

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The stock market has shown a much better tone the present week and is evidently developing new strength after the severe shake-down it experienced the last few weeks. Confidence, it would seem, has not been greatly impaired as a result of this experience, and hence values have again been slowly creeping up. Some manipulation, too, has once more become apparent, though not on any such daring and reckless scale as was previously witnessed. There is nothing very strange about the quick recovery in values. It is merely a repetition of what has occurred many times in Stock Exchange history. High money rates were responsible for the liquidation which caused such a tremendous slump in prices; but high money rates have never yet sufficed to destroy a bull market. It is common experience that when the monetary pressure is relieved, a quick rebound in prices is certain to ensue. It is natural that this should be so, since so long as there is apparently nothing inherently wrong with the stocks themselves, prevailing values, no matter how high their level or how speculative their character, appear to be justified to the speculative community. Accordingly, buying is resumed with greater avidity than before after any great break in the market which has had no other provoking cause than monetary tension.

This is what has happened on the present occasion. The early part of last month call money got up to panicky figures, touching 20%, then 25% and then 30% in very short order and borrowers on Stock Exchange collateral had to pay even 18% per annum for a renewal or extension of their loans. The present week, on the other hand, call money has returned to 6% and the market has responded with a well-sustained upward reaction. Manipulators have once more been emboldened to resume their old practices though with greater caution and somewhat less vim.

So far, however, as the recovery is based on an easier monetary situation it would appear to be resting on a very insecure foundation. Fundamentally the condition of the money market has not changed. There is a semblance merely of ease, and it has been occasioned altogether by an injection into the channels of monetary circulation of a further large batch of Reserve notes. It is difficult to explain or understand the action and conduct of the Reserve banks in this respect. The Federal Reserve Board has for months been warning against a further use of the facilities of the Federal Reserve banks in the promotion of speculation and been insisting that there must be liquidation and a curtailment of borrowing, particularly borrowing on war obligations. But the Reserve banks go merrily on granting new facilities and especially are extending their accommodation on war obligations which we have been told must be gradually paid off.

To meet these demands for accommodation the Reserve banks have no means but the issuance of more and still more Reserve notes. In saying this we have in mind not alone the Federal Reserve Bank of New York but the Reserve banks in other districts too—in fact the whole Reserve banking system. Last week, for example, over \$35,000,000 more of these Reserve notes were put in circulation and this came after an addition the previous week of \$9,000,000. The volume of discounts keeps steadily growing and especially the discount of bills based on war obligations. Last week the discounts on war obliga-

tions were increased over \$62,000,000,* while there was an addition to the bill holdings of all kinds of fully \$105,000,000. The batches of Reserve notes put out from week to week occasion a fictitious state of ease and this in turn engenders further speculation. But every sensible person knows that the process cannot go on indefinitely, and herein lies the menace to Stock Exchange speculation.

The exhibit of bank clearings in the United States for November 1919 indicates a continuation of the extreme activity in mercantile and industrial lines at highly inflated prices witnessed in October. In fact, the aggregate of clearings now disclosed is second only to the banner total of the preceding month and very close thereto notwithstanding the fewer number of business days covered. Furthermore, the tendency toward the making of new high records in clearings at individual cities is still in evidence, although in less marked degree than in October. It is to be explained, however, that in some instances—Stockton and Macon, for example—the seemingly great expansion recorded is due to a new method of compiling the totals announced, items being included that are not made a part of the clearings by a vast majority of the clearing houses, those of all the larger and more important cities in particular. The new plan appears to be one recommended by the Federal Reserve Board and wherever put in operation, by abnormally swelling the totals, upsets comparison between current figures and those for preceding years. Moreover, from such cities as have adopted the new method we are unable to get returns upon the old basis and rather than eliminate them from our compilation are using the totals as given, intending later, after thorough investigation, to indicate in our tables those reporting under the new plan.

At New York the total of clearings for this latest month, while not a high record, exceeds that of the same month a year ago by a very considerable amount, and the cause therefor is to be found in only limited extent in the expansion in speculation on the Stock Exchange as compared with 1918. Outside of this city, too, a new high mark for November has been set up and, as in the case of the total for the whole country, these outside clearings exceed in amount all earlier months in the record, excepting only October this year. Twenty-one cities furnish monthly aggregate of unprecedented volume, and at a number of other points previous records are very closely approximated. Finally, 155 of the 174 cities included in our compilation establish new records for November and in only a very few instances (20 in all) have the current year's eleven months' aggregates ever been exceeded.

The clearings at New York for the month exhibit a gain of 44.7% over 1918 and for the eleven months there is an increase of 30.9%, contrasted with 1917, the gain for the month is 52.2% and for the larger period an increase of 30.1% is recorded. The 173 cities outside of New York combined give an aggregate of 21.4% greater than that of November 1918, with the augmentation for the eleven months 17.0%, and comparison with 1917 reveals gains of 34.9% and 38.9%, respectively. Indicating the great expansion in clearings at some points during the elapsed portion of 1919, and this on the top of very large gains in 1918, at most of the points included, we note that increases over 1918 in excess of 35% are disclosed at 25 cities and that in twelve instances they run

above 50%. The result for the United States as a whole for the month of 1919 at \$309,900,206 exceeds 1918 by 33.9%, and 1917 by 44.4%, and for the period since Jan. 1 at \$375,154,668,315 exhibits gains of 24.4% and 33.8%.

Operations in shares on the New York Stock Exchange in November 1919, while smaller than in October, were very much greater than those for the month last year. The transactions foot up 30,169,478 shares, against 14,651,844 shares in 1918 and 14,816,058 shares in 1917, and for the eleven months the totals are 291,935,142 shares (the heaviest for the period on record) 132,193,166 shares and 172,861,225 shares respectively. Railroad and industrial bonds were in fairly good demand during the month, the dealings having been larger than for any monthly period in 1919 except May and moderately heavier than for the corresponding time in 1918. State, city and foreign Government securities, on the other hand, were much less freely dealt in than a year ago. Sales of United States Liberty Loan bonds, however, were of very large volume, reaching nearly 300 million dollars par value—the best monthly total on record with the exception of December 1918—whereas in 1918 operations in these securities were only 160 millions and in 1917 but 53½ millions. Collectively the bond sales of the month were, of course, very appreciably heavier than those of a year ago, having reached no less than \$373,967,000 par value, against \$246,828,000, while for the eleven months the total (a high record) at \$3,132,302,300 compares with 1,678 million dollars last year and 944 1-3 millions in 1917. At Boston stock trading was also more active in November this year than in 1918, transactions in 777,853 shares contrasting with 451,992 shares, and for the period since Jan. 1 the respective totals were 8,260,670 shares and 3,446,570 shares. Chicago, too, reports more doing on the Stock Exchange, sales of 705,318 shares for the month, comparing with 370,141 shares, and for the eleven months the contrast is between 6,037,964 shares and 1,598,664 shares. At Philadelphia a like result is revealed, the November sales having reached 239,245 shares, against 154,889 shares in 1918, with the eleven months' total 2,813,418 shares and 1,656,270 shares.

Canadian clearings for November are in line with those of the United States in showing an extremely satisfactory business situation in the Dominion. For the 25 cities covered by our compilation the months' aggregate exhibits a gain of 20.9% over 1918 and 40.3% over 1917, while for the eleven months the augmentation is 21.1%, as contrasted with 1918 and 28.9% with 1917. The exhibit is especially gratifying at Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Edmonton, London, St. John and Kitchener for the eleven months and the results at Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec, Hamilton, London, St. John, Brantford, Sherbrooke, Peterborough and Kitchener for November are new high monthly records.

The Fall River cotton manufacturing industry has this week happily avoided what might have been a serious labor trouble by meeting its help half-way. Quite a time in advance of the date (December 1) for the regular period of wage adjustment conferences between the Manufacturers' Association and the Textile Council were held without any agreement as to terms being reached. On Nov. 16, however, the

Fall River Textile Council, after a conference with the New Bedford Textile Council decided to ask for a general advance of 25% for the six months wage period beginning Dec. 1. To this request the manufacturers made no immediate reply but after several conferences among themselves it was unanimously decided on Nov. 26 that it was absolutely impossible to grant the increase requested and a lengthy explanation of the reasons for such a decision was forwarded to the operatives. The reply was considered by the various associations of textile workers on the 28th at special meetings and it was voted to stay out on strike on Monday. The strike was actually begun but before the day had ended the manufacturers tendered an increase of 12½%, which was accepted and work resumed on Tuesday. The advance also applies to New Bedford and generally throughout New England. Aside from the operatives' request for a 25% advance, trouble also threatened over the demands of the mill engineers and firemen for higher pay, but that difficulty has likewise been adjusted and freedom from friction with labor seems assured for at least six months.

In recent weeks rather conflicting reports have been received through the medium of cable advices from Paris as to the probable character of the body or organization that would undertake the solution of the problems left unsolved by the Peace Conference upon its dissolution. In one dispatch from the Paris capital a week ago to-day it was claimed that probably "a new conference, made up of new representatives of both France and Great Britain, will assemble in London between the middle and the last of January." According to another cablegram the new body will concern itself first of all with the future of the Turkish Empire and secondly with "the Russian problem, including the future of the Baltic States, which have asked for, but have not obtained, recognition of their independence." While these were declared to be the two main questions, it was stated also that "it is the idea now of the French and the British that the new conference shall continue the work of the present one, so far as it is related to the adjustment of affairs in Europe, handling any remaining problems of the new States."

As late as the last day or two of November, Assistant Secretary of State Polk was quoted in Paris as declaring that the American peace delegation would surely leave there for home on Dec. 5, in accordance with plans made some time before. Sunday morning a cablegram was made public here, in which it was stated that a conference was held at the office of Premier Clemenceau the day before, at which Mr. Polk and Sir Eric Crowe were present. Much concern was reported to have been expressed to the American representative as to the effect upon the political situation, particularly as to Germany and the Adriatic problem, if he and his associates should leave as planned. Secretary Polk was reported to have intimated, and even stated definitely, that the date might be postponed except for the extreme difficulty of arranging passage for himself and staff for some subsequent time. According to Paris advices, Premier Clemenceau and Sir Eric Crowe were not strongly impressed with this explanation of the situation, and, as a matter of fact, did not regard it as a valid reason, in view of the seriousness of affairs in Europe. The assertion was made, however, that

"Mr. Polk gave assurances to both of those gentlemen that the State Department intended to stand firmly behind the Allies in whatever attitude they assumed toward the latest tactics of the Germans." He suggested also that Ambassador Wallace would be in Paris to represent America. Cablegrams from that centre the next day declared that "pressure on the American delegates to the Peace Conference to postpone their departure has not relaxed." A high official of the Foreign Office was quoted as having said that "the presence of the American delegation for only a few weeks longer would carry us over the crisis and the victory will have been saved. We cannot believe that the American people would sanction such a move on the ground merely of transportation difficulties."

Still a day later a staff correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled from Paris that "England, France, Italy and Japan let it be known to-day that they would not agree to the adjourning of the Peace Conference this week and the disbanding of the Supreme Council." The American delegation, the correspondent stated, was asked once again "to abandon its plan to leave Paris Friday night," but they were reported to have declined to change their plans. In cablegrams from Paris Wednesday morning it was stated that Assistant Secretary of State Polk "had yielded to the protest against the Americans going home at a time when Germany was openly defying the Allies," and had announced that their departure "had been delayed for four or five days." One correspondent declared that "what has really happened is that it has been delayed until the strained situation is relieved." He added that "it will be relieved when it becomes clear what the American Senate intends to do about the treaty." He also ventured to say that "it is possible that the American delegation may eat its Christmas dinner in Paris." The advices stated, furthermore, that after Mr. Polk had refused several times to prolong the stay of the American delegation beyond Dec. 5, Premier Clemenceau "sent an appeal to Washington asking that the American delegation be kept in Paris." According to the reports in circulation in that centre, he did not receive a reply and Mr. Polk took the decision on his own responsibility. The latter was reported to have been scored severely by the French press for planning to leave during the crisis, and also to have been besought by French, English and Italian diplomats to stay.

