common and 1½% on the Preferred; all are payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Nov. 29. In Sept. a regular quarterly dividend of 1% was paid on the Common and in June ½% of 1%. In March dividend was omitted.—V. 109, p. 890.

Chilean American Steamship Co.—Offering of Notes.

Howe, Snow, Corcoran & Bertles, Grand Rapids, are offering at prices to net 7½% \$400,000 First Lien Mortgage 7½% gold notes, guaranteed p. & i. by Compania de Vaporos Chilenos of Chile, which is being organized to operate on an established trade route between New York and Chile.

Dated Oct. 1 1919, due semi-annually from April 1 1920 to Oct. 1 1922. Interest A. & O., as far as may be lawful, without deductions for Federal taxes to the extent of 4%, at Central Union Trust Co., N. Y., trustees. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 (c*). Callable at any int. date on 3 weeks' notice at 101. Secured by closed first lien on the ocean-going steamships "Llay-Llay" and "Til-Til". The capital stock of the steamship companies of Chile, owners of the above steamships, is to be deposited with the trustee as further security.

Chile Copper Co.—Production (in lbs.)—

	1919.	1918.	1917.
Month of Oct.	6,900,000	8,548,000	9,050,000
10 mos. to Oct. 31	61,937,084	81,378,512	76,674,110

Commercial Credit Co. of Balt.—

Robert Garrett & Sons as syndicate managers are offering \$250,000 7% preferred, a similar amount of preferred 7½% cumulative stock, and \$250,000 common stock. The 7% preferred offering price is \$25 a share, the preferred "B" \$24 a share, and the common \$45 a share.—V. 107, p. 1749.

Constantin Refining Co., Tulsa, Okla.—Offering of Notes.—Spitzer, Rorick & Co., New York, &c., and Bioren & Co., Phila., are offering at 100 and int. \$3,000,000 7% First Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold notes. Circular shows:

Dated Sept. 1 1919. Due \$500,000 Sept. 1 1920, \$1,000,000 Sept. 1 1921 and \$1,500,000 Sept. 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000 (c*). Interest M. & S. payable at office of trustee, Spitzer-Rorick Trust & Savings Bank, Toledo, or at the office of Spitzer, Rorick & Co., N. Y. City. Callable at 101 and int. at any int. date and after one year from date on 60 days' notice. The company agrees on or before Oct. 1 1919, and monthly thereafter, to pay to trustee a sum in cash equal to 1-6 the next maturing coupons on all notes outstanding, and further agrees beginning Oct. 1 1919, to pay monthly to trustee a sum in cash equal to 1-12 of the next maturing installment of notes until all of the notes are fully paid.

Business.—Established in Tulsa in 1912. Owns and operates two large modern refineries, daily capacity 10,000 bbls. Will be increased to 13,000 bbls. by Jan. 1.

Earnings.—Net earnings after Federal taxes and depreciation: 1916, \$893,276; 1917, \$884,397; 1918, \$350,836.

The net earnings after depreciation but before Federal taxes for 1919 are estimated at \$1,500,000; and for 1920 at \$2,500,000.—V. 105, p. 74.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—Bonds—Annual Report.

The stockholders on Nov. 25 voted (a) to issue \$25,000,000 7% 10-year convertible bonds and (b) to issue 416,666 shares of new com. stock, no par value, to be issued for conversion purposes as per plan in V. 109, p. 1702. See also under "Annual Reports" above.—V. 109, p. 1990, 1702.

Detroit Edison Co.—New Stock.

The stockholders voted Nov. 24 to increase the authorized capital stock from \$35,000,000 to \$60,000,000, and to authorize the issue of \$10,000,000 of debenture bonds.—V. 109, p. 1795.

Dome Mines Co., Ltd.—Dividends Resumed.

A dividend of 25 cents has been declared on the stock payable Jan. 15 1920 to holders of record Dec. 31. This is the first distribution since June 1917 when 2½% was paid.—V. 108, p. 2126.

Eastern Manufacturing Co.—All Sold—Listed.

Tucker Anthony & Co., syndicate managers, announce that the syndicate composed of Tucker Anthony & Co., Bond & Goodwin and Solomon Bros. & Hutzler, formed for the sale of 50,000 shares of Eastern Manufacturing Co. common stock, has been dissolved, all of the stock having been sold.

The Boston Stock Exchange has admitted to list 140,000 common shares (\$5 par value).—V. 109, p. 1990.

Eatsum Products Corp., Orlando, Fla.—Offering of Preferred Stock.—Glover & MacGregor, Pittsburgh, are offering at 94 and div. by an advertisement on another page \$400,000 7% Cumulative Sinking Fund Preferred stock, par \$100. Divs. Q.-F. Callable, all or part, upon 60 days' notice at \$110. Minimum sinking fund \$50,000 per annum, effective on and after July 1 1921.

Data From Letter of Pres. C. J. Earley Orlando, Fla., Nov 1 1919.
 Company was incorp. March 6 1917 in Florida. Manufactures the "Eatsum" brand of preserves, jams and jellies. Activities confined mainly to manufacturing and marketing orange and grapefruit preserves. Actual orders already booked indicate a gross business for this season of \$1,250,000. During 1920 corporation will begin making jams and jellies on a large scale.

Net earnings for 1920 are estimated at \$150,000, or more than 5 times Preferred stock dividend requirements.

Capitalization consists of Pref. stock auth., \$750,000; issued, \$400,000; Com. stock auth., \$2,250,000; issued, \$907,350. No bonds.

Purpose.—Issued for the purpose of providing additional working capital and for increasing the manufacturing capacity of the plant at Orlando.

Elk Horn Coal Corporation.—Com. Div. Postponed.

A quarterly dividend of 75 cents has been declared on the preferred stock payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Dec. 1.

The directors postponed action on the common dividend due at this time until the first week in January on account of loss of tonnage caused by strike he present unsettled labor conditions at the mines. A dividend of 1½% was paid on the common in March, June and Sept. last.—V. 108, p. 1939.

Emerson Electric Mfg. Co., St. Louis.—Pref. Stock Offered.

Spencer Trask & Co., New York and Stifel-Nicolaus Investment Co., St. Louis are offering at 97½ and div. to yield 7.18%, \$1,000,000 7% Cumulative Preferred (a. & d.) Stock, par \$100. Dividends Q.-J. Redeemable all or part on any div. date at 115 and divs. upon 30 days' notice.

Fisher Body Corp.—Listing—Earnings.

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list 300,000 shares additional Common stock (no par value) making the total authorized to be listed 500,000 shares (no par value).

Consolidated Income Account Five Mos. Ended Sept. 30 1919.				
Net from Operation	Interest Charges	Federal Taxes, &c.	Preferred Dividends	Surplus for Period
\$2,115,841	\$139,347	\$696,800	\$125,353	\$1,154,341

General Asphalt Co.—Exchange of Stock.

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$58,500 additional Common stock issued in exchange for \$39,000 Pref. stock surrendered and canceled, making the total amount of Com. stock listed \$18,946,300 and reducing the amount of Pref. stock listed to \$8,035,800.—V. 109, p. 1991, 1895.

General Cigar Co., Inc.—Acquisitions, &c.

The company has acquired the cigar manufacturing plant of Griff Brothers at Evansville, Ind. The Quality Cigar Co.'s plant at Cincinnati was taken over a few weeks ago. Each of these plants has a capacity of 35,000,000 cigars a year. The General Cigar Co. has heretofore had a capacity of more than 500,000,000 cigars and with the two additional plants it will have a capacity of well over 800,000,000 cigars a year. Notwithstanding the strike, recently interfered with production, the company is now operating at full capacity (official).—V. 109, p. 1529.

General Motors Corporation.—Plan to Authorize (1) \$500,000,000 7% Cum. Non-Voting Debenture Stock Ranking Pari Passu With Present Preferred and Debenture Stock; (2) a Decrease in the Present Authorized Debenture Stock to \$90,000,000—Right Given to Present 6% Preferred and 6% Debenture Holders to Subscribe for a Block of the New Issue—Official Circular.—A special meeting of the stockholders will be held at Wilmington, Del., Dec. 30 1919, to vote upon amending the certificate of incorporation so that the total authorized capital stock shall be 56,100,000 shares, divided as follows: (a) 200,000 shares (\$20,000,000) shall be 6% Preferred stock, par value \$100 a share; (b) 900,000 shares (\$90,000,000) shall be 6% debenture stock, par value \$100 a share; (c) 5,000,000 shares (\$500,000,000) shall be 7% debenture stock, having a par value of \$100 a share; (d) 50,000,000 shares shall be Common stock, without any nominal or par value.

Digest of Circular Signed by Pres. W. C. Durant, N. Y., Nov. 26 1919.
 The purposes of these amendments and the procedure thereon, if adopted, may be briefly summarized as follows:

First.—An authorized issue of \$500,000,000 par value 7% Cumulative non-voting debenture stock, redeemable at \$120 per share, to rank pari passu with the present Preferred and Debenture stock, will be created and the present authorized issue of \$500,000,000 6% debenture stock decreased to \$90,000,000. (The balance sheet of June 30 1919 shows outstanding \$59,506,600 Debenture stock and \$16,948,300 Pref. stock. V. 109, p. 977.)

The holder of each share of present 6% Preferred stock and of each share of present 6% Debenture stock, of record Dec. 31 1919, will receive a subscription warrant entitling him to subscribe on or before Feb. 2 1920 to two shares of new 7% debenture stock at par, payments for which may be made in cash, or 50% in cash and 50% in Preferred or in 6% Debenture stock at par, thus:

	Annual Price, Income.
The holder of each share of present Preferred or Debenture stock will be entitled to subscribe to two shares of 7% Debenture stock at par	\$200 \$14 00
Paying therefor with one share of present Preferred or 6% Debenture stock at par	100 6 00

And the balance in cash \$100 \$8 00
 Or, at his option the whole amount in cash \$200 \$14 00

In other words, on the basis of par values, the holder of each share of Preferred stock or 6% Debenture stock secures an opportunity to invest \$100 on an 8% basis.

Second.—Provision is made for an authorized issue of 50,000,000 shares of Common stock of no par value in lieu of the present authorization of 5,000,000 shares of Common stock of the par value of \$100 each.

Note of the no par value stock is to be issued for less than \$10 per share, nor can the directors declare dividends in an amount which reduces the value of the assets as shown on the books of the corporation to a point where the capital of the corporation with the Common stock valued at \$10 per share is impaired.

It is intended that ten shares of no par value Common stock will be issued in lieu of each share of the present outstanding Common stock.

Financial.—A careful forecast, looking far into the future, indicates that, for your corporation to continue occupying its leading position in the automobile industry, large capital investments will be required, which requirements can likely be better met by financing that portion of our growth which is not supplied from earnings, through the sale of a 7% rather than a 6% senior security. This at once gives us an opportunity and a privilege; an opportunity to issue our senior securities at or above par, instead of at the substantial discount necessary in the sale of our present securities, and the privilege of extending to our senior security holders the right to subscribe to this new 7% debenture stock on a most attractive basis.

The plan, with all of the subscription rights taken up, will supply about \$85,000,000 in cash for the corporation's treasury, which, added to our present cash, eight drafts and liberty bonds, will give us a total of approximately \$175,000,000 ample to provide for the normal and safe expansion of the business, to properly develop recently acquired and extremely profitable lines and to maintain cash reserves sufficiently large to care for a gross business for the calendar year 1920 of approximately \$800,000,000.—V. 109, p. 1991, 1703.

Gerlach-Barklow Calendar Co.—Controlling Interest.

Theo. R. Gerlach has purchased the original holdings in the company (thereby acquiring the controlling interest) from Col. John Lambert and Harry Leroy Thompson, who retire from the business. The outstanding capital consists of \$1,500,000 common and \$450,000 7% pref. Has paid the regular dividends on the pref. stock and for several years at the rate of 4% annually on the common stock.

The company was organized in 1907. Plant located at Joliet, Ill., manufactures art calendars, mailing cards and blotters, &c. Also operates a plant at Toronto.

Gray & Davis, Inc.—Listed—Earnings.
The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list temporary interchangeable certificates for \$2,722,000 Common stock.

<i>Earnings Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 1919.</i>			
Net sales.....	\$2,932,276	Prof. divs.....	\$25,208
Operating profit.....	\$590,455	Surplus.....	\$327,013
Selling, &c., expenses.....	256,280	Previous sur. (adjusted).....	282,293
Balance, surplus.....	\$343,184	Premium on new stock.....	294,520
Other income.....	9,157	Reserves, &c.....	238,022
Total income.....	\$352,341	P. & L. surplus.....	\$665,234

Green Star Steamship Corp.—Offering of Bonds.—Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., are offering at 99 1/4 and int., yielding about 7.20%, \$3,500,000 First Mtge. Marine Equipment Sinking Fund 5-Year 7% bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919, due Dec. 1 1924. See advertising pages.

Redeemable, all or part, on any int. date at 103 1/2 and int. on 60 days' notice. Denom. \$1,000 (c*). Interest payable J. & D. The Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., trustee. The company will deposit with the trustee every three months as long as any of the bonds of this issue are outstanding the sum of \$175,000, an amount sufficient to retire this entire issue at maturity. Bonds callable by the trustee at 103 1/2 when not purchasable in the open market. The company agrees to pay the normal Federal income tax on these bonds, not to exceed 4% and to refund State taxes in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland not to exceed present tax in these States.

Data from Letter of President J. Mercadante N. Y. Dec. 1 1919.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first closed mortgage on a fleet of four American and steamships of an aggregate dead weight tonnage of 34,400 tons, an actual freight-carrying capacity of over 30,000 tons, and an appraised valuation of \$7,400,000. The steamers covered are nearing completion and will be delivered for operation during the months of Dec. and Jan. 1920. Pending the actual delivery of the boats, the proceeds of sale of this issue are to remain on deposit and to be released in proportionate amounts as the vessels are delivered and brought under the lien of the mortgage. Each of these vessels will be classed as 100 A1 Lloyds.

Balance Sheet Nov. 20 1919 (Including as Cash Proceeds Due on Bond Issue to Be Dated Dec. 1 1919, \$3,500,000 Proceeds to Be Applied to Balance Due on Steamships.)

Assets.—Cash and current assets, \$11,684,427. Fixed: 10 steamships at cost, \$18,764,760 5 steamships under construction (part payment), \$2,139,200 deferred to future operations, \$690,950..... \$33,279,337

Liabilities.—7 1/2% 5-year serial (V. 109, p. 1703), \$4,500,000; 7% 5-year Sinking Fund, \$3,500,000; secured loans, \$5,000,000; unsecured loans and current liabilities, \$3,537,355; reserves, \$342,000; capital stock, \$10,000,000; surplus, \$1,089,952..... \$33,279,337

Earnings.—Based on the outcome of recent voyages of other vessels of this company and on contracts and business offered, it is estimated that net profits from Aug. 1 1919 to Dec. 31 1919 will be over \$3,000,000.

It is further estimated that the net income of the company from all of its steamers for the year 1920 will be in excess of \$14,000,000. The earnings of the four vessels covered by this mortgage for the year 1920, it is estimated, will be approximately \$2,500,000.

Directors.—Robert McGregor (V.-Pres.), Raymond T. Marshall, Joseph Mercadante (Pres.), Alfred J. Johnson, William G. Lane, Alvin W. Kresch and D. Roger Englar. Compare V. 109, p. 1703.

Hercules Paper Corp.—Offering of Stock.—Morton Lachenbruch & Co. are offering at \$10 per share 45,000 shares (authorized and issued, 100,000 shares.) No par value. No bonds or Preferred stock.

The corporation has been incorporated in New York to engage in the manufacture of newsprint, paper board, and other paper products. Has purchased paper-mill properties at Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y., and Roek City Falls, Saratoga County, N. Y., valued at \$750,000. Earnings are estimated at \$200,000.

Hodgman Rubber Co., Tuckahoe, N. Y.—Offering of Preferred Stock.—Dominick & Dominick and Blake Bros. & Co., New York, are offering at 100 and div., to yield 8%, \$1,000,000 8% Cumulative Convertible Preferred (a. & d.) stock, par \$100.

Divs. Q.-F. Callable all or part at 115 on Feb. 1 1920 or any div. date thereafter on 60 days' notice. A cumulative sinking fund for purchase at not exceeding 115 and divs. begins Jan. 1 1921, a sum equal to 3% of the Pref. stock which shall theretofore have been issued and not converted into Com. stock. Convertible into Com. stock at any time, at the rate of 1 share of Pref. for 1 share of Com. stock.

Data from Letter of Pres. G. B. Hodgman, Tuckahoe, Nov. 18 1919.

Capitalization after present financing. Authorized, Outstanding, 8% Convertible Preferred stock (par \$100)..... \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 Common stock (no par value)..... 50,000 sh. 12,100 sh.

Company.—Incorp. in New York. Business founded in 1838 in N. Y. City. Is the oldest company engaged in the manufacture of rubber goods in the United States. Factory and general offices are at Tuckahoe, N. Y. Manufactures rubber goods, such as rubber clothing, mackintoshes, automobile top material, architects' sundries, &c.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire \$197,500 of old Preferred stock and to provide for additional working capital and equipment.

Earnings.—Net earnings if applied to divs. on the new Preferred stock, after allowance for depreciation, reserves and Federal taxes, have been as follows: (a) 10 years to Dec. 31 1918, average over twice the annual div. charges; (b) 3 years to Dec. 31 1919 (1919 partly est.), average over 2 1/2 times annual div.

Houston Oil Co. of Texas.—Officers—Bonds Called.

Henry J. Bowdoin has been elected President to succeed S. W. Fordyce deceased. E. H. Buckner has been elected Vice-Pres.

The entire outstanding balance of New Series Timber Certificates issued under the Kirby Lumber Co. contract, dated Aug. 1 1911 have been called for payment on Feb. 1 1920 at par and int. at the Maryland Trust Co., Baltimore or its agent, the Chase National Bank, N. Y., or the Boatmen's Bank, St. Louis.—V. 109, p. 1896, 275.

Indiana Power & Water Co.—Offering of Bonds.

Bankers Mortgage Co., New York, Chicago and Des Moines, in Aug. offered at 97 to yield 6.30% \$950,000 First Mtge. Sinking Fund 6% Gold bonds of 1916. Due Sept. 1 1936, but callable on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 103 and int. The company pays the normal Federal income tax of 2%. Net earnings over twice annual bond interest charge. Compare V. 103, p. 1985; V. 106, p. 90; V. 108, p. 2128.

Imperial Oil Co., Ltd.—Dividend.

A quarterly dividend of 7 1/2 cents has been declared, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 25. The dividend is on the new stock of \$25 par value and compares with quarterly payments of \$3 a share on the 100 par value stock.—V. 109, p. 1465.

International Cotton Mills.—Offering of Notes.—Lee, Higginson & Co., New York, &c., are offering at 100 and int., yielding 7%, \$5,000,000 7% Ten-Year Sinking Fund gold notes, dated Dec. 1 1919, due Dec. 1 1929.

Interest payable J. & D. at the offices of Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston, N. Y. and Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c). Callable, all or part, at any time on 30 days' notice at 103 and int. during the first 6 years, 102 during the next 2 years and 101 thereafter. Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee. While these notes are outstanding the company agrees not to mortgage any of its present properties. Sinking fund sufficient to retire at least 45% of the entire issue before maturity at a rate not less than \$250,000 per year, first payment Dec. 1 1920.

Data from Letter of Pres. S. Harold Greene, Dated Nov. 1 1919.

Company.—Organized Feb. 6 1913 in Mass. Owns or controls eight mills containing 191,144 spindles and 3,205 looms, manufacturing all grades of cotton duck, and is one of the largest producers of these fabrics in this country. See full particulars in V. 106, p. 504.

Purpose.—A part of the proceeds will be used to retire the \$3,000,000 2-year notes due Feb. 1 1920 at or before their maturity, and the balance will be added to the company's working capital.

Capitalization After Present Financing. Authorized, Outstanding, Ten-Year 7% gold notes (due Dec. 1 1920)..... \$3,000,000 \$3,000,000 Prof. stock % cumulative (par \$100)..... 10,000,000 5,000,000 Common stock (par \$50)..... 5,000,000 4,760,900

Combined Sales, International Cotton Mills, Bay State Cotton Corp., Cosmos Cotton Co., Ltd., and Imperial Cotton Co., Ltd.—Calendar Years. 1916, \$11,819,034; 17, \$20,000,258; 18, \$28,648,530; 19 (9mos.), \$19,092,812

Net Profits of Int. C. M., incl. Its Stockholding Proportion of Net of Sub. Cos.—Calendar Years. 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919 (9 mos.)
Net, after depreciation, &c., \$1,376,121 \$3,691,779 \$4,349,958 \$2,283,120
Federal taxes, 1,006,000 2,104,586 439,178
Net, after Federal taxes, 1,376,121 2,585,779 2,245,372 1,843,942

The above stated profits include the results of operation of the following companies: International Cotton Mills, Bay State Cotton Corp., Boston; Yaen Co., Cosmos Cotton Co., Ltd., Imperial Cotton Co., Ltd.—(The Boston Stock Exchange has admitted to list 50,000 shares Pref. stock (par \$100) and 100,000 shares Common stock (par \$50).—V. 108, p. 1514.

Internat. Mercantile Marine Co.—New Office.

The company, it is stated, has purchased for approximately \$3,000,000 the 12-story office building on the corner of Broadway and Battery Place, which has been popularly known for years as Number One Broadway (originally named the Washington Building). When the building has been thoroughly modernized, the company, it is understood, will occupy most of the floor space as soon as present leases have expired.—V. 109, p. 1896.

Ipswich (Mass.) Mills.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of 6% has been declared on the common stock along with the regular semi-annual dividends of 3% on the common and 3% on the preferred, all payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 25. An extra dividend of 3% was paid in June and Dec. 1918.—V. 107, p. 2102.

Kellogg Manufacturing Co., Rochester, N. Y.—Offering of Preferred Stock.—Converse, Hough & Co., Inc., Rochester, N. Y., in Aug. offered at par and div. to yield 8%, \$100,000 8% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100. A circular shows:

Dividends payable Q.-J. Redeemable in whole or in part on 60 days' notice at \$105 and div. until Jan. 1921, thereafter at \$110 and dividend. Beginning Jan. 1921, an annual sinking fund of \$5,000 is provided for the purchase of Pref. stock by call or in the open market at not to exceed \$110 and div., thus retiring the entire issue in not to exceed 32 years.

Company.—Incorporated in New York in 1909. Is the largest manufacturer of motor-driven automobile tire pumps in the United States. The company's product is included as standard equipment on such cars as the Cadillac, Cole, Franklin, Marmon, Willys-Overland, the G. M. C. truck, Nash truck, Garford truck and many others. Also manufactures electric-motor-driven air compressors for garages; free air equipment for gasoline filling stations; high-grade hand pumps and other accessories.

Provisions.—(a) The company will at all times maintain net tangible assets of at least \$150 per share for each share of Pref. stock and net quick assets at least equal to the total of the outstanding Pref. stock. (b) Should net tangible assets or net quick assets fall below required amount, Preferred stockholders have actual voting power with the Common. (c) No additional Pref. stock or mortgage debt shall be created unless net quick assets and net tangible assets are maintained to the required amount.

Capitalization.—Authorized, \$150,000 Common and \$150,000 Pref. stock; outstanding, \$100,000 Common and \$100,000 Preferred.

Balance Sheet Aug. 1 1919 After Giving Effect to Present Financing.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Real estate, building, &c.....	\$161,299	Common stock.....	\$100,000
Cash.....	137,603	Preferred stock.....	100,000
Inventory.....	97,925	Mortgage.....	46,500
Other current assets.....	103,041	Accounts and bills payable.....	136,086
		Surplus.....	117,284
Total.....	\$499,879	Total.....	\$499,870

The net tangible assets for the Preferred stock are equal to \$317 per share and net quick assets (\$202,486) over \$202 per share.

Earnings.—Since incorporation net earnings after depreciation and taxes, available for dividends, have averaged \$23,879 p. a., or nearly 3 times the amount required for the Pref. stock dividends. For the first 7 months of 1919 net earnings have been equivalent to over 3 times the div. charges on the Preferred stock for the entire year.

During the ten years the company has been in business, over \$140,000 (equal to 14% p. a. on the present Pref. stock issue) has been put back into the property out of earnings, and in addition \$100,000 (or about 10%) has been paid out in dividends. At the present time has unfilled orders on its books of over \$385,000.

Officers.—Mortimer R. Austice, Pres.; Joseph F. Weller, Vice-Pres. & Treas.; Josiah Austice, Sec.

Kirby Lumber Co.—Called.

See Houston Oil Co. above.—V. 109, p. 177.

Lambert Oil & Gas Co.—Trustee Appointed.

The Guaranty Trust Co., New York, has been appointed trustee under an agreement dated Oct. 1 1919 to secure an issue of \$250,000 par value Series "A" 7% Convertible Gold Deb., due Oct. 1 1924.

(H.) Liebes & Co., San Francisco.—Offering of Notes.

The Anglo & London Paris National Bank, San Francisco, and Blankenhorn-Hunter-Dulin Co., Los Angeles, are offering at prices to yield from 6 to 6 1/2%, according to maturities, \$750,000 6% Secured Serial gold notes, dated Aug. 1 1919, maturing serially to Aug. 1 1927. Interest F. & A. 1 at the office of Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco, trustee, without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Tax-exempt in California. Denom. \$1,000 (c*). Callable, all or part, at 101 and int. on any int. date on 30 days' notice; longest maturities take precedence in such redemption.

Notes, specifically secured by direct first mortgage lien upon the real property and building of the company situated in the heart of San Francisco's business district, will be used to retire present mortgage and bank debt and to provide additional working capital.

The company was founded in 1864 and incorporated in 1890, and is one of the oldest and largest fur establishments in the United States.

Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. of Amer.—Vote Merger.

The stockholders on Nov. 25 voted in favor of absorption of the company by the Radio Corporation of America, as per plan in V. 109, p. 1704.

Montreal Public Service Corp.—Offering of Bonds.

A syndicate consisting of Beausoleil, Ltd., Rene T. Leclerc, and Credit Canadien, Inc., Montreal, is offering at par and int., to yield 6 1/2%, \$2,550,000 Five-Year 6 1/2% bonds, dated July 2 1919, due July 2 1924. Interest payable J. & J. in Montreal, Toronto and Quebec. Callable, all or part, on the second and third interest dates at 101 1/2 and int.—thereafter at 101 and int. on 30 days' notice. Secured by (a) \$400,000 Montreal Public Service Corp. 1st & Ref. M. 5% bonds, due Sept. 1 1942; (b) \$2,550,000 Montreal Public Service Corp. 2d M. 6 1/2% bonds, dated July 2 1919, due July 2 1924; (c) \$1,790,000 Canadian Light & Power Co. 1st M. 6% bonds, due July 1 1949; and (d) \$39,500 common shares (par \$100) of Canadian Light & Power Co.—out of a total outstanding issue of 60,000 sh.

The corporation, founded in 1908, for the most part a holding and sales company for light and power, is a consolidation of the Sarneguy Electric & Water Co., the Dominion Light, Heat & Power Co., and the St. Paul Electric Light & Power Co. It owns in addition the distribution system of the Canadian Light & Power Co., and operates under lease the plant and distribution system of the Central Heat, Light & Power Co.

Earnings year ended June 30 1919: Gross, \$992,407; net, after taxes, \$271,516; bond interest, \$128,903; balance, surplus, \$132,614.

Mother Lode Copper Mines Co.—Plan for Exchange of Stock.

President James J. Godfrey says in substance: "The exchange of stock will become effective Dec. 1 1919 on basis of one share, par \$10, of Mother Lode Copper Mines Co. of Alaska for 1.63 shares of Mother Lode Coalfield Mines Co. Fractional shares shall be paid for in cash at rate of \$10 per share. Necessary steps will then be taken to liquidate Mother Lode Copper Mines Co. of Alaska and to distribute remaining assets, if any, to stockholders. Stockholders are requested to send their stock to our branch office, 29 Broadway, for transfer."—V. 108, p. 1393.