The announcement was made in a Paris cablegram that the Supreme Council had decided "that the question of Fiume should not be settled in the Hungarian treaty, but reserved for final decision by the Allied and Associated Powers." It was pointed out that "this eliminates any objections on the part of the Italians and Jugo-Slavs to signing the treaty, on account of Fiume." London had a report yesterday morning that a solution of the Adriatic problem had been found.

Several days prior to the convoking of the Italian Parliament, the Monarchial Socialists of Florence and other towns in Italy were reported to "have issued a manifesto calling on all Italy to rally around the King." The Government organ "Tempo" declared that "the supreme hour of the monarchy has arrived." There has been keen interest in political circles over "the decision of the Socialist Parliamen-

tary group as to whether it will participate at the opening of Parliament." The organ of that party, "Avanti," announced that the group had decided that it must participate. It was reported in a Rome dispatch that the directors of the Socialist Party had adopted a resolution declaring that "the Socialist victory at the general elections is an act of complete solidarity with the Soviet Republic in Russia, clearly expressing to the Italian Government an order to recognize immediately the Soviet Republic in Russia." Another dispatch from Rome received here on Sunday stated that the Socialists had decided that "when King Victor Emanuel enters the Chamber at the opening of the 25th session of Parliament tomorrow morning, the Socialist Deputies will not rise." Their plan was to leave when the roll call began and to hold a meeting in an adjoining room while the King was reading his address.

The opening of Parliament apparently passed off better than was feared and without any untoward incident. According to all the advices from the Italian capital, the King was received with loud cheers as he entered. Upon the request of Premier Nitti the audience took their seats. The extreme Socialists thereupon shouted "Vive Socialism!" and took their departure. The King was accompanied to the Parliament buildings by Queen Helena and Crown Prince Humbert. The cablegrams recited that the royal party "was given an enthusiastic reception while proceeding from the Quirinal to the Parliament buildings." In his speech from the throne the King declared that "the confidence and sympathy of the nation are indispensable to the Parliament." "Italy," he added, "after her great victory must direct all her efforts to the works of peace." Continuing he said: "We have no imperialistic views and intend in no way that the peace of Europe shall be disturbed." The advices stated that the speech made a good impression. The Vatican was reported to have been particularly pleased with the expression that "peace must be the same for the victors as the vanquished." While the Parliament was being opened the cause of Italy was being presented in London by ardent supporters of the Italian Government, "for sympathetic consideration of the Italian point of view in regard to both that country's internal needs and external aspirations." It was urged that "the Allies ought, even from the standpoint of self interest, to relieve Italy's needs as far as possible."

A special correspondent of the New York "Sun" cabled his paper Tuesday morning that he was in a position to assert that several weeks before "Premier Nitti cabled a personal appeal to Washington in the hope of enlisting the support of President Wilson in the crisis now confronting Italy." According to the correspondent's statement Secretary Lansing replied in the President's name, and the communication was reported to have "reviewed the entire situation and to have taken Italy severely to task for not proceeding against d'Annunzio, and virtually refusing to discuss the situation further, until Italy had dealt with the poet."

The organization of Parliament was begun on Monday after the delivery of the King's speech. As had been expected, he named Tomasso Tittoni, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, for President of the Senate. This office is filled by the King alone.

It developed that day also that there would be a struggle from the start "for domination of the Italian Chamber of Deputies," and that it would really be between the Catholics and Socialists. Rome advices stated that when they appeared in the Chamber "the Socialists wore red carnations, while one hundred members of the Catholic Party appeared with white carnations." The Socialists were expected "to take the oath of office and offer a resolution that the oath be expunged from the Constitution." Deputy Lazzari was to be their candidate for President of the Chamber, while former Premier Orlando was to be named as the Government representative. A striking fact was that some time before Orlando "had Lazzari imprisoned for conducting an agitation against the war." When the votes were cast the following day Signor Orlando received 251, against 143 for his opponent.

More or less excitement attended the administering of the oath to the Socialist Deputies. For instance, Deputy Abba of Genoa, "who, at the opening of Parliament the day before wore a sweater and cycling costume," answering his name, said: "I swear—but falsely." Another Deputy exclaimed: "I swear—but demand the abolition of the oath." Because a few Socialist Deputies were insulted by the crowd as they were passing through Palazza Colonna, the Labor Exchange, "declared a general strike in Rome, Milan and Florence, where there was a complete cessation of work." While at midnight "all the public services were working, 'Populo Romano' and the 'Observatore Romano' are the only papers appearing in Rome." The strike spread rather rapidly and was in effect "throughout the northern cities." Up to Wednesday night the railways had continued in operation, but it was stated in Rome advices that "the street car lines in Rome, Genoa, Turin, Milan, Bologna and Florence," were tied up. It was added that "retail business everywhere is largely suspended."

The Chamber of Deputies will be asked to reconsider a bill which it passed last September, but which never became a law because Parliament was closed before it was acted upon by the Senate, giving women the right to vote and hold office. The belief was expressed in a London cablegram that the latter power will be omitted from the bill when it is introduced at the present session. Rome cablegrams received Thursday afternoon declared that the Chamber of Deputies opened yesterday amid great excitement, Socialist Deputies being present in larger numbers than on Tuesday, and the Catholic Party members all appearing in their seats.

As the week opened there was further speculation, both in Paris and Berlin, as to the probable course of the German Government in dealing with the Peace Treaty, because of the failure of the American Senate to ratify it at the last session. According to an Associated Press dispatch from the German capital, the Foreign Office had declared that "the German Government will be confronted by an altered situation in respect to its obligations under the Versailles Peace Treaty in the event that the United States finally fails to ratify it." It was said to have been contended in official German circles that "Germany should not be held responsible for the acts of the marine forces at Scapa Flow." It became known in Paris a week ago this morning that two long notes had been received in German at the

office of the Secretary of the Peace Conference, "supposedly as replies to the Supreme Council's note asking when Germany intended to sign the protocol to the Versailles Treaty." In a special Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" the assertion was made that "neither note answers the question of the Supreme Council." One was said to have contained "arguments against the Germans paying for the Scapa Flow fleet," while the other was reported to have been "an argument about German prisoners of war." It was expected that the notes would be placed before the Supreme Council the following day. This, by the way, was claimed to have been "the first time the Germans have used their own language in notes to the Peace Conference." According to the Paris dispatch already mentioned the opinion was entertained in Paris that "Germany is seeking to delay the putting into effect of the treaty, which the Allies had fixed for Dec. 1." (The dispatch was dated Nov. 28.)

A cablegram from Berlin states that the Chamber of Commerce has sent "an energetic protest to the National Assembly against adopting the projected proposal for taxing incomes and capital before the effects upon the German economic position have been observed." It was contended that the adoption of such a measure would "prevent any reconstruction, arrest all enterprise, deprive the industrial world of its life blood, result in wholesale unemployment and the emigration of millions." A similar protest to the National Assembly was made by the Trade Committee of the Diet, while Dr. Felix Pinner, financial writer for the "Tageblatt," predicted that "the Finance Minister will be disappointed in his expectations of realizing 8,000,000,000 marks by taxing great fortunes."

In its efforts to raise money by the sale of goods in other countries, German Government authorities apparently are afraid that the country will be stripped. A dispatch from Berlin stated that the Government had been forced by the situation "to enact temporary measures which are calculated to put a radical check on exports, while definite legislation is in course of preparation." Even imprisonment was reported to have been decided upon as punishment "for the exportation of commodities which affect the vital needs of the nation."

During the week copies of notes exchanged between Baron von Lersner, Chairman of the German Peace delegation, and Premier Clemenceau, as Chairman of the Peace Conference, were made public in Paris. The former contended that on Aug. 29th last, the Allied and Associated Powers issued a statement to the effect that they "had decided to ignore the date of the ratification of the treaty in dealing with German prisoners, the repatriation of whom was refused." He also defended "Germany's accomplishment of her obligations." M. Clemenceau in his reply alleged that the Baron's letter "contains a series of statements whose incisive tone cannot mask their inaccuracy." He also asserted that "the statement that France on August 29th, or any other time, in connection with the murder of Mannheim, or the delivery of coal, promised the repatriation of prisoners is absolutely without foundation."

Baron von Lersner stated to the Associated Press correspondent in Paris on Wednesday that "Germany

is willing to sign the protocol putting the Peace Treaty into effect if certain clauses in the protocol, objectionable to her, are withdrawn." As a matter of fact, the Baron was reported to have "called upon Secretary Dutasta of the Peace Conference on Monday, and told him that Germany had decided not to sign the protocol as a condition for putting the Peace Treaty into effect." Assistant Secretary of State Polk was reported in a Havas dispatch Thursday afternoon as having summoned Baron von Lersner and having told him emphatically that "Germany should not interpret as being in her favor any delay that might be encountered in ratifying the Versailles Treaty at Washington." According to the dispatch also Mr. Polk declared that "if there can be in the United States several ways of understanding the treaty, there are not two ways of understanding the obligations incumbent upon Germany, nor the affection binding the United States to her Allies." Philipp Scheidemann, former German Chancellor, was quoted in an interview given "Echo de Paris," as having stated that "Germany should stand by her word and carry out the terms of the Versailles Treaty." Yesterday's Paris and London advices contained rather definite reports that military force would be used, if necessary, to compel the Germans to sign the protocol.

A correspondent of the New York "Times" says in a Berlin cablegram that the so-called dye trust of Germany, roughly valued at 15,000,000,000 marks, has decided to make a very large increase in the capitalization. Inasmuch as the actual figures which he gave do not harmonize, they are not given here. He stated that the purpose of the increase would be to enable Germany to "reassert supremacy in the dye industry and to make her independent as to nitrate supplies." According to the correspondent, "before the war Germany's agriculture required 222,050 tons of nitrate, half of which came from Chili," but he added that "the trust calculates that as soon as the whole of the present and projected plant is working there will be something like 250,000 tons for export."

Germany is actually trying a premium or a lottery loan. Advices from Berlin this week indicated that it was not proving a success. At any rate, announcement was made of an extension of time for making subscriptions, to December 10th. It was proposed originally to raise 5,000,000,000 marks. Yesterday morning's cablegrams from the German capital contained a long synopsis of a financial plan presented to the National Assembly on Wednesday by Finance Minister Mathias Erzberger. Lack of space and time make it impossible to give a detailed idea of the plan, which was said to have been characterized in Berlin as "confiscatory." The Finance Minister stated, however, that the budget for the fiscal year 1919 provided for a reduction in total expenditures of 21,500,000,000 marks. He added that extraordinary expenses would amount to 41,000,000,000 marks, and the extraordinary war levy and taxation on war fortunes together would yield 12,000,000,000 marks. The requirements of the State for the next year, he stated, would be 17,800,000,000 marks. The income tax schedule provides for exemption of the first thousand marks of income. After that amount incomes will be taxed 10% for the second thousand, 1% being the graded increases for every thousand up to 15,000 marks. Income in excess of

500,000 marks must pay 60%. It was stated also that the man who had a pre-war income of 100,000 marks "is expected now to turn over half that amount to the State, while local taxes are likely to consume an additional 20,000 marks."

A staff correspondent of the New York "Sun" on Tuesday evening sent a thoroughly alarming dispatch to his paper relative to food and fuel conditions in Austria. He said that Chancellor Renner, with the members of his Cabinet, "will arrive in Paris early next week for the purpose of presenting to the Supreme Council the situation of the former dual monarchy." The correspondent added that among other things Dr. Renner would show by statistics that Austria "has not sufficient food to carry her through the month of December; that there is not enough coal in the whole length and breadth of the republic to keep several good sized plants in operation a single week and that thousands of workers are walking the streets idle, and that unless food, medicine and coal arrive in time casualties among the population will be shocking, particularly among old persons and women and children."

Undaunted by his military failure, Admiral Kolchak is reported to have decided to form a new Cabinet. Victor Pepeliaeff, formerly Minister of the Interior in the Admiral's Cabinet, was intrusted with the task of forming a new one, and it was declared that it would have "the greatest socialist tendencies compatible with Admiral Kolchak's stand against Bolshevism." Larger powers were to be given to the recently organized Zemstvo Congress, with such a program, it was stated, that "Admiral Kolchak hopes to be able to survive the crisis brought about by the collapse of his military campaign in the west and the outburst of socialistic and revolutionary activities in the east." Furthermore, it was said to have been decided "to eliminate entirely the influence of the military over civil matters, which is generally conceded to have been one of the notable weaknesses of the Kolchak Government." Later dispatches stated that "the Social Revolutionists and Zemstvos are disposed to accept a compromise with the Kolchak Government along the lines of a responsible coalition Cabinet."

On Tuesday the State Department at Washington announced the new Kolchak Cabinet, with Victor Pepeliaeff as Premier. Subsequent announcement of all the members and of its proposed policy was made at Omsk. As the week closes the Russian advices portray a somewhat more favorable position for the principal anti-Bolshevist leaders.

Naturally a big fuss was made in London over the announcement that Lady Astor had won a seat in the House of Commons from Plymouth by a margin of over 5,000 votes. By the way, she was not the first woman to be elected to that body, inasmuch as Countess Markievicz, a Sinn Feiner, is able to claim that distinction for herself, but Lady Astor is the first actually to be seated in that more or less exclusive body, within whose halls a woman's voice had never been heard officially. In describing the announcement of Lady Astor's victory, the correspondent of the New York "Sun" rather extravagantly stated that "with only a few dissenting voices, the famous leaders of English thought are acclaiming the

election of Lady Astor to the House of Commons as a great forward step in the march of woman's world-wide emancipation." It was pointed out that "her entry breaks a tradition of six centuries." She was reported to have received "thousands of telegrams of congratulation, including cablegrams from America." Premier Lloyd George's message read: "Hail to the first woman member." Marie Correlli ambiguously declared "Lady Astor has my most sincere sympathy."

Lady Astor took the oath as a member of the House of Commons at 4 o'clock last Monday afternoon. Premier Lloyd George and Arthur J. Balfour served as her sponsors. It was recorded in London advices that she signed the roll as "Nancy Astor." The demand for tickets for the public gallery was said to have been greatly in excess of the supply.

The proposal to raise money for the Government by lottery methods caused much discussion and encountered strong opposition in London and elsewhere in Great Britain in advance of its being brought up in the House of Commons. While the plan was reported to have had a substantial popular following, many prominent Government officials, and churchmen generally, were strongly opposed to it. Premier Lloyd George, Andrew Bonar Law and other Government leaders were believed to have disapproved of the scheme, although up to that time they had not given public expression to their ideas. The Archbishop of Canterbury denounced it "and sermons were preached against it in many of the Non-conformist churches throughout the country." The conservative element in the House of Commons prevailed when the measure came up for consideration last Monday. It was defeated by a vote of 276 to 84. While Horatio W. Bottomeley, Independent, from South Hackney, argued that "such a measure was necessitated by the existence of a huge floating debt, which might cause a run on the Bank of England," the objection was raised that the scheme was "immoral and that the British Government could not afford to encourage gambling as a national institution." The first vote to be cast in the House of Commons by Lady Astor was against this bill.

What was popularly spoken of in London as the "Anti-dumping Bill" was reported to have been freely discussed in British trade and financial circles, and the opinion appeared to be rather general that it would fail of adoption in the House of Commons. It was pointed out that the measure, intended, of course, to prevent the wholesale "dumping" of foreign goods on the British market, really "puts into effect the equivalent of a protective tariff, with a bureaucratic administration, giving extraordinary discretionary power to a small committee." The "Economist" said of the proposal that "the most conspicuous characteristic of the bill is its stupidity." Speaking of the fear in some circles that Italy and France, and other countries with a depreciated exchange, would rush large quantities of goods upon the British market, the "Economist" suggested, "How are these markets ever going to be able to take our goods unless their exchange improves? And how is it ever to improve unless they are permitted to sell freely to us?" The "Nation" said "the bill sets up a tribunal whose duty is it to harry and hamper British trade."

A cablegram from London to the New York "Sun" yesterday morning contained a synopsis of the report to the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the American Dollars Securities Committee. It is stated that "British investors hold to-day \$9,000,000,000 in foreign securities, even after supplying the Government with \$3,000,000,000 worth of such securities to form the basis of loans in the United States to support the pound sterling." The correspondent adds "that the remaining foreign securities held are enough to wipe out the entire national debt of \$8,000,000,000 and leave a good margin." He reiterates the statement recently made of late that Great Britain's inaction with respect to the great depreciation in the British sovereign is for the purpose of having it serve as an embargo against heavy importations of foreign goods.

The feature of the British Treasury statement of national financing for the week ending November 29, was a loss in the Exchequer balance of no less than £1,249,000, which was due to a falling off in revenues and income and an increase in expenses and outgo. Expenditures for the week were £25,118,000, which compares with £23,371,000 last week, while the total outflow, representing repayments of Advances, Treasury bills, and other items, aggregated £107,207,000, as against £76,260,000 the previous week. Receipts from all sources equaled £105,958,000. Last week they amounted to £76,679,000. Of this total, savings certificates added £950,000, against £1,050,000, and revenues £14,246,000, against £22,833,000 a week ago. The civil contingencies fund brought in £3,000,000, against £2,010,000 the preceding week. For the first time in some weeks sales of new Treasury bills were less than the amount repaid, being £68,332,000, against £38,288,000 the week before, in comparison with repayments of £71,697,000; hence the volume of Treasury bills outstanding was reduced to £1,089,082,000, in comparison with £1,092,059,000 a week ago. Net temporary advances, however, as had been expected, showed an increase of £7,500,000 to £209,580,000. The Exchequer balance now stands at £3,268,000, as compared with £4,517,000 last week.

No change has been noted in official discount rates at leading European centres from 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 is now quoted at 5½% for sixty and ninety day bills, as against 6% last week. Money on call in London has also been reduced, and has steadily declined to 2¾%, compared with 4¾% a week ago. No reports have been received by cable of open market discount rates at other centres.

For the first time in a long period the Bank of England reported a really substantial gain in its gold item, in round numbers £3,888,750, and a gain in total reserves of £3,449,000. Note circulation increased £1,140,000. The proportion of reserve to liabilities, however, was reduced—manifestly because of the enormous increases in the deposit items—and is now 13.21% as against 16.34% a week ago and 15.17% last year. Public deposits were augmented £1,486,000, while other deposits showed the phenomenal gain of £45,548,000 and Government securities were expanded £45,966,000. Loans (other

securities) were contracted £1,272,000. The Bank's stock of gold on hand amounts to £91,790,369, and compares with £76,011,241 in 1918, £57,534,955 the year preceding and £36,624,187 in 1913. Circulation has reached a total of £88,133,000, as against £67,047,775 the year before and £43,728,080 in 1917. Reserves total £22,106,000, in comparison with £27,413,466 and £32,256,875 one and two years ago, respectively. Loans aggregate £78,808,000. This compares with £97,596,733 last year and in 1917 £91,798,972. A London cablegram says that the Treasury borrowed about £45,000,000 to meet war loan dividends due Dec. 1. As a partial offset the Bank obtained £4,000,000 gold, probably from joint stock banks. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £721,210,000. Last week the total was £683,880,000 and in the corresponding week of 1918 £446,584,000. We append a tabular statement of comparisons:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1919. Dec. 3.	1918. Dec. 4.	1917. Dec. 5.	1916. Dec. 6.	1915. Dec. 8.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	88,133,000	67,047,775	43,728,080	37,858,335	34,155,360
Public deposits	20,793,000	26,530,367	36,453,001	58,716,597	52,443,879
Other deposits	146,527,000	154,198,738	135,638,569	108,946,191	90,018,941
Government securities	84,300,000	73,544,385	65,912,870	42,187,693	32,840,075
Other securities	78,808,000	97,596,733	91,798,972	106,749,646	92,910,363
Reserve notes & coin	22,106,000	27,413,466	32,256,875	36,534,395	34,567,388
Coin and bullion	91,790,369	76,011,241	57,534,955	55,942,730	50,272,748
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	13.20%	15.17%	18.75%	21.79%	24.26%
Bank rate	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%

The Bank of France in its weekly statement shows a further gain in its gold item this week, the increase being 277,000 francs. The Bank's total gold holdings therefore, now aggregate 5,577,239,250 francs, comparing with 5,467,629,158 francs last year and with 5,336,295,567 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, bills discounted were augmented to the extent of 146,971,149 francs and advances rose 30,672,532 francs. Silver, on the other hand, fell off 3,160,872 francs. Treasury deposits decreased 2,041,263 francs and general deposits were reduced 106,905,992 francs. Note circulation registered the large expansion of 332,518,236 francs, bringing the total outstanding up to 37,386,325,696 francs, which contrasts with 28,732,703,650 francs last year and with 22,911,782,257 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		
	Dec. 3 1919.	Dec. 4 1919.	Dec. 5 1918.	Dec. 6 1917.	Dec. 6 1917.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France	Inc. 277,000	3,598,960,834	3,430,520,673	3,299,187,082	3,299,187,082
Abroad	No change	1,978,278,416	2,037,108,484	2,037,108,484	2,037,108,484
Total	Inc. 277,000	5,577,239,250	5,467,629,158	5,336,295,567	5,336,295,567
Silver	Dec. 3,160,872	280,487,256	319,941,426	246,264,889	246,264,889
Bills discounted	Inc. 146,971,149	1,075,693,273	998,426,443	802,073,883	802,073,883
Advances	Inc. 30,672,532	1,333,368,770	1,182,530,417	1,170,714,260	1,170,714,260
Note circulation	Inc. 332,518,236	37,386,325,696	28,732,703,650	22,911,782,257	22,911,782,257
Treasury deposits	Dec. 2,041,263	50,119,136	257,900,123	42,767,163	42,767,163
General deposits	Dec. 106,905,992	2,843,768,476	2,567,094,183	2,796,256,304	2,796,256,304

The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement as of November 15 (delayed in transmission and received almost simultaneously with that of November 22), showed the following changes: Coin and bullion decreased 820,000 marks, gold declined 1,103,000 marks. Treasury notes were expanded 9,901,000 marks, while bills discounted were augmented 1,803,-

570,000 marks. Other increases were 1,230,000 marks in notes of other banks, 1,026,000 marks in advances, 48,200,000 marks in note circulation and 1,947,514,000 marks in deposits. Other liabilities were reduced 194,942,000 marks. Investments showed a contraction of 1,481,000 marks and other securities 10,663,000 marks.

In the statement for November 22, drastic changes were recorded, chief among which may be mentioned a cut in deposits of 2,375,812,000 marks and a reduction in bills discounted of 1,948,378,000 marks. Total coin and bullion was again reduced, viz., 675,000 marks, and gold, 969,000 marks. Advances were reduced 1,401,000 marks and securities 123,918,000. There were increases of 50,237,000 marks in Treasury notes, 332,000 marks in notes of other banks, 3,204,000 marks in investments, 195,566,000 marks in circulation and 167,646,000 marks in liabilities. According to the latest returns the Bank's stock of gold now stands at 1,090,763,000 marks. This compares with 2,308,560,000 marks in 1918. Note circulation has reached a total of 31,319,040,000 marks, as against 17,905,420,000 marks the year previous.