Nash Motors Co., Kenosha, Wis.—New Plant.—The Nash Motors Co. has purchased 4 acres of land at Clement St. and Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, upon which it is constructing a factory for the production of four-cylinder cars. The company also is making substantial additions to its main factory in Kenosha, where the Nash Six and Nash trucks will continue to be built.

Work on the first units of the Milwaukee plant will be completed by spring and it is planned ultimately to bring the production of this plant as nearly as possible up to a point equal to the passenger car production of the Kenosha factory.

Units now under construction or planned for erection include a power plant, foundry, machine shop, drop forge, body building plant and sheet metal plant. It is expected that the new four-cylinder car will be in the hands of Nash dealers before Sept. 1. ("Official.")—V. 109, p. 277.

National Steel Car Co., Ltd., Hamilton, Ont.—Plan Approved.—The shareholders on Nov. 14 voted to approve the plan for the sale of the property to Donald Symington, of Baltimore, and Robert J. Magor, of N. Y., who agree to organize, to take over the same, the National Steel Car Corporation, or a company with similar title, with 100,000 shares of capital stock of no par value.

Digest of Statement by President J. M. Gibson, Hamilton, Oct. 27 19. The shareholders doubtless know of the situation in which the company has been placed through a contract made in 1915 for the manufacture of a large order of cars for the Paris, Lyons & Mediterranean Ry. Co. Unexpected conditions arising out of the war resulted in losses which amounted to more than its total capital stock. We have subsequently successfully engaged in reducing these losses and have made a material recovery upon this contract, and meanwhile have successfully carried on the business, realizing a profit which has been applied in further reduction of such losses.

A summary of the present financial situation as of Sept. 30 1919 shows: Accounts payable, \$3,487,740; accounts receivable and inventory, \$1,884,555; deficiency, \$1,603,184. To set off against this the company has payments coming in, as a result of negotiations with the P. L. M. Ry. in France, which, at final adjustment, should amount to \$450,000, as well as real estate, plant and machinery, which have already been appraised at approximately \$2,600,000.

Now orders for cars are now being placed [of late] and the completion of the work in hand has necessitated the shutting down of a considerable part of the plant, so that such operation as is being carried on is resulting in a loss, though during the past two years the company has done a satisfactory and profitable business. As security for its indebtedness the company made in 1916 a mortgage covering all its property for the security of and issue of \$3,000,000 of its bonds which have been pledged for the security of its creditors. The principal of these bonds is now overdue.

This contract makes provision for the discharge of the entire debt of the company and for a receipt by the company of 10,000 shares of the capital stock (out of 100,000 shares to be issued) of a new company into whose treasury will be paid in cash the sum of \$1,250,000. In addition, one-half of the net profits realized upon liquidation of the company's claims arising out of the French contract, after deductions as outlined in contract are to be retained by it. We are hopeful that the avails of this contract when finally liquidated will amount to a substantial sum. The plant is in general in excellent condition.

[The sale contract provides that the new company shall at time of sale have no indebtedness except: (a) present indebtedness not on books not exceeding \$25,000, if not assumed by the new company; (b) obligations of the Canadian Bank of Commerce given by the new company to obtain a discharge of the indebtedness of and claims against National held by said bank; and (c) for reasonable organization, appraisal, &c., expenses.—Ed.]—V. 108, p. 884, 2334.

National Surety Co., N. Y.—Proposed New Cap. Stock.—The stockholders will vote Dec. 12 on increasing the capital stock from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000, par \$100.—V. 109, p. 1614.

New Jersey Zinc Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the \$35,000,000 outstanding capital stock, payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Nov. 29. A like amount was paid extra in July last.—V. 109, p. 1798.

New York Transit Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 4% has been declared on the stock in addition to the regular quarterly 4%, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 20. This is the first extra dividend since April 1918 when 4% was paid.—V. 109, p. 77.

Pacific Mills.—To Issue 50,000 Shares at \$150 per Share for Working Capital.—The stockholders of record Dec. 3 will, it is announced, be given the right to subscribe for \$5,000,000 new stock at \$150 per share in ratio of one new share for each three shares of present stock.

Subscriptions will be payable either: (a) \$15 Dec. 20, \$60 Jan. 15, \$75 July 15; or (b) in full at any time on or before July 15 1920, and certificates for full-paid stock will be issued upon the Dec. 20, Jan. 15, April 15 or July 15 next following the date of full payment, or as soon as possible after the date of full payment if full payment is made on one of said dates.

Since the last issue of stock for cash in 1912, at which time \$3,000,000 was paid in, the annual sales have increased from approximately \$15,000,000 to \$60,000,000, partly due to increased business and partly due to increased cost of raw materials and labor, with increase in the value of goods sold.

The stockholders meet Dec. 3 to authorize the \$5,000,000 increase. The issue has been underwritten.—V. 108, p. 386.

Packard Motor Car Co.—Officers.—F. L. Jandron has been elected Treasurer and F. R. Robinson Secretary to succeed Philip H. McMillan, deceased. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer have been moved to Detroit, Mich.—V. 109, p. 1993.

Parish & Bingham Corporation.—Listing—Earnings.—The New York Stock Exchange had admitted to list temporary interchangeable certificates for 150,000 shares of capital stock, no par value.

Earnings Seven Months ended July 31 1919.

Sales	\$4,277,074	Provision for Federal taxes	\$200,000
Manufacturing profit	739,700	Dividends	208,075
Operating profit	653,835	Surplus for period	196,846
Other income	10,612	Previous surplus	1,274,519
Total income	664,447	Reserves	12,286
Interest, &c.	59,626	Profit and loss surplus	1,459,079

Radio Corp. of Amer.—Merger Company Incorporated.—The Corporation Trust Co. of America has filed with the Secretary of State a certificate of amendment to charter of the corporation increasing its capitalization to \$25,000,000 Pref. stock, divided into 5,000,000 shares of \$5, and 5,000,000 shares of Common without par value. Compare V. 109, p. 1706.

Realty Associates of Brooklyn.—Extra Div. of 2%.—An extra dividend of 2% in addition to the regular semi-annual payment of 3% has been declared on the \$4,000,000 capital stock both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 5. An extra disbursement of 2% was made in Jan. 1914, 1% in Jan. 1910, 2% in Oct. 1906, 1907, and 1908 and 1/2 of 1% in Oct. 1905.—V. 101, p. 1804.

Rochester Gas & Electric Corp.—Capital Increase.—The company has filed notice increasing its capital from \$17,250,000 to \$18,250,000.—Compare V. 109, p. 1799, 1706.

Snow (Walden W.) Corp.—Extra Div. of \$1.—An extra dividend of \$1 has been declared on the common stock payable Dec. 24 to holders of record Nov. 19. The quarterly dividend of \$1.50 is paid regular in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.—V. 108, p. 486.

Standard Milling Co.—Listing.—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$1,398,000 additional Common stock.—V. 109, p. 1799, 1531.

Stromberg Carburetor Co. of Amar., Inc.—Officer.—J. R. Coffin has been elected Vice-Pres. to succeed Allan A. Ryan, who was made Chairman of the board. Mr. Coffin was also elected a director to succeed H. C. Stutz, resigned. V. 109, p. 1873.

Studebaker Corporation.—Stock Increase.—Earnings.—The shareholders voted Nov. 24 to increase the Common stock from \$30,000,000 to \$75,000,000. Of the new stock it is proposed to offer \$15,000,000 at 105 to Common stockholders of record Nov. 20, one share for every two shares held, subscription to be filed and paid not later than Dec. 15. Compare V. 109, p. 1707.

Profit and Loss and Surplus Account of Studebaker Corp. for 9 Mos. end. Sept. 30

	1919.	1918.
Net sales	\$48,639,997	\$35,611,058
Manufacturing costs, &c., less other income	40,103,091	31,992,901
Federal taxes	1,511,720	405,687
Net profit	\$7,023,386	\$3,212,470
Preferred dividends (5 1/2%)	561,837	565,690
Common dividends (3%)	900,000	900,000

Surplus \$5,561,549 \$1,746,780
The profit and loss surplus on Sept. 30 1919 stood at \$20,719,267, after adding the surplus, \$5,561,549, for the nine months, also special reserve for future contingencies as of Jan. 1 1919, \$1,358,237, and after deducting \$405,000 transferred to special surplus account, and on 7% serial notes, and amounts written off on liquidation of harness and spring vehicle business and of investment in Studebaker, Ltd.—V. 109, p. 1800, 1707.

Sweets Co. of America.—Expansion.—President Sam F. Williams announces that the company has accepted an offer of the Town Council of Plymouth, N. C., the centre of the peanut industry of America, of a free site and exemption from taxes for ten years, and will invest about \$100,000 in a new plant, where the product of the peanut farms thereabouts will be purchased, graded and roasted. Operation of its own plant will mean a considerable reduction in the price it will pay for this ingredient of its product. Approximately 80,000 lbs. of peanuts are used each month in the manufacture of Nut Tootsie Rolls, and the saving by the elimination of the middleman will amount to about \$50,000 a year. In addition, it is planned to resell the surplus supply to dealers, and to manufacture and market a high grade of salted peanuts and peanut confections.—V. 109, p. 1899, 1800.

Textile Products Mfg. Co.—Preferred Stock Offering.—Stix & Co., St. Louis, are offering at 100 and div. \$300,000 8% cumulative Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100. Divs. Q.-P. Redeemable, all or part, at 110 and div. at any time on 30 days' notice. No mortgage without the consent of 80% of the Pref. stock outstanding. Beginning Oct. 1 1923 company will retire annually at 110 and div. 2 1/2% of the largest amount of Pref. stock issued.

Company, Incorp. in Missouri in 1919, successor to Zittlosen Mfg. Co., established in St. Louis in 1867 and incorp. in 1888 for the manufacture of "canvas products," consisting of tents, awnings, covers for machines and commodities and canvas specialties. In addition company is manufacturing "Union Label" men's work clothes. Plants located at St. Louis.

Purpose.—The proceeds will pay for the purchase of the new factory and provide additional working capital.

Year	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
Net earnings	\$25,053	\$57,546	\$109,760	\$470,908
Federal taxes	-----	-----	41,142	342,611
Net profits	\$25,053	\$57,546	\$68,618	\$128,297

For the first 9 mos. of 1919 net earnings were about \$50,000 before setting aside \$25,000 appropriated for the development of the men's working clothes department. On present basis of earnings and contracts net earnings for 1920 should exceed \$80,000.

(The) Timken-Detroit Axle Co., Detroit.—Pref. Stock Offered.—The National City Co., Montgomery & Co. and Dominick & Dominick, New York are offering at par and div., if as and when issued \$5,000,000 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock.

Dividends payable quarterly Mar. Subject to redemption at the option of company all or part, at 110 and divs., on any dividend date on 30 days notice. On any voluntary distribution of capital assets the Preferred stock shall be entitled to \$10 per share and accumulated divs., on any other distribution of capital assets, the preferred stock shall be entitled to \$100 per share and accumulated divs. Transfer Agents, Nat. City Bank of N. Y. and Security Trust Co., Detroit. Registrars, Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., N. Y. and Union Trust Co., Detroit.

Summary of letter from Vice-President A. R. Demory Detroit Nov. 19.
History and Business.—The company was incorporated in Ohio in June 1909, and at the present time operates 5 plants—4 in Detroit, 2 of which machine and assemble automobile axles, 1 manufactures drop forgings for use in its own axles, and 1 manufactures worm gearing for its own use in axles and for general trade—the 5th plant, in Canton, O., makes malleable and steel castings.

Capitalization (After Present Financing).—Preferred stock, 7% cumulative, par value \$100. \$15,000,000 \$5,000,000
Common stock, par value \$10. 30,000,000 3,000,000

Purpose of Issue.—This Preferred stock or its proceeds will be applied, among other things, to the retirement of the present Preferred stock outstanding and the redemption on Dec. 1 1919, of the present outstanding 7% Serial Gold Notes.

Security.—The company will maintain at all times its net current assets at an amount equivalent to 120% of net tangible assets equivalent to 200% of the aggregate par value of Preferred stock outstanding.

No mortgage, pledge or lien of or upon fixed assets, other than purchase money obligations, can be created without the consent of 75% of this stock, nor can the company issue or negotiate any bonds, notes or other funded obligations, other than purchase money obligations, if 50% or more of the outstanding Preferred stock shall object thereto.

Sinking Fund.—Out of the net income (after payment of Preferred dividends) for the fiscal period ending Dec. 31 1921, and each succeeding fiscal period, the company will set aside not less than 10% of such net income (but in no event less than a sum equal to 3% of the largest aggregate par value of Preferred stock of any time issued and outstanding), for the redemption of this stock at 110 and accrued dividends, if not purchasable at a lower price.

Assets.—Allowing for the application of the proceeds of this Pref. stock, net tangible assets will be over 3 times and net quick assets alone over twice the amount of the Pref. stock issue.

Sales and Income.—Sales have increased from \$3,263,518 for the year 1910 to \$34,033,564 for the year ending Dec. 31 1918. Average annual net income available for dividends for the 4 1/2 years ended Dec. 31 1918, were over 5 1/2 times dividend requirements on this issue, and for the year ended Dec. 31 1918, were over 5 1/2 times these requirements. This is after deducting reserves for depreciation, contingencies and Federal taxes.

For the 4 1/2 years ended Dec. 31 1918, net income available for dividends has amounted to \$9,114,856, out of which cash dividends have been declared and paid to the amount of only \$2,433,031, the balance, \$6,681,825, having been retained in the business.

Management, Dividends, etc.—The common stock is practically all held by the same interests who have been identified with the company since its inception and who have been responsible for the management of the business. Regular dividends upon the common stock have been paid for several years at the rate of 2% every two months and since Jan. 1 1919, extra dividends have been paid in Liberty Bonds at the same rate.

The company has never mortgaged any of its property and holds the titles to all its lands and buildings free and clear of all encumbrances.—V. 109, p. 1899.

United Drug Co.—Acquisition.—The company, it is stated, has purchased the Absorbent Cotton Co. of America, with headquarters in St. Louis, Mo. The company is said to have a well-established and successful business in the manufacture and sale of absorbent cottons.—V. 109, p. 1888, 1707.

Reports and Documents.

CUBA CANE SUGAR CORPORATION

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30 1919.

112 Wall Street, New York, November 14th, 1919.

To the Stockholders:—

Your Board of Directors submits its Annual Report of the business of the Corporation for the fourth fiscal year ended September 30, 1919.

The preparation of the Annual Financial Statement and the audit of the year's business involved an immense amount of detail, and this work was not made easier by the fact that the operations of seventeen different factories were involved, all of them located in a foreign country. It is a gratifying proof, therefore, of the improved efficiency of the accounting department that, despite the hugeness of the task, the Annual Report is now ready for distribution to the Stockholders.

Notwithstanding the railroad strikes and the generally disturbed conditions of labor, the crop was gathered within the usual time, that is from December to the end of June—with the exception of "Moron" which finished on July 9th—and the early estimates of the crop were fully realized.

It is to be regretted that the percentage of sucrose in the cane was unsatisfactory, being lower at nearly all your plantations than in any other year since the incorporation of your company; the average for this year was more than one-quarter of 1% lower than in the previous year.

The variations in the sucrose are due to climatic conditions and beyond human control. This decrease in sucrose was not limited to your plantations but prevailed throughout Cuba with very few exceptions.

As there is less demand in the United States for molasses this year, by reason of prohibition, and as this by-product is no longer needed for munitions, the financial return from this source is not as great as it was in the previous year.

Owing to the above two causes, the Profits from Operation of your Corporation were over \$2,000,000 less than they would have been had the sucrose in the cane been as high as in the previous year and had molasses had the same value.

Note: All weights in tons given herein consist of 2240 lbs.

CANE SUPPLY.

The estimates made by the General Managers early last season of the amount of cane available at your Corporation's plantations in the Western and Eastern sections of the Island were more than realized, as appear by the following tables:

Western estates.....	294,000,000	arobas	(3,281,250 tons)
Eastern ".....	198,000,000	"	(2,209,821 ")
	492,000,000	arobas	(5,491,071 tons)

The actual quantity of cane ground by your Corporation was as follows:

Western estates.....	307,329,091	arobas	(3,430,012 tons)
Eastern ".....	194,267,464	"	(2,168,164 ")
	501,596,555	arobas	(5,598,176 tons)

In addition to the 307,329,091 arobas (3,430,012 tons) of cane ground at the Western plantations there were sold to outside plantations 8,557,477 arobas (95,505 tons). This was made necessary by strikes. Your management, realizing that because of the time lost thereby all the cane could not be ground at your factories, deemed it best to sell this cane to outside plantations rather than have it left in the fields uncut. Mention of this is made merely to show that your Western mills had more than an adequate supply of cane for their capacity.

In the East your Company, for the same reason, sold 9,554,281 arobas (106,635 tons), chiefly from "Moron."

The sugar made from the above mentioned 18,111,758 arobas (202,140 tons) of cane delivered to outside plantations is not included in the report of the company's production of sugar.

CANE GROUND.

The following table gives a comparison of the cane ground at your mills during the four years since the incorporation of your Company:

1915-1916.....	359,955,746	arobas or	4,017,363 tons.
1916-1917.....	393,584,058	"	4,392,679 "
1917-1918.....	409,900,529	"	4,574,782 "
1918-1919.....	501,596,555	"	5,598,176 "

The above figures show an increase of 141,640,809 arobas (nearly 1,600,000 tons) of cane from 1915-1916 to 1918-1919. This increase was divided by sections, as follows:

Western estates.....	12,460,826	arobas or	139,071 tons
Eastern ".....	129,179,983	"	1,441,741 "

The above total increases in the cane supply of this company exceed the total amount of cane produced in the entire United States for the coming crop.

RATES PAID TO COLONOS FOR THEIR CANE.

The average percentage of sugar per 100 of cane paid to the Colonos (tenant farmers) for their cane continues to diminish as the Cane supply in the Eastern plantations increases. In order to show the percentages paid to the Colonos in each section, the following figures for the last four crops are given:

	1915-16	1916-17	1917-18	1918-19
Western Estates.....	6.713%	6.849%	6.891%	6.901%
Eastern ".....	5.079	5.029	5.115	5.130
Averages.....	6.383%	6.337%	6.254%	6.168%

SUCROSE IN THE CANE.

The average percentage of sucrose in the cane at the 17 plantations for the four crops was as follows:

1915-1916	1916-1917	1917-1918	1918-1919
13.87%	13.00%	13.31%	13.02%

The sucrose in the cane has not been high for the last three crops. Such continuously low sucrose in the cane is most unusual. In Cuba it is rare indeed to have low sucrose for so many consecutive years.

The sucrose content depends much upon the temperature and seasonable rains, but, above all, the cane needs cool and dry weather during the grinding season. Weather conditions up to the present have been most satisfactory for the growing crop.

The highest percentage of sucrose this year was at "Perseverancia" 13.72%, and the lowest at "Socorro" 12.052%.

LOSSES IN MANUFACTURE.

The Losses in manufacturing, which have been decreasing year by year, showed a still further, though slight, improvement during the last campaign, as may be seen by the following figures:

1915-1916	1916-1917	1917-1918	1918-1919
3.07%	2.67%	2.36%	2.32%

Your management had hoped to show a still greater improvement, but it is difficult to maintain a high state of efficiency of operations with labor troubles in the fields and sugar houses, and with railroad strikes.

Whenever there is a railroad strike, the quantity of cut cane in the fields waiting for transportation accumulates and there is a constant loss in sucrose content from the time the cane is cut until it is finally milled.

When strikes of cane cutters or other laborers occur, the mills cannot be supplied daily and regularly with the required amount of cane; consequently grinding cannot be uniform and the mill work must suffer.

The machinery in your plantations was in far better condition than in any previous year and would have been able to further diminish the losses in manufacturing had the cane gone to the mills freshly cut with the usual daily regularity. Any irregularity in feeding the mills with sufficient cane not only causes bad mill work and increased bagasse losses, but necessitates the consumption of more fuel, thereby further increasing the cost of production.

YIELD OF 96-DEGREE CENTRIFUGALS.

The yield of the four crops in 96 degrees centrifugals was as follows—

1915-1916	1916-1917	1917-1918	1918-1919
11.25%	10.76%	11.41%	11.15%

These figures show that the yield this year is .26% under that of last year but only .10% under that of 1915-1916 notwithstanding that the sucrose content during that year was .85% higher than this year. This is due to the higher efficiency attained in the factories since the first crop.

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS PER POUND OF SUGAR.

For the purpose of comparing the f. o. b. price, per pound manufactured, obtained during the last four crops, the proceeds from "Molasses" and "Other Earnings" are included in the follow:

1915-1916	1916-1917	1917-1918	1918-1919
4.112c.	4.479c.	4.630c.	5.398c. #

The small increase of .151c per pound for 1917-1918 crop, the first year of Governmental control, over the price obtained the preceding year of 1916-1917, was not sufficient to cover the extra cost of manufacturing as was shown in the last year's Annual Report, thus proving conclusively that the crop of 1917-1918, sold to the International Sugar Committee at 4.60c f. o. b. was disposed of at too low a figure. The price obtained from the U. S. Sugar Equalization Board for the crop just completed, although .90c. per pound higher, was none too high, in view of the poor sucrose in the cane, an important factor in the cost of production. The difference indicated between the average price of 5.398c. obtained for last crop, and the basic price of 5.50c f. o. b. Northside ports paid by the U. S. Sugar Equalization Board, represents the reduction of .05c per lb. in the price of the 1,824,049 bags shipped from the Southside, as well as losses in weight and polarization on the portion of the Corporation's production held in Cuba after the crop was finished, in conformity with shipping provisions of the contract.

COST OF PRODUCTION.

The cost per pound of producing sugar including cane on an f. o. b. basis at your factories during the last four crops was as follows—

1915-1916	1916-1917	1917-1918	1918-1919
2.748c.	3.431c.	3.998c.	4.606c.

The above figures show increases in cost of—

.683c. per pound in 1916-1917 over previous year	
.567c. " " " 1917-1918 " " "	
.608c. " " " 1918-1919 " " "	

The greater portion of these increases is due to the higher cost of cane. As is known, Cane is paid for in sugar which, in turn is usually bought back by the Company from the Colonos at the fixed price obtained for the whole crop sold to the Government, or, in the absence of Governmental control, at the market price. The Company selling its own sugar and also that purchased from the colonos, at the ruling price, neither gains nor losses by the purchase of sugar from the colonos. The best way, therefore, to state the actual increase in the cost of production would be by excluding the cost of cane. On this basis, the cost of transporting the cane to the mills, manufacturing the sugars therefrom and the delivery of the sugars on board steamer would be as follows, per pound—

1915-1916	1916-1917	1917-1918	1918-1919
0.715c.	1.072c.	1.456c.	1.555c.

The increases were, consequently:

0.357 cents per pound increase 1916-1917 over 1915-1916	
0.384 " " " " 1917-1918 " 1916-1917	
0.099 " " " " 1918-1919 " 1917-1918	

From the above table it is gratifying to note that the cost of manufacturing for the last crop shows only a slight increase over that of the previous crop, an increase of 6.8% as compared with an increase of 36% for the year 1917-18 over 1916-17. The increase would have been even less had the sucrose in the cane not been so disappointing.

OPERATING PROFITS PER POUND OF SUGAR.

If from the preceding f. o. b. prices at which the sugars of the last four crops were sold, we deduct the Cost of Production including the Cane, it will give us the Operating Profits made per pound, as follows:—

	1915-16	1916-17	1917-18	1918-19
Receipts.....	4.112c.	4.479c.	4.630c.	5.398c.
Production cost.....	2.748c.	3.431c.	3.998c.	4.606c.
Operating profit.....	1.364c.	1.048c.	0.632c.	0.792c.

It is interesting to note that during the two years of Governmental control of sugar, the Operating Profits were smaller than during the preceding years of open market.

From the above statements it can be easily seen that as the Colono shares the benefits of high prices of sugar because he is paid for his cane in sugar, so he will bear the corresponding share of the burden of lower prices whenever they may prevail.

Lower prices, whenever they do come, will therefore mean not only cheaper cane (which is the largest item in our costs), but it will also mean lower salaries, wages, cost of fuel, packages and general supplies. In other words, any decrease in price must be offset by decrease in cost.

Cuba, in the future as in the past, will continue to be the country producing sugar at the lowest cost.

As stated above, the increases in Cost per pound of sugar during the last crop were—

0.509c. in cane (This extra cost in cane, however, is recovered by the extra price obtained for the sugars, as already explained.)

0.099c. in wages and other expenses. These figures confirm the prediction made in last annual report that the items other than that cane would this year show but little increase.

COMPARISON OF CROPS MADE BY YOUR COMPANY.

	Bags.	Tons.
1915-16.....	3,174,168	or 452,035
1916-17.....	3,261,621	or 472,542
1917-18.....	3,613,325	or 521,328
1918-19.....	4,319,189	or 624,101

This production has been divided between the Western and Eastern Estates as follows:

	Western		Eastern	
	Bags.	Tons.	Bags.	Tons.
1915-1916.....	2,616,301	or 372,589	557,867	or 79,446
1916-1917.....	2,383,866	or 345,373	877,755	or 127,169
1917-1918.....	2,437,926	or 351,742	1,175,399	or 169,586
1918-1919.....	2,653,620	or 382,783	1,665,569	or 241,318

These figures show the large increase of 161,872 tons in the Eastern plantations between the first and latest crops.

Owing to the competition for cane in its locality, the small size of the Plantation and the consequent higher cost of production, your Board of Directors decided to sell the lands of the "Jobo" plantation and transfer the machinery to plantations in the Eastern section of the Island. The major portion of said machinery is being installed at "Moron," thereby increasing the capacity of that Central, as referred to elsewhere.

PRODUCTION AND CAPACITY OF THE EASTERN MILLS.

The following table shows the production of the Eastern mills during the last four crops and the estimated production for 1919-1920:

	1915-16	1916-17	1917-18	1918-19	1919-20 Estimated.
Moron.....	170,263	181,045	315,439	524,940	650-700,000 bags
Stewart.....		378,097	416,660	506,494	575-625,000 "
Jagueyal.....	233,545	251,013	326,200	353,168	425-450,000 "
Lugaremo.....	154,059	67,600	117,200	280,967	300-325,000 "

557,867 877,755 1,175,399 1,665,569 1950-2,100,000 bags

This increase of over 1,400,000 bags—(200,000 tons)—in the Eastern mills in the four years between the first crop of your corporation and the estimated crop of 1919-1920, is the greatest achievement of your Cuban management.

Your management has increased the capacity of "Moron" more than any other Eastern plantation, because of its favorable location for the acquisition of large quantities of cane. With a great deal of the machinery from "Jobo" now installed at "Moron," the coming crop at the latter estate is expected to be from 650,000 to 700,000 bags (90-100,000 tons) during the usual crop months, December to June inclusive.

There is only one corporation in Cuba, i.e. the Cuban-American Sugar Company, which began its operations after the Cuban War of Independence, whose production in its two Eastern Plantations of 1,252,768 bags sugar last crop, compares with that of your Corporation in the same section.

Your production in the East will not have reached its maximum even with the next campaign. If the plans of the management are carried out for the transfer of some of the smaller Western mills to favorable locations in the East, where your Corporation has options on ample and suitable cane lands, the production in the East can easily be raised in two or three years, to 2,500,000 bags during the usual grinding period. Your Company is therefore in a good position to make increasing quantities of sugar in the East while maintaining the usual quantity in the West.

SUPPLY OF CANE FOR 1919-1920.

The present estimate of the cane supply for the coming crop is as follows:

Western estates.....	300,000,000 arrobas or 3,250,000 tons
Eastern ".....	250,000,000 " 2,790,000 "

550,000,000 arrobas or 6,140,000 tons

Although somewhat early to make estimates of cane, the above figures are, however, believed to be conservative. The percentage of sucrose in the cane is the unknown factor.