Last week's bank statement of New York Clearing House members, issued on Saturday, indicated a continuation of the "retrenchment" which was in evidence the preceding week, there having been a further contraction in loans and a substantial increase in reserves, both aggregate and surplus, although the expansion in the latter was due largely to an increase in reserve credits at the Federal Reserve Bank. The loan item was reduced \$8,193,000, while net demand deposits declined \$5,059,000, to \$4,180,621,000 (Government deposits of \$81,745,000 deducted), and net time deposits \$5,503,000, to \$265,458,000. Member banks' reserves with the Reserve Bank increased \$32,759,000 to \$603,861,000. Other changes were not important, comprising only a reduction in cash in own vaults (members of the Federal Reserve Bank), of \$1,271,000 to \$100,082,000 (not counted as reserve), an increase of \$722,000 to \$12,114,000 in reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies, and a reduction of \$258,000 in the reserve in other depositories (State banks and trust companies) to \$11,204,000. The increase in aggregate reserves totaled \$33,223,000, which carried the total of reserves now held up to \$627,178,000. Surplus gained \$34,065,690, so that the total of excess reserves now stands at \$71,333,170. The above figures for surplus reserves are on the basis of 13% legal reserves for member banks of the Federal Reserve system, but do not include cash in vault, amounting to \$100,082,000 held by these banks last Saturday. Rediscounts for the week of Government obligations at the Reserve Bank registered an increase of no less than \$52,000,000, as contrasted with a contraction the week before of \$19,300,000. The bank statement will be found in more complete form on a latter page of the "Chronicle."

Comparatively little attention was given by speculators in stocks to the call money market at this centre. During the latter part of the week the remark was frequently heard that apparently for the time being the rate was "pegged" at 6%. Brokers reported that in some instances they were unable to loan their surplus funds for the day, toward the close of business, even though they offered them below

the 6% rate. The report was general from day to day that the supply was considerably in excess of the demand, but, as already intimated, the bankers were not disposed to reduce the quotation below the 6% level. Those who gave the most careful attention to the money market laid emphasis upon the fact that, although bids of 7 and 7½%, according to the maturity and the collateral, were reported, the offerings were negligible. They suggested that if the money market were definitely and permanently easier, and if the general banking position were what it should be, time money would be lower and easier to get. The facts appear to be that the Federal Reserve authorities and the officials of our leading financial institutions are determined not to permit another big speculative movement in stocks between now and the end of the year. Although this attitude is pretty well known in the financial district, even by speculators, they have endeavored to advance their favorite issues again this week. While fairly substantial rallies have resulted, there is said to be little occasion for apprehension over the probability of any group of stock market interests being permitted to carry on an unusually active speculation in the immediate future. The demand for funds on the part of the industries of the country will be affected materially by developments in the bituminous coal strike. If it is to continue for some time the industries will be slowed down, and even closed down, to a considerable extent. Secretary of the Treasury Glass made it plain in his annual report that his department does not favor further large Government loans to Europe. Plans for extending financial assistance on a big scale appear to be deadlocked. Preparation for the large Jan. 1 interest and dividend disbursements is likely to be a temporary factor in the local money market as that date approaches.

Referring to money rates in greater detail, loans on call have ruled easier during the week and the range was 5½@7% for both mixed collateral and all-industrials alike, as against 6@10% a week ago. Monday the high was 7% and this was also the ruling rate, with 6% low. Tuesday there was no range and all loans were put through at 6%, which was the high low and renewal figure for the day. On Wednesday and Thursday the range was 5½@6% and renewals negotiated at 6% on both days. Friday 6% was still the maximum, and also the minimum and renewal rate. In time money, however, funds were as scarce as ever. The result is that the market was extremely dull and quotations almost nominal. The range for all maturities from sixty days to six months is still at 6@7% for mixed collateral with all-industrial money unchanged at 7@7½%. Only a few trades were reported and these were confined to the shortest maturities and for small amounts.

Mercantile paper has shown a moderate degree of activity. Country banks were again the principal buyers, local institutions showing an indisposition to enter into new commitments under present conditions. The undertone was firm with quotations still at 5¾@6% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with names not so well known at 6%.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances remain without quotable change. Trading was more active, but transactions in the aggregate attained only moderate proportions. Here also most of the purchases were

for out of town account. Loans on demand for bankers' acceptances have not been changed from 4¼%. Quotations in detail are as follows:

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

No change in rates, so far as our knowledge goes, has been made the past week by the Federal Reserve banks. 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	Boston.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kansas City.	Dallas.	San Francisco.
	<i>Discounts—</i>	1		a					
Within 15 days, incl. member banks' collateral notes.....	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼
16 to 60 days' maturity.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
61 to 90 days' maturity.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾
Agricultural and live stock paper, 91 to 180 days incl. Secured by 4¼% U. S. certificates of indebtedness—	5	5	5	5¼	5	5¼	5¼	5¼	5¼
Within 15 days, including member banks' collateral notes.....	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼
Secured by 4¼% U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness—									
Lib. bonds & Vic. notes—									
Within 15 days, including member banks' collateral notes.....	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼
16 to 90 days' maturity.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
<i>Trade Acceptances—</i>									
15 days' maturity.....	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼
16 to 90 days' maturity.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½

1 Rates for discounted bankers' acceptances, 4¼%.
 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 4¼% in the case of rediscounts of not more than 90 days, secured by Liberty Loan bonds or Victory notes.
 (a) 4¼% for member banks' collateral notes within 15 days

Sterling exchange levels suffered another drastic reduction this week and demand bills once more fell below the \$4 mark, this time declining steadily until on Wednesday some transactions were reported at as low as \$3 84½—a figure which contrasts with \$3 99½, the extreme low of two weeks ago, and \$4 86¼, the normal rate quoted before the war. Cable transfers sold down to \$3 90, while commercial long and short bills were all correspondingly weak. Heavy selling, both for domestic and foreign account, figured conspicuously in the weakness, and it is estimated that during the first few days of the week some of the large international banking concerns delivered sterling in amounts ranging anywhere from £1,000,000 to £3,500,000. Later on, when this movement subsided, one or two institutions came into the market as buyers and there was a slight upward reaction, though at the close weakness set in again and the quotation reacted to \$3 84¼, or ¼c. below the break on Wednesday.

During the earlier part of the week the market most of the time was practically demoralized, so much so that rates quoted by the different institutions were frequently wide apart. This tended to add to the general confusion and trading was nervous and excited. Aside from the huge quantities of bills offering, which continue far in excess of the market's powers of absorption, probably the outstanding feature in the week's collapse in prices has been the keen disappointment felt over the absence of any reference to the Peace Treaty in the President's message to Congress, which is regarded as an indication that the measure, temporarily at least, has been shelved and that all chances of arrivig at a more

satisfactory adjustment of international trade relations are thus seriously lessened. Following closely upon this was the statement by the Secretary of the Treasury again reiterating the Government's intention to leave the financing of foreign trade solely to private initiative; thus effectually putting a stop to the flood of reports in circulation at the beginning of the week to the effect that plans for the stabilization of exchange through the granting of credits to Europe by means of an organization in which the Government and banking as well as manufacturing interests were to collaborate were well under way. However, there are some bankers who take the position that it will be difficult if not impossible for Treasury authorities to maintain their preset attitude on the subject, since improvement is almost out of the question unless either the Government decides to take a hand, or else Europe's exports to this country begin to more nearly approximate its imports. A good deal of attention was given to the report that a majority of American manufacturers are willing to export goods upon the basis of 60% cash and 40% in notes or other securities, but it is pointed out that Europe at present is not even able to furnish the 60% of cash required.

A wide diversity of opinion appears to exist among exchange experts as to the probable duration of current levels of exchange. In some quarters the view prevails that the decline has gone far enough and when the present accumulations have found their way into stronger hands the market may be expected to show an improving tendency. Other market observers hold to the opinion that still lower levels are likely to be reached, some even going so far as to predict \$3 50 exchange before the end of the slump is witnessed, while not a few feel that unless something is done by this Government it may be necessary for Great Britain to send representatives over here with the power to regulate and restrict sales for the British Government for the purpose of eliminating everything in the way of purchases of a non-essential character.

Late in the week announcement that the Edge Bill had finally been passed, while regarded as a favorable influence, was without appreciable effect on actual quotations. In view of the conditions above referred to, it is regarded as improbable that any remedial measures of the sort proposed by the Edge Bill would be likely to be effective for quite some time to come. A factor which is regarded as likely to lessen offerings and alleviate the situation for the time being is the proposed coal embargo, which is expected to reduce the movement of vessels to and from this port.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday of last week was weak and there was a sharp decline to $3\ 99\frac{5}{8}@4\ 00\frac{1}{4}$ for demand—a new low record— $4\ 01@4\ 01\frac{3}{8}$ for cable transfers and $3\ 95\frac{5}{8}@3\ 96\frac{1}{4}$ for sixty days. On Monday there was a further break to $3\ 98\frac{3}{4}@3\ 99\frac{3}{4}$ for demand, $3\ 99\frac{1}{2}@4\ 00\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers and $3\ 94\frac{3}{4}@3\ 95\frac{3}{4}$ for sixty days; heavy selling, both locally and from abroad, was held to be chiefly responsible for the sensational weakness. Demoralization prevailed on Tuesday and prices touched the lowest levels in history; the range for demand was $3\ 92\frac{1}{2}@3\ 95\frac{1}{4}$, cable transfers $3\ 93\frac{1}{4}@3\ 96$ and sixty days $3\ 89@3\ 91\frac{3}{4}$; trading was active but excited. Wednesday's market was nervous and unsettled and additional declines were recorded, which brought sterling rates to unprecedentedly low levels; it was reported that in

some transactions demand bills sold down to as low as $3\ 84\frac{1}{2}$, with the range for the day $3\ 84\frac{1}{2}@3\ 89\frac{1}{4}$; cable transfers ranged between $3\ 85\frac{1}{4}$ and $3\ 90$ and sixty days $3\ 81\frac{1}{2}@3\ 86\frac{1}{4}$. What appeared to be the culmination of the selling movement on Thursday brought about a partial rally and rates were advanced to $3\ 89\frac{1}{2}@3\ 92\frac{1}{4}$ for demand, $3\ 90\frac{1}{4}@3\ 93$ for cable transfers and $3\ 86@3\ 88\frac{3}{4}$ for sixty days. On Friday the market was quieter, but again turned weak and there was a further decline, demand bills ranging between $3\ 84\frac{1}{4}$ and $3\ 89\frac{1}{2}$, cable transfers at $3\ 85@3\ 90\frac{1}{4}$ and sixty days at $3\ 80\frac{3}{4}@3\ 86$. Closing quotations were $3\ 85\frac{1}{2}$ for sixty days, $3\ 84\frac{3}{4}$ for demand and $3\ 85\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $3\ 83\frac{3}{4}$, sixty days at $3\ 79\frac{1}{4}$, ninety days at $3\ 77\frac{1}{4}$, documents for payment (sixty days) $3\ 79\frac{1}{4}$ and seven-day grain bills at $3\ 83\frac{1}{2}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $3\ 83\frac{3}{4}$. A small shipment of \$136,000 in gold bars was withdrawn from the Assay Office for shipment to Paris early in the week. On Friday announcement was made of the engagement of \$10,000,000 gold coin at the Sub-Treasury for shipment to Buenos Aires to-day. It is stated that the entire amount will go forward on a single boat, the "Santa Rosalia." It is said to be the largest shipment of gold on one vessel to South America on record. It is being made for a group of financial institutions as an exchange transaction. The Columbia Trust Co. announces that it is shipping \$1,200,000 gold bullion to various South American correspondents. Apparently the total for the week was \$10,136,000.

Demoralization was also apparent in the Continental exchanges and heavy declines were recorded at nearly all centres, carrying quotations in a number of cases to well below the already sensationally low levels reached in recent weeks. This was especially true of francs, which broke to 10.74 for checks. This is 94 points down for the week, 164 points below the low record established during the war period, and compares with a pre-war parity of about $5\ 18\frac{1}{4}$. Lire and marks likewise suffered severe losses, but rates in the case of the former remained slightly above the previous low points, the low for the week on lire being 12.77, against 12.87, while marks finished at 2.10, the previous low point. Austrian kronen, however, sagged off to 00.63, or 7 points lower than a week ago, while Belgian francs, though relatively steady during the opening days of the week, later receded to 10.25, also a new low level. At the extreme close a slightly better undertone was displayed and final quotations were substantially above the low levels above noted.