Particular attention is called to the enormous increase in cane for the Eastern estates from 1916-1917 to 1919-1920, namely, over 145,000,000 arrobas (1,600,000 tons). In order to obtain that additional quantity of cane about 80,000 acres of timber land had to be cleared and planted in cane within the last three years.

ESTIMATE OF SUGAR CROP FOR 1919-1920.

It is not easy to estimate the amount of sugar that your Corporation will make during the coming crop as the totals depends largely upon the percentage of sucrose in the cane. Even with as low sucrose in the cane as last year—which is unlikely after three years of low sucrose—the total crop for 1919-1920 should be:

In the Western estates	2,600,000 bags	(377,000 tons)
In the Eastern " "	2,100,000 " "	(303,000 ")
	4,700,000 bags	(680,000 tons)

With a higher percentage of sucrose in the cane, the total production will be correspondingly increased.

LANDS.

Your Company having sufficient lands to supply cane for its present needs, made no additional purchases or leases this year. This account, therefore, remains unchanged from last year's figures which show that the corporation owns 11,216 caballerias (373,800 acres) of land, and holds under lease, many of these leases being for long periods, 6,932 caballerias (231,000 acres) of land. The total lands owned and leased amount to 18,148 caballerias (604,800 acres). Land values have increased very much during the last four years, especially in the East where they had been much lower than in the West, and with this new virgin soil in greater demand values are drawing nearer to those of the more densely cultivated portion of the Island.

RAILROADS.

Your Company now owns and operates for the transportation of its products and supplies, 1,090 kilometers (683 miles) of railway, of which 781 kilometers are standard gauge and 309 kilometers are narrow gauge; together with equipment consisting of 121 locomotives, of which 87 are standard gauge and 34 narrow gauge, and 3,504 cane and other cars, of which 2,219 are standard gauge and 1,285 are narrow gauge.

PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

Original Cost of the 17 Plantations, Including Taxes, Notary Fees, etc.		\$48,983,296 68	
Additional Purchases:			
Central "Stewart"	\$5,400,000 00		
Warehouses	159,600 00		
Lands	2,197,276 59		
Taxes, Notary Fees, etc., thereon	125,599 48		
	\$10,882,476 07		
Less:			
Sale of Central "Asuncion"	\$425,000 00		
Sale of Lands, Machinery, etc.	1,057,753 23	1,482,753 23	
	\$9,399,722 84		
Additional Improvements, etc.:			
	Western	Eastern	Total
Fiscal Year	Plantations	Plantations	
1915-1916	\$264,603 13	\$155,131 08	\$419,734 21
1916-1917	2,376,123 95	2,657,229 86	5,033,353 81
1917-1918	1,835,059 42	8,246,313 70	10,081,373 12
1918-1919	730,004 32	3,309,334 68	4,039,339 00
	\$5,205,781 82	\$14,368,009 32	\$19,573,791 14
		\$28,973,513 98	
Less amount written off Property Account to cover dismantling and relocation of machinery		1,200,000 00	27,773,513 98
		\$76,756,810 66	631,396 21
Machinery and Construction Material on hand			\$77,388,206 87

RENEWALS, BETTERMENTS AND DEPRECIATION.

Following the customary practice, your Company has made adequate expenditures for renewals, repairs and changes in the location of machinery, all of which have been charged to operating expenses before arriving at the operating profit.

In addition to the cost of above renewals and repairs, your Board of Directors have made a charge of \$1,750,000 for Depreciation.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPT. 30 1919.

Receipts—		
Production, 4,319,189 bags.		
Sugar Sales	\$80,470,542 43	Per Bag \$18.631
Molasses Sales	484,414 39	.112
Other Earnings	\$560,368 62	.130
Total Receipts	\$81,515,325 94	\$18.873
Expenses—		
Cost of Cane per 100 arrobas \$8 50	\$42,658,281 93	\$9.877
Dead Season Expenses (Salaries and Wages, Materials and Supplies, Repairs and Renewals)	4,440,048 62	1.028
Crop Expenses (Salaries and Wages, Materials and Supplies, Fuel, Maintenance, Administration—Cuba and United States)	9,038,523 33	2.093
Fiscal Year Charges:		
General Insurance	326,109 94	.076
Cuban taxes on Sugar	335,391 07	.077
Cuban Taxes on Molasses	75,997 10	.018
Cuban taxes on Real Estate	260,349 84	.060
Legal Expenses	56,404 51	.013
Total Fiscal Year Charges	\$1,054,252 46	\$0.244
Sugar Expenses:		
Sugar Bags and Packing	\$3,166,313 13	\$0.719
Sugar Inland Railroad Freight	1,626,931 29	.376
Sugar Shipping Expenses	953,741 07	.221
Sugar Insurance	210,639 85	.049
Selling and Landing Expenses	1,300,605 47	.301
Total Sugar Expenses	\$7,198,230 81	\$1.666
Total Expenses—F. O. B.	\$64,389,337 15	\$14.908
Marine Freight	6,056,108 03	1.402
Total Expenses—Delivered	\$70,445,445 18	\$16.310
Operating Profit to September 30th 1919	\$11,069,880 76	\$2.563
This compares with an Operating Profit last year of \$7,390,603 98 and a profit per bag of		\$2.05

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Your Corporation has lacked working capital from the start. Of the amount realized from the sale of the stock, all but \$3,600,000 was required to pay for the properties originally purchased. It was expected that the shortage in working capital would be made up out of earnings, but most of the surplus earnings of the first year were used in the purchase of the "Stewart" plantation, and the surplus earnings of the following years in defraying the cost of ad-

ditions and improvements, particularly in increasing the output in the Eastern plantations.

While the above expenditures increased the production and earning power of the Corporation, they deprived it, to that extent, of working capital. To remedy this, your Board of Directors has recommended a \$25,000,000 issue of 7% ten-year Debenture Bonds convertible into Common Stock, as set forth in the Circular to the Stockholders dated October 30 1919.

GENERAL REMARKS.

According to the preceding Receipts and Expenses Statement, the Operating Profits this year were	\$11,069,880 76
Deducting disbursements for:	
Interest and Exchange	\$555,810 06
Taxes (Reserve)	978,490 11
Dividends on Preferred shares	3,500,000 00
	5,035,300 17
leaves a balance of	\$8,034,580 59
This is equal to about \$12 00 per share on the 500,000 shares of Common stock of the Corporation, before making allowance for Depreciation and Doubtful Accounts.	
After deducting:	
Reserve for Depreciation	\$1,750,000 00
Reserve for Doubtful Accounts	400,000 00
	2,150,000 00
the remaining balance of	\$3,884,580 59
is equivalent to about \$7 77 per share on the Common Stock.	

Your management has provided a regular and adequate supply of oil for fuel purposes, so that the operations of your factories will not be directly affected by any stoppage of coal deliveries resulting from strikes in the coal industry, such as are now threatening in this country.

While the "Stewart" did not show up satisfactorily the first year after its purchase, it is gratifying that it now stands first in Operating results for the past fiscal year.

"Moron," prior to the present crop, did not do as well as had been expected, due to delays in arrival of machinery—which caused late starts in grinding—and also due to low sucrose content in the cane. Much of the cane ground at this plantation in the last two crops came from virgin soil, the cane from which must necessarily have a lower sucrose content during the first two or three years than in the succeeding ones. During the coming crop "Moron" may reasonably be expected to produce about 700,000 bags in the period from December to June, which will make it as large as any other plantation on the Island.

"Jaqueyal" has maintained its good record.

"Lugareno," after two disappointing crops, for the reasons given in last year's Annual Report, has shown up well for the 1918-19 crop. This estate is exceptionally well located, with an abundant supply of cheap cane and a low rate of railroad freight to the shipping port.

The program adopted in 1916 by your Board of Directors to increase the capacity of the Eastern plantations is now completed.

The four Eastern plantations, as well as the twelve Western, are now all well equipped, but some capital expenditures must necessarily be made each year in order further to develop efficiency in operation.

EXPERIMENTS.

Your Company is still carrying on its experiments for the improvement of the cane seed, and mechanical devices for cutting the cane. It cannot be said that much has been accomplished in the improvement of cane seed, as years are required to obtain results. Considerable progress has been made in the development of the cane cutter which, however, is not yet a practical success, and in mechanical means for transporting the cane to the mills.

CONTRACT FOR COMING CROP.

So far no contract has been entered into with the United States Sugar Equalization Board, or any other similar Corporation, for the whole or any portion of the next Cuban crop.

The scarcity of sugar and the great European demand, because of which there is a fear that the United States may be left with insufficient sugar, are factors that are attracting the attention of the Administration in Washington. While the whole Cuban crop might have been bought last summer it would now be difficult to do so, owing to the large sales that have already been made for future deliveries.

STOCKHOLDERS.

To show the distribution of the stock of your Company, the number of Stockholders at the end of the last three fiscal years is given in the table below:

	1917.	1918.	1919.
Holders of Preferred stock	3,840	4,494	4,880
" " Common "	1,843	1,860	2,584
Total	5,683	6,354	7,464

The continuous increase in the number of holders is gratifying.

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING SUGAR AND SUGAR STATISTICS.

(All general statistics given herein are compiled from figures published by Willett & Gray unless otherwise credited.) (For exhibits referred to below see our complete annual report.)

Sugar being a topic of general interest at present, the stockholders may desire to know the respective production of Cane and Beet sugar in various producing countries, as well as other data relative to the article. For that reason we are appending the following:

Exhibit 1—Statement and Chart of the sugar crops of Cuba from 1894 to 1919 showing the amounts of each crop produced in the Western and Eastern sections of the Island respectively. This shows the tremendous drop in production in 1895 by reason of the Cuban war of independence and the rapidity with which Cuba recuperated, which is without parallel in the history of any other sugar producing country. This recuperation by Cuba occurred, moreover, during years of very low sugar prices.

Exhibit 2—Statement and Chart of the proportion of Cuban sugar production controlled by American companies, including Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation, during crop 1918-1919.

Exhibit 3—Sugar Production of the world (cane and beet) by countries, for the six crops 1913-1914 to 1918-1919 inclusive.

By this statement it is seen that Cuba was the only country that, notwithstanding high prices, largely increased its production during those years. India, whose sugars are all consumed locally, comes next to Cuba in the production of sugar but by reason of unfavorable weather this year's crop was so reduced that it shows less increase over the 1913-1914 crop than Java does, although still making about 700,000 tons more sugar than the latter.

Exhibit 4—Statement and Chart showing a comparison by countries of the world's Cane and Beet sugar production for the crop of 1913-14, immediately prior to the world war, and the last one, 1918-19.

Exhibit 5—Statement and Chart showing a comparison of the portion of the world's cane and beet sugar production contributed by different countries for the crop of 1918-1919.

Exhibit 6—Chart showing a comparison of the wholesale prices of refined sugar in various countries before and after the world war, years 1914 and 1919.

Exhibit 7—Statement of sources of sugar consumed in the United States during the years 1914 to 1919 inclusive.

Exhibit 8—List of Cuban Centrales Producing over 280,000 bags of Sugar during the crop 1918-19.

The scarcity of sugar, to which attention was called in the last Annual Report, is now being felt by the entire world. It, therefore, may be of interest to enumerate some of the causes for the world-wide sugar scarcity:

- (a): Smaller production of European beet sugar during the four years of the war.
- (b): Only a comparatively small increase in the Cane sugar production throughout the world, outside of Cuba, during the last five years, notwithstanding the high prices prevailing (see Exhibit 3).
- (c): The large increase in sugar consumption in the United States, particularly since the enforcement of prohibition (see Exhibit 7 showing the consumption in U. S. for five years along with an estimate for 1919).
- (d): A very active foreign demand from all quarters after the cessation of hostilities, particularly from European countries whose consumption had been temporarily restricted by Governmental rationing during the world-war. Notwithstanding that Europe has received fully one-third of the 1918-19 Cuban crop the demand from that source continues unabated, as a result of which large sales of new crop Cubas have already been made and are still being made for delivery as late as June, 1920.
- (e): The increase in the world's potential demand, which, having been restrained by Governmental control during the four years of war, is now asserting itself. Had there been no war, the probable increase in consumption would have been 400,000 to 500,000 tons per annum, requiring an increase in production of about 2,500,000 tons of sugar during that period as compared with an actual decrease of about 2,300,000 tons.
- (f): Last, probably the additional consumption arising from the universal war-time advertisement of the fact, previously known to those who had thoroughly investigated the subject, that, for the same price, sugar contains more calories of nutritive value than any other article of food.

The present scarcity of sugar in the United States may be relieved somewhat by diverting to the Northeast and Southwest some of the domestic beet sugar now being harvested, but the scarcity will probably not be completely overcome even when the new crop Cuba sugars are available in large quantities, say in January and February. The advent of the new crop sugars will, of course, relieve the acute situation now prevailing, but the demand and the high prices will doubtless continue until production catches up with consumption.

A glance at Exhibit 7, shows that the main sources of supply of sugar for the United States are Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, Philippines, domestic beets and Louisiana.

If there was no European demand to be satisfied, the above mentioned countries could furnish more sugar than the United States can now consume, but with the Eastern hemisphere clamoring for sugar, it is natural that a great deal of Cuban sugar will find its way there. The other sources of supply enjoy an advantage over Cuba of entry into the United States free of duty, but they cannot compete with Cuban sugar in other countries where they have no such advantage.

In reply to the question as to what countries can largely increase their production, the following might be answered: first, Cuba; second, Russia, and third, United States (beet).

It is not to be expected that Germany or Czecho-Slovakia will be able to increase their production appreciably unless they again resort to the old system of Cartels and Bounties, which is unlikely.

Cuba's capacity for producing sugar is dependent upon labor supply and mechanical devices for cutting cane. Lands in the Eastern section of Cuba are ample to permit of a material increase in the sugar production of the Island. The increases shown by Exhibit 1 demonstrate the fertility of the soil and the suitability of the climate for sugar cultivation, two advantages which Cuba enjoys in a greater degree than any other sugar producing country.

The Balance Sheet as at September 30th, 1919, together with the Profit and Loss and Surplus Accounts for the year ended that date, certified by the Corporation's Auditors, Messrs. Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co., and the Comparative Financial Statement, will be found appended hereto.

Acknowledgment is made of the loyal co-operation of all officers and employees during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
By order of the Board of Directors,
MANUEL RIONDA,
President.

BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30TH 1919.

ASSETS.	
Properties and Plants.....	\$76,756,810 66
Machinery and Construction Material on Hand	631,396 21
	\$77,388,206 87
Current Assets, Advances to Colonos and Growing Cane: Cultivations—Company Cane.....	\$2,656,023 61
Materials and Supplies.....	2,634,000 23
Advances to Colonos less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts.....	6,850,872 94
Advances to Stores and Sundry Advances Sugars on hand at Net Contract Prices (Pledged to Bankers as security for Loans. The major portion of these Sugars has since been shipped and collected for, and the Loans paid).....	11,692,000 36
Molasses on hand at Net Contract Prices. Accounts and Bills Receivable less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts.....	420,029 46
Cash.....	1,245,107 59
Cash—Special Deposit—Rental Guarantee.....	4,303,188 17
Cash on deposit to meet Preferred Dividend due October 1st 1919.....	63,000 00
	875,000 00
Cash Deposited for Redemption of Liens and Censos on Properties—per contra.....	31,002,968 19
Deferred Charges: Insurance, Rents, Taxes, Etc., paid in advance.....	954,541 42
Interest paid in advance.....	\$299,913 43
Items in suspense.....	305,688 49
	30,626 53
	636,228 45
	\$109,981,944 93
LIABILITIES.	
Declared Capital.....	\$52,500,000 00
500,000 Shares 7% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$100 00 each.	
500,000 Shares Common Stock without nominal or par value.....	\$15,000,000 00
Bills Payable.....	\$15,000,000 00
Acceptances—Loans against Sugars (since paid).....	11,000,000 00
Short Term Drafts Outstanding.....	1,541,081 86
Accounts Payable and Accrued Charges.....	2,512,438 98
Preferred Dividend No. 15 (Payable October 1st 1919).....	875,000 00
	30,928,520 84
Liens on Properties—Cash deposited per contra.....	\$567,911 44
Censos on Properties—Cash deposited per contra.....	386,629 98
	954,541 42
Reserves: Taxes and Contingencies.....	\$1,439,089 43
Depreciation.....	6,500,000 00
	7,939,089 43
Deferred Liabilities: Balances in respect of purchases of lands.....	947,490 73
Surplus Account: Balance.....	16,712,302 51
	\$109,981,944 93
We have verified the above Balance Sheet as at September 30th 1919, and the accompanying Profit and Loss and Surplus Accounts for the year ended that date, with the books in New York and Havana and certify that, in our opinion, they correctly set forth, respectively, the financial position of the Company as at September 30th, 1919, and the results of the operations for the year ended that date.	
49 Wall Street, New York City, November 13th 1919. DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & CO.	
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30TH 1919.	
Operating Profit for Year ended September 30th 1919.....	\$11,069,850 76
Less: Interest and Exchange.....	\$555,810 06
Reserve for Taxes, etc., Including Income Tax, United States and Cuba.....	979,490 11
Reserve for Depreciation.....	1,750,000 00
Reserve for Doubtful Accounts.....	400,000 00
	3,685,300 17
Balance, being Net Profit for the Year Carried to Surplus Account.....	\$7,384,550 59
SURPLUS ACCOUNT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30TH 1919.	
Balance at October 1st 1918.....	\$14,292,949 12
Add: Net Profits for Year, as per Profit and Loss Account.....	7,384,550 59
	\$21,677,529 71
Deduct: Appropriations of Surplus: Amount written off Property Account to cover dismantling and re-location of machinery.....	\$1,200,000 00
Sundry Adjustments and Charges.....	265,227 20
Dividends on Preferred Stock: No. 12, Jan. 1 1919.....	\$875,000 00
No. 13, April 1 1919.....	875,000 00
No. 14, July 1 1919.....	875,000 00
No. 15, Oct. 1 1919.....	875,000 00
	3,500,000 00
Balance, September 30 1919.....	4,955,227 20
	\$16,712,302 51

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COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Nov. 28 1919.

Trade spurred partly by a fear of scarcity especially of clothing and fuel, is active, not only for winter delivery but for spring. In other words the demand for merchandise still outruns the supply. In this state of things it is not surprising to notice that prices are very firm. The demand is keen for iron and steel. There is a sharp holiday demand. The retail trade is active. Jobbers and wholesalers are hard put to it to supply the demand for prompt delivery. Merchants are trying to anticipate their spring and later wants apparently on a larger scale than usual. They fear that otherwise they may be left in the lurch. There is a specially insistent demand for heavy clothing, shoes and furniture for hardware, lumber and other building materials. Automobiles, jewelry and other luxuries are also in particularly good demand. Textile industries are well sold ahead. Many of the mills of Lancashire, England, by the way have, it is stated, sold their output for six to nine months to come. Mill shares in Lancashire have reached remarkable prices owing to the extraordinary trade and the abnormal profits, which current prices afford. In the South cotton mill shares are also advancing. Cotton mills in this country are still making very large profits. Cotton goods after a lull are back to the recent high levels. Raw silk is rising, and wool is firmer. Money has been easier on call and foreign exchange has recovered somewhat.

On the other hand it is regrettable to notice that food prices are in some cases higher. Those for wheat are notably strong, in spite of the fact that the time is near at hand when if so disposed Canada can ship wheat to American markets. One report is that she has about 20,000,000 bushels to spare for this purpose. Butter and eggs are both noticeably higher. Groceries of all sorts remain very high; also poultry. Another drawback is that the increasing scarcity of coal is beginning to handicap manufacturing industries in parts of the West. It is also causing a reduction in train service on the railroads. There is a big demand for goods, but Western manufacturers find it increasingly difficult to supply it. They would not if coal were plentiful. It is very regrettable that the coal question cannot be settled at once. Trade suffers. What is more, large Western populations will suffer from cold, perhaps for food and clothing, if the situation is not speedily relieved.

It is announced from Washington that seizure of bituminous coal mines where the owners do not show a disposition to co-operate in increasing coal production has been determined upon by the U. S. Government. The Government will also use troops to protect all miners who desire to work. In the mines seized by the Government the 14% advance in wages agreed upon by the Cabinet will be put into effect at once. The mines taken over by the Government will be operated by the Fuel Administration.

As for the Mexican embroglio due to the attitude of the Mexican Government, in response to an apparently legitimate request by the U. S. Government for the release of Consular Agent Jenkins, it is to be hoped that it can be settled satisfactorily without a resort to war. It is reported to-night that Carranza has fled from the City of Mexico after fighting in that city between factions dominated by himself on the one hand, and by General Alvaro Obregon on the other.

Secretary of Labor Wilson's proposal for an increase in mining rates of 27.12 cents a ton, a flat increase in day wages of \$1.58 and an increase in yards and dead work of 31.61% was accepted November 22, by John L. Lewis, acting President of the United Mine Workers, and rejected by coal operators who have put their case up to Fuel Administrator Garfield. Mr. Garfield offers a wage increase of 14%. Miners refuse to accept it. Now there is a deadlock.

Coal scarcity has hit the West. One illustration is that Indianapolis merchants voted to close at 4 p.m. to save coal. Most factories will close from Thursday to next Monday morning. And electric companies in Terre Haute, Ind., withhold power from non-essential industries and thousands face idleness as a result. What next? A demand for impeachment of Judge A. B. Anderson of the United States District Court has been formally made at Chicago by the new National Labor Party in a petition addressed to Congress. The jurist's action in granting the Government a mandatory injunction ordering rescinding of the coal miners' strike call is the "reason." Judge Anderson need not worry. His term on the bench is for life and there is not the smallest likelihood that radicals or disguised Bolsheviks will be permitted by the American people as their representatives to persecute a fearless and upright judge. Despite the Government's campaign against the high cost of living, the average family expenditure for food in fifty cities was approximately the same in October as in September.

With our export trade hard hit by extraordinarily low rates of foreign exchange, a National Committee on European Finance has been formed to study plans for supplying the necessary long-time credit for Europe's purchases in the United States. The Committee was named by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. The Chairman is Harry A. Wheeler, Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Chicago and the Chairman of the Executive Committee is James S. Alex-

ander, President of the National Bank of Commerce. Thanksgiving turkey was 55c. per lb., as against 50c. a year ago, 45c. in 1917 and 40c. in 1916. In 1914 it was 35c. A regular Thanksgiving dinner for five this year, it is estimated, cost \$8 25. American embargoes on both exports and imports of wheat and wheat flour will be lifted on Dec. 15. An embargo on exports of anthracite coal except to Canada now exists. Silver has risen and it is announced that the first shipment of silver to China in coin, instead of bullion, is to be made through large purchases of silver dollars in San Francisco. This method is adopted owing to the demand and because the metal is now cheaper as coin than as bullion.

The question of labor for domestic service is notoriously an acute one here in the East. It is no less so all over the country. It will tax the acutest minds perhaps to reach a true economic solution of a growing difficulty. Servants formerly glad to get \$20 a month now in some cases receive \$60. Some demand the right to ride from time to time in the employer's automobile. And now a St. Paul, Minn., dispatch says that the shortage of maids and other servant girls in the exclusive residential sections there has become so keen that the wives of the men have agreed not only to provide "improved living quarters" for the girls but to allow them to use their automobiles "once or twice" a week. After some days of mild weather it has turned colder here within 24 hours and to-day the forecast is for probable rain or snow. A heavy snow storm to-night is sweeping the West between the Mississippi River and the Sierra Nevada Mountains and from Canada to Northern Texas. Some snow has also fallen at Los Angeles, California. The temperature dropped to 20 degrees below zero in Wyoming. Elsewhere in the central West and in the Southwest suffering was caused by the extreme cold and lack of coal. Cattle on the western ranges are endangered.

LARD lower; prime Western, 26.05c.; refined to the Continent, 29c.; South America, 29.25c.; Brazil, in kegs, 30.25c. Futures advanced with corn and hogs. Shorts and commission houses have been buyers. The strength of the cash market has been a noticeable feature. Stocks of product at leading packing centres are believed to be comparatively small.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

January delivery...	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 23.30	23.35	23.55	23.72	Holiday	23.87	

PORK easier; mess, \$47 nominal, family, \$52@53; short clear, \$44@51. January pork closed at \$34 50, a rise for the week of 50c. Beef steady; mess, \$22@23; packet, \$25@26; extra India mess, \$49@50; No. 1 canned roast beef, \$3 50; No. 2, \$7 25. Cut meats firm; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 23 1/2@25 1/2c.; pickled bellies, 25@26c. Butter, creamy extras, 74@74 1/2c.; other grades, 54@73 1/2c. Cheese, flats, 25@33c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 83@84c.; first to extra firsts, 76@82c.

COFFEE on the spot easier at 15 1/2@15 3/4c. for No. 7 Rio and 25 1/4@26 1/2c. for No. 4 Santos; fair to good Cuentra 26 1/4@26 1/2c. Futures declined under hedge selling by the trade and, it is said, New York and New Orleans bears. Back of this, however, was the decline in Brazil. Many sold December and bought March. There were very few December notices. But this did not help matters. There was an evident desire to drop December and switch to March and July at about 50 to 75 points premium. There has, however, been some Wall Street and trade buying on a scale down. To-day prices declined with cables off and liquidation free. The ending is lower for the week.

Dec.	cts. 14.30@14.25	March cts. 14.70@14.72	Sept.	cts. 14.70@14.72
January	.... 14.40@14.45	May	14.80@14.82	October.... 14.70@14.72
		July	14.60@14.90	

SUGAR unchanged at 7.28c. for centrifugal 96-degrees test Cuba and Porto Rico; granulated 9c. Raw sugar for near arrival has been in good demand. But it is very sparingly offered. December or January shipment, it seems, is held at something like 10 1/2c. f. o. b. Cuba, according to some Cuban advices. Later deliveries are also in small supply. They have been quoted at around 8 1/2c. for February-April shipment f. o. b. Cuba. This is a recent rise of 1/2c. Talk has been heard of 12c. for refined as a far price. That is the quotation of beet granulated, it is said, in territory east of Chicago and west of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh line. Raw beet sugar is 10 1/2c. cash less 2% seaboard basis. Cane refined is still scarce. A fair quantity of white sugar has of late arrived from Cuba, Porto Rico and Brazil, i. e., about 7,500 tons in all, and are selling at 13 1/2c. f. o. b., or about 15c. duty paid. Receipts of Cuban sugar at Atlantic ports increased last week 17,078 tons and meltings 7,000 tons. Yet new sugar is so scarce that it is said it may be necessary to enforce a ration of half a pound per week for individual consumers. Otherwise it is declared there will be an actual sugar famine before Feb. 1. Refineries here are turning out large quantities of sugar, but more than 50% of the output, it appears, is exported at once to Great Britain, under a wartime agreement between the Federal Government and the British Royal Commission for the purchase and disposal of last year's Cuban sugar crop. Indignant protests have been made to the Equalization Board and Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator, is quoted as saying: "I am confident that if Food Administrator Palmer does not take control of the situation the price of sugar will go to 25c. a pound immediately after Jan. 1, when our control over it ends."

This will be a calamity." Some think that England is simply getting the sugar due under previous contracts and not through favoritism or anything else; that the United States Government supervision of the trade is not strictly necessary; that there is more or less hoarding and to ferret that out and put a stop to it will go a long way towards solving the sugar problem, whose complexity, however, few seem disposed to minimize. Prohibition, it is maintained, has increased the consumption of sugar. Of late the situation has been rather better. The Government's attitude towards the trade is described as more liberal than was at first supposed. Tea has been active and higher.

OILS.—Linseed in good demand and higher, at \$177 for car lots. Lard, strained winter, unchanged at \$1 80; extra \$1 70. Coconut oil, Ceylon, bbls. higher at 18@18½c.; Cochin, 19c. Olive, steady at \$2 50. Corn oil, refined, easier at 22c. Cod, Newfoundland, \$1 12@14. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 68. Common to good strained rosin, \$17 00.

PETROLEUM in good demand and steady; refined in bbls., 19.75@20.75c.; bulk, New York, 12@13c.; cases, New York, 23.75@24.75c. Gasoline active and steady; motor gasoline in steel bbls., 24½c.; consumers, 26½c.; gas machine, 41½c. There has been much activity in development work in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee. In Warren County it was reported that a well was brought in that flowed 225 bbls. in 23 hours. Another well in the same section is said to have flowed 100 bbls. in the first sand below the shale at a depth of 975 feet. The Oil City "Derriek" says that in western Tennessee 43,000 acres, belonging to the Drake & Gullett holdings are to be transferred to the New York Corporation and development work on 20 wells rushed. The Sewanne Oil & Gas Co., a Tennessee corporation, has taken over 32,000 acres of the above holdings and let a contract for the drilling of 16 wells.

Pennsylvania	4 50	Indiana	2 63	Strawn	2 28
Coring	3 10	Princeton	2 77	Healdton	2 50
Cabell	3 02	Illinois, above 30	2 77	Moran	2 28
Bomerset, 32 deg. and above	2 85	Plymouth	2 53	Henrietta	2 28
Ragland	1 35	Kansas/Oklahoma	2 50	Canada	3 13
Woolter	3 20	Corsicana, light	2 28	Caddo, La., light	2 25
North Lima	2 73	Corsicana, heavy	1 15	Caddo heavy	0 75
South Lima	2 73	Etch	2 50	De Soto	2 15

RUBBER after declining recently has latterly been firm. Consumers, moreover, have shown rather more interest. Offerings, on the other hand, have been comparatively light. Actual business, however, has been confined to the most part to small lots. In London and the Far East prices are still reported firm. Smoked ribbed sheets 52½c.; Para Island fine 48@48½c.; Caucho ball upper 35c.; Guayule wet 25@27c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—There has been a fair business and rates are generally steady. It seems that all charters and contracts for freights must still be submitted for the approval of the United States Shipping Board, under the Act passed July 18 1918, and the proclamation by the President July 29 1918. There are no restrictions as to rates and conditions, however, under which engagements are made on privately owned vessels. Meanwhile the United States Shipping Board still refuses to pay brokers' commissions. Other steamship operators pay them. Brokers say that they are handicapped by this action by the Government. Whole cargoes are going more freely to South America, the Far East and Scandinavia. Coal tonnage is wanted for Italy but it is scarce. Charters included merchandise from New York to Rotterdam at \$20 prompt; food products from New York to Rotterdam at \$22.50 prompt; lumber from Seattle to Philadelphia \$37.50; lumber from Puget Sound to Sydney at \$37.50; lumber from North Pacific to west coast of South America, \$35. one round trip in transatlantic trade, 2,098 tons, \$8.50; steamer, 2,390 tons one round trip in transatlantic trade delivery United Kingdom, November, 45s.; heavy grain from Halifax, N. S., or St. John to the United Kingdom, 57s. 6d.; lumber from British Columbia to Sydney, \$37.50; grain from Halifax or St. John to United Kingdom, 10s.; option flour, 57s. 6d.

TOBACCO has continued in unabated demand. Buying has been large. All growths have been wanted. It is for consumption; speculation has been absent. The Penn. new crop it is declared has been largely sold. One report says more than 60% of it. Large cigar and leaf concerns have been buying Penn. freely. Prices have been generally firm. Foreign tobacco has also been in steady demand and firm. The Tobacco League of America has started to fight the anti-tobacco propaganda of the W. C. T. U. It is stated that 125,000 cigarmakers in the U. S. and hundreds of thousands of others depend on the tobacco industry for their livelihood. Tobacco growers also number many thousands. Besides many millions of people find a solace in the use of tobacco. Such things as anti-tobacco agitation tend to arouse intense opposition to what is termed fanaticism in this country.

COPPER quiet but steady; electrolytic, 19@19½c. Tin higher at 54½@55c. Lead in good demand and steady at 6.75c. spot New York and 6.65c. for St. Louis. Zinc lower at 8.25c. spot New York and 7.90@8.50c. for St. Louis.

PIG IRON is still rising, owing to scarcity of steel and coal. The demand for consumption is persistent. Foundries in some cases are overrun with orders. It is hard to get iron for the first quarter of 1920 and even later. In other words, the demand clearly outruns the supply. Pro-

ducers have had to adopt a sort of rationing process. Export trade, however, has been quiet. Scrap iron has been rather easier on some grades.

STEEL trade has suffered more or less from a shortage of fuel. It means a steel scarcity now and it is believed for perhaps the first quarter of next year. Railroad companies are frequently to all intents and purposes it appears commandeering steel producers' coal. That naturally makes the coal question even more acute. Some iron rolling mills in Illinois and Indiana have had to stop for want of coal. As a rule, however, the large steel producers have increased their output. Railroad buying of rails is attracting attention. And quotations are heard of \$50 for re-rolling billets, \$65 for forging billets, and \$62 for wire rods. But little or no business is being done on that basis. Premiums however loom ahead. The scarcity is very marked in wire nails, early sheets, small bars. Tin plates are allotted on a fractional scale for the first half of 1920.

COTTON

Friday Night, Nov. 28 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 269,805 bales, against 295,147 bales last week and 288,858 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1919 2,680,644 bales, against 2,059,653 bales for the same period of 1918, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1919 of 620,993 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	22,316	12,255	19,375	16,048	19,478	11,986	101,458
Texas City	8,804	---	5,051	4,097	3,188	---	22,340
Port Arthur, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---	762
New Orleans	5,144	6,359	8,809	9,366	6,991	5,625	42,297
Mobile	2,988	1,073	1,958	4,818	921	2,928	14,686
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	---	---	4,098
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	---	---	148
Savannah	8,814	7,625	11,135	6,213	---	---	10,651
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	---	5,000
Charleston	1,233	1,599	1,009	1,623	---	---	2,524
Wilmington	586	381	2,153	620	997	---	982
Norfolk	1,819	1,126	2,668	1,533	---	---	2,469
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---	62
New York	---	---	---	---	---	---	849
Boston	---	75	14	---	---	---	150
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	---	9,932
Philadelphia	80	---	302	---	---	---	382
Totals this week	51,284	30,793	53,913	44,920	31,578	57,317	269,805

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1919 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Nov. 28.	1919.		1918.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1919.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1918.	1919.	1918.
Galveston	101,408	910,027	48,047	728,791	282,063	323,215
Texas City	22,340	102,963	1,293	21,752	57,238	10,513
Aransas Pass	---	1,801	---	---	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	762	32,990	362	7,188	---	---
New Orleans	42,297	370,109	43,276	517,397	450,836	381,201
Mobile	14,686	113,665	2,840	48,683	41,426	27,370
Pensacola	4,098	10,495	---	4,640	---	---
Jacksonville	148	6,179	407	9,264	7,850	9,700
Savannah	44,438	624,195	23,611	430,298	358,768	277,535
Brunswick	5,000	85,800	2,000	39,300	16,000	16,600
Charleston	8,288	131,840	2,388	71,708	71,645	58,575
Wilmington	5,719	65,994	2,049	44,989	40,153	45,969
Norfolk	9,107	153,050	8,609	108,965	92,120	84,428
N'port News, &c.	62	1,112	---	2,557	---	---
New York	849	10,755	---	2,522	69,125	140,295
Boston	239	8,535	511	12,858	4,190	11,866
Baltimore	9,932	44,135	863	8,741	13,082	12,303
Philadelphia	382	7,001	---	---	9,801	13,590
Totals	269,805	2,680,646	136,346	2,059,653	1,515,167	1,412,450

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	101,458	48,047	46,590	86,014	69,740	100,797
Texas City &c.	23,102	1,655	188	18,964	15,940	8,629
New Orleans	42,297	43,276	56,034	54,730	57,232	80,466
Mobile	14,686	2,840	1,793	4,178	3,082	6,779
Savannah	44,438	23,611	29,748	34,761	22,935	67,362
Brunswick	5,000	2,000	3,400	3,500	2,000	9,000
Charleston	8,288	2,388	10,758	8,318	5,245	17,578
Wilmington	5,719	2,049	3,957	1,495	6,079	7,339
Norfolk	9,107	8,609	18,939	20,569	20,315	16,107
N'port N. &c.	62	---	116	---	654	10,786
All others	15,648	1,871	10,769	7,472	5,312	6,358
Tot. this week	269,805	136,346	182,262	239,911	208,884	331,301

Since Aug. 1. 2,680,646 2,059,653 2,826,359 3,884,174 3,136,890 3,021,359

In addition to exports below, 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.

Nov. 28 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'l.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	39,338	---	1,500	11,405	8,000	60,243
New Orleans	10,713	7,965	13,767	50,590	65	83,100
Savannah	7,000	6,000	---	20,000	3,000	36,000
Charleston	---	---	---	---	1,000	1,000
Mobile	10,000	5,600	---	---	100	15,700
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	800	800
New York*	2,000	---	---	7,000	---	9,000
Other ports*	15,000	---	---	2,000	---	17,000
Total 1919	84,051	19,565	15,267	90,995	12,965	222,843
Total 1918	66,428	10,679	---	59,390	16,137	132,634
Total 1917	72,743	9,200	---	23,995	16,827	122,765

* Estimated.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 338,737 bales, of which 162,340 were to Great Britain, 54,714 to France and 121,683 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1919 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending Nov. 28 1919. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1919 to Nov. 28 1919. Exported to—			
	Great Britain	France	Other	Total	Great Britain	France	Other	Total
Galveston	75,758	28,163	33,461	137,382	521,619	43,335	176,128	741,082
Texas City	21,316	—	—	21,316	33,817	—	—	33,817
Houston	—	—	—	—	23,319	—	—	23,319
El Paso	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
New Orleans	18,365	12,142	5,485	36,002	92,385	35,820	147,166	275,371
Mobile	6,723	—	—	6,723	42,762	1,354	950	45,066
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	7,780	—	999	8,779
Pensacola	4,098	—	—	4,098	14,533	—	—	14,533
Savannah	13,678	—	29,675	43,353	108,252	73,742	202,467	384,461
Brunswick	12,779	—	—	12,779	96,917	—	—	96,917
Charleston	—	11,525	—	11,525	27,120	11,525	10,725	49,370
Wilmington	—	18,200	—	18,200	17,400	5,000	62,528	85,328
Norfolk	9,218	—	—	9,218	43,295	—	8,200	51,495
New York	136	2,384	13,798	16,318	3,389	7,075	58,082	71,046
Boston	275	—	—	275	150	82	1,318	1,550
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	105	—	—	105
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,985	2,090
San Fran.	—	—	400	400	—	—	12,291	12,291
Seattle	—	—	17,644	17,644	—	—	35,502	35,502
Tacoma	—	—	2,690	2,690	—	—	11,585	11,585
Total	162,340	54,714	121,683	338,737	1,037,078	177,933	730,228	1,945,237
Total 1918*	55,872	24,359	45,212	125,443	741,121	182,946	429,845	1,344,912
Total 1917	60,067	11,367	34,679	106,113	1,033,473	278,217	450,893	1,762,583

* Figures adjusted to make comparison with this season approximately correct.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on quite a liberal scale at rising prices. It is true that there have been violent fluctuations but the general trend has been upward. Liverpool for one thing has been in the main quite firm despite occasional reactions. And sterling exchange has rallied somewhat. Not but that it is still very low, incredibly so. But none the less sterling with francs and lire have now and then rallied in a rather encouraging manner. Exports have increased materially and there is an idea that for a time they will be rather liberal. And it is believed that the crisis in Europe is so acute from both the commercial and financial standpoint that it stands to reason that something will be done by this country and England to relieve it. Continental Europe, especially central Europe, needs immense credits. The future of exports hinges largely on this question. Germany alone is said to require at least \$1,000,000,000 of accommodations. And it has nothing on which to base these credits except the moral obligation it seems of the German people. With a stable government in Germany that would be satisfactory enough, although it is unusual of course to advance such immense sums without tangible financial security of some sort. But it is pointed out that unless Central Europe gets credits it will be brought to the brink of bankruptcy. This would have a bad effect on other European nations and certainly it would not benefit the United States. For after all if Central Europe wants raw materials, food and fuel as well as credits the United States is a great commercial nation which has immense supplies of merchandise to sell. It is understood that the British Government may hold a conference on the subject of credits in Paris in the near future. And Washington advices state that the National Committee on European finance, appointed some time ago by the United States Chamber of Commerce has been organized. It has been said that "When things get to their worst they mend." The crying need of immense credits for Continental countries is so clearly recognized and the whole situation there is so bad that it is hoped that as "necessity is the mother of invention," to quote another proverb something will speedily be done to relieve an intolerable situation. With such relief exports would it is believed be large.

Meanwhile Manchester is doing an enormous business. Lancashire mills are said to be sold ahead in some cases for six to eight months. The mills there are making such large returns that there is an excited speculation in mill shares going on in Oldham at extraordinary prices—some, it is said, seven times their nominal and paid up value. And silver has for the most part continued to rise. The bullion is worth more than the coin. Of course, all this increases the buying power of China and other far eastern countries. And recently the tendency in this country has evidently been towards an increased consumption. With the trade face to face with the fifth short crop in succession there is widespread belief rightly or wrongly that prices have not yet seen their highest. Liverpool and the Continent as well as American trade interests have been free buyers. Southern offerings have not been very large. Certainly they have not been anything like as large as they were recently. And latterly the spot basis has in some parts of the South been reported somewhat higher.

On the other hand the scarcity of bituminous coal over a large section of the country has had a rather chilling effect at times on the cotton business. Although prices are higher it seems not unreasonable to suppose that but for the coal problem they might have reached a still higher level. And there is no doubt that the dismal reports from Europe have now and then cast a shadow on this side. Liverpool's spot sales have latterly dropped to 6,000 and 8,000 bales. Also in parts of the South the spot basis has been rather easier at times. Houston on the 26th inst. reported as easier basis. Liverpool has of late sold to a certain extent at New York. The South has been a steady if not very large seller. Many have been sceptical as to the likelihood of present prices being maintained for any great length of time.

Although money has been easier than recently it is believed that the Federal Reserve banks will check undue speculation not excepting that in spot cotton itself. And there certainly has been a good deal of that, within the last few months, especially in the higher grades. There is a liberal supply of the lower grades, and it is believed that mills sooner or later will have to take them, in the absence of anything better. Once started on this innovation so far as recent developments are concerned some think that the effect on prices of a big supply carried over from last season added to that of the present season may have a more or less depressing effect on prices. But back of all is the coal scarcity and the dark outlook in Europe. To-day prices fell owing to the Mexican embargo, the coal situation and a decline in stocks and exchange. Later there was a recovery of most of the decline on near months, and December actually ended higher, on a pressure from shorts to cover. Liverpool and trade interests bought later months freely. Spot markets even reported firm. Reports that cotton was to be shipped from Savannah to New York for delivery on contracts were denied. Futures end higher for the week. Caranza was reported to have fled from Mexico City. Middling uplands closed at 39.45c. here showing a rise for the week of 105 points.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Nov. 22 to Nov. 28—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands	39.00	39.05	39.45	39.45	Hol.	39.45

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Nov. 28 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1919 c.	39.45	1911 c.	9.30	1903 c.	11.50	1895 c.	8.62
1918	29.75	1910	15.00	1902	8.55	1894	5.94
1917	31.20	1909	14.75	1901	8.09	1893	8.06
1916	20.90	1908	9.45	1900	10.12	1892	10.00
1915	12.45	1907	11.45	1899	7.81	1891	8.00
1914	7.75	1906	11.40	1898	5.62	1890	9.44
1913	13.40	1905	11.80	1897	5.81	1889	10.25
1912	13.10	1904	9.70	1896	7.69	1888	9.88

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'l.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 60 pts. adv.	Firm	—	—	—
Monday	Steady, 5 pts. adv.	Steady	—	—	—
Tuesday	Steady, 40 pts. adv.	Steady	—	—	—
Wednesday	Steady, unchanged.	Steady	—	—	—
Thursday	—	HOLIDAY	—	—	—
Friday	Steady, unchanged.	Steady	—	—	—
Total					

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, 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.

Nov. 28	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Stock at Liverpool	595,000	266,000	451,000	712,000
Stock at London	12,000	16,000	21,000	29,000
Stock at Manchester	83,000	60,000	52,000	92,000
Total Great Britain	685,000	342,000	524,000	833,000
Stock at Hamburg	—	—	—	4,000
Stock at Bremen	—	—	—	1,000
Stock at Havre	141,000	72,000	167,000	214,000
Stock at Marseilles	9,000	1,000	5,000	5,000
Stock at Barcelona	46,000	29,000	45,000	29,000
Stock at Genoa	51,000	17,000	22,000	218,000
Stock at Trieste	—	—	—	1,000
Total Continental stocks	250,000	119,000	239,000	469,000
Total European stocks	935,000	461,000	763,000	1,302,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	43,000	9,000	25,000	41,000
Amer. cotton afloat for Europe	72,926	139,000	231,000	600,790
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Eur'e	103,000	56,000	71,000	60,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	210,000	211,000	250,000	220,000
Stock in Bombay, India	496,000	1,155,000	480,000	300,000
Stock in U. S. ports	1,515,167	1,412,450	1,171,273	1,490,199
Stock in U. S. interior towns	1,274,038	1,340,002	1,151,522	1,308,950
U. S. exports to-day	70,192	45,184	34,380	11,994
Total visible supply	5,374,323	4,328,636	4,177,175	5,334,849

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Liverpool stock	401,000	149,000	331,000	581,000
Manchester stock	51,000	34,000	48,000	93,000
Continental stock	192,000	101,000	262,000	371,000
American afloat for Europe	727,926	139,000	231,000	600,790
U. S. port stocks	1,515,167	1,412,450	1,171,273	1,490,199
U. S. interior stocks	1,274,038	1,340,002	1,151,522	1,308,950
U. S. exports to-day	70,192	45,184	34,380	11,994
Total American	4,231,323	3,223,636	3,169,175	4,436,849
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock	189,000	117,000	120,000	131,000
London stock	12,000	16,000	21,000	29,000
Manchester stock	32,000	26,000	4,000	19,000
Continental stock	58,000	15,000	37,000	98,000
India afloat for Europe	43,000	9,000	25,000	41,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat	103,000	56,000	71,000	60,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	210,000	311,000	250,000	220,000
Stock in Bombay, India	496,000	555,000	480,000	300,000
Total East India, &c.	1,143,000	1,105,000	1,008,000	898,000
Total American	4,231,323	3,223,636	3,169,175	4,436,849

Total visible supply	5,374,323	4,328,636	4,177,175	5,334,849
Middling uplands, Liverpool	24,584	20,504	22,474	12,214
Middling uplands, New York	39,450	29,050	31,000	20,300
Egypt, good sakes, Liverpool	17,000	31,050	38,854	26,054
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool	34,000	38,000	31,004	17,000
Broad, fine, Liverpool	22,854	16,674	21,504	11,504
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool	23,104	16,924	21,684	11,674

* Estimated.
Continental imports for past week have been 58,000 bales. The above figures for 1919 show an increase over last week of 74,357 bales, a gain of 1,045,687 bales over 1918, an excess of 1,197,148 bales over 1917 and a gain of 39,474 bales over 1916.

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

	Saturday, Nov. 22.	Monday, Nov. 24.	Tuesday, Nov. 25.	Wed. day, Nov. 26.	Thursday, Nov. 27.	Friday, Nov. 28.	Week.
December —							
Range	35.75-36	36.60-15	37.05-60	36.75-45		36.63-170	35.75-170
Closing	36.25-30	36.98-10	37.43-45	37.30-45		37.65-170	
January —							
Range	34.23-99	35.22-70	35.90-50	35.60-33		35.50-304	34.23-156
Closing	34.98-99	35.73-75	36.18-20	36.18-22		36.00	
February —							
Range	33.00	34.60	34.95	35.00		34.70	
Closing	33.00	34.60	34.95	35.00		34.70	
March —							
Range	32.35-30	33.40-10	34.03-60	33.63-33		33.35-98	32.45-160
Closing	33.24-30	33.93-97	34.25-30	34.15-20		33.88-98	
April —							
Range	32.20	32.95	33.25	33.00		32.70	
Closing	32.20	32.95	33.25	33.00		32.70	
May —							
Range	31.37-95	32.10-67	32.65-17	32.04-65	HOLI	31.60-33	31.37-17
Closing	31.87-95	32.62-65	32.82-87	32.38-43	DAY.	32.00-92	
June —							
Range	31.10	31.88	32.05	31.70		31.20	
Closing	31.10	31.88	32.05	31.70		31.20	
July —							
Range	20.30-75	30.97-65	31.55-90	30.99-46		30.56-95	30.30-100
Closing	30.75	31.50-62	31.68-75	31.29-50		30.65-70	
August —							
Range	29.60	30.50	30.55	30.10		29.45	30.10-15
Closing	29.60	30.50	30.55	30.10		29.45	
September —							
Range	28.95	30.00	30.20			29.00	29.00-20
Closing	28.95	29.85	30.05	29.60		28.70	
October —							
Range	27.95-05	28.50-65	29.20-85	28.50-13		27.60-05	27.95-65
Closing	28.25	29.30	29.20	28.70-80		27.75-80	

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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 Nov. 28 1919.			Movement to Nov. 29 1918.			
	Receipts.	Ship-ments.	Stocks.	Receipts.	Ship-ments.	Stocks.	
	Week.	Season.	Nov. 28.	Week.	Season.	Nov. 29.	
Ala., Eufaula...	146	4,208	100	3,664	40	3,603	2,368
Montgomery	2,156	51,869	1,767	22,622	1,192	48,673	641
Selma	903	31,448	1,759	10,963	1,479	40,899	43
Ark., Helena	1,378	20,132	1,225	7,321	1,582	22,449	1,198
Little Rock	5,990	94,662	7,729	33,488	5,292	73,607	5,293
Pine Bluff		22,330		19,000	6,930	63,509	4,715
Ga., Albany	72	8,705	193	3,273	120	8,678	22
Athens	6,177	81,655	5,900	45,216	5,180	66,349	4,720
Atlanta	9,760	123,285	5,141	42,008	4,488	81,258	6,384
Augusta	18,501	311,105	13,705	207,603	6,000	216,801	4,400
Columbus	1,635	27,647	884	26,500	880	38,485	580
Macon	11,296	139,082	13,330	58,197	4,458	94,352	3,879
Rome	910	34,374	6	13,904	1,881	25,812	1,263
La., Shreveport	5,224	41,994	2,273	47,058	3,536	75,767	1,602
Miss., Columbus	600	10,585	600	3,328	800	13,589	500
Clarksdale	6,000	75,548	5,000	47,134	4,956	65,553	3,358
Greenwood	6,500	79,438	5,400	34,000	5,000	75,165	3,000
Meridian	1,047	23,899	2,455	13,613	1,273	32,108	1,153
Natchez	1,097	21,640	1,063	11,271	899	25,616	970
Vicksburg	1,015	10,742	866	7,324	1,066	15,919	625
Yazoo City	2,000	26,020	1,600	14,336	1,331	30,562	1,185
Mo., St. Louis	23,019	181,149	33,693	4,778	21,572	186,538	19,624
N.C., Grnsboro	2,260	21,319	1,200	10,338	1,500	14,491	800
Raleigh	493	7,750	450	358	191	3,488	200
O., Cincinnati	700	18,700	1,700	24,000	3,750	62,676	4,460
Okla., Ardmore							
Chickasha	1,000	14,035	900	4,397	1,417	22,198	2,104
Hugo	2,922	17,441	770	6,467	800	18,975	700
Oklahoma							
S.C., Greenville	1,852	55,216	7,917	28,758	2,600	33,550	1,600
Greenwood	473	11,542	474	10,155	550	11,677	350
Tenn., Memphis	40,000	344,144	24,000	236,762	29,384	343,125	24,415
Nashville		653		552			284
Tex., Abilene	1,748	23,898	1,478	4,189	293	6,354	747
Brenham	250	5,260	226	2,000	400	16,172	400
Clarksville	2,481	20,452	2,016	7,312	1,100	22,649	1,000
Dallas	3,456	35,128	3,666	17,783	1,948	43,900	3,116
Honey Grove	1,222	18,960	1,306	2,902	1,000	17,087	900
Houston	70,000	855,931	57,000	216,488	46,738	921,292	50,830
Paris	3,858	72,864	4,513	11,827	4,090	63,192	3,600
San Antonio	1,000	21,277	1,000	2,962	772	23,845	874

Total, 41 towns 239,081 2,968,103 203,831 1,274,038 175,488 2,901,109 162,173 134,002

The above totals show that the interior stocks have increased during the week 33,250 bales and are to-night 65,964 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 63,583 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:

Nov. 28 Shipped—	1919		1918	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	23,693	191,681	119,624	1,178,116
Via Mounds, &c.	20,497	162,373	164,661	184,143
Via Rock Island	1,303	6,240	800	6,428
Via Louisville	4,216	31,846	3,246	50,750
Via Cincinnati	600	6,850	2,044	29,185
Via Virginia points	11,272	57,370	5,106	73,825
Via other routes, &c.	12,419	105,433	21,814	181,063
Total gross overland	74,001	561,708	67,295	683,510
Deduct shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	11,402	70,426	1,374	24,121
Between interior towns	915	13,723	1,362	20,823
Inland, &c., from South	12,299	77,016	4,352	91,013
Total to be deducted	24,616	161,775	7,088	135,957
Leaving total net overland	49,385	400,023	60,207	547,553

* Including movement by rail to Canada. a Revised. The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 49,385 bales, against 60,207 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 147,530 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings:	1919		1918	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Nov. 28	269,805	2,680,646	136,346	2,059,653
Not overland to Nov. 28	49,385	400,023	60,207	547,553
Southern consumption to Nov. 28	73,000	1,156,000	67,000	1,399,000
Total marketed	392,190	4,236,669	263,553	4,006,206
Interior stocks in excess	35,250	472,091	13,325	643,386
Came into sight during week	427,440		276,878	
Total in sight Nov. 28	4,708,760		4,649,592	
Nov. spinners' takings to Nov. 28	97,781	889,998	84,007	778,994

a These figures are consumption; takings not available. Movement into sight in previous years: Week— 1917—Nov. 30— 388,417 1917—Nov. 30— 5,711,754 1918—Dec. 1— 433,640 1918—Dec. 1— 7,060,699 1918—Dec. 3— 389,032 1918—Dec. 3— 5,684,244

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 Nov. 28.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, Nov. 22.	Monday, Nov. 24.	Tuesday, Nov. 25.	Wed. day, Nov. 26.	Thursday, Nov. 27.	Friday, Nov. 28.
Galveston	40.00	40.75	41.25	41.25		41.25
New Orleans	38.75	38.75	38.75	39.00		39.00
Mobile	36.75	37.50	37.75	38.00		38.00
Savannah	37.50	38.75	39.25	39.00		39.00
Charleston	37.50					37.50
Wilmington		37.75		37.75		37.50
Norfolk	36.25	37.00	37.75	37.75		37.50
Baltimore	37.00	37.00	38.00	38.00		38.00
Philadelphia	39.25	39.30	39.70	39.70		39.70
Augusta	37.25	38.00	38.25	38.25		38.00
Memphis	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00		40.00
Dallas	40.35	40.70	40.70	40.70		40.70
Houston	40.00	41.00	41.25	41.25		41.25
Little Rock	39.00	39.50	40.00	40.00		40.00

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Closing Quotations for Leading Contracts in the New Orleans Cotton Market for the Past Week					
	Saturday, Nov. 22.	Monday, Nov. 24.	Tuesday, Nov. 25.	Wed. day, Nov. 26.	Thursday, Nov. 27.	Friday, Nov. 28.
December	36.00	37.84	38.39-40	38.02		38.00-40
January	35.05-15	35.98-00	36.55-60	36.40-42		36.12-20
March	33.56-80	34.50-53	34.81-85	34.55-59		34.20-32
May	32.00-05	32.98-00	33.39-41	32.95-68		32.52-54
July	30.94-00	31.98-99	32.28-33	31.68-76		31.15-20
October	28.42	29.40	29.38-48	28.85-98		28.06-07
Options—						
Spot	Quiet	Quiet	Firm	Quiet		Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady		Steady

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Our reports from the South this evening by telegraph indicate that rain has fallen in most sections during the week, with the precipitation light as a rule. Texas reports that inclement weather interfered with farm work towards the close of the week.