While undoubtedly the same factors which operated so powerfully in bringing down the levels of sterling exchange have been at work in the Continental markets, one explanation of the violent downward movement in rates lately which is worthy of attention is that it has been to some extent emphasized by the action of the Federal Reserve Bank in ruling that bills drawn against exports of commodities, where the commodities were being held for a higher market value and not actually sold, would not be rediscountable at the Federal Bank. Merchants all over the country, it is stated, have been consigning commodities in large quantities to the other side and carrying them there for increased prices. Under the new ruling, and being no longer in a position to continue financing these shipments,

sales of the various commodities have been necessitated, it is claimed, and the exchange received in payment sold. Furthermore, exporters who felt that current rates were too low and have been holding their bills off the market, have also been compelled to liquidate, in this way adding to the already enormous volume of legitimate offerings pressing for sale. Sharp declines have also been noted in recent weeks in exchange on the new Central European Republics. A recent dispatch from The Hague states that the prohibition of the exportation of foreign securities from Germany has been extended to Jan. 31 1920 by a German Government decree. It is learned also that the Belgian Government has now fully restored trade relations with Germany.

The official check rate in Paris on London closed at 40.25 against 39.23 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 10.72 against 9.78; cable transfers at 10.70 against 9.76; commercial sight at 10.75 against 9.81 and commercial sixty days at 10.83 against 9.89 last week. Belgian francs closed at 10.25 for checks and 10.23 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 9.37 and 9.35. Closing quotations on reichsmarks were 2.12 for checks and 2.14 for cable transfers, which compares with 2.31 and 2.34. Austrian kronen finished the week at 00.67 for checks and 00.69 for cable remittances, which compares with 00.70 and 00.72 the week previous. Exchange on Czecho-Slovakia closed at 1.95, against 1.90; on Bucharest at 3.65 against 3.60; on Poland at 1.65 against 1.85, and on Finland at 3.45 against 3.60 the previous week. For lire the closing rates were 12.77 for bankers' sight bills and 12.75 for cable transfers. A week ago the final figures were 12.14 and 12.12. Greek exchange continues to be quoted at 5.55 for checks and 5.53 for cable transfers.

Trading in neutral exchange was not active and, with the exception of Scandinavian rates, changes were confined to fractions. Stockholm, Christiania and Copenhagen remittances, however, were all conspicuously weak, Copenhagen checks for the first time in years declining to below 20.00. As against this, Swiss francs were strong and higher, while guilders ruled firm, as also did Spanish pesetas. This is regarded as a fairly accurate index of the present economic and financial conditions prevailing at these centres, and is taken to indicate the probable trend when trading is once more replaced upon a normal footing.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 38 1/4, against 37 3/4; cable transfers at 38 3/8, against 37 7/8; commercial sight bills at 38 1-16, against 37 11-16, and commercial sixty days at 37 11-16, against 37 5-16 on Friday of the previous week. Swiss francs finished at 5 36 for bankers' sight bills and 5 35 for cable transfers, in comparison with 5 46 and 5 45 last week. Copenhagen checks after declining to 19.10, rallied and closed at 19.15 and cable transfers at 19.30, against 20.10 and 20.25. Checks on Sweden finished at 22.00 and cable transfers 22.15, against 22.45 and 22.60, while checks on Norway closed at 21.35 and cable transfers at 21.50, against 21.55 and 21.70 a week ago. Spanish pesetas finished the week at 19.75 for checks and 19.85 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 19.65 and 19.75.

As to South American quotations, a firmer tendency has been noted and there has been an advance in the Argentine check rate to 43 1/8, and cable trans-

fers to 43 1/4, as compared with the previous quotation of 42 1/4 and 42 1/2. For Brazil the rate for checks is now quoted at 33.20 and cable remittances at 33.50, against 25 3/8 and 25 1/2, during recent weeks. Chilean exchange closed at 21.21 1/4, against 18.50 and Peru at 5 00@5 05, against 4 74@4 76 last week.

Far Eastern rates are as follows: Hong Kong, 1 03@1 03 1/2, against 1 01@1 01 1/2; Shanghai, 1 50@1 50 1/2, against 1 65@1 65 3/4; Yokohama, 50 1/2@50 3/4, (unchanged); Manila at 49@49 1/4, (unchanged); Singapore, at 50 1/4@50 1/2, (unchanged); Bombay, at 45@45 1/4, against 44 1/4@44 1/2, and Calcutta, at 45@45 1/4, against 44 1/4@44 1/2.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$6,199,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Dec. 5. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$10,398,000, while the shipments have reached \$4,199,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and the gold exports, which together occasioned a loss of \$159,083,000, 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 \$152,884,000, as follows:

Week ending Dec. 5.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$10,398,000	\$4,199,000	Gain \$6,199,000
Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and gold exports.....	46,476,000	205,559,000	Loss 159,083,000
Total.....	\$56,874,000	\$209,758,000	Loss \$152,884,000

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

Banks of	Dec. 4 1919.			Dec. 5 1918.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England..	91,790,369	.....	91,790,369	76,011,241	.....	76,011,241
France a..	143,958,433	11,200,000	155,158,433	137,220,826	12,760,000	149,980,826
Germany..	54,538,150	1,046,850	55,579,800	115,417,900	1,003,410	116,421,310
Russia *..	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000
Aus-Hun.c	11,201,000	2,374,000	13,575,000	11,008,000	2,289,000	13,297,000
Spain....	96,779,000	25,267,000	122,046,000	89,130,000	25,786,000	114,916,000
Italy.....	32,202,000	2,907,000	35,109,000	38,439,000	3,200,000	41,639,000
Netherl.d.	52,080,000	488,000	53,168,000	57,785,000	600,000	58,385,000
Nor. Bel. b	10,653,000	1,085,000	11,738,000	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000
Switzerland	19,128,000	2,393,000	21,521,000	15,171,000	.....	15,171,000
Sweden..	15,677,000	.....	15,677,000	15,339,000	.....	15,339,000
Denmark..	10,434,000	182,000	10,616,000	10,335,000	130,000	10,465,000
Norway..	8,151,000	.....	8,151,000	6,738,000	.....	6,738,000
Total week	678,016,952	39,407,650,737	344,602,717,624,967	38,743,410,776,368,377	.....	38,743,410,776,368,377
Prev. week	673,697,719	39,358,800,734	344,056,619,717,209,591	38,667,069,775,876,651	.....	38,667,069,775,876,651

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £79,131,137 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.

Summary of THE TREASURY REPORT.

How numerous and important are the questions with which the Government's financial department must deal in the coming year may be judged from a mere list of the topics which are discussed in the annual Treasury report, submitted to Congress last Wednesday. These topics, in the order of their treatment, comprise the financial condition of the country; the Treasury's general fiscal program; the international financial situation—including the policy regarding our Government's loans to foreign Governments, the extension of commercial credits to European purchasers of our merchandise, and the Treasury's attitude toward the foreign exchange market—the state of our own currency and the condition of our banking credit; the question of Government revenue and expenditure; the program of taxation made necessary by the resultant deficit; the public debt and the plans for its redemption; the question of a budget of Federal expenditure; the work of the Federal Reserve, the gold exports; the melting up of our silver dollars for export, and the general financial outlook for the future. It may be doubted whether there has ever been a time in our Government's history when so many financial problems of so wide a scope came up for the Treasury's

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immediate consideration. All of them call at this time for the outlining of something like a definite policy; many of them require immediate action.

The clearness and conciseness with which Secretary Glass discusses these manifold questions make it possible to sum up his general view regarding each of them. As to the country's financial condition, the Secretary is altogether hopeful. He bases this attitude on the willing acquiescence of our people in the immense burden imposed by the war finance, on the strong position of our banking and industrial system, and on our foreign trade. The nation's present prosperity, he admits, must be considered in the light of the prevalent social and industrial discontent; but he believes all difficulties or problems to be entirely susceptible of solution.

Regarding the international financial situation, the Secretary believes that further extension of credits to European purchasers of our merchandise should be the task, not of the Government, but of the American business community. The motive of our business men for such action he sets forth by saying that, in his opinion, the country's industries "must create or co-operate in creating the means of financing export business," because "so soon as domestic stocks, which were very low at the time of the Armistice, have been replenished, those industries which have been developed to meet a demand for great exports paid for out of Government war loans, will be forced to close plants and forego dividends unless they maintain and develop an outlet abroad."

Mr. Glass states that the question of funding into obligations the interest accruing in the next two or three years on the debts accruing to our Treasury is being considered. But he opposes altogether the intervention of the Government in any other way to support the rates of foreign exchange. His view is that to extend such support as a Government would inevitably involve the shifting on our own people, whether through war loans or taxes, a part of the loan and taxation burden of those other countries.

As to the currency, the Secretary disagrees with the contention that the high prices of commodities are due to the increase in our Federal Reserve note circulation. He believes that increase to be the effect rather than the cause of the high prices, and he takes his stand on the principle that "under our system currency can be issued only in response to a demand for it as a circulating medium," and will be retired when no longer needed for that purpose. As for the great expansion of banking credit, this he holds to have been primarily a result of war demands by our Government and by the European belligerents, and of the high prices caused by those demands. He believes that rigid economy, public and private, is the only way out of the dilemma created by such expansion of credit.

Of the public debt, the Treasury report points out that the cumulative sinking fund which goes into operation next July, and which requires the annual redemption of 2½% of the then outstanding public debt, less obligations to the Allies, would extinguish within twenty-five years the debt incurred for our own part in the war. But he also shows that under the preliminary Act of April 1918 there had been repurchased by the Government and canceled up to Nov. 15 \$907,905,526 Liberty bonds at a profit to the Government of \$45,174,973.

A subsequent official statement shows that the total redemptions up to the present date have reached \$1,043,000,000. A scientific budget system in planning public expenditure is now foreshadowed, Mr. Glass believes, by "the compelling force of necessity." It should be prepared, he thinks, under the supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury, and, having been accepted by the President as a program of the various departments, should not as such be increased by Congress. This suggestion, it will be seen, applies to requisitions for the ordinary departmental purposes; it would not preclude additional appropriations made necessary by special legislation.

Naturally, the questions of most immediate interest in the Treasury report have to do with revenue expenditure and taxation in the coming fiscal year. Including loans to the Allies, excess of all public expenditure over revenue in the fiscal year ending with June 1919 was \$14,297,760,281. In the present fiscal year the Treasury estimates a total ordinary revenue of \$6,100,250,000 as against \$4,647,603,852 in the fiscal year 1919, and an ordinary expenditure of \$6,097,237,892 against \$15,365,362,741 in the past fiscal year. Including all kinds of revenue and disbursements, the deficit of \$14,297,760,281 in the fiscal year 1919 would be replaced by a deficit of \$4,158,620,585 in the fiscal year 1920.

The last-named deficit would, however, be wholly caused by \$4,664,104,490 disbursements made on account of redemption of public debt, including the \$3,633,804,490 certificates of indebtedness outstanding June 30 1919. For the fiscal year 1921, which begins with next July, the Secretary estimates an actual surplus of revenue over all the year's expenditure amounting to \$1,646,552,015. But this is naturally subject to any increased appropriations by Congress hereafter, and it would still remain to pay off from any surplus of the year the deficit remaining from preceding years.

The Secretary urges strongly that in the coming fiscal year, with a deficit in revenue and a large unextinguished floating debt, "any appreciable reduction in the amount of revenues from taxation is not to be thought of." He believes, however, that the excess profits tax ought to be either removed or substantially reduced; for the reason that "it encourages wasteful expenditure, puts a premium on overcapitalization and a penalty on brains, energy and enterprise, discourages new ventures and confirms old ventures in their monopolies." The discussion of all these complicated questions by the Secretary is vigorous and clear. What undoubtedly will impress most favorably those who are anxious to see the public finances restored as soon as possible to a normal status is the firmness with which the Secretary puts aside all seductive plans for an easy and comfortable short-cut, and insists on meeting the Government's problems as a well-managed business corporation would meet them.

THE MESSAGE.

The largest and most immediately pressing of the problems now before Congress is that of transportation, which must begin (although it cannot end) with the return of the railroads to their owners; on this the President offers only the passing remark that "at a later date" he will treat of it.