Galveston, Tex.—Picking and ginning made good progress fore part of week, but inclement weather interfered with farm work at close. Rainfall was heaviest in the Eastern half of Texas. We have had rain on four days of the past week, the rainfall being eighty-three hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 68, ranging from 60 to 76.

Abilene, Tex.—Rain on each day of the week. The rainfall has been twenty hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 48, highest 76, lowest 20.

Brownsville, Tex.—We have had rain on one day of the past week, the rainfall being four hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 69, ranging from 54 to 84.

Dallas, Tex.—Rain has fallen on two days during the week, and the precipitation has been one inch and thirty-six hundredths. Average thermometer 57, highest 75, lowest 36.

Palestine, Texas.—There has been rain on two days of the week, to the extent of one inch and fifty-four hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 61, ranging from 46 to 76.

San Antonio, Tex.—There has been rain on two days during the week, the rainfall being thirty-six hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 36 to 78, averaging 57.

New Orleans, La.—The week's rainfall has been one inch and forty-nine hundredths, on three days. Average thermometer 68.

Shreveport, La.—We have had rain on two days the past week, the rainfall being one inch and forty-seven hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 46 to 79.

ciation has voted unanimously that it is impossible to grant the 25% general wage increase requested by the Fall River Textile Council, National Association of Textile Operatives, and by several unions not members of that organization. The stand of the manufacturers is indicated by the following letter to President James Tansey of the Textile Council:

Fall River, Mass., Nov. 26 1919.
Cotton Manufacturers' Association, James Tansey, President Textile Council, Fall River, Mass.

Dear Sir—The request for a 25% increase in the wages of textile operatives was presented at a meeting of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association, and after careful consideration it was unanimously voted that under existing conditions it is absolutely impossible to grant such an increase. A letter setting forth some of the reasons for this unanimous conclusion is in preparation and will shortly follow. Yours respectfully,
(Signed) C. E. SMITH, Secretary.

Special general meetings of the textile operatives' associations of the Textile Council and of several unions of kindred bodies have been called for Nov. 28 when the answer of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association will be presented. The present wage period of six months expires with this week.

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.	1919.		1918.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Nov. 21	5,299,966	4,792,018	4,257,415	3,027,450
Visible supply Aug. 1	427,440	4,708,760	276,878	4,649,592
American in sight to Nov. 28	844,099	378,000	41,000	356,000
Bombay receipts to Nov. 27	61,000	14,000	12,000	12,000
Other India shipments to Nov. 27	845,000	351,000	34,000	300,000
Alexandria receipts to Nov. 26	65,000	70,000	4,000	69,000
Other supply to Nov. 26*	5,822,406	10,313,778	4,613,293	8,404,042
Deduct—				
Visible supply Nov. 28	5,374,323	5,374,323	4,328,636	4,328,636
Total takings to Nov. 28 a.	448,083	4,939,455	284,657	4,075,406
Of which American	372,083	3,677,455	220,657	3,366,406
Of which other	76,000	1,262,000	64,000	709,000

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,156,000 bales in 1919 and 1,399,000 bales in 1918—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 3,783,455 bales in 1919 and 2,676,406 bales in 1918, of which 2,531,455 bales and 1,967,406 bales American. b Estimated.

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

November 6. Receipts at—	1919.		1918.		1917.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	20,000	273,000	16,000	274,000	14,000	261,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1919	1,000	9,000	10,000	15,000	87,000	373,000	475,000	475,000
1918	---	7,000	7,000	7,000	46,000	53,000	99,000	99,000
1917	8,000	53,000	61,000	71,000	6,000	445,000	522,000	522,000
Other India								
1919	1,000	250	1,250	6,250	5,950	---	12,200	12,200
1918	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1917	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total all—								
1919	2,000	9,250	11,250	21,250	92,950	373,000	487,200	487,200
1918	---	7,000	7,000	7,000	46,000	53,000	99,000	99,000
1917	8,000	53,000	61,000	71,000	6,000	445,000	522,000	522,000

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENT.

Alexandria, Egypt, November 5.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	159,082	236,041	243,949
Since Aug. 1	1,763,854	1,442,044	1,698,601

Export (bales)—	1919.		1918.		1917.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	---	109,313	---	56,752	4,499	38,665
To Manchester, &c.	6,400	35,568	---	28,570	5,453	15,702
To Continent and India	1,500	28,510	---	20,529	4,892	29,194
To America	400	35,104	---	11,792	---	---
Total exports	8,300	211,795	---	126,643	14,844	83,561

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Nov. 5 were 159,082 cantars and the foreign shipments 8,300 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is strong but quieter. Yarns are wanted for export. 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 ds. Shirtings, Common to Finest.	Col's Mid Up's	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 ds. Shirtings, Common to Finest.	Col's Mid Up's
Oct. 3	41	27 0	31 0	38 3/4	27 0	31 0
10	41 1/4	27 1 1/4	31 0	38 3/4	27 0	31 0
17	42 1/4	27 3	32 3	38 3/4	27 0	31 0
24	45	27 9	32 3	38 3/4	27 0	31 0
31	45	27 10	32 3	38 3/4	27 0	31 0
Nov. 7	46	30 0	34 6	39 50	30 0	33 6
14	48 1/2	30 6	35 0	40	30 0	33 6
21	47 1/2	30 6	35 0	40	30 0	33 6
28	48 1/2	30 6	35 0	40	30 0	33 6

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 338,737 bales. The shipments in detail as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Bales.
NEW YORK—To Liverpool—Nov. 22—Celtic, 136	136
To Havre—Nov. 21—McKeesport, 1,000	1,000
Prince, 1,884	1,884
To Bremen—Nov. 21—Liberty Glow, 1,232	1,232
To Gothenburg—Nov. 21—Boren, 1,000	1,000
To Genoa—Nov. 24—Celtic, 700; Tarantia, 2,766	3,466
To Piraeus—Nov. 21—Pannonia, 100	100
To Japan—Nov. 21—Agamemnon, 600; Nov. 25—7,500	8,000
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Nov. 24—Eastern Cross, 12,987	12,987
Nov. 25—Barbadian, 13,824; Saco, 17,434	44,245
To Manchester—Nov. 21—West Ashawa, 17,434	17,434
Victoria de Larrinaga, 14,101	31,513
To Havre—Nov. 22—Steadfast, 28,163	28,163
To Barcelona—Nov. 25—Carolina de Perez, 8,560; Laclawana Bridge, 6,122	14,982
To Genoa—Nov. 24—Marina, O. 18,479	18,479
TEXAS CITY—To Liverpool—Nov. 21—Mount Evans, 21,316	21,316
PENSACOLA—To Liverpool—4,098	4,098
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Nov. 24—Defender, 14,500	14,500
Nov. 26—Yomachich, 3,865	18,365
To Havre—Nov. 21—Newburg, 8,040	8,040
Nov. 25—Northern, 4,102	12,142
To Antwerp—Nov. 21—Menapier, 1,933	1,933
Nov. 27—Orion, 2,030	3,963
To Copenhagen—Nov. 26—Federal Bridge, 792	792
To Colombia—Nov. 26—Parismina, 50	50
To Japan—Nov. 26—Nankai Maru, 1,040	1,040
MOBILE—To Liverpool—Nov. 25—Antillan, 6,723	6,723
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Nov. 25—Argalia, 13,875	13,875
To Bremen—Nov. 24—Schonectady, 8,294	8,294
To Rotterdam—Nov. 24—Schonectady, 4,192	4,192
To Ghent—Nov. 25—Pawtucket, 11,090	11,090
To Japan—Nov. 26—Kirin Maru, 6,099	6,099
BRUNSWICK—To Liverpool—Nov. 25—Alexandrian, 12,779	12,779
CHARLESTON—To Havre—Nov. 26—Magmeric, 11,525	11,525
WILMINGTON—To Bremen—Nov. 26—Port Pitt Bridge, 18,200	18,200
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Nov. 25—West Nohno, 9,215	9,215
BOSTON—To Liverpool—Nov. 20—Winifredlan, 275	275
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Tancred, 400	400
SEATTLE—To Japan—Nov. 5—Alexandrian, 1,628	1,628
Nov. 8—Western Knight, 2,375; Yomel Maru, 2,750	5,128
Nov. 12—Tsurugisan Maru, 4,749	9,877
Nov. 16—Devel, 4,592	14,469
Nov. 17—Edmore, 1,550	16,019
TACOMA—To Japan—Nov. 17—Chicago Maru, 2,660	2,660
Total	338,737

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

	Great Britain.	France	Germany	North Europe.	South Europe.	Japan.	Colombia.	Total.
New York	136	2,884	1,232	1,000	3,566	8,000	---	16,818
Galveston	75,758	28,163	---	---	33,461	---	---	137,382
Texas City	21,316	---	---	---	---	---	---	21,316
New Orleans	18,365	12,142	---	4,755	---	1,040	50	36,352
Mobile	6,723	---	---	---	---	---	---	6,723
Pensacola	4,098	---	---	---	---	---	---	4,098
Savannah	13,875	---	8,294	15,282	---	6,099	---	43,550
Brunswick	12,779	---	---	---	---	---	---	12,779
Charleston	11,525	---	---	---	---	---	---	11,525
Wilmington	---	---	18,200	---	---	---	---	18,200
Norfolk	9,215	---	---	---	---	---	---	9,215
Boston	275	---	---	---	---	---	---	275
San Francisco	---	---	---	---	---	400	---	400
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	17,644	---	17,644
Tacoma	---	---	---	---	---	2,660	---	2,660
Total	162,340	54,714	27,726	21,037	37,027	35,843	50	338,737

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Nov. 7.	Nov. 14.	Nov. 21.	Nov. 28.
Sales of the week	59,000	45,000	35,000	34,000
Of which speculators took	---	---	---	---
Of which exporters took	---	---	---	---
Sales, American	37,000	25,000	10,000	22,000
Actual export	6,000	5,000	28,000	7,000
Forwarded	80,000	81,000	84,000	82,000
Total stock	650,000	658,000	654,000	500,000
Of which American	457,000	453,000	445,000	401,000
Total imports of the week	79,000	94,000	87,000	37,000
Of which American	64,000	58,000	62,000	13,000
Amount afloat	247,000	333,000	467,000	---
Of which American	193,000	272,000	403,000	---

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 1/2 P. M.		Fair business, doing.	Fair business, doing.	Moderate demand.	Quiet.	Quiet.
Mid-Up'ds		24.05	24.71	24.63	24.62	24.58
Sales		HOLI DAY.	8,000	8,000	6,000	5,000
Futures		Very st'dy, 12@25 pts. advance.	Very st'dy, 22@35 pts. advance.	Steady, 8@11 pts. advance.	Quiet, 6@25 pts. advance.	Steady, 5@13 pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.		Very st'dy, 35@69 pts. advance.	Steady, 33@40 pts. advance.	Quiet, 17@35 pts. decline.	Near, firm; Distant, quiet, 11@53 pts. advance.	Steady, 23@41 pts. decline.

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Nov. 22 to Nov. 28.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.
Nov. 22	23.65	23.92	24.31	24.25	24.21	24.08
Nov. 23	23.15	23.42	23.77	23.82	23.71	23.60
Nov. 24	22.67	22.92	23.33	23.32	23.24	23.10
Nov. 25	22.12	22.40	22.75	22.79	22.70	22.50
Nov. 26	21.58	21.88	22.24	22.22	22.14	21.89
Nov. 27	21.17	21.40	21.76	21.73	21.64	21.38
Nov. 28	20.76	20.95	21.32	21.22	21.14	20.87
Nov. 29	20.43	20.57	20.93	20.82	20.74	20.47
Nov. 30	20.06	20.19	20.53	20.42	20.35	20.07
Dec. 1	19.52	19.65	19.94	19.85	19.78	19.52
Dec. 2	18.91	18.95	19.27	19.20	19.16	18.92
Dec. 3	18.31	18.35	18.67	18.60	18.56	18.32

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, November 28th 1919.

Flour has been more or less unsettled. The Grain Corporation is advertising to sell straight flour to consumers through the retail trade. Meanwhile the question is how much Canadian wheat and flour is going to be imported into the United States. "Very little" is the answer of many; "20,000,000 bushels" is another version. In Canada the distribution of wheat and flour is still, it is true, under Government regulation. A great deal is needed over-seas, to say nothing of what is required in Canada itself. These two large items must be dealt with, it is argued by some, before Canada will think of exporting either wheat or flour. Recently, it will be recalled, the Canadian Government commandeered about 4,500,000 bushels of wheat stored at Fort William and Fort Arthur. The exact stock there is 4,487,000 bushels only, against 11,304,000 bushels a year ago. The Canadian visible stock of wheat, is in fact, 10,000,000 bushels smaller than at this time last year. Meanwhile cash wheat in this country has remained firm. The Canadian Wheat Commission has advanced Canadian flour for export to Great Britain to \$14 per barrel or practically on the same basis as spring wheat patents in the United States. Will this fact shut off imports in this country?

Wheat has been firm. The visible supply in the United States decreased 3,230,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of 9,257,000 bushels. The total is now 92,905,000 bushels, against 127,552,000 a year ago. Millers have still been paying big premiums for the better grades. Of the stock at Minneapolis of 7,774,000 bushels, nearly half it is said is durum wheat, naturally undesirable for flour manufacture. Hard wheat in Minneapolis and Kansas City has been very firm. The action, too, of the Canadian Commission in advancing Canadian flour for export to Great Britain to \$14 per bbl. is perhaps very suggestive, as it puts this flour on about the same basis as spring wheat patents in the United States. Many believe that importations of Canadian wheat will be small as Canada needs a good deal for home consumption and export to Europe. But it is also said, as stated above, that 20,000,000 bushels will come. Its wheat trade is still under the regulation of a Government Grain Committee. The Canadian visible supply is only 15,729,000 bushels, against 25,547,000 bushels a year ago. On the 25th inst., however, Director Barnes was quoted as saying that the effect of the removal of the embargo on imports might mean a reduction in the price of some kinds of wheat of 80c. per bushel. While this statement had no apparent effect on wheat it is noticeable that for a time it caused selling of corn.

Julius H. Barnes, United States Wheat Director, announced that, effective on Dec. 15 1919, the export and import embargoes on wheat and wheat flour will cease. President Wilson has signed a proclamation completely terminating the embargo control. It has existed for over two years, first under the War Trade Board and then under the legislation of the Wheat Guarantee Bill, latterly maintained by the Wheat Director. This embargo was one of the first steps taken by the War Trade Board more than two years ago to protect the supplies of wheat and wheat flour for the Allies. An Ottawa dispatch says that large sales of wheat, estimated at about 500,000 tons, have been made by the Canada Wheat Board to Greece, France, Belgium and Great Britain. The same dispatch says that the removal of the embargo by the United States finds Canada ready to ship twenty million bushels of wheat across the border. Large elevators are being constructed at Varna on the Black Sea coast of Bulgaria to handle the country's wheat crop, which is estimated as the largest in the history of that country. This work is being carried forward in the hope of securing outside help for regulating exchange prices and stimulating trade.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	cts. 237	237	237	237	237	237
No. 1 spring	240	240	240	240	240	240

Indian corn has advanced on covering of shorts. Also there has been further talk of export business. And some of the industries at the West have succeeded in getting supplies of coal. For one thing the Corn Products Co. has reopened one of its plants for that reason. It is said, too, that England has been buying corn here recently. It appears that last week she bought half a million bushels. English consumers, it seems, wanted corn for early shipment as tonnage has been scarce at Argentine markets, and freights very high. All sorts of freight rates are mentioned. Some indeed being about double the usual quotations. It seems, too, that American corn is now being sold in England at the rate of about 80 shillings per quarter as contrasted with a maximum price for Argentine corn of 65 shillings. Many believe that export business with England on this basis will be short lived. As soon as Argentina can get ocean tonnage it will again outstrip America in the race for European markets. At any rate this is an idea which has received quite general acceptance here. On the whole the rise has been attributed more to the result of an oversold condition of the market than anything else. Trading has certainly been active and early in the week prices showed a rise on May of 5 cents as compared with the "low" last Saturday. Stop loss orders have been caught on the way up. And the visible supply while it increased last week 48,000 bushels against a decrease in the same week last year of 863,000 bushels, is only 1,100,000 bushels against

3,289,000 a year ago. Finally, it was said that there was very little prospect of an early decline in Argentine freight rates. Rye advanced 4 cents early in the week on active export buying. Within a week the sales of rye for export are said to have been 1,500,000 bushels. Cash wheat has been around \$2 95 to \$3 and Canadian flour up to \$14. Shorts have been cautious.

On the other hand there was some selling at one time on the announcement by Mr. Barnes, Grain Director that the removal of the embargo on imports of grain might reduce the price of wheat some 80 cents per bushel. And nobody pretends that the coal situation at the West is satisfactory. Far from it. For instance Chicago streets last Saturday last Sunday were dark, and banditry was rampant. Mills and even schools have been closed in some sections. And Argentine freight rates suddenly declined despite predictions to the contrary. They fell from the basis of \$32 per ton to \$26, or a drop of about 15 cents per bushel. It seems to put the quietus on American sales of corn to Europe. A Liverpool cable to an Eastern house on the 26th inst. said: "No demand for American maize to-day." A sharp drop in freight permits free sales of Argentine maize at government maximum price of 65 shillings. To-day prices at Chicago however advanced sharply on the coal deadlock, the Mexican new fears of a freight embargo, and covering on December. Offerings to arrive are small because of the scarcity of coal and cars. December is up 5 3/4c. for the week and at one time touched \$1 37 3/4.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 3 yellow, new	cts. 155 1/4	156	158 1/4	159 1/4	Holl.	168 1/4
No. 2 yellow						

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator	cts. 131 1/4	132 1/4	133 1/4	133 1/4	Holl.	137
May delivery in elevator	125 1/4	127 1/4	128 1/4	129 1/4	day	132 1/4

OATS have advanced partly in sympathy with the rise in corn and also in part because of reports of export trade. Latterly 100,000 bushels are said to have been sold to Europe. Within a week, it is said, that some 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 bushels of rye have been sold for export at a sharp rise in prices. Moreover, the visible supply of oats last week fell off 1,316,000 bushels, as against an increase for the same week last year of 2,459,000 bushels. So that the total now is only 17,294,000 bushels, against 35,119,000 a year ago. There has been persistent buying of May at Chicago. New England has bought freely there. In one day it took upward of 200,000 bushels. A seaboard demand there has also been apparent. Car lots of No. 3 white, 37 pounds, sold, it is stated, at 78 cents early in the week, or 4 1/2 cents over December. Covering on December has been on a liberal scale. On the other hand, the advance has not been very marked. Fluctuations have usually been within very narrow limits. There has been heavy liquidation of December. This has told at times to a greater or less extent, although it is now said to be pretty well completed. And so far as actual knowledge goes there appears to have been no large export business. Shorts who covered December sold May. To-day prices advanced with actual trading. No. 2 white sold in Chicago at 79c. Prices are higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 1 white	cts. 83	83 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	Holl.	85 1/4
No. 2 white	82 1/4	83	84	84	day	84 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator	cts. 72 1/4	73	73 1/4	73 1/4	Holl.	74 1/4
May delivery in elevator	75 1/4	76 1/4	76 1/4	76 1/4	day	77 1/4

The following are closing quotations:

FLOUR.		Barley goods—Portage barley:	
Spring patents	\$13 25 @ \$14 25	No. 1	\$7 25
Winter straights, soft	10 10 @ 10 30	Nos. 2, 3 and 4, pearl	6 50
Kansas straights	12 50 @ 13 25	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0	7 25 @ 7 40
Rye flour	nom. 7 25 @ 8 00	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0	7 50 | 1
Corn goods, 100 lbs.—		Oats goods—Carload,	
White grain	\$3 80 @ 3 85	spot delivery	8 75
Yellow grain	3 75 @ 3 80		
Corn flour	3 55 @ 3 65		
GRAIN.			
Wheat—		Oats—	
No. 2 red	\$2 37 1/4	No. 1	85 1/4
No. 1 spring	2 40 1/4	No. 2 white	84 1/4 @ 84 3/4
Corn—		No. 3 white	84 @ 84 1/4
No. 2 yellow	1 68 1/4	Barley—	
Rye—		Feeding	1 52
No. 2	1 65 1/4	Malt	1 60 @ 1 68

The statement of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.
Chicago	267,000	558,000	1,637,000	1,275,000	288,000	65,000
Minneapolis	2,772,000	178,000	259,000	287,000	115,000	
Duluth	884,000		37,000	73,000	301,000	
Milwaukee	30,000	178,000	176,000	567,000	200,000	40,000
Toledo	88,000		37,000	21,000		
Detroit	37,000		30,000	98,000		
St. Louis	103,000	827,000	444,000	822,000	10,000	1,000
Pearia	58,000	15,000	522,000	285,000	9,000	
Kansas City	19,000	2,855,000	143,000	204,000		
Omaha		784,000	412,000	283,000		
Indianapolis	66,000	341,000	121,000			
Total wk. '19	467,000	8,914,000	3,923,000	3,994,000	867,000	422,000
Same wk. '18	281,000	7,265,000	3,198,000	6,253,000	1,816,000	1,239,000
Same wk. '17	395,000	6,320,000	3,881,000	7,052,000	1,934,000	630,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1919	7,769,000	233,830,000	80,380,000	96,207,000	33,216,000	13,331,000
1918	5,844,000	255,351,000	76,913,000	128,682,000	25,378,000	14,426,000
1917	6,519,000	100,430,000	40,294,000	136,563,000	40,757,000	12,531,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Nov. 22 1919 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.		Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	53,000	497,000	4,000	652,000	204,000	314,000	
Philadelphia	49,000	955,000	12,000	177,000	-----	30,000	
Baltimore	51,000	322,000	42,000	43,000	-----	48,000	
Newport News	100,000	431,000	-----	-----	-----	25,000	
New Orleans	118,000	329,000	32,000	99,000	-----	-----	
Galveston	29,000	256,000	44,000	-----	11,000	-----	
Montreal	165,000	1,710,000	-----	97,000	36,000	2,000	
Boston	78,000	159,000	3,000	31,000	-----	1,000	
Total wk. '19	643,000	6,661,000	138,000	1,099,000	311,000	420,000	
Since Jan. 1 '19	13,437,000	209,967,000	10,433,000	67,262,000	50,192,000	28,201,000	
Week 1918	454,000	2,370,000	237,000	2,288,000	64,000	436,000	
Since Jan. 1 '18	15,651,000	76,020,000	19,339,000	92,832,000	8,809,000	7,093,000	

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

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Nov. 22 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	912,443	42,995	71,762	403,359	50,564	103,340	1,116
Boston	197,000	-----	22,000	-----	190,000	-----	-----
Philadelphia	1,110,000	-----	33,000	278,000	17,000	1,000	-----
Baltimore	1,417,000	-----	32,000	67,000	-----	-----	-----
Newport News	451,000	-----	106,000	-----	25,000	-----	-----
New Orleans	129,000	20,000	86,000	19,000	-----	-----	-----
Galveston	467,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Montreal	1,350,000	-----	145,000	66,000	95,000	191,000	-----
Total week	6,013,443	62,995	474,762	831,359	413,564	355,340	1,116
Week 1918	1,492,164	-----	107,397	2,307,931	148,809	-----	7,572

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1919 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Nov. 22 1919.	Since July 1 1919.	Week Nov. 22 1919.	Since July 1 1919.	Week Nov. 22 1919.	Since July 1 1919.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	236,575	3,971,373	2,393,873	26,916,478	42,995	541,243
Continent	153,187	4,485,994	3,809,570	51,190,124	-----	191,000
So. & Cent. Amer.	30,990	372,974	-----	45,000	-----	30,873
West Indies	50,990	484,120	-----	1,055	20,000	486,148
Brit. No. Am. Colonies	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other Countries	-----	62,783	-----	-----	-----	3,607
Total	474,762	9,377,250	6,013,443	78,152,667	62,995	1,253,191
Total 1918	107,307	1,636,563	1,492,164	20,126,113	-----	2,319,359

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Nov. 22 1919 and since July 1 1919 and 1918 are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1919.	1918.	1918.	1919.	1918.	1918.
	Week Nov. 22 1919.	Since July 1 1919.	Since July 1 1919.	Week Nov. 22 1919.	Since July 1 1919.	Since July 1 1919.
North Amer.	7,626,000	151,030,000	91,134,000	43,000	743,000	5,420,000
Russia	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Danube	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Argentina	3,264,000	67,193,000	52,368,000	2,653,000	52,367,000	11,516,000
Australia	3,384,000	45,975,000	15,726,000	-----	-----	-----
India	-----	-----	5,418,000	-----	-----	-----
Oth. countries	86,000	1,682,000	1,318,000	-----	1,750,000	1,427,000
Total	14,340,000	265,930,000	165,964,000	2,696,000	54,860,000	18,363,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Nov. 22 1919 was as follows:

United States—	GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat. bush.	Corn. bush.	Oats. bush.	Rye. bush.	Barley. bush.	
New York	4,275,000	5,000	1,411,000	356,000	316,000	
Boston	1,248,000	-----	128,000	44,000	5,000	
Philadelphia	2,073,000	21,000	245,000	13,000	21,000	
Baltimore	2,731,000	21,000	341,000	85,000	4,000	
Newport News	525,000	-----	55,000	10,000	41,000	
New Orleans	4,983,000	63,000	192,000	-----	689,000	
Galveston	2,650,000	-----	40,000	-----	1,000	
Buffalo	15,658,000	45,000	1,549,000	738,000	447,000	
Toledo	1,795,000	10,000	125,000	481,000	4,000	
Detroit	74,000	23,000	89,000	155,000	-----	
Chicago	18,277,000	387,000	5,292,000	2,691,000	270,000	
afoat	552,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Milwaukee	2,518,000	20,000	748,000	409,000	204,000	
Duluth	3,818,000	-----	372,000	4,375,000	418,000	
Minneapolis	7,774,000	4,000	4,405,000	6,616,000	962,000	
St. Louis	3,108,000	33,000	191,000	95,000	6,000	
Kansas City	14,417,000	22,000	991,000	273,000	-----	
Peoria	3,000	137,000	320,000	-----	-----	
Indianapolis	4,983,000	138,000	297,000	38,000	-----	
Omaha	5,488,000	231,000	542,000	221,000	31,000	
On Lakes	569,000	-----	-----	374,000	98,000	
On Canal and River	-----	-----	22,000	286,000	-----	
Total Nov. 22 1919	92,905,000	1,169,000	17,294,000	17,455,000	3,517,000	
Total Nov. 15 1919	96,135,000	1,112,000	18,010,000	17,306,000	4,180,000	
Total Nov. 23 1918	127,552,000	3,289,000	25,119,000	9,982,000	5,280,000	
Total Nov. 17 1917	19,564,000	1,244,000	18,533,000	3,614,000	3,587,000	

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, 9,000 bushels New York, 10,000 Boston; total, 19,000 bushels; against 3,000 bushels in 1918; and barley, New York, 23,000 bushels; Duluth, 4,000 bushels; total, 27,000, against 77,000 in 1918.