What he says upon the long-awaited and seemingly now not far-distant matter of turning our national financial chaos of receipts and expenditures into

some shape by a budget agrees in general with the plan already before Congress and will meet general approval; that this approval may not stop with the abstract assent which all good things receive but may be pushed on to the concrete is earnestly to be hoped, but the hope needs an unmistakable interest shown and determination felt by the people at home. Congress always has feelings, and usually has beliefs, in the right directions; but it always needs help to hold selfish thoughts in check and to overcome the inertia of over-large bodies.

The remarks of the Message concerning taxation are well made although rather perfunctory. Truly Congress may well consider whether higher rates of income and profits taxes "can in peace times be effectively productive of revenue" but may not operate to reduce that; and it is entirely true that "there is a point at which in peace times high rates of income and profits taxes discourage energy, encourage extravagant expenditures, and produce industrial stagnation, with consequent unemployment and other attendant evils."

Some of the recommendations of four months ago for legislation aimed at the cost of necessities are repeated. Regulating cold storage should be attempted very carefully if at all, and great doubt attaches to the proposition that a federal license be exacted of all corporations engaged in inter-State commerce. Perhaps, however, this is not the best expression of opinion on that; for "doubt" is too weak a word to use. All business of any considerable size, whether by a corporation or not, engages in commerce between States, and therefore this proposition, while limited in its terms to "regulations designed to secure competitive selling and prevent unconscionable profits in the methods of marketing," is the old one for putting practically all business under a Federal license. The Lever law nearly does that already; let us rest with that. In any proposal to duplicate that or extend it indefinitely the "hand of Joab" (that is, of the Trade Commission) may be suspected even if not plainly visible.

Much space is given in the Message to "unrest." If the remark that "the only way to keep men from agitating against grievances is to remove the grievances" is true at all it is only a half-truth and is not in good time now; against it may be set the far more sensible and apropos truth that the sure way to create and perpetuate "grievances" is to harp on them and to concoct nostrums for them instead of searchingly testing them to see if they are not merely imaginary. Some nostrums have already been tried, with frightfully bad results, the worst of them being the soothing syrup of repeated surrenders. And now Mr. Wilson puts to Congress "the difficult task of finding a method that will bring about a genuine democratization of industry, based upon the full recognition of the right of those who work, in whatever rank, to participate in some organic way in every decision which directly affects their welfare." This sentence is open to severe criticism for several reasons: it gives some possible strength, by a quasi-official recognition, to a dangerous and much-mouthed word, "democratization," and it misstates at once a natural law of republics and an actual state which now exists. All industry is already in "democratization," in the healthy meaning of the word, because all industries (emphatically including the railroads, to which the word has been mischievously applied of late) are really the property

of all the people. Further, the right of participation in work by all workers is already recognized, and is constantly becoming more so. Employer and employee, capital and labor, are coming faster and more largely together. The collective bargaining, mentioned in another paragraph as if it were something which "governments must recognize," is recognized already. As the "Chronicle" has already explained, this term in its true meaning is a natural, a feasible, and a progressing process, "recognized" effectively by carrying it into operation; but no control of industry by some central body and from some central point is possible in the nature of things. That is the Gompers aim, but it cannot be established and all struggles to produce it are hinderingly and incidentally hurtful. We may say broadly (the exceptions being relatively too few to need notice) that all adult and self-supporting persons are laborers; therefore industry in some phase or other includes the whole people. Therefore, because of the impossible scale of such a thing and the complex and non-blending small factors in it, to manage industry in the centralized way is just as impossible as for some central body to breathe for all the people. Respiration is important, but it must be done locally.

For this immovable reason, such conferences as that of October and the present one which Mr. Wilson now says is meant to "bring about a better understanding" are futile, at least beyond producing some helpful general advice. The truth is that what is doing most to obstruct the coming together in industry is the misdirected energy of labor unions; the workers in them have been misled hitherto and they are misled now. Mr. Rockefeller stated a vital and permanent truth when he said that labor and capital are partners. They are: partners in production, in control, and in division. This partnership cannot be dissolved, yet interference by selfish union leaders and selfish politicians can disturb its workings and retard its forming. "The settlement of industrial disputes by the establishment of a tribunal, fair and just alike to all," proposed as the last words of this Message upon this subject, is a sheer fallacy; it can be attempted, but it can only work harm. The reason is the same natural impossibility above-mentioned: a "tribunal" for settling disagreements cannot operate, any more than can a central body for making working arrangements. If centralizing would serve in the one case it might in the other. No central power can breathe industrially for all the people, any more than it can breathe physically. The whole thing is a fantasy, yet potentially mischievous. The American Federation of Labor itself comes under this same natural law; labor is so vast, numerically and geographically, and so made up of diverse units which can never be fused into a single formal structure, that to "federate" it into one is impossible. It may serve Mr. Gompers's individual ends, but it works only trouble, and it contains in itself dispersive elements which are swaying and menacing it.

Keep hands off. Collective bargaining will become universal, in time, if permitted to follow its own natural lines. Men will labor together, in a recognized community of interest and duty, when outsiders are made to seek their own living by labor and not by controlling the labor of others. The "yearnings" and the "aspirations" about which we get so much rubbishy talk will be realized when men bargain as freemen in labor and not as vassals under some blatherskite boss at a central point.

THE REPUBLICAN KEY-NOTE FOR 1920.

In less than six months we shall be in the struggle for control of the Government until 1925. We cannot, if we would, go on bearing the evils we now have in administration; we are forced to try for a change and hope for an improvement, and the beginnings of the skirmishing for position are already with us. The partisan alignments and questions of former years are gone; the Democracy of the present is the early Federalism reproduced; the centralization for which Hamilton stood and against which Jefferson left a type and an example is now fastened upon us, avoidably or unavoidably, and our national problem is to get back to the safe road of representative government on constitutional lines.

The issue ought not to be raised under any party name, but since that cannot be escaped we may rejoice that there is already a distinct stand made for constitutional limitations and procedure. The dinner to Will H. Hays, Republican National Chairman, on Wednesday evening, was not merely a personal testimonial to a political leader who may not improperly be commended for having shown possession of what the vernacular calls "level-headedness," but it proposed general lines for next year, and it is encouraging to note the soundness of those advance suggestions. Let us not be swayed by remembrances of former misuse of the words "square deal;" for Mr. Hays seems clearly to stand for the sound meaning of that former catch-phrase when he says it shall be held to mean "exact justice for labor, exact justice for capital, and exact justice for the public," and we may note the applause of his audience to his supplemental remark that the last of these three sides of the "triangle" must not be slipped out of sight. In the last analysis and the final stand, not one of us can ask more or be satisfied with less than as near an approximation to "exact justice" as is humanly possible. We have not had it, and in the past three years have been apparently drifting farther away from it. It is not justice to capital to keep a hot prejudice going against it and to stimulate industrial quarrels by allowing government to be safely reckoned upon in advance as being against it. Nor is it justice, in reality and in the permanent results, to either aid or permit it to attack and rob the capital which has been produced and is solely producible by labor and is as essential to its life as labor is to that of capital. As for the public, that is the forgotten side, not remembered by trying to divide an indivisible whole, the public and the country, into imaginary "groups" and then to arrange rights among them. "To establish justice, insure domestic tranquility—promote the general welfare"—these are the aims declared by a very ancient document which is now beginning to get some revival of attention; but in these last years we have not even been sanely and consciously trying for those aims. Under some thinly-veiled pretense of seeking the general welfare, government has not been establishing justice or anything resembling it, as proven by one revolt following another, with little spaces of truce between, and domestic tranquility has not been attained by such means, nor can it ever be so attained.

Now we need justice and sanity, and so says Mr. Hays. Let us try to forget, as he says it, that we belong to any "party;" let us try to rise above party, the mere tool that should be for good public ends.

We were found unprepared by peace, he says, as we were found by war; we just "slipped along" without any adequate thought of the problems certain to confront us. Is he not right, and have they not confronted us? Are we now measuring them correctly and are we girding ourselves to grapple with them? "We," he says, (here speaking, it must be admitted, as a party leader) recognize labor (here, of course, meaning all labor, which is everybody) as entitled to justice; we will strive to do justice also to business, which "must have sympathetic help, not antagonistic curtailment; it must be treated with an appreciation of its fundamental importance and not as a demagogue's shuttlecock." Taxes that kill initiative must not be levied. Our problems being largely economic, industrial difficulties can be dealt with "in one way, by finding exact justice and enforcing it." There must be federal regulation, but not government ownership. The spread of socialism must be stopped. We are against paternalism in government, and "against that form of pedagogic paternalism that has developed recently."

This is the gist of Mr. Hays's advance pronouncement, and it seems reasonable to accept it as rather more sincere than the familiar phrasings of generalities. There seems encouragement also in his view of the women who form the most difficult of factors now to forecast. He offers them also "equality" and justice in the party, not reckoning them as a solid "vote" or as anything except "units in the party membership," for a distinction may be noted here between "units" and "a unit." The latter seems to imply "a" party, and "a Woman's Party" is something from which we should hope and seek deliverance. The women sought suffrage, and won it; it is now for us all to try to make the best of that result. For that best, it should be permissible to deprecate the disposition expressed by some women to put Senator Wadsworth to political death in revenge for his continued opposition to according the ballot to women. Some of us men were "pro," and some stayed "anti" to the last; now let nobody cherish and try to fulfill grudges against a man who followed his view of duty under representative forms and could not bring himself to act as mere agent under the "referendum" which is destructive to those forms and has the further objection of being narrow in mind and numerically only a fraction. With the first female member now sitting in Parliament, let American women scorn to carry their feeling against the "antis" of their struggle into their use of the ballot now won; let them strive to raise our party ideals, instead of yielding to an impulse which would tend towards lowering them.

PROTEST AGAINST POGROMS—SPIRITUAL EXALTATION STILL NEEDED.

On November 24th, more than a year after the armistice, a procession, variously estimated to contain from twenty-five thousand men, women and children, to one hundred thousand, in protest against the massacre of Jews in Ukrainia, marched up Eighth Avenue to a meeting place in Carnegie Hall. To the slow music of funeral dirges, six and eight abreast, with few banners, and in irregular step, the strange columns passed in silence. Upon the set faces of some of the older men and women was the stamp of grief. What horrors in a far land their souls saw, what bitter protest against the persecutions of a race their quickened minds felt, the careless watchers by

the way no doubt too little appreciated. One of the placards bore these words, "America fought for the protection of oppressed peoples, the Jews included." Service flags were carried, showing the number of Jews participating in the war, the dead and the wounded.

Some curious reflections occur to the mind contemplating this most unusual spectacle. What anguish prompted and what hope could follow such protest! It indicates more than racial sympathy and less than satisfaction with the results of the world-war. How widespread is the home, how attenuated the ties that bind, this one-ness we have lately called humanity! In the most populous city of the continent, sundered by seas from Central Europe, it is said half a million Jews gave up their vocations to a "Day of Sorrow." And yet from this same city and from this same race millions of money have gone to alleviate distress in foreign lands. Yet the humane has not come to the human heart, the brotherhood of man, even the political federation of the world, have not come on the triumphant conclusion of a war to end war and establish perpetual peace.

Sometimes, whether it be Armenia or Ukraina, the citizen, in a land of religious liberty, wonders over causes. He cannot fathom them, though he revolt at the fiendishness of these massacres. But what a mighty task it is, and must be for a time no man can measure, to bring peace and goodwill to the races and religions of earth. If political freedom in a new state of the world will not do it, will a political mandate by a super-state accomplish the desired end? What is the antidote for hate, what is the healing potion that will induce universal love, what will bring forth the spiritual communion that knows not time or place? What talismanic change has the great war wrought upon the human soul? Can war end war, can hate beget love, can sorrowful protest whiten the black deeps of murder?

Again the old thought repeats itself—that progress is not the lightning flash out of high heavens, but the slow fire of earth, tended by humble hands of home. War has ended, but the work of the world goes on, and shall till the scroll is rolled up. This nation sent its millions over sea in a military expedition to hasten the end of a colossal struggle, and there are none to deny its efficacy, to tarnish its glory, to minimize its sacrifice. And it gave its tens of millions of money to clothe the naked and feed the hungry, irrespective of race or nationality, and regardless of the place of dearth and destruction. We ask, not in derogation of motive, cause or action of war-participation, rather in suggestion for the future, which of these two processes will live longest in the annals of time, produce the most good in the world?

Let such a comparison pass for what it may be worth to the individual mind. This strange and solemn procession of protest, though it be, in the world's continuing tumult, no louder than the vagrant sighing of an autumn wind, suggests this truth to the American people—the work of a heroic and generous people is not finished on that forward way that invites humanity to plenitude and peace. The spiritual exaltation that so lately stirred the forces of kindness and charity to marvellous beneficence need not die now that one great war is at an actual end. Spiritual forces may be invoked in new ways to more lasting benefits. And now and hereafter, as then, the citizen can devote himself to the world's good without sacrifice of his personal freedom or his popu-

lar government. The ways of peace are infinite in variety and eternal in duration. Without the creation of a mighty force of organic government, without the stimulation even of some shining ideal red-lettered on the sign-boards of a federated future, a man may "love his neighbor as himself," and though it be but a pebble cast into the pool of universal unity, its ripples will reach the farthest shore.

One wonders what good this processional of protest can do. How can it reach the official powers of states, the secret chambers of diplomacy? And yet we know not what may come, for the avenues of human love are hidden, and the swelling convergences of right end we know not where. The lesson that comes from far world conditions is futile if it does not reveal to us our own needs and duties. If we have tolerated religious freedom in the past so must we do in the future. If we have overcome racial antipathies here in the world's "melting pot" in the past, granting equality before the law, while preserving a social and political individualism that recognizes the solidarity of character and self-respect, that we must continue. If we have held the right to live and labor, to acquire and own, against the envies, jealousies, and consuming cupidity, of those who have not earned and who do not own, by reason of toil and thought applied, that we must preserve and extend.

If we have taught the world by light of an example that leads upward and onward, that light must never wane or die. For we know that charity which is love in no light sense begins at home. And out of the sacred soul of freedom, we know, every man, may draw his own inspiration for the homely deeds and devotions that are never lost, that though unseen of men and unknown of states, water the spiritual fields that feed the world!

THE TIME FOR OPTIMISM.

We have all heard of the cloud with the silver lining. And when things seem to be going wrong is a good time to take stock of resources and potentialities. Optimism is all right when it is not inflated. It becomes dangerous when affairs are going right, for then the belief is apt to arise that the rapid momentum of business can go on increasing indefinitely. It is well in the midst of prosperity to prepare for adversity. Caution and conservatism in the midst of success are always wise. On the contrary it is never helpful to believe in the midst of difficulties that they will never end. In the commercial world we sometimes tremble at the words stagnation, apathy, doubt. The fact is there is no such thing as stagnation. Energy is forever opposed to inertia. And the very doubts we have prove it. So that in the midst of turmoil there is always toil. The energy in man never rests. In the midst of war he looks onward toward peace. And to-day with the world standing at bay over its unsolved economic problems, it is possessed of fabulous potential wealth, and is actually doing an unprecedented profitable and successful business. And if we go below the surface of our disrupted conditions we have every reason to be optimists.

The great trouble is we are opportunists. It is not simply that we want to live while we live; or, that we are impatient with the slowness of centuries to bring us everything at once and now. The larger truth is that we see only the unrest and are absorbed by it. And yet we know that the storm is abnormal, that calm is the natural state, in which powerful

forces are at work peacefully, their very energies, in opposition, creating equilibrium. If we take work as a criterion, look how the hundreds of millions are toiling and note the total output of production with any previous decade of the world's history. True, the momentum has not kept up, we cannot even say perhaps that the mass is actually as great in every instance, but the total, whether we view it in civilization as we now maintain it, or in the figures of commerce and industry is astonishingly large.

To be concise, if we could wipe out for ten years all strikes and stoppages in industry, eliminate from our minds the theories of proper "human relations" that beset and upset us, relieve ourselves of political contests affecting nations and peoples, reduce our Governmental taxes and our personal expenses to a minimum, and then rely upon our continental resources and our racial energies and ambitions, and live within the circle of the laws and order we have evolved, can there be doubt that we would forge ahead in universal welfare even though compelled to drag with us our leaden losses and hindering mistakes? Why then should mankind despair because the world has been turned topsyturvy by war?

The hypochondriac is peculiarly susceptible to the quack doctor. Having really nothing the matter with him but imaginary ills, he cannot cure himself, and the legitimate practitioner is powerless to aid him. If he is to be helped it is by some counter delusion. Anything in fact that will break the spell is salutary. Now it would be a poor analysis to say that we are in a "psychological state" at present which accounts for all our ills. They are very real, and tremendously burdensome. But we avail little by brooding over them until they overpower us. If we could be shocked out of the thought of them, our normal energies would send us forward at a rapid rate. On the contrary as long as we are obsessed by high prices, high taxes, and high wages, we are feeding our minds on phases of the abnormal. And it should help us to try to bring forth the strength of the normal and real.

Let us enumerate a few of our assets. First, we have had enough of war. (And what applies to our own people applies in kind if not degree to every people.) If war is mania and malady, we have got it out of our system. It will not soon cost us any more lives or wealth. No fear here then for the future. Second, we have set up an "idealism" in earth, that whether attainable or not, is an evolution. There it is, shining in the sky. It has been pictured in marvellous colors. We know what it is, as far as we shall ever know. For it will ever advance before us, as we advance. So that it is in fact a realization. And its peculiar quality is that if it cannot sustain itself in the midst of our so-called human relations, by the power of its life and lure then we need not waste more time in trying to bring it into being. Certainly we have it, wrought out of wondrous sacrifice, and set forever in the temple of our trust and worship. Therefore we need lay no more propitiatory offerings on its altars. All we need to do is to return to our national domestic and personal activities, the old ways of life bounded by the nature of things and illuminated by the vision and appreciation of our own worth and work.

Third, our losses though large are not insuperable. The world is not bankrupt either in resources physical

or energies popular or personal. In our own land and country, these have hardly been more than brushed by the black wings of death and destruction. There is no ogre of want going about capable of devouring us. We have our soils and our cities, our mines and our factories, our ideas and ambitions. But we have shackled them with the superstitions of governmental control and class rule. If we could strike off these chains of our own slavery and once more be free, nothing could stop our advance, or diminish the fullness of our domestic and foreign trade. And here flames up the light of a just optimism. The way to cure our turmoil which is as a case of "nerves," and our "unrest" which is of our own making (omitting inescapable effects of war) is to *relax*. Quit wondering, worrying, and worshipping false lights, and just cease from troubling. This form of rest is not idleness by any means. It is, on the contrary, work. Here are the fields and factories, the inventive genius and the need, the gold and the credit, the men and the marts. What more, but forgetting the mental maladies and the quack doctors? Rest from worry in work.

HENRY C. FRICK.

Following by only a few months his former comrade Carnegie, this other captain of industry in the fuel and iron field has gone on to the majority. When the time had come, his departure almost seemed a sort of irony of destiny, for after a life of stress which had a far more than average lot of antagonisms, he died as gently as if falling into the regular nightly sleep which merely knits up the ravelled sleeve of the daily round. Like Carnegie, he rose from the plain soil. He was not a bobbin boy but not far from that, for he was a farm boy in a rough agricultural district and time; his father, a Swiss by descent, had given up the farm struggle and was a mill engineer at the boy's birth. Young Frick did not begin wage-earning in quite so seemingly humble a way as did the bobbin-boy, or for quite so small a wage; yet as store clerk he accepted the wage of about a dollar a day which used to be accepted by the office boys of this city.

But young Frick had serious thoughtfulness and some vision, and while he worked over his account books he watched the beginnings of coke-making and perceived its possibilities. As his first move, he became a coke dealer, then began acquiring small bits of coke lands, and thus became a growing factor in the coke industry, afterwards extending naturally to iron and steel.

He was rated a "hard" man, as rich men who do not explain or exploit themselves in public view are likely to be rated; but a testimony to the contrary could be given by one Alexander Berkman, who, in company with the too-lingering Emma Goldman, has just been brought east from Chicago for an ostensible deportation which may not get farther than a term of turkey and cranberry sauce on Ellis Island. Back in 1892, the Amalgamated Association of Steel and Iron Workers demanded the same "recognition" which has so recently made trouble again, and the strikers at Homestead asserted the natural right to quit work in the still-prevailing method of a riotous seizure of the property. That was a Presidential year, yet the hard man Frick viewed riot as lawless force and met it with force, reserving the parleying over moral issues until order had been restored. Order was restored, by the ultimate aid of State

troops (although the quadrennial campaign was on) but in the middle of it this Berkman, without any personal relation to the matter, but perhaps moved by sensational talk like that from which may have come the murder of President McKinley nine years later, conceived it his part to intervene against the oppressor, and he attacked Mr. Frick. Even a very gentle mind would hardly be expected to feel tenderly towards an assassin in whose intent to kill had accomplished two bullets and several knife thrusts; yet when Berkman had served two-thirds of his 21 years' prison sentence Mr. Frick was one of the signers to a petition for clemency. Perhaps he recognized that the man was a moral pervert, so made by an environment and a heredity produced through centuries of the worst tyranny the world has known; perhaps his magnanimity was tempered also by policy. He never explained it; it was his way to leave his conduct to explain itself; but in two weeks after the attack on his life he was back at his desk, and when the rioting strikers had been quelled he raised the wage in the plants 10%, for he could do that then without having it interpreted as a surrender to force or as in fear of force expected.

This man's business life was strenuous throughout, for results did not come to him of themselves; he made them come. He marked out his path, and he followed it with the inflexible push which, American-like, passes around an obstacle if necessary but keeps the direction of movement unchanged. Productive efficiency and efficient production (the two expressions are really complementary, not quite equivalent) were always his aim, and, like Mr. Carnegie, he accomplished them.

The two men had points of contact and resemblance, yet they differed in character as well. Mr. Frick was not one who either spoke or acted for public observation, and his comparative rank by volume as a public benefactor has not yet been put into estimate; certainly he was not one to give that any consideration. His city of Pittsburgh mourns him sincerely and rates him highly for good citizenship and practical beneficence; yet his gifts all together may not have been extraordinarily large in aggregate and do not seem to have been widely scattered; he did as his sagacious judgment indicated, and kept to his habit of personal silence.

His career offers two lessons, neither of them offered for the first time, yet neither taken as they ought to be into American remembrance. One is the oft-proven one that this is the country of equal opportunity and of freedom from any hampering by either traditions or governmental structure. If all men were really created free and equal, in the perverted meaning of the declaration of 1776, they would still not remain so; opportunities are before the many, but only the few have the intuition to recognize and the personal qualities to use them. This is the land for work, for individualism, not for seeking a universal level of achievement (which means no achievement at all) and certainly not for railing at destiny or at the better progress of those who get progress by complying with its conditions. The other lesson is that it is not meet for any of us to repeat the literal interpretation of the saying about the rich man and the needle's eye, but to observe the fact that wealth is more and more accepted by its possessors as a public trust. The multi-millionaire cannot wear more than one suit of clothes, or eat more than one meal at a time, and if he tries to devour according to what he is able to

buy he unwillingly gets penalty with his feast and he is liable to envy the stomach of the man who digs his garden for him. Nor can he carry with him any cover for his first nakedness when he has to depart; so, not trying to analyze his motives, our sensible part is to accept his endowments and admit and believe that he is "a man for a' that." Whether the socialistic dream of the State becoming foster-parent of everybody and guiding everybody's course through life, with nobody rich and nobody poor, but everybody "middle," will ever come on earth we need not trouble to consider, or whether, in such a case, it would be better all around for the State to establish and endow public institutions; let it suffice that the berated and still-hated rich do that now. The line of benefactions never ceases, and they are planned wisely and for all coming generations. Of this class is Mr. Frick's endowment to this city, by which, after the little time in which his widow lives, his palace, where used to be the Lenox Library, goes to New York as a gift, with all its matchless art contents.