Canadian—	GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat. bush.	Corn. bush.	Oats. bush.	Rye. bush.	Barley. bush.	
Montreal	4,944,000	2,000	614,000	86,000	151,000	
Pt. William & Pt. Arthur	4,487,000	-----	2,782,000	-----	908,000	
Other Canadian	6,298,000	-----	1,549,000	-----	102,000	
Total Nov. 22 1919	15,729,000	2,000	4,945,000	86,000	1,161,000	
Total Nov. 15 1919	15,706,000	1,000	4,623,000	96,000	1,477,000	
Total Nov. 23 1918	25,547,000	191,000	3,516,000	5,000	896,000	
Total Nov. 24 1917	18,701,000	18,000	6,491,000	23,000	86,000	

Summary—	GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat. bush.	Corn. bush.	Oats. bush.	Rye. bush.	Barley. bush.	
American	92,905,000	1,169,000	17,294,000	17,455,000	3,517,000	
Canadian	15,729,000	2,000	4,945,000	86,000	1,161,000	
Total Nov. 22 1919	108,634,000	1,171,000	22,239,000	17,541,000	4,678,000	
Total Nov. 15 1919	111,844,000	1,113,000	23,233,000	17,402,000	5,657,000	
Total Nov. 23 1918	153,099,000	3,480,000	28,635,000	9,957,000	5,676,000	
Total Nov. 24 1917	39,914,000	1,923,000	24,489,000	3,603,000	3,603,000	

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Nov. 28 1919.

After a somewhat quieter tone last week the market for dry goods has remained generally firm during the week just closed. The demand continues broad and supplies are still limited in a number of lines. It may be said that while there are many perplexing conditions and problems facing merchants the fundamentals are steady and clearly defined. The wish is frequently expressed that there may be no break in prices and both buyers and sellers are united in this hope. It is natural that owing to the scarcity of spot goods buyers have made unusually heavy commitments for spring and are beginning to place orders for next fall so that any break in prices at this time would bring about a very uncertain condition. In a market that is dependent upon long future sales there is always some question as to the ability to keep engagements and meet increasing obligations. At a time like the present when values are abnormal and social and economic conditions are so unsettled more than ordinary caution is needed to maintain a steady market. The need of goods continues and its manifestations are too plain to be disputed. The actual facts of offerings of goods should plainly convince merchants that prudence on their part was called for at this time. The mills dare not take the ordinary risks of production because of the wage and raw material conditions and it is therefore urged that merchants proceed very cautiously in the matter of taking even normal risks even though those about them are doing just the opposite. The news from manufacturing centres where added wage demands have been filed leads to the conviction that a lockout is possible unless the demands are withdrawn. It is the feeling that the limit has been reached in the matter of wages and it would be better to conserve what has been gained than to enter another circle of rising costs and prices. Merchants are hoping that they will be able to induce the operatives to see the light and some decision will probably be reached shortly. In the meantime traders who must provide for this fall's wants are going ahead without much regard for price, placing their orders with the mills that seem most likely to deliver what they require. There is still a firmness to the demand in the export division of the market. Buyers in Europe and South America continue to be more specific about deliveries than prices, and shipments are steadily increasing in volume. The real activity in this branch of the trade, however, will not come until there is an oversupply of merchandise here and that time still seems quite distant.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—A quieter and somewhat weaker tone has prevailed in the market for staple cotton goods this week. This condition, however, has tended to make for better deliveries and to expand the general movement of merchandise. Those with orders in hand are more careful about making deliveries on time and mills that would not consider new business a short time ago are now becoming more receptive to tenders from customers who actually need to cover more fully. Merchants are generally agreed on the opinion that the situation is due to the curtailed production everywhere. The fact remains, too, that in the cotton goods division the scarcity of good spinning cotton still exerts a dominating influence upon future values. Buyers of goods for future deliveries continue to press agents for permission to lay down orders. In ginghams the outlook seems to be for continued advances and continued difficulty in getting certain lines. Brown sheetings have been much steadier this week and bleached goods have been in moderate demand. Jobbers report a steady demand for blankets, flannels, underwear and other seasonable goods. Retailers are moving out their stocks and pressing for additional supplies. Print cloths are again strong, having regained the losses of the past few weeks and fine goods are very firm, the report being current that they are in for a big price advance when wage matters are settled at New Bedford. The amount of speculation in gray goods has been mitigated to some extent and the line has been generally firm. 38½-inch standards 20 cents.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The spirit of confidence is still on an upward trend in the market for woollens and worsteds. There is a strong spot demand for many fabrics and prices are gradually rising. The men's wear division is at the point where several factors may enter the field for fall on short notice. The market opinion is that the volume of staples which can be sold is below estimates made only a few weeks ago. Clothiers are reported to be much interested in acquiring goods as they anticipate continued distribution at current or even higher levels. Goods which have been put upon the market during the week have been on a strictly allotted basis.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Arrivals of linens during the past two weeks have been comparatively heavy and it is reported that the consignments are moving out quickly to the final distributors. Stock houses which bought in Ireland and Scotland early last year for bleaching or finishing are now landing goods which are affording them a substantial margin of profit. In many cases these houses have not advanced up to the replacement value of linens to-day so are enabled to share a part of their profits with customers. Burlaps have ruled quiet during the week except for some export inquiry on heavies. Light weights are quoted at 13.00 to 13.25 cents and heavy weights at 17.75 cents.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

Canada.—*Victory Loan Subscriptions.*—Reference to these subscriptions was made in our "Current Events and Discussions" Department last week. V. 109, p. 1931.

Canton, Ohio.—*Mayor Removed for Inaction in Steel Strike.*—According to newspaper reports, Governor Cox on Nov. 25 removed from office Mayor Charles E. Poorman, who was suspended because of his failure to maintain order during the steel strike.

Centralia (city of), Wash.—*Default on Interest Payment.*—Default by the city of Centralia in the payment of the Nov. 1 coupons on the \$300,000 6% Water Revenue Bonds is reported. The following letter from Carstens & Earles, Inc., of Seattle, Wash., who were instrumental in floating this issue, serves to bring out the peculiar features attaching to the default.

The recent default of the City of Centralia, Washington, in the payment of the November 1st 1919 coupons on its \$300,000 6% Water Revenue Bonds, will be of interest to buyers of municipal bonds generally.

About four years ago the city of Centralia at a public advertised sale, sold this issue of bonds to Carstens & Earles, Incorporated, of Seattle, at 95.77 and accrued interest. The funds were used to pay for the construction of a gravity water system which has been for several years in successful operation and which could now be duplicated probably for less than twice its original cost. There is, therefore, no fault found with the use of the funds.

The State of Washington has a "State Bureau of Accountancy" created by the Legislature and empowered to investigate the financial condition and transactions of municipalities. In the course of its routine examinations it recently criticised the city of Centralia for having sold these bonds at less than par and recommended that the city officials sue to recover the discount; the bonds had then long been distributed to investors throughout the country and this fact was well known to the State Board of Accountancy and to the city officials. Moreover, interest up to that time had been scrupulously met.

Taking advantage of this criticism the city officials of Centralia caused suits to be brought (Vera M. Cuddy vs. City of Centralia, Carstens & Earles, Incorporated, et al) against the bondholders and also against Carstens & Earles, Incorporated. The trial court dismissed the action against Carstens & Earles, Incorporated, by reason of the statute of limitations having run, but rendered against the bondholders a very peculiar decision, described in the memorandum herewith, which holds that the sum of \$42.25 shall be deducted from the principal of each bond as refund of discount, and as usurious interest. This remarkable decision was promptly appealed by Carstens & Earles, Incorporated, acting informally for the bondholders and the case comes up for hearing in the supreme court of the State of Washington of December 8 1919. Meanwhile, the city defaulted in its November interest, although the water revenue fund was amply able to meet it.

While, in the opinion of eminent counsel, the supreme court can only affirm the entire validity of these bonds in the hands of innocent holders, the readiness of the city officials of Centralia to default in a plain obligation, honestly incurred, should be noted, the advice of the State Bureau of Accountancy not being mandatory.

The memorandum of the Court order referred to in the above was as follows:

In The Superior Court of the State of Washington for Lewis Co., E. D. Cuddy (Vera M. Cuddy, substituted), Plaintiff vs. The City of Centralia, Washington, a municipal corporation, John Galvin, as Mayor of the City of Centralia, T. C. Rogers and W. W. Dickerson, as City Commissioners of the City of Centralia, Carstens & Earles, Inc., C. K. Sturdevant, and Samuel P. Strang, Defendants (Decree No. 7430).

This cause came regularly on to be heard on the 14th day of April 1919, the plaintiff appearing in person and being represented by her counsel, G. D. Cunningham and George Dysart, and the defendant City of Centralia being represented by H. E. Grimm and P. M. Troy, and the defendant, Carstens & Earles, Inc., Samuel P. Strang and C. K. Sturdevant being present and represented by their attorneys, Preston & Thorgirson and Peters & Powell, and testimony was thereupon introduced on behalf of the plaintiff and at the conclusion of plaintiff's testimony the defendant Carstens & Earles, Inc., moved that the case as to it be dismissed, the defendant City consenting thereto and the plaintiff objecting, the court granted said motion and ordered that said cause be and same was thereupon dismissed as to the defendant Carstens & Earles, Inc., and thereupon, evidence was introduced on behalf of the defendants, C. K. Sturdevant and Samuel P. Strang, and after conclusion of the testimony, said cause was argued by counsel for the respective parties and by the court taken under advisement; and the court now being fully advised in the premises:

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the rate of interest provided in said bonds is usurious.

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the contract entered into between Carstens & Earles, Inc., and the City of Centralia for the purchase of said bonds is usurious.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said defendants, C. K. Sturdevant, and Samuel P. Strang have judgment for the principal sum of the bonds held by them respectively subject to the provisions of this decree.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that from the said principal amount of said bond 255 held by the said C. K. Sturdevant shall be deducted double pro rata discount therefrom exacted by Carstens & Earles, Inc., at time of issue or the sum of \$42.25, and

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that from the said principal sum of said bond No. 587 and 588 held by the said Samuel P. Strang shall be deducted double the pro rata discount therefrom exacted by Carstens & Earles, Inc., at the time of issue, or the sum of \$42.25 from bond No. 587 and the sum of \$42.25 from Bond No. 588, and

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that there be deducted from the remaining principal of the said Bond No. 259 held by C. K. Sturdevant the sum of \$353.75, being twice the amount of interest paid on said bond, and

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that there be deducted from the remaining principal of the said bond, No. 587 and 588 held by Samuel P. Strang the sum of \$287.60, being twice the amount of interest paid on said bond No. 587 and the sum of \$287.60 being twice the amount of interest paid on said bond No. 588.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed, that all accrued and unpaid interest on Bond No. 259 owned by the said C. K. Sturdevant be declared forfeited and that C. K. Sturdevant as such owner of said bond, and those claiming under him are forever barred and estopped from asserting any right or claim to said unpaid interest.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that all accrued and unpaid interest on Bonds No. 587 and 588 owned by the said Samuel P. Strang be declared forfeited and that Samuel P. Strang, as such owner of said bonds and those claiming under him are forever barred and estopped from asserting any claim to said unpaid interest.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the defendants have and recover of and from the said plaintiff their costs.

To the entry of foregoing decree defendants Strang and Sturdevant duly excepted and their exception allowed.

Date this 16th day of June 1919.

W. A. REYNOLDS, Judge.

Colorado.—*Special Session of the Legislature Called.*—Governor Shoup on Nov. 22 called an extraordinary session of the Legislature to convene on Dec. 8. Action on the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the Federal Constitution will be included in the matters to be given consideration.

Douglas, Wyo.—*Bond Call.*—We are advised by E. R. Rouse, Town Clerk, that bonds Nos. 1 to 10, incl., of the

town of Douglas for the extension, enlargement and perfecting of the system of waterworks, series No. 2, will be redeemed at the banking house of Kountz Bros., in New York City, on Jan. 1 1920 and that the interest on these bonds will cease sixty days after the first publication of this notice.

The official notice of this bond call will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

South Carolina.—*Trust Funds May be Invested in Farm Loan Bonds.*—The General Assembly at its 1919 session passed the following act permitting trust funds to be invested in farm loan bonds issued by Federal Land Banks:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, that trust funds, unless it is otherwise provided in the instrumental creating the trust, may be loaned on the security of, or invested in, farm loan bonds issued by Federal Land Banks under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon the same in and by a certain Act of the Congress of the United States known as the Federal Farm Loan Act, approved July 17 1916.

Washington (State of).—*Savings Bank Investment Law Amended.*—The 1919 Legislature amended section 11 of the Banking and Trust Co. laws, which govern the investment of saving bank funds. The changes consist of, (1) qualifying the prohibition against the holding of bonds of any local improvement district of any city or town in the State of Washington and (2) adding bankers' acceptance and bills of exchange to the list of investments legal for savings banks. We print below Class (1) of which section (g) has been revised and Class (6) which has been added to Section (11), giving the new matter in italics:

Sec. 11. A mutual savings bank may invest the moneys deposited therein, the sums credited to the guaranty fund thereof, and the income derived therefrom, in the following property and securities, and no others, and subject to the following restrictions:

First—Public Funds.—(a) The bonds or interest-bearing notes or obligations of the United States or those for which the faith of the United States is pledged to provide for the payment of the interest and principal, including the bonds of the District of Columbia.

(b) The bonds or interest-bearing obligations of this State issued pursuant to the authority of any law of this State.

(c) The bonds or interest-bearing obligations of any other State of the United States upon which there is no default, and upon which there has been no default for more than ninety days. Provided, That within ten years immediately preceding the investment such State has not been in default for more than ninety days in the payment of any part of principal or interest of any debt duly authorized by the Legislature of such State to be contracted by such State since Jan. 1 1878.

(d) The valid bonds of any city, town, county, school district or port district in the State of Washington, issued pursuant to law, and for the payment of which the faith and credit of such municipality, county or district is pledged, or valid warrants of such municipality county or district drawing interest, and for which such municipality, county or district is liable.

(e) Bonds of any incorporated city situated in any other State of the United States: Provided, Such city has a population as shown by the Federal census next preceding the investment, of not less than 45,000 inhabitants, and was incorporated as a city at least twenty-five years prior to the making of the investment, and has not since Jan. 1 1878 defaulted for more than ninety days in the payment of any part of principal or interest of any bond, note or other indebtedness, or effected any compromise of any kind with the holders thereof. If at the time the indebtedness of any such city, together with the indebtedness of any district (other than local improvement district or other municipal corporation or subdivision, except a county), which is wholly or in part included within the bounds or limits of said city, less its water debt and sinking fund, shall exceed 7% of the valuation of such city for purposes of taxation, its bonds shall thereafter, and until such indebtedness shall be reduced to 7% of such valuation cease to be an authorized investment of the moneys of mutual savings banks.

(f) Bonds of any commercial waterway district in this State: Provided, The total obligations of such district by bonds, warrants or otherwise do not exceed 10% of the assessed valuation of the lands and improvements within such district: And provided further, That this authorization does not extend to the 30% in amount of such bond issue last callable for payment.

(g) Bonds of any local improvement district of any city or town in this State (except bonds for an improvement consisting of grading only) and bonds of any irrigation, diking, drainage, diking, improvement or drainage improvement district of this State, unless the total indebtedness of the district after the completion of the improvement for which the bonds are issued, plus the amount of all other assessments of a local or special nature against the land assessed or liable to be assessed to pay the bonds, exceed fifty per cent. of the value of the benefited property, exclusive of improvements, at the time the bonds are purchased or taken by the bank, according to the actual valuation last placed upon the property for general taxation. Before any such bonds are purchased or taken as security the condition of the district's affairs shall be ascertained and the property of the district examined and appraised by at least two trustees who shall report in writing their findings and recommendations; and no bonds shall be taken unless such report be favorable, nor unless the executive committee of the board of trustees after careful investigation is satisfied of the validity of the bonds and the validity and sufficiency of the assessment or other means provided for payment thereof: Provided, That no city or town local improvement bonds falling within the twenty-five per cent. in amount of any issue last callable for payment, shall be acquired or taken as security.

Sixth—Acceptances of the Kind and Character following:

(a) Bankers' acceptances and bills of exchange of the kind and maturities made eligible by law for rediscount with Federal reserve banks, provided the same are accepted by bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of this State, or under the laws of the United States.

(b) Bills of exchange drawn by the seller on the purchaser of goods and accepted by such purchaser, of the kind and maturities made eligible by law for rediscount with Federal Reserve banks, provided the same are indorsed by a national bank or by a bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of this State. Not more than 20 per cent of the assets of any mutual savings bank shall be invested in such acceptance. The aggregate amount of the liability of any bank or trust company or of any national bank to any mutual savings bank, whether as principal or indorser, for acceptances held by such savings banks and deposits made with it, shall not exceed 25 per cent of the paid-up capital and surplus of such bank or trust company or national bank, and not more than 5 per cent of the aggregate amount credited to the depositors of any mutual savings bank shall be invested in the acceptance of or deposited with a bank or trust company or a national bank of which a trustee of such mutual savings bank is a director.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

ALABAMA (State of).—*BONDS AWARDED IN PART.*—Of the \$954,000 4½% gold bonds offered on Nov. 25—V. 109, p. 1811—\$281,000 bonds were disposed of at prices ranging from par to 104.

ALEXANDRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Rapides Parish, La.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Dec. 15 by W. J. Avery, Sup't. Treas. (P. O. Alexandria) for \$125,000 5% bonds. Demom. \$500. Date Dec. 15 1919. Int. annually payable at the Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank of New Orleans. Due yearly on Dec. 15 as follows: \$3,000, 1920 to 1925, incl.; \$4,000, 1926 to 1931, incl.; \$5,000, 1932 and 1933; \$6,000, 1934 to 1937, incl.; and \$7,000, 1938 to 1944, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000 required. Official circular states that the Rapides Parish School Board has never defaulted in either principal or interest on any of the bonds that they have issued and no bond issue has ever been contested and that there is no controversy pending or threatening the extension of the boundaries of this district nor the validity of the present

officials, their respective offices, nor the validity of these or any other outstanding bonds.

ATHENS, Clark County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 10 an election will be held to vote on the issuance of \$150,000 5% 30-year street paving bonds.

ALLIANCE, Box Butte County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$55,000 5% denatured sewer bonds has been purchased by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at County Treasurer's office. Due July 1 1929. Optional July 1 1924.

Financial Statement.

Real value of taxable property	\$3,057,750
Assessed valuation for taxation	4649,490
Total debt (this issue included)	189,000
Less water debt	77,000
Net debt	112,000
Population, estimated, 6,500.	

ANDREWS, Huntington County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 6% 8-12-year serial coupon water-works bonds, offered unsuccessfully on May 15—V. 109, p. 2155—have been awarded to the Hamilton National Bank of Indianapolis at 100.50.

ANTHONY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Anthony), Harper County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 4 1/4% 10-20 year (opt.) school bonds voted on June 3—V. 109, p. 80—have been sold to Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita at par. Denom. \$1,000. Int. F. & A.

ASBURY PARK, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of City Commissioners (A. G. King, Acting City Clerk) will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Dec. 2 for an issue of memorial playground and golf course bonds at not to exceed 5% interest, not exceeding \$50,000. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. Due \$2,500 yearly for 20 years after date of issue. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

ASHTABULA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ashtabula), Ashtabula County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. W. Peck, Clerk Board of Education, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 16 for \$95,000 5% school bonds voted on Nov. 4—V. 109, p. 1718. Auth. Sec. 7625-7627 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1940, incl. Cert. check on a national bank for \$2,000 required.

ASTORIA, Clatsop County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% improvement bonds have been purchased by Morris Bros., Inc., of Portland: \$13,990 92 bonds. Denom. \$500 (except one fractional bond for \$490 92). Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,500 1920 and 1921, \$3,000 1922 and 1923, and \$2,990 92 1924, optional Nov. 1 1920.

10,411 40 bonds. Denom. \$500 (except one fractional bond for \$411 40). Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1920 to 1928, inclusive, and \$1,411 40 1929. Optional Nov. 1 1920.

142,857 72 bonds. Denom. \$500 (except one fractional bond for \$57 72). Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$7,500 1920 to 1937, inclusive, and \$7,857 72 1938, optional Nov. 1 1920.

Date Nov. 1 1919. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at Morris Bros., Inc., of Portland.

ATCHISON, Atchison County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—During October the Brown-Crummer Co., of Wichita, was awarded the \$125,000 4 1/4% memorial bonds, recently voted—V. 109, p. 600.

ATTLEBORO, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 25 the \$20,000 4 1/4% 1-20 year serial street railway bonds, dated Nov. 15 1919—V. 109, p. 2003—were awarded to Merrill, Oldham & Co., of Boston at 100.579 and interest. The only other offer was submitted by Harris, Forbes & Co., who bid 100.55.

BAKER, Baker County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports, the \$125,000 matatorium and park impt. and \$20,000 street impt. 5% 10-20 year (opt.) bonds offered on Nov. 10—V. 109, p. 1623—have been sold to local bidders.

BAKERSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bakersfield), Kern County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An issue of \$200,000 school impt. bonds will be voted upon at an election to be held Dec. 11, it is stated.

BANGOR, Penobscot County, Me.—BOND OFFERING.—T. G. Donovan, City Treasurer, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Dec. 1 for \$90,000 4 1/4% coupon tax-free school house bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Merchants National Bank of Boston. Due \$5,000 Dec. 1 1920 & 1921 and \$10,000 on Dec. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1923 to 1928, incl.; \$10,000, 1929; and \$30,000, 1930 & 1931. Bonds engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by The First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected at any time.

Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about Dec. 3rd, at The First National Bank of Boston.

BASIN, Big Horn County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that an issue of \$50,300 5 1/4% bonds has been sold to the Lumbermen's Trust Co. at 102.25.

BATH, Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John W. Taggart, Village Clerk, will receive proposals until Dec. 10 for the \$35,000 5% coupon or registered electric-plant bonds voted on Nov. 12—V. 109, p. 2003. Denom. \$100 or \$500. Date Dec. 15 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. Due \$2,000 yrlly. on July 1 from 1921 to 1937, incl. and \$1,000 July 1 1938.

BATTLE CREEK, Calhoun County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Recently \$40,000 4 1/4% paving and sewer bonds were awarded at 101.15 to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, and W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, each taking \$20,000.

BEDFORD (P. O. Mt. Kisco), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that proposals will be received until 9 a. m. Dec. 5 by Joseph E. Merriam, Town Supervisor, for \$39,900 5% road impt. bonds. Int. M. & N. Cert. check for 2% required.

BEDFORD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 20 the 3 issues of 5 1/4% 2-1-1 year serial coupon special assessment street-impt. bonds dated Nov. 1 1919, aggregating \$9,496 02—V. 109, p. 1623—were awarded to Otis & Co. of Cleveland at par.

BERTHOUD, Larimer County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.—An issue of \$90,000 school district bonds offered for sale Nov. 24 will not be sold until a school district consolidation has been completed and then \$105,000 of bonds will be sold.

BERKELEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Alameda County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Oakland) will on Dec. 8 sell \$815,000 5% bonds, it is stated.

BEXLEY, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 5 1/4% sewer bonds offered on Nov. 10—V. 109, p. 1623—have been purchased by the State Industrial Commission of Ohio. Due Oct. 1 1940.

BLANCHESTER, Clinton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 20 the \$7,250 5 1/4% 1-15-yr. serial street bonds offered on that date—V. 109, p. 1541—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer, of Cincinnati, for \$7,388 equal to 101.903.

BLUE CREEK TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Paulding County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals addressed to Peter Mundy, District Clerk, care the County Superintendent of Schools, Paulding, will be received until 1 p. m. Dec. 29 for \$70,000 5% coupon school-building bonds. Auth. Sec. 7625-7627 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Farmers National Bank of Haviland. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1922; \$2,000, 1923 to 1926; \$3,000, 1927 to 1934; \$4,000, 1935 to 1942, incl.; and \$5,000, 1943. Cert. check on some solvent bank in Paulding County for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above Clerk, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BLUFFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bluffton), Wells County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of School Trustees (H. F. Kain, Secretary) will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 13 for \$8,500 5% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 15 1920. Due \$850 each six months from Jan. 15 1921 to July 15 1925, incl. Cert. check for \$200 required.

BLYTHERVILLE SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Blytheville), Mississippi County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$25,000 6% bonds has been sold to Bowman, Cost & Co., of St. Louis at 100.175 and paid attorney's fees, trustees' charges and furnished blank bonds. Due yearly from 1921 to 1940, incl. Bids were also submitted by the Mercantile Trust Co., the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., and J. Gould.

BONAPARTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Tonasket), Okanogan County, Wash.—BONDS VOTED.—On Nov. 3 the voters authorized the issuance of \$300,000 6% 20-year bonds by a vote of 53 to 5.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—J. L. Thomas, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Dec. 4 for the following 4 1/4% road bonds: \$6,800 P. Newby et al Marion Twp. bonds. Denom. \$340. 22,000 P. F. Shilley et al Perry Twp. bonds. Denom. \$1,100. 8,500 A. Bell et al Marion Twp. bonds. Denom. \$425. 10,800 I. W. Clark et al Marion Twp. bonds. Denom. \$540. 10,900 M. A. Davis et al Sugar Creek Twp. bonds. Denom. \$545. Date Oct. 7 1919. Int. M. & N. Due 1 bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

BRAWLEY, Imperial County, Calif.—BIDS REJECTED.—At a recent offering of the \$125,000 5 1/4% water bonds, recently voted—V. 109, p. 1811—all bids were rejected. Frank & Lewis bid a premium of \$100 and Torrance Marshall & Co., par.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Nov. 25, the temporary loan of \$350,000 issued in anticipation of revenue dated Nov. 26 1919 and maturing \$200,000 Jan. 23 1919 and \$150,000 Mar. 18 1920—V. 109, p. 2004—was awarded to the First National Bank of Boston on a 4.53% discount basis.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY (P. O. Asheville), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—B. A. Patton, Chairman of Board of County Commissioners, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 22 for \$450,000 coupon road and bridge bonds, bearing interest at 5% or 5 1/4%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York. Due \$18,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1946, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the "County of Buncombe," required.

CANFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Canfield), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Baird, Clerk Bd. of Ed., will receive proposals until 8 p. m. Dec. 8 for \$90,000 5 1/4% coupon school and equipment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Farmers' National Bank of Canfield. Due yearly on Apr. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1921 to 1930, incl.; and \$5,000, 1931 to 1940, incl. Cert. check for \$500, payable to the District Clerk, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 3 weeks from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CARUTHERSVILLE, Pemiscot County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 2 the voters will decide whether they are in favor of issuing \$50,000 city water system bonds, it is stated.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Logansport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$4,000 4 1/4% A. M. Walker, et al., Miami Twp. Road bonds offered on Oct. 24 has been awarded to Chas. McCoy at par and interest. Date Sept. 15 1919. Int. M. & N. Due each six months.

CHAVES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12, New Mexico.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$3,500 6% 10-20 year (opt.) school bonds has been sold to Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver.

CHICO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Butte County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 24 the \$440,000 5% 1-20 year serial coupon school bonds—V. 109, p. 2004—were awarded to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco for \$446,898 50 equal to 101.567.

CLALLAM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,500 school bonds offered on Sept. 25—V. 109, p. 1291—have been sold to the State of Washington, at par, for 5 1/4%.

CLAREMONT, Dodge County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$10,000 funding bonds has been sold, according to newspaper reports, to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., of Minneapolis.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Brazil), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% coupon bridge bonds recently approved by the State Tax Commission—V. 109, p. 1905—have been sold. Denom. \$500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due each six months beginning Dec. 1 1920.

CLEARWATER, Pinellas County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made of the \$45,000 5% 30-year street impt. bonds offered on Nov. 19—V. 109, p. 1719.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 17 the 4 issues of 5 1/4% coupon special assessment bonds—V. 109, p. 1719—were awarded to Stacy & Braun, of Toledo, as follows:

\$7,814 East Moonmouth Road improvement bonds at 101.63. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$314 1921, \$500 1922 to 1926, inclusive; \$1,000 1927 and 1928; \$1,500 1929 and 1930.

35,005 Crest Road improvement bonds at 101.56. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5 1921; \$3,000 1922 to 1926, inclusive; \$4,000 1927 and 1928; \$5,000 1929 and 1930.

19,404 Noble pl., storm and sanitary sewer bonds at 101.75. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$404 1921; \$1,000 1922 to 1925, inclusive; \$2,000 1926 and 1927; \$3,000 1928; \$4,000 1929 and 1930.

19,587 Taylor Valedonia Sewer District No. 5 bonds at 101.73. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$587 1921; \$1,000 1922 to 1925, inclusive; \$2,000 1926 and 1927; \$3,000 1928; \$4,000 1929 and 1930.

COAL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coalton), Jackson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. F. Darling, Clerk Board of Education, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 4 for \$16,000 5 1/4% deficiency bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. M. & N. \$1,000 each six months from Mar. 1 1921 to Sept. 1 1925, incl.; and \$1,500 Mar. 1 1926 to Sept. 1 1927, incl. Cert. check for \$100, payable to the Clerk, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

COCONINO COUNTY (P. O. Flagstaff), Ariz.—BONDS VOTED.—We are informed that \$150,000 road bonds have been recently voted.

COLUMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Lake City), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Additional information is at hand relative to the offering on Jan. 6 of the \$500,000 5% gold coupon road bonds—V. 109, p. 2005. Proposals for these bonds will be received until 10 a. m. on that day by J. I. Markham, Clerk Board of County Commissioners. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1917. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Due Dec. 1 1947 optional at 102 at any interest paying date after 5 years from date thereof, and at 101 at any interest paying date after 10 years from date thereof, at option of the county. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to Board of County Commissioners, required. The bonds will be approved by John C. Thomson of New York City, N. Y., whose opinion will be furnished to the successful bidder, without charge.

COLUMBUS, Muscogee County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Dec. 1, by R. E. Dismukes, Chairman of Finance Committee, for the following 5% tax-free gold coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds aggregating \$168,000, voted on July 29—V. 109, p. 502: \$80,000 street paving bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1920 to 1929, incl.; and \$2,000, 1930 to 1948, incl. 36,000 hospital bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1937, incl. 30,000 bridge and wharf bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1949, incl. 20,000 fire station bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly for 20 years.

Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (G. & D.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Cert. check for 5% of the amount of bid, required. Official advertisement states that the city has never defaulted in payment of either interest or principal of its bonded debt.

CORDELE, Crisp County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election Nov. 18 \$50,000 school bonds were voted.

CORNING, Perry County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Donnelly, Village Clerk, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 20 for \$4,000 5% deficiency bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due \$500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1921 to 1923, incl. Cert. 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.

CORYELL COUNTY (P. O. Gateville), Tex.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—Newspapers report that a \$1,000,000 road bond issue is to be voted upon soon.

CRANSTON (P. O. Providence), Providence County, R. I.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Nov. 25 Bond & Goodwin, of Boston, were awarded on a 4.55% discount basis. It is stated, the temporary loan of \$382,000, dated Nov. 28 1919 and maturing May 28 1920.

CRESTLINE, Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 19 the \$5,000 5% land-purchase bonds which were offered on Oct. 20—V. 109, p. 1384—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, at 100.25 and interest.

CUSTER COUNTY (P. O. Custer), So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5 1/2% 5-25-year road bonds offered on Nov. 22—V. 109, p. 1730—have been sold to John E. Sinclair & Co. of Minneapolis at 102.02. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. J. & J.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following 5 1/2% coupon water works bonds, aggregating \$110,000, of Toledo, for \$113,100 (101.909) and interest: \$45,000 bonds, dated Dec. 26 1918. In. J. & D. Due yearly on Dec. 26 follows: \$1,000, 1919 to 1948, incl.; \$7,000, 1949 and \$8,000, 1950, 55,000 bonds, dated May 1 1919. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on Nov. as follows: \$2,000, 1920 to 1945, incl.; and \$3,000, 1946, 10,000 bonds, dated Oct. 1 1918. Int. A. & O. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1933, incl.

DALLAS, Tex.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—On a preceding page of this issue Sherwood & Merrifield and the American Trust Co., both of New York, are offering to investors at a price to yield 4.65% \$2,300,000 4 1/2% bonds.

DANBURY, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. E. Anthon, City Clerk, will receive proposals until 7 a. m. Dec. 1 for \$95,000 4 1/2% 30-year refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1950. Int. semi-ann. Due Jan. 1 1950. Cert. check for 5% payable to "City of Danbury" required.

DAYTON, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Hugh E. Wall, City Accountant, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 22 for \$540,000 5% coupon general fund of 1919 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in New York. Due Dec. 1 1927. Cert. check on a solvent national bank for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Accountant, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the City Treasurer's office on Dec. 29. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The approving opinion of Squires, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, will be furnished to the purchaser by the city.

DEPEW, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John Graney, Village Clerk, will receive proposals until 8 p. m. Dec. 1 for \$62,400, \$20,550 and \$9,220 coupon street impt. bonds. Denom. In \$100, multiples and fractions thereof. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.), payable at the Bank of Depew, or at any place in New York State, which the purchaser and Village Trustees may agree upon. Due \$5,505 (one-sixteenth of each issue) yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1935, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company in New York State, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Village Trustees, required. Bidders must state rate of interest desired.

DODGE CITY, Ford County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—On July 30 Prescott & Snider of Kansas City were awarded \$48,000 5% water-works impt. bonds for \$49,667, equal to 103.472. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1939.

DOUGLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Castle Rock), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Renwell, Phillips, Este & Co. and Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co., both of Denver, have purchased \$120,000 5 1/2% 10 to 40-year optional school bonds.

EAST ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. Dec. 8 by Lincoln E. Rowley, City Clerk, for an issue of 4 1/2% gold coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds not to exceed \$255,000. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1920 to 1934, incl.; and \$9,000, 1935 to 1949, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the "City of East Orange," required.

ELGIN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elgin), Wabasha County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 school bonds recently voted—V. 109, p. 1812—will be taken by the State of Minnesota.

EL PASO COUNTY (P. O. El Paso), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters favored the proposition providing for the issuance of \$800,000 road bonds not exceeding 5% interest by a vote of 944 to 40 at the election held Nov. 15—V. 109, p. 1812.

EMMA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Asheville), Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 18 the \$50,000 30-year school bonds—V. 109, p. 1720—were awarded to C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago. It is reported, at 103.26 for bonds bearing 6% interest.

ENTERPRISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Klamath County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 14 the Lumbermens Trust Co. of Portland was awarded at 95.125 the \$40,000 6% construction bonds—V. 109, p. 1199. Denom. \$500 and \$100. Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. J. & J. Due yearly from 1925 to 1934, incl.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Pensacola), Fla.—WARRANT SALE.—The Hanchett Bond Co., of Chicago recently purchased an issue of \$150,000 5 1/2% school building warrants. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1920 to 1949, incl.

Financial Statement.
Total value of property, estimated.....\$30,000,000
Assessed valuation for taxation.....15,018,538
Total bonded debt.....162,000
Population, estimated, 50,000.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Newark), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Amos W. Harrison, Chairman of Finance Committee, will receive proposals until 2 p. m. Dec. 10 for an issue of 4 1/2% registered bonds not to exceed \$691,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the U. S. Mfg. & Trust Co., of New York. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$28,000, 1920 to 1929; \$33,000, 1930; and \$42,000, 1931 to 1939, incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Collector, required.

FOWLER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fresno County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5% school building bonds offered on Nov. 15—V. 109, p. 1909—were awarded on that day to the Bank of Italy for \$153,238 (102.158) and interest. Other bidders were:
Blyth, Writter & Co. \$152,926 50
First Nat. Bank, Fowler 152,715 00
Frank & Lewis 152,715 00
Lumbermens Trust Co. 152,715 00
Strassburger & Co. 151,775 75
Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. 152,211 00
E. H. Rollins & Sons 151,950 00
All the above bidders offered accrued interest.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ralph W. Smith, Clerk Board of County Commrs., will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Dec. 15 for \$20,000 5% Marion Sewer Dist. No. 1 bonds. Auth. Sec. 6602-4 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$4,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1924, incl. Cert. check on a solvent national bank or trust company, for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of County Commrs., required. Bonds to be delivered at Columbus. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Vernon), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Nov. 22 \$4,285 5 1/2% and \$7,600 5% serial bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Franklin), Warren County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—On Nov. 4, according to newspaper reports, the \$100,000 school bond issue carried by a majority of 155.

FREDERIC, Elko County, Wisc.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 6% coupon water works and impt. bonds offered on Oct. 21—V. 109, p. 1481—have been sold to the Farmers State Bank of Frederic at 103.

GALVESTON COUNTY (P. O. Galveston), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—John M. Murch, County Auditor, will receive bids until 3 p. m., Dec. 1. It is stated, for \$100,000 5% causeway bonds mentioned in V. 109, p. 1909.

GOWANDA, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 10 the \$5,000 5% 1-5-yr. serial paying bonds noted during July—V. 109, p. 503—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, of New York, at 100.84. Date Nov. 1 1919.

GRAND ISLAND, Hall County, Neb.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for an issue of \$200,000 bonds recently offered have been rejected.

GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ind.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the 4 issues of 4 1/2% road bonds, aggregating \$66,600, offered on Nov. 20—V. 109, p. 1909.

GRANTS PASS IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Grants Pass), Josephine County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Until Dec. 8 bids will be received by Geo. A. Hamilton, Secretary, for \$100,000 6% 10-19 year bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. payable in New York. Cert. check for 5% required.

GRANTVILLE, Coweta County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 6 \$32,000 water-works and \$18,000 sewerage 6% 29-year bonds will be voted upon. Date Jan. 1 1919. Int. J. & J. L. A. Dean is City Clerk.

GREEN BAY, Brown County, Wisc.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Dec. 8 by the City Clerk for the \$44,725 5% coupon municipal dock bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$725 and 44 for \$1,000. Date May 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at such bank as council shall designate. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$725 1920, \$1,000 1921 to 1924, incl.; \$2,000 1925 to 1929, incl.; and \$3,000 1930 to 1939, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000 required. Official circular states that no default have ever been made in payment of any obligations and that there has been no litigation and none now pending or threatened in any manner affecting this issue of bonds. Purchaser to furnish blank bonds. Total bonded debt (incl. this issue), \$561,725; floating debt (additional), \$85,000; assessed value 1919, \$35,501,705; population 1910, 25,236. A like amount of bonds was reported as sold in V. 109, p. 1812.

GREENBRIER COUNTY (P. O. Lewisburg), W. Va.—BONDS DEFEATED.—On Nov. 15 an election was held in Anthony's Creek Magisterial District when a proposition to issue \$27,800 road bonds was defeated.

GREEN RIVER, Sweetwater County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$30,000 5% 5-15 yr. (opt.) bonds is reported sold to the First National Bank of Green River at 105.

GREENVILLE, Washington County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 3 p. m. Dec. 1, Guy Drew, City Clerk, will receive proposals for the following bonds:
\$100,000 street bonds, at not exceeding 5 1/2%. Due \$5,000 yearly, on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1940, incl.
75,000 sewer bonds, at not exceeding 5 1/2%. Due yearly, on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1921 to 1925, incl.; and \$4,000, 1926 to 1940, incl.
50,000 city hall bonds, at not exceeding 5 1/2%. Due \$2,500 yearly, on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1940, incl.
65,000 5 1/2% sewer refunding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1920. Due yearly, on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1940, incl.
Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at Bank of America, N. Y. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above clerk, required. Total bonded debt (incl. these issues), \$681,000. Water debt, \$65,000. Sinking Fund, \$17,107.

GREER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greer), Greenville County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The Security Trust Co. of Spartanburg offering 100,312 and interest was awarded the \$25,000 5% 20-year coupon school bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919 offered on Nov. 20—V. 109, p. 1812.

GROVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Weld County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The Benwell-Phillips-Este Co. of Denver has purchased at par \$15,000 5 1/2% school bonds, it is stated.

HAGERSTOWN, Washington County, Md.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 20 the \$270,000 4 1/2% 27-40 yr. serial gold coupon tax-free sewerage and disposal-plant bonds, dated Nov. 20 1919—V. 109, p. 1812—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Maryland Surety & Trust Co. of Hagerstown, and Townsend Scott & Sons, Nelson Cook & Co., and Baker, Watts & Co. of Baltimore, at 101.86.

HALFWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Halfway), Macomb County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 school bldg. bonds voted on Nov. 4—V. 109, p. 2005—have been sold.

HAMILTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hamilton), Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 24 the \$160,000 5% 7-16 yr. serial school site, bldg., equipment bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 1813—were awarded to Hayden, Miller & Co., of Cleveland, at 101.434 and interest. Other bidders, all of Cincinnati, were: Brighten Bk. & Trust Co.—\$100,752 Fifth-Third Nat. Bk.—\$160,656 Silverman-Huyck Co.—160,711 Wm. R. Compton Co.—160,460 Prov. Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co.—160,688

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Isaac B. Austin, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 11 a. m. Dec. 6 for \$5,000 4 1/2% Essig gravel road bonds. Due each six months beginning May 15 1921.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Greenfield), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Grover Van Duijn, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Dec. 2 for the following 4 1/2% road bonds:
\$6,500 M. Milburn et al Brandywine Twp. bonds. Denom. \$325.
6,500 L. H. Merlau et al Sugar Creek Twp. bonds. Denom. \$325.
13,000 J. E. Allen et al Sugar Creek Twp. bonds. Denom. \$680.
11,000 F. M. Sanford et al Buck Creek Twp. bonds. Denom. \$550.
Due Sept. 15 1919. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,880 (1 bond of each issue) each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. New Cumberland), W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Dec. 8 by Hooker W. Allison, President of the County Court, for \$100,000 5% coupon Butler Road District bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1919. Int. semi-ann., payable at the office of the County Clerk or at the Bank of Weirton. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$5,000 1920 to 1929 incl.; \$4,000 1930 to 1939 incl.; and \$6,000 1940 to 1944 incl. Cert. check for 2% of bid, payable to Armour S. Cooper, County Sheriff, required.

HANFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hanford), Kings County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 890 to 62 \$115,000 6% 26-year school bonds carried, at an election held Nov. 4.

HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1 (P. O. Hartford), Hartford County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—The Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co., as Treasurer of the District, will receive proposals until 4 p. m. Dec. 5 for \$15,000 4 1/2% 10-40-year (opt.) coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co. of Hartford. Due Oct. 1 1920; optional Oct. 1 1929.

HAYWARD, Alameda County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—Recently \$265,000 water works, town hall and sewage system bonds were favorably voted, it is stated.

HERKIMER COUNTY (P. O. Herkimer), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5% 1-30 year serial coupon (with privilege of registration) road bonds, dated July 1 1919, offered on June 30 last—V. 108, p. 2651—were awarded to Sherywood & Merrifield, of New York, at 100.66.

HIDALGO COUNTY (P. O. Edinburg), Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—Recently J. L. Arlitt of Austin purchased two issues of 6% funding warrants, aggregating \$17,000. Due yearly from 1921 to 1949, incl.; optional after 12 years.

HIGHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Hillsboro), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. S. Kurns, County Auditor, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 1 for \$7,500 5% road bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due each six months from Mar. 1 1920 to Sept. 1 1924. Cert. check for 3% of amount of bonds bid for payable to the County Treasurer, required.

HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Highland Park), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—The people on Dec. 1, according to reports, will vote on \$180,000 school completion bonds.

HOLMESVILLE, Gage County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—According to reports \$40,000 school bonds have been sold to J. T. Wachob of Omaha.

HURON COUNTY (P. O. Norwalk), Ohio.—NO BIDS.—There were no bidders for an issue of \$8,000 5% bridge bonds, offered on Nov. 17. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 on Apr. 1 and Oct. 1 in 1921, 1922, 1923 & 1924.

INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 5 p. m. Dec. 23 by George C. Hitt, Business Director, for \$700,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Bank of Winslow, Lanier & Co. of New York. Due Dec. 15 1930. Cert. check on a responsible bank or trust company in Indianapolis for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

INTER-RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Butler County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The William R. Compton Co. of St. Louis has purchased and is now offering to investors at a price to yield 5.30% interest \$1,000,000 6% serial bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 15 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the First National Bank, St. Louis. Due yearly on April 1 as follows:

\$36,000	1924	\$38,000	1925	\$39,000	1926	\$43,000	1927	\$44,000	1928
\$47,000	1929	\$50,000	1930	\$53,000	1931	\$57,000	1932	\$59,000	1933
\$63,000	1934	\$67,000	1935	\$71,000	1936	\$75,000	1937	\$80,000	1938
\$178,000	1939								

IPSWICH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ipswich), Edmunds County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 9.30 a. m. Dec. 10 by E. M. Paul, Clerk Board of Education, for \$35,000 5% and \$50,000 5½% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J.

JACK COUNTY (P. O. Jackboro), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Dec. 5 to vote \$600,000 bonds.

JAMESTOWN, Chautauque County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 20 O'Brien, Potter & Co., of Buffalo, bidding 100.268 for 1,855 were awarded \$10,079.14 registered paying bonds. Denom. 1 for \$1,079.14 and 9 for \$1,000. Date Dec. 30 1919. Prin. and interest payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$1,079.14 Dec. 30 1920 and \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 30 from 1921 to 1929, incl.

JAY COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$7,000 and \$18,000 4½% roads offered on Nov. 15—V. 109, p. 1813—were not sold.

JEANNETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jeannette), Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. T. Myers, Jr., Secretary of Board of Directors, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 15 for \$250,000 4½% tax-free coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1919. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$25,000 in 1922, 1925, 1928 and 1931; and \$30,000 in 1934, 1937, 1940, 1943 and 1946. Cert. check for \$2,500, payable to M. O. Shuster, District Treasurer, required.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Pine Bluff), Ark.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 10 an issue of \$11,000 6% 2-10-year serial bonds was awarded to the Simmons National Bank of Pine Bluff. Denom. \$250. Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. J. & J.

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Jennings), La.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 6 the Calcasieu National Bank of Lake Charles, offering par and interest, was awarded \$125,000 5% 1-25-year serial school bonds, dated Oct. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 1625.

JOHNSON CITY, Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 25 The Workers Trust Co., of Johnson City, bidding par for 4,708, was awarded the \$18,000 coupon or registered roller, flusher, and housing bonds, offered on that date—V. 109, p. 2006. Due \$1,000 yearly beginning 5 years from date.

JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Franklin), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,200 4½% 1-10-year serial White River Twp. road bonds offered on May 8 last—V. 109, p. 1848—have been purchased by the Bankers Trust Co. of Indianapolis at par. The remaining 3 issues of 4½% 1-10-year serial bonds, aggregating \$34,700, offered at the same time, have been sold at par to the Thompson Bank of Edinburg.

JUDITH GAP, Wheatland County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% 10-20 year (opt.) coupon water works bonds, dated July 1 1918, offered on Oct. 10—V. 109, p. 1679—have been sold to the Security Bridge Co., of Billings, at par and interest.

KENMORE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kenmore), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. R. Ritzman, Clerk Board of Education, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 10 for \$150,000 4.9% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date of sale. Semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Board of Education. Due \$30,000 Oct. 1 1947, and \$40,000 on Oct. 1 in 1948, 1949 & 1950. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

KERR COUNTY (P. O. Kerrville), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—On Nov. 18, it is stated, that an issue of \$65,000 road bonds was favorably voted.

KINGFISHER, Kingfisher County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 17 the \$75,000 5½% 25-year city hall bonds—V. 109, p. 1813—were awarded to Gen. W. & J. E. Pierson of Oklahoma City at 100.80 and interest.

KIOWA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Colo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$30,000 5½% 15-30 yr. (opt.) school bonds has been sold to Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver.

KIRTLAND TOWNSHIP (P. O. Willoughby R. F. D. No. 3), Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—I. O. Rice, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 8 for \$25,000 5½% coupon school bidg. impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Willoughby Branch of the Cleveland Trust Co. Due \$500 each six months from April 1 1921 to Oct. 1 1945, incl. Cert. check on some bank located in Lake County for \$500, payable to the Board of Education, required.

KLAMATH FALLS IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Klamath Falls), Klamath County, Ore.—BOND ELECTION.—Newspapers report that at an election to be held early in January \$175,000 irrigation bonds are to be voted upon.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—NO BIDS.—There were no bidders for the 4 issues of 4½% road bonds, aggregating \$124,000, offered on Nov. 24—V. 109, p. 2006.

LIBERTY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Tangier), Parke County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—I. S. Hunt, School Trustee, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Dec. 16 for \$21,000 5% school refunding bonds. Denom. \$300. Int. annually. Due \$5,000 yrly. in one, two, three, four, five, six and seven years after date.

LINCOLN, Lancaster County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—On Nov. 4 \$200,000 water bonds were voted. We are further advised that no action has yet been taken by Council with reference to the date of bonds or date of sale.

BONDS DEFEATED.—At the same election \$300,000 light bonds were defeated.

LONDON, Madison County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The 3 issues of street impt. bonds aggregating \$55,500, offered on Nov. 1—V. 109, p. 1722—have been awarded as follows: \$2,500 6% 14-year No. Main St. (village's share) bonds to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati at 106.04; 45,500 5½% 2-11-year serial coupon Center St. (village's share) bonds to R. E. De Weese & Co. of Toledo at 100.95; 7,500 5½% 10-12-year coupon Center St. (assessment) bonds to R. E. De Weese & Co. at 100.95.

LOS GATOS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Gatos), Santa Clara County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—On Nov. 7 an issue of \$60,000 5% school building bonds was defeated. The vote was 174 "for" to 274 "against." Due 1949.

LOUISIANA (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Dec. 10 by Rene F. Clerc, Clerk, Board of Port Commissioners (P. O. New Orleans) for \$5,000,000 5% gold tax-free coupon Port of New Orleans bonds. Bonds may be registered as to principal, or as to principal and interest with the State Treasurer. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the State Treasurer or at the Fiscal Agency of the State in New York City, N. Y. Due yearly on July 1 from 1931 to 1960, incl. Cert. check for \$150,000 payable to the Board of Commissioners of Port of New Orleans, required. Purchaser will be furnished the opinions of John C. Thomson, Chester B. Masslich and Arthur McGuirk approving the validity of the bonds as binding obligations of the State of Louisiana. The bonds will be delivered at the option of the purchaser, at the office of the Trustee, the Iberia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans or at the office of the corresponding office of said bank in New York, the Chemical National Bank.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Auditor will receive bids until 10.30 a. m. Dec. 23 for \$184,443.45 5% Water Supply Line No. 13 bonds, Auth. Sec. 6602-20, Gen. Code, Denom. 1 for \$443.45 and 184 for \$1,000. Date Jan. 13 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Jan. 13 as follows: \$19,443.45 1922, \$19,000 1923 to 1925, incl., and \$18,000 1926 to 1931, incl. Cert. check on a Toledo bank for \$1,000 required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at Toledo on Jan. 13. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

LUFKIN, Angelina County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The people voted to issue \$100,000 street impt. and \$50,000 sewer 5½% bonds, at the election held Nov. 19—V. 109, p. 1722.

MALESTER, Pittsburg County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—According to reports the American National Bank was awarded on Nov. 18 an issue of \$125,000 5% water-works bonds at par and interest.

MADISON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Minford R. F. D.), Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Albert Richards, District Clerk-Treasurer, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 15 for \$39,750 5% coupon high school bidg. bonds. Auth. Sec. 7625-7627 Gen. Code, Denom. 1 for \$250 and 79 for \$500. Date Dec. 15 1919. Int. J. & D. Due each six months from Dec. 15 1921 to June 15 1942, incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above Clerk-Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Curtis & Sangor, of Boston, was awarded at 100.522 and interest, the \$163,000 4½% 1-20 year serial municipal bonds offered on Nov. 25—V. 109, p. 2007. Other bidders, all of Boston, were: Estabrook & Co.-----100.43; Merrill, Oldham & Co.-----100.19; Harris, Forbes & Co.-----100.19

MANSFIELD, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the \$30,000 4½% 1-20-year serial street railway bonds offered on Nov. 25—V. 109, p. 2007—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston at 100.17.

MARATHON COUNTY (P. O. Wausau), Wis.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Dec. 30 for the voters to decide on the proposed bond issue for \$4,000,000 for the building of good roads, it is stated.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Palmyra), MK.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held Nov. 25—V. 109, p. 1813—\$1,350,000 road bonds were defeated.

MARLIN, Falls County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 9 a. m. Dec. 10 by the City Secretary, for the following 5% coupon 10-40 year (opt.) bonds recently voted—V. 109, p. 1722. \$14,000 fire station bonds. Cert. check for \$500 payable to the Mayor, required. 26,000 fire equipment bonds. Cert. check for \$1,000 payable to the Mayor, required. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1919. Int. A. & O. payable in Marlin or in New York.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 4½% 2-11 yr. serial road bonds, offered unsuccessfully on Nov. 3—V. 109, p. 1910—have been sold.

MARSHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marshfield), Wood County, Wisc.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Dec. 9 by P. J. Krans, District Clerk, it is stated, for \$25,000 5% school bonds, int. semi-ann. Cert. check for 5% required.

MEADVILLE, Crawford County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 5% tax-free 1-5 yr. (opt.) assessment sewer bonds offered without success on July 26—V. 109, p. 505—have been disposed of privately at par.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Stanton), No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—On July 19 an issue of \$50,000 5½% funding bonds was awarded to the Bankers Trust & Savings Bank at par. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1929.

MIDDLETOWN, New Castle County, Del.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 20 the \$30,000 5% coupon 10-20 yr. (opt.) street impt. bonds, dated Aug. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 1386—were sold at par to Thomas C. Fraire, Jr., of Dover, the Peoples National Bank, and the Delaware Trust Co. of Middletown.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Dec. 15 by R. S. Rose, District Secretary, for approximately \$2,500,000 road bonds.

MITCHELL, Davison County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 24 the \$100,000 auditorium and \$25,000 fire station 10-20 year (opt.) bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920—V. 109, p. 1722—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at 100.40. It is stated.

MONROE, Greene County, Wisc.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$76,000 5% bonds was recently awarded to the First Wisconsin Trust Co. of Milwaukee. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. M. & N. Due yearly from 1920 to 1939, incl.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 4 (date changed from Nov. 27—V. 109, p. 2007) by W. H. Kimbrough, Chairman Board of County Commissioners, for \$325,000 5% road bonds. Date July 1 1919. Interest semi-annually, payable in New York. Due yearly on Jan. 1 from 1920 to 1948, inclusive. Certified check for 5% required.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Veraaltes), Mo.—OFFICIAL VOTE.—The official vote polled on Nov. 11 upon the proposition to issue \$300,000 10-20 year (opt.) road and bridge bonds was 1,674 "for" to 558 "against."—V. 109, p. 2007.

MORGAN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Palmyra R. F. D.), Harrison County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2.30 p. m. Dec. 13 by Walter E. Diedrich, Township Trustee, for \$16,000 5% coupon high school bidg. bonds. Denom. \$400. Date Oct. 25 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due \$640 each six months from Oct. 25 1921 to Oct. 25 1933, incl. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MORRAL, Marion County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 15 by C. G. Cline, Village Clerk, for \$2,000 5% street imp. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due \$500 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1921 to 1924, incl. Cert. check on some bank located in Marion County, for \$100, required.

MOUNT AIRY, Surry County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 3 by F. M. Moore, Town Secretary and Treasurer, for the following \$25,000 5 1/2% bonds. Due \$1,000 in 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 years; \$2,000 in 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 years. Cert. check for \$1,000 required. \$75,000 sewer bonds. Date Oct. 1 1919. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1922 to 1940, incl.; \$3,000, 1941 to 1943, incl.; \$4,000, 1944, and \$5,000, 1946 to 1949, incl. cert. check for \$2,000 required. Denom. 17,000. Int. semi-ann.

MURRAY, Salt Lake County, Utah.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$125,000 5% coupon water-works bonds recently sold to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at par—V. 109, p. 1543—are in denom. \$1,000 and are dated Oct. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O. payable at the above bank. Due Oct. 1 1939.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation for taxation \$5,023,152 Total debt (this issue included) 278,000 Less water debt 145,000 Net debt 133,000 Population, estimated, 5,000; 1910 census, 4,720.

MURRAY COUNTY (P. O. Slayton), Minn.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 18 the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. and other associates were awarded \$286,500 bonds.

MURPHYSBORO, Jackson County, Ill.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 22, it is reported, the voters will be given an opportunity to vote on \$114,000 20-year city hall and auditorium bonds.

NASHVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Nashville), Holmes County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 14 the \$7,700 5 1/2% 2-8 year serial coupon school bonds, offered on that date—V. 109, p. 1723—were awarded to Tucker, Robison & Co., of Toledo, for \$7,711 (100.142) and interest. W. L. Slayton & Co. offered \$7,719.25, less \$140 for furnishing bonds.

NEW BRIGHTON, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 20 the \$50,000 4 1/2% 14-23 year serial tax-free coupon bonds, dated June 20 1919—V. 109, p. 1911—were awarded to Glover & McGregor, of Pittsburgh, at 101.65 and interest. Other bidders were: Mellon Nat. Bk, Pitts., \$50,750.65; Frazier & Co., Phila., \$50,504.00; Holmes Bulkeley & Ward, Lyon, Singer & Co., Pitts., 50,375.00; rop, Phila., 50,527.00; C. M. Barr & Co., Phila., 50,010.00; Harris, Forbes & Co., Phila., 50,501.60.

NEW BRITAIN, Hartford County, Conn.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Common Council on Nov. 25 adopted a resolution authorizing the city to issue \$80,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the New Britain National Bank, of New Britain. Due \$20,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1922 to 1925, incl.

NEWELL, Butte County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5% 20-year water-works bonds offered on June 20—V. 108, p. 2358—have been awarded to the Wells-Dickey Co.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.—John M. Taylor, City Treasurer, will receive proposals until 5 p. m. Dec. 11 for \$49,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.), payable at City Treasurer's office. Date Dec. 15 1919. Due \$4,000 yearly from 1920 to 1929, inclusive.

NEWTON FALLS, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 18 by H. G. Allen, Village Clerk, for the following bonds: \$5,000 6% water works extension bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Apr. 15 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due \$500 each six months from Apr. 15 1922 to Oct. 15 1924, incl. 9,000 5 1/2% refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1919. Int. annually. Due from 3 to 12 years after date.

Auth. Sec. 3933 Gen. Code. Cert. check for \$500 payable to the Village Treasurer, is required with each issue bid upon. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

NORTON, Wise County, Va.—BOND SALE.—Newspaper reports say that on Nov. 24 \$60,000 5% 25-year gold coupon street imp. bonds, dated Dec. 10 1919—V. 109, p. 1911—were awarded to John Nuyven & Co. of Chicago.

NOWATA, Nowata County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 2 the people will vote on the question of issuing \$148,340 electric light and power plant and \$51,000 water works imp. 6% 10-25 year (opt.) bonds.

OAKLAND, Douglas County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$37,000 6% 5-20 year funding bonds was recently sold to Morris Bros., Inc. of Portland at 96.50. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. M. & N.

OAKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, Alameda County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Dec. 8 by Geo. E. Gross, County Clerk (P. O. Oakland) for \$445,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$63,000, 1920 & 1921; \$8,000, 1922 to 1939, incl.; and \$7,000, 1940 to 1959, incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Alameda County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. R. Gross, County Clerk (P. O. Oakland) will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Dec. 8 for \$370,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$61,000, 1920 & 1921; \$6,000, 1922 to 1939, incl.; and \$7,000, 1940 to 1959, incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

OAKWOOD, Paulding County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 244 to 28 a proposition to issue \$45,000 water system purchasing bonds carried. It is reported, at the Nov. 4 election.

OLEAN, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—H. W. Stone, Clerk of Board of Water Comms., will receive proposals until 7 p. m. Dec. 2 for \$60,000 4 1/2% 2-16 yr. serial water works bonds. Int. J. & D. Cert. check for 2% required.

ONTARIO, San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—At an election to be held in the near future \$35,000 fire dept., \$56,000 water imp. and \$25,000 city park bonds will be voted upon, it is stated.

ORD, Valley County, Neb.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—No sale has yet been made of the \$15,000 5 1/2% 10-20 year (opt.) water extension bonds recently voted—V. 109, p. 1101. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. M. & N.

OSAWATOMIE, Miami County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that an issue of \$20,000 5% 20-year memorial hall bonds was recently awarded to Stern Bros. & Co., of Kansas City, at 101.81.

OTTAWA, Franklin County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 5 the Guaranty Trust Co. of Kansas City offering \$12,125 (101.041) was awarded \$12,000 5% serial water dam construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. M. & N.

OTTAWA COUNTY (P. O. Miami), Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Dec. 2 by the County Clerk for the \$90,000 5% 25-year serial bridge bonds authorized by a vote of 1629 to 542 at the election held Nov. 18—V. 109, p. 1814.

OTTUMWA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ottumwa), Wapello County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—The Board of Education has set Dec. 16 as the date voters of this district will decide whether bonds shall be issued to erect a new \$700,000 high school, it is stated.

OWENSBORO, Daviess County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Dec. 8 by Jno. C. Calhoun, Mayor, for \$28,500 5% 5-10 year (opt.) tax-free bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. M. & N. Bonded debt (including this issue) about \$312,500. Sinking fund \$38,294.12. Assessed value 1919 (66.2-3% Oct.) \$11,560,688. Population (1910 census), 16,011; 1919 (est.) 22,000.

PENN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Greensburg), Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 22 the \$50,000 5% road bonds offered on that date—V. 109, p. 1814—were awarded to Mullin, Briggs & Co., of Philadelphia, at 101.55.

PERRY TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sta. B. R. D. No. 1 Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 4 by W. J. Fleming, District Clerk, for \$15,000 5% coupon school bldg. and equipment bonds. Auth. Sec. 7625 Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 24 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the Worthington Savings Bank of Worthington. Due \$500 each six months from Apr. 24 1921 to Oct. 24 1935, incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—LOAN ORDINANCE PASSES.—The Common Council has passed the loan ordinance providing for the authorization of a loan of \$15,000,000—V. 109, p. 1907. This loan is to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 4 1/2%, payable semi-annually in January and July at the office of the city's fiscal agency, and will be issued in the denominations of \$100 and multiples thereof.

PHILLIPS COUNTY (P. O. Malta), Mont.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 15 the Wells-Dickey Co. was awarded the \$17,500 6% 10-20-year (opt.) fall bonds, dated Nov. 15 1919—V. 109, p. 1627—for \$18,205 (104.028) and interest. Bids were also received from Kalman, Matteson & Wood, Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co., Ferris & Hardgrove.

PIMA COUNTY (P. O. Tucson), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10.30 a. m. Dec. 16 by H. R. Batterson, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, for \$1,500,000 5 1/2% road bonds. Int. semi-ann. Date Oct. 15 1919. Due yearly on Oct. 15 as follows: \$25,000, 1925 to 1929, incl.; \$50,000, 1930 to 1934, incl.; \$75,000, 1935 to 1939, incl.; and \$150,000, 1940 to 1944, incl. Cert. check on some bank doing business in the City of Tucson for 5% of bid, payable to the Board of Supervisors required.

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pittsburgh), Crawford County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the Guaranty Title & Trust Co., of Wichita, has been awarded the \$275,000 4 1/2% high-school bonds voted last summer (V. 109, p. 307).

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marion), Marion County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. S. Young, Prosecuting Attorney, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 3 for \$20,000 5 1/2% coupon deficiency bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1919. Due \$2,000 each six months from Mar. 1 1921 to Sept. 1 1925, incl. Cert. check for \$200, payable to Harry Hoch, Clerk of Board of Education, required.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Bolivar), Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 16 the citizens will vote on the question of issuing \$716,657 63 road bonds. It is stated.

POPLAR BLUFF, Butler County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—Reports say that an issue of \$4,000 water works bonds has been sold to J. D. Gerlach at 102.375.

PORTLAND Cumberland County, Me.—NOTE SALE.—On Nov. 25 the \$35,000 sewer notes, dated Dec. 1 1919, and maturing Aug. 1 1920—V. 109, p. 2008—were awarded to S. N. Bond & Co., of Boston, on a 5% discount basis.

PRAGUE, Saunders County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—This village voted \$12,000 5% 5-20-year (opt.) bonds at an election held Nov. 10. The vote was 51 "for" to 0 "against." We are advised that the above bonds will be sold on or before Dec. 20 1919.

PUKAWANA, Brule County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 5% electric light bonds offered without success on June 15—V. 108, p. 2655—have been taken by the county.

RACINE, Racine County, Wisc.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 6 the \$430,000 1-20-yr. serial school house construction bonds, dated Nov. 11 1919—V. 109, p. 1723—were awarded to B. H. Rollins & Sons of Chicago for \$431,611 equal to 100.374 for 4 1/4%.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Winchester), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The bids issued on 1 1/2% 1-10-year serial road bonds, aggregating \$95,800, offered unsuccessfully on May 3 last (V. 108, p. 1959), have been sold. It is stated, at par.

RANKIN COUNTY (P. O. Brandon), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Until Dec. 1 bids will be received for \$70,000 6% 20-year road bonds, recently authorized by a vote of 198 to 26.

RAY COUNTY (P. O. Richmond), Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Dec. 9 to vote on the question of issuing \$1,300,000 road bonds. It is stated.

RIVERTON, Crow Wing County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$6,000 village bonds offered on Oct. 15 has been sold at par for 65.

ROANOKE, Randolph County, Ala.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—made of an issue of \$50,000 bonds offered on Oct. 15.

ST. FRANCIS COUNTY (P. O. Forrest City), Ark.—BOND ELECTION.—The County Court has ordered an election to be held on Feb. 1 to vote on a proposition to issue \$25,000 bonds. It is reported.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11.30 a. m. Dec. 10 by Edward F. Keller, County Treasurer, for \$33,000 4 1/2% Jerry Donovan et al Portage Turn. road bonds. Denom. \$550. Date Nov. 15 1919. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,650 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

ST. MARY'S CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Howard), Miner County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 bonds recently voted—V. 109, p. 1724—have been awarded to the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis.

SALEM TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Upper Sandusky R. F. D. No. 8), Wyandot County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Otto F. Gottfried, Clerk Board of Education, will receive proposals until 1 p. m. Dec. 9 for \$70,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds. Auth. Sec. 7625-7628 Gen. Code. Denom. 40 for \$750 and 80 for \$500. Date Nov. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the First National Bank of Upper Sandusky. Due \$1,750 each six months from May 1 1921 to Nov. 1 1940, incl. Cert. check on a solvent bank in Ohio, for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above clerk, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

SAN JACINTO COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—This district registered \$200,000 5 1/2% serial road bonds with the State Comptroller on Nov. 19.

SIDNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sidney), Cheyenne County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 29 the question of issuing \$75,000 school building bonds will be submitted to the voters.

SILVERTON, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 17 W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, were awarded the \$4,645 87 6% 1-10-yr. serial special assessment road bonds, dated July 27 1919—V. 109, p. 1724—for \$4,716 95 equal to 101.527. Other bidders were: Tucker, Robison & Co., Toledo, \$4,696 87; First Nat'l B-k, N. Wood, \$4,646 87; Commercial Sav. B'k, Norwood, 4,648 13.

SIMPSON COUNTY (P. O. Mendenhall), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Clerk Board of County Supervisors, will receive bids until Dec. 3 it is stated, for \$35,000 road bonds.

SISSETON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sisseton), Roberts County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of South Dakota has been awarded the \$55,000 5% school bonds voted during March—V. 108, p. 1090.

SLIPPERY ROCK TOWNSHIP, Butler County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—An issue of \$30,000 bonds offered on Oct. 22 was not sold.

SORENTO, Bond County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters recently authorized \$5,000 municipal electric light plant bonds by a vote of 177 "for" to 63 "against."

SOUTHAMPTON (P. O. Bridgehampton), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BONDS DEFEATED.—On Nov. 4 4 bond issues, amounting to \$151,000, lost by a vote of 598 "against" to 493 "for."

STAMFORD, Jones County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$20,000 5% 40-year street bonds was registered on Nov. 17 with the State Comptroller.

STEVENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 45, Wash.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—An issue of \$1,600 school bonds offered on Nov. 1 was not sold.

STEWART COUNTY (P. O. Dover), Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—On Nov. 20 \$200,000 (not \$100,000 as reported in V. 109, p. 1912) 5% 1-20 year bonds were authorized. Date of sale not yet determined.

STRATFORD, Marathon County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., bidding 100.75 and interest was awarded the \$40,000 5% 1-20 year serial water and sewerage bonds, dated Feb. 1 1920 offered on Nov. 4.—V. 109, p. 1628. Other bidders were: Wells-Dickey Co. \$40,575.00 Bolger, Mosser & Willaman \$40,000.00 J. W. Dunesan 40,131.25 John Nivens & Co. 40,000.00 First Wisconsin Trust Co. 40,016.00 Powell, Garard & Co. 40,000.00 Fame, Webber & Co. 40,010.00 Stratford State Bank. 40,000.00 Amer. Exchange Bank. 46,000.00

*Although this bid appears to be higher than that of the purchaser, it is so officially reported to us by T. J. Curtin, Village Clerk.

SWEETWATER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Green River), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$49,000 5 1/4% school bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 109, p. 2008—have been sold to Sweet Causay, Foster & Co. and Benwell, Phillips, Este & Co., both of Denver, jointly for \$49,200 equal to 100.408. Dated Jan. 15 1920 annual payment. Optional in 1934 due in 1943. Denom. \$1,000. Assessed valuation approximately \$2,500,000. This the only date. Over bids were Keeler Bros, premium of \$150 and Bosworth, Chanute & Co., of Denver a cover of par.

TACOMA, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Dec. 29 by P. Thormaher, City Treasurer, for \$880,000 tax-free gold coupon refunding bonds at not exceeding 5% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 15 1920. Int. F. & A., payable at the fiscal agency of the State of Washington in New York City, N. Y., or at the office of the City Treasurer. Due yearly from 1921 to 1940, inclusive. Certified check for \$10,000, payable to the above Treasurer, required. General bonded debt (including this issue) Dec. 1 1919, \$5,846,000 Sinking fund, \$832,600. Assessed value 1919, \$59,503,630.

TALHEQUAH, Cherokee County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Subject to being approved by the State Attorney General, an issue of \$100,000 electric light plant bonds was sold on Nov. 13.

TAUNTON, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Merrill, Oldham & Co., of Boston, bidding 100.569 and interest, were awarded the \$30,000 4 1/4% 1-20 year serial street railway bonds offered on Nov. 25—V. 109, p. 2009. Date Feb. 15 1919. Other bidders both of Boston, were: Harris, Forbes & Co. 100.55 Blodget & Co. 100.53

TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Nov. 25 the temporary loan of \$50,000, dated Nov. 25 1919 and maturing Apr. 7 1920—V. 109, p. 2009—was awarded to the Commonwealth Trust Co. of Boston on a 4.25% discount basis.

TETON COUNTY (P. O. Chouteau), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Nov. 7 by County Clerk, for the \$150,000 5 1/4% 15-20 year (opt.) road bonds, the offering of which was recently postponed.—Date Jan. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis. Cert. check on some reliable bank for \$15,000 payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bonds will be prepared and delivered and paid for at time of sale at a bank designated by the purchaser.

TETON COUNTY (P. O. Chouteau), Mont.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that the \$100,000 5 1/4% 15-30 year (opt.) county high school bonds, offered on Nov. 7—V. 109, p. 1628—have been sold to Wells-Dickey Co., at 102.17.

TEXAS (State of).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following 5% bonds have been registered with the State Comptroller:

Am. Place and Purpose of Bonds.	Due.	Date Reg.
\$1,500 Burleson County Com. S. D. No. 3.	5-20 years	Nov. 20
3,000 Oakalla Independent School District.	5-20 years	Nov. 20
3,000 Olney Independent School District.	5-20 years	Nov. 18
1,500 Trinity Co. Com. S. D. No. 6.	5-20 years	Nov. 17
1,300 Trinity Co. Com. S. D. No. 6.	5-20 years	Nov. 17
800 Trinity Co. Com. S. D. No. 23.	5-20 years	Nov. 17
2,000 Upshur Co. Com. S. D. No. 25.	20 years	Nov. 20

THREE RIVERS, St. Joseph County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, purchased for \$35,000 equal to 102.724, \$30,000 paving and \$4,500 bridge 5% bonds.

TOOLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Dec. 18 by J. H. MacFarlane, Clerk (P. O. Shelby), for \$25,000 6% coupon school-building and equipment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. J. & D., payable at the Merchants' Loan & Trust Co., Chicago. Due Dec. 1 1939, optional \$2,000 yearly from 1927 to 1937, inclusive, and \$1,000 1938. Certified check for \$1,500, payable to the above Clerk, required. Bonded debt (including this issue) Nov. 22 1919, \$60,300. Floating debt (additional), \$8,338. Sinking fund, \$1,437. Assessed value 1919, \$1,001,429.

TOULON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Toulon), Stark County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that \$100,000 high school building were voted at an election held Nov. 15.

TROY, Miami County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. F. Rannels, City Auditor, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 6 for \$74,000 5% electric light plant bonds. Auth. Sec. 3939 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Due \$2,000 each six months from Mar. 1 1923 to Mar. 1 1941, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000 payable to the City Treasurer, required.

TURLOCK, Stanislaus County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 31 to 1 the citizens favored the issuance of \$60,000 sewer-system bonds, it is reported, at a recent election.

UINATA COUNTY (P. O. Bernal), Utah.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$140,000 5% bonds has been purchased by the International Trust Co., of Denver. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 15 1919. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York. Due \$14,000 yearly on May 15 from 1930 to 1939, inclusive.

Financial Statement.

Real value estimated.	\$24,000.000
Assessed valuation 1919, as equalized.	8,424,900
Total indebtedness (including this issue).	158,000
Population, officially estimated, 14,000.	

UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Johnstown), Cambria County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$24,000 5% school bonds, offered unsuccessfully last summer—V. 109, p. 508—have been awarded to Lyon, Singer & Co. of Pittsburgh, for \$24,534.40, equal to 102.251. Denom. \$1,000. Due 1939.

UTAH (State of).—BOND SALE.—The "Desert News" states under issue of Nov. 20 that \$500,000 State bonds have been sold to the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co., of Salt Lake City.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 20 the \$4,400 4 1/4% 2-6-year serial bonds (V. 109, p. 2009) were awarded to John Friday at par and interest.

VENANGO, Perkins County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—We are informed that \$26,000 water plant bonds have been recently voted by 99 "for" to 6 "against."

VENTNOR CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 24 the issue of 5% 30-year school bonds, dated Oct. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 1912—was awarded it is stated, to the Security Trust Co., of Camden, for \$67,750, equal to 100.407, for \$67,500 bonds.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—BONDS TO BE RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the 3 issues of 4 1/4% coupon tax-free bonds, aggregating \$393,000, offered on Nov. 25—V. 109, p. 2009. These bonds will be re-offered as 4 1/2%.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The 2 issues of 4 1/2% road bonds, aggregating \$7,720 offered on Nov. 20—V. 109, p. 1912—were not sold.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Stillwater), Minn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$35,000 5% 5-14 year serial refunding bonds has been awarded to the Wells-Dickey Co., of Minneapolis, for \$35,621.50 equal to 101.775.

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New Orleans, La., Nov. 18th, 1919.
Public Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of Act No. 23 of 1914, as amended by Act No. 69 of 1916 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, paying certificates of the issue of 1915 due January 1st, 1921 and January 1st, 1922, are hereby called by the City of New Orleans for payment and will be paid on January 1st, 1920, after which date all interest thereon will cease.

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Nashville), Brown County, Ind.—**WARRANT SALE**.—According to reports the \$1,415 warrants offered on Nov. 23—V. 109, p. 1815—were on that day awarded to the Nashville State Bank at par for 6s.

WATERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Watertown), Codington County, So. Dak.—**BOND OFFERING POSTPONED**.—The offering of the \$300,000 school bonds mentioned in V. 108, p. 1433 has been postponed indefinitely.

WESTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Westfield), Union County, N. J.—**BOND OFFERING**.—Mark A. Webster, District Clerk, will receive proposals until 8 p. m. Dec. 9 for an issue of 5% coupon or registered high school bldg. bonds, not to exceed \$16,000. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 15 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Westfield Trust Co., in New York Exchange. Due \$500 yearly on Dec. 15 from 1921 to 1952, incl. Cert. check for 2% payable to H. J. Gilmore, Custodian of School Monies.

WHITTIER, Los Angeles County, Calif.—**BOND OFFERING**.—Proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. Dec. 15 by Clarence O. Trueblood (P. O. 124 S. Comstock Ave., Whittier) for \$362,614 5% bonds. Denoms. 363 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$614. Int. semi-ann. Principal payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. at option of holder. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$10,614, 1920; \$10,000, 1921; and \$9,000, 1922 to 1959, incl. Cert. check for not less than 5% of the amount bid, required.

WINTERS GRAMMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Winters), Yolo County, Calif.—**BONDS VOTED**.—Newspaper reports state that by a vote of 172 to 5 the citizens favored the issuance of \$37,000 school building bonds at the election held Nov. 15—V. 109, p. 1815.

WINTON GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Winton), Hertford County, No. Caro.—**BOND OFFERING**.—Bids will be received 2 p. m. Dec. 26 by J. D. Beale, Secretary, for \$25,000 30-year coupon school bonds. Denom. \$500. Cert. check for not less than 2% of bid, required.

WOODBRIIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Woodbridge), Middlesex County, N. J.—**BOND SALE**.—On Nov. 24 the 2 issues of 5% bonds—V. 109, p. 1816—were awarded to B. J. Van Ingen & Co. of New York, as follows: \$35,000 school-bldg. bonds at 100.58. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1922 to 1956, incl. 15,000 school-improvement bonds at 100.18. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1922 to 1936, incl. There were no other bidders.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—**BOND SALE**.—On Nov. 26 the following water bonds were awarded, it is stated, to Estabrook & Co., of Boston, at 100.19: \$100,000 4% bonds. Due \$20,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1920 to 1924, incl. 100,000 4½% bonds. Due \$20,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1929, incl.

YORK COUNTY (P. O. York), Pa.—**BOND OFFERING**.—M. H. Seitz, Clerk of County Comms., will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Dec. 5 for \$43,000 4½% road bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 10 1919. Int. J. & D. Due Dec. 10 1948. Cert. check for 10% of the amount bid required.

YUMA COUNTY (P. O. Yuma), Ariz.—**BONDS VOTED**.—An issue of \$1,600,000 road bonds has been recently voted.

ALBERTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Alta.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Sealed tenders will be received by J. T. Ross, Deputy Minister, until 4 p. m. Dec. 10, on the following School Debentures issued on the serial plan at the rate of 6½%. (Tenders in each case should include accrued interest from the date of the debenture until date of payment.) All issues except the first which is dated Aug. 15th 1919 are dated Dec. 1st 1919.

Block No. 1—Consolidated, 10 yrs.—Foremost Con. S. D. No. 2	\$7,000
Block No. 2—Village, 15 yrs.—Big Valley S. D. No. 2545	5,000
Block No. 3—Village for assessment purposes, 10 yrs.—Nacmine S. D. No. 3771	8,000
Block No. 4—Rurals, 15 yrs.—	
Lucan S. D. No. 3845	2,500
Rodef S. D. No. 3539	2,500
Dño S. D. No. 3438	2,500

Block No. 5—Rural, 15 yrs.—Great West S. D. No. 486	4,000
Block No. 6—Rural, 15 yrs.—Silver Beach S. D. No. 3798	2,200
Block No. 7—Rural, 15 yrs.—Cloverdale S. D. No. 1850	2,600
Block No. 8—Rural, 15 yrs.—Golden Spike S. D. No. 1319	3,000
Block No. 9—Rural, 12 yrs.—Berg S. D. No. 3675	1,200
Block No. 10—Rural, 10 yrs.—Kirby S. D. No. 3801	3,000
Block No. 11—Rural, 15 yrs.—Corners S. D. No. 2679	1,200
Block No. 12—Rural, 10 yrs.—Buczacz S. D. No. 2580	1,000
Block No. 13—Rural, 10 yrs.—Franklin S. D. No. 1680	500
Block No. 14—Rural, 10 yrs.—White Mud S. D. No. 293	1,500
Block No. 15—Rural, 15 yrs.—Cliffdale S. D. No. 3687	2,000
Block No. 16—Rural, 15 yrs.—Old Chief S. D. No. 3831	2,500
Block No. 17—Rural, 10 yrs.—Badger Flat S. D. No. 1471	2,000
Block No. 18—Rural, 10 yrs.—Emerald S. D. No. 2670	2,000
Block No. 19—Rural, 15 yrs.—Lola May S. D. No. 3393	1,000
Block No. 20—Rural, 10 yrs.—Rosebud Heights S. D. No. 3778	2,000
Block No. 21—Rural, 4 yrs.—Westdene S. D. No. 1874	400

OAKVILLE, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—A by-law to issue debentures to the amount of \$30,000 for waterworks has been passed by the town council according to reports.

PENTICTON, B. C.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—In January the voters will pass on a by-law to issue \$35,000 reservoir and water works debentures, it is stated.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—The people on Dec. 16 will pass on by-laws to issue \$100,000 city hall, \$12,000 water works, and \$16,000 electric debentures.

RENFREW, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—J. A. Devenny, Town Clerk-Treasurer, will receive proposals until 5 p. m. Dec. 8 (time extended from Nov. 24—V. 109, p. 2010) for \$25,000 5½% 30-year fire-hall and \$17,500 6% 20-year water-works installment debentures.

SASKATOON, Sask.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—On Dec. 8, it is stated, the voters will have submitted to them a by-law to issue the following debentures: \$5,000 grading, \$7,000 pumping equipment, \$60,000 turbo-generator, \$270,000 hospital, \$350,000 school and \$35,000 plumbing debentures.

TORONTO, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Nov. 27 the eleven issues of 5½% gold coupon (with privilege of registration) debentures, aggregating \$2,632,000 (V. 109, p. 2010), were awarded, it is reported, to a syndicate composed of Harris, Forbes & Co., National City Co. and the United Financial Corporation at 96.201.

VERDUN, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 5 p. m. Dec. 1 for the \$225,000 5½% coupon gold general tmpt. and deficiency debentures, which were offered but not sold on Sept. 12—V. 109, p. 1005. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in Montreal or New York. Due May 1 1939.

WHITBY, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—On Nov. 17, it is stated, the \$60,000 school bldg. debentures—V. 109, p. 1914—were voted by 201 to 151.

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BRANTFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—A by-law to issue \$50,000 grand stand debentures will be voted upon in January.

CAYUGA, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—A by-law to issue \$10,000 road debentures carried, it is stated, by a majority of 91 at an election held Nov. 17.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—On Jan. 5 the people will vote on the question of issuing \$50,000 20-year hospital and \$14,000 10-year Hydro-Electric Commission Office Building 5% debentures.

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Premiums on Marine and Inland Transportation Insurance from the 1st January, 1918, to the 31st December, 1918.	\$6,684,891.55
Premiums on Policies not terminate 1st January, 1918.	1,072,550.96
Total Premiums.	\$7,757,442.51
Premiums marked off as terminate 1 from 1st January, 1918, to 31st December, 1918.	\$6,756,598.18
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.	\$ 635,752.01
Less: Salvages	\$239,186.51
Re-insurances.	1,947,733.08
	\$2,186,919.59
	\$1,019,054.05
Re-insurance Premiums and Returns of Premiums	\$1,756,937.01
Expenses, including compensation of officers and clerks, taxes, stationery, advertisements, etc.	\$ 996,019.08

A dividend of interest of Six per cent. on the outstanding certificates of profit 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.

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Cash in hands of European Bankers to pay losses under policies payable in foreign countries.....	Certificates of Profits Outstanding.....
Cash in Bank and in Office.....	Balance.....
Statutory Deposit with the State of Queensland, Australia.....	
	\$16,823,491.34
Balance brought down.....	\$3,825,570.11
Accrued Interest on the 31st day of December, 1918, amounted to.....	95,890.45
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.....	\$9,881,835.38

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