If there were no construction there would be nothing for attack. If the great majority did not labor, even grumblingly and none too efficiently, the anarchist would soon settle into the nothingness towards which he ignorantly pushes. This country has grown marvellously, but is yet new, and has still to "find itself," which it certainly will do, on a basis of just liberty, after its broods of disturbers have spent or have been put down. So we may well be thankful for the numerically small line of builders, the type of men like James J. Hill, like Carnegie and Shonts and Frick. Their works live after them, and their examples may yet begin to use their wholesome power.

THE NEW NECESSITY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC LIFE.

We have frequently called attention to the need of special education to-day for men who would succeed in any department of business life, and to the recognition of this in the commercial schools of high grade to be found in the different countries of Europe. We recently printed what M. Georges Hersent, the distinguished French engineer, had to say as to the benefit which American engineers might find in advanced study in France.

There is to-day the same necessity, and a like opportunity existing in the realm of public life.

Attention has been called in Paris to the fact that the American Cabinet took more pains than any other to be fortified with full and exact knowledge when it appeared at the Peace Congress, and the presence of President Wilson throughout the negotiations was looked upon in Paris as a proof of this purpose. Numerous research commissions were created in Europe immediately upon the signing of the armistice, but the superiority of the American preparation was recognized with the opening of the Congress.

Perhaps it is because of this that the character of the discussion over the Peace Treaty in the Senate has occasioned such painful surprise abroad. Certain it is that our Senators must have realized their need of larger knowledge, and the public has greatly lacked the information that would have aided it in forming its opinions. We are as a people little accustomed to dealing with international problems or world conditions. The time has come when this can no longer continue, and young men whose eyes are turning toward public life need to know what preparation

is requisite, and how others are obtaining it, and that, not to meet an emergency, but for a successful career.

M. Caudel, the Secretary of the School of Political Science in Paris, incidentally mentions in an article published in a French journal* several American students who have distinguished themselves in that school; Mr. Ellery C. Stowell, since become a professor in the University of Pennsylvania; Mr. Hugh Gibson, our Minister in Brussels; Mr. Sanford Griffith, lately employed by the General Staff of our army in exceptionally delicate missions, and Mr. George Sharpe, the son of the late American Ambassador in Paris. It gives opportunity to call attention to the character of the school which extends its advantages to students of all lands.

It was organized some years ago by Emile Boutmy and Hippolite Taine and has been under the successive direction of Anatole Leroy-Beaulieu and Eugene d'Eichthal. Under this distinguished leadership it has aimed at furnishing training of a special kind, reflecting the demands of the hour, the shades of opinion and the trend of national politics. This is accomplished by securing the service of diplomats, members of Parliament, financiers, magistrates and officers of both army and navy. Instruction covers the history of diplomacy, the law of nations, constitutional and parliamentary history, finance, political and social economics, economic geography, colonization, and the comparison of civil, commercial and maritime legislation, in all of which personal contact and direct investigation are sought.

The law and method of governmental administration, for example, is presented by gentlemen occupying the highest administrative positions, questions of the budget, of customs, of banking and of exchange, by financiers, and questions of contemporary political concern by publicists or statesmen. Among recent instructors of this class were the statesman now widely known, M. Alexandre Ribot and M. Andre Tardieu, the High Commissioner of the French Republic to the United States.

To emphasize the connection of the instruction with practical affairs, student trips for special study are made both in France and to neighboring countries. In this way an intimate acquaintance is sought with the details and atmosphere of European politics, which is expounded and enlarged by special studies under the guidance of competent masters.

To secure thoroughness and test the scholarship and mental quality of the student who wins the diploma of the school, examinations especially adapted to foreign students as well as to French are conducted. The school is open to all comers and is free, after the manner of France, which has always opened her treasures of knowledge and of art to the world, and been the generous and inspiring instructor of all who seek them. In this instance the largest liberty is given the pupils; courses of study are arranged quite independently in each department, diplomatic, financial and administrative. A student may select the courses which meet his need.

In view of the fact that to-day business with us finds itself under the necessity of reaching out for foreign connections, and that public life as a career is rightly attracting so many of our young people, and that even the diplomatic career, of which they have hitherto known so little, except as a chance and honorary appointment, is now become attractive as a field for the widest influence and as requiring the best and most highly trained ability, information as to this French institution has especial value.

It may serve also to strengthen the hands of those who in our own country are trying to do something in the same direction, for they can do little without public support.

* France—Etats Unis, September 1919.

“THE MONEY PUMP”—INFLATION—A SUGGESTION AS TO A WAY OUT.*

Editor Chronicle:—

Optimism is assuredly the only safe policy in this wonderful country of ours, but even here it is dangerous to be too blindly complacent or hopeful. This truism is suggested by the President's latest letter to Congress. In his appeal to the public on the 25th of August last our Chief Magistrate asserted that “the cost of living has certainly reached its peak.” He therefore urged patience. To-day he again urges patience—temporizing, more temporizing, in the expectation that our disease will eventually cure itself, afte the method of Christian Science.

But the cost of living is advancing, not declining. Conditions, social and financial, are rapidly becoming acute. There is an active disease. Our people, the great majority of them, have shown remarkable patience and fortitude under trying conditions, but a change is in evidence, as the straws in the wind make clear. This week it was an officer holding a high position in the country's war service that privately confessed his loyalty was sadly tested by the great disparity between pay and prices; many others are resigning their commissions. Last week two self-respecting laborers on a railroad platform, strangers to the writer, complained bitterly of the hardships they were subjected to by the excessive cost of essentials. The older man lamented that his wages would scarcely keep him in food and “coal,” he said, “costs as much as eggs.” The younger man assenting remarked, “it is well there's plenty of work or there'd be a panic”—he meant an uprising.

Small use, surely, is any plan “for the suppression of” the “Reds” when we tolerate conditions, which turn toward radicalism the best of American stock. Action is needed, and quickly too, if the Ship of State is to escape a sandbar, not to say the rocks. But it is action of a character quite different from the program that is now recommended by the President. “We are on the wrong road,” or “going the wrong way,” as a representative of the railroad men sagely remarked last summer, and it is first of all necessary to ascertain where we are and whither we should turn. No nation ever traveled this road at such a speed before, but bewildering as the succession of events has proven, there is nothing occult or new about the forces at work, except that they are operating in the reverse of the usual order under the will of misguided and deluded men, so numerous in number that they form a large minority of our people.

A careful study of the financial aspects of the problem, now that the smoke of war has blown away, will serve to shed new light on the matter. How many of our people, how many of the nation's representatives assembled at Washington, may we ask, are aware of the fact that this country with all its boasted wealth and prosperity is at the present time, week after week, putting out great volumes of paper money—34 millions by the last weekly report—an average of 22¼ millions weekly since Aug. 1—after the manner of poor war-swept France, still engaged in readjusting her finances after the tempest?

The following table compiled from the statistics published each week by the “Chronicle” shows the extent of our reckless financing on this line as compared with the records of Great Britain and France:

TOTAL FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES IN CIRCULATION.
 (“Notes” and “Bank Notes”)—Increase by Weeks—Increase in Foreign Circulation.
 (€ taken as equal to \$5 and 5 Fr. as equivalent to \$1.)

Week Ending	Total Fed. Res. About—	United States.	Inc. by Weeks	France.
Aug. 1	\$2,707,765,000	39,419,000	\$12,465,000	\$18,524,271
Aug. 8	2,737,375,000	29,610,000	3,095,000	45,747,999
Aug. 15	2,750,613,000	13,238,000	dec. 2,025,000	dec. 21,330,176
Aug. 22	2,769,329,000	13,716,000	dec. 1,115,000	dec. 90,230,090
Aug. 29	2,800,444,000	31,115,000	1,500,000	dec. 341,555
Sept. 5	2,835,292,000	34,816,000	4,985,000	73,155,693
Sept. 12	2,849,397,000	14,135,000	1,050,000	45,098,615
Sept. 19	2,853,852,000	4,455,000	dec. 1,130,000	68,662,590
Sept. 26	2,894,805,000	40,983,000	3,545,000	26,354,013
Sept. 30	2,950,123,000	55,318,000	12,000,000	dec. 33,447,958
Oct. 3	2,988,860,000	38,737,000	1,310,000	294,129,368
Oct. 10	2,988,860,000	3,284,000	dec. 3,510,000	14,637,302
Oct. 17	3,002,244,000	2,803,000	dec. 1,400,000	dec. 80,131,412
Oct. 24	3,005,047,000	2,762,000	5,215,000	115,009,332
Oct. 31	3,007,809,000	56,522,000	7,875,000	15,078,563
Nov. 7	3,054,331,000	1,406,000	dec. 925,000	dec. 78,838,487
Nov. 14	3,065,737,000	9,116,000	dec. 1,130,000	6,352,739
Nov. 21	3,074,853,000	34,217,000	6,080,000	dec. 587,560
Nov. 28	3,109,070,000			
Total increase, 18 weeks		\$400,724,000	\$48,895,000	\$418,843,826
Average weekly increase		\$22,262,444	\$2,716,389	\$23,269,101

Note.—The total note circulation of the Bank of England Nov. 7 1918, being an increase of about £26,693,000, contrasting with £25,990,450 on Nov. 7 1915. In addition, the British Government had outstanding on Nov. 12 1919 £339,698,000, against £323,241,000 Dec. 31 1918 and £21,535,000 on Aug. 26 1914.

The circulation of the Bank of France on Nov. 27 1919 aggregated 37,553,807,460 francs, against 29,072,411,933 Nov. 23 1918 and 22,690,883,985 francs Nov. 29 1917. On Nov. 28 there were in circulation in the United States \$2,862,277,000 Federal Reserve notes and \$256,793,000 Federal Reserve Bank Notes.

* A previous communication from the same contributor will be found in the “Chronicle” of Aug. 23, pages 727 to 729.

We shall not appreciate the full import of this exhibit of American financing unless we recall that the first of our Federal Reserve notes was not issued until Nov. 1914, while in April 1917 there were only 327 millions of these Government obligations outstanding. During our participation in the war, as an aid to the financing of munition and other war contracts and to assist in the flotation of Liberty Loan bonds, the bars being specially lowered to this end, we added 2¼ billions to the amount of these Federal notes in circulation.

The special reasons or excuses of war for this sort of financing are a thing of the past, but nevertheless we go on expanding the currency in like regardless fashion—by nearly 400 millions since the 25th of last July, so that we have outstanding at this moment in Federal Reserve notes (backed by 40% gold) and Federal Reserve Bank notes (with merely a gold redemption fund) a total of three billion, one hundred million. This immense sum, moreover, is additional to some 300 million "greenbacks" and 600 millions of national bank notes, left outstanding from former periods. On the other hand, the issuance of Federal Reserve notes has marked the retirement from circulation since April 1 1917 of about 1½ billion of gold and gold certificates.

Our various forms of paper money consequently, over and above all gold certificates and silver certificates, reach a grand total of approximately four billion dollars, or an average of \$39 for every man, woman and infant in the country. If we consider all money outside the Treasury and Federal Reserve banks, the rate per capita is increased to about \$46, contrasting with \$37.88 on April 1 1917—room enough for inflation surely.

Prior to 1914 the Federal Reserve banks were not in existence so that it is not possible to carry back the comparison of per capita circulation on the aforesaid basis for any long series of years. However, the following record furnished by the United States Treasury Department shows the amount of money outside of Treasury vaults (including a sizeable portion in the past constantly held by the national banks and to a less extent by their successors the Federal Reserve banks) and serves to indicate in a general way, the upward trend of money afloat or held as a basis for credit:

PER CAPITA AMOUNT OF MONEY IN CIRCULATION ON JULY 1 AS REPORTED BY U. S. TREASURY.

1880.	1885.	1890.	1895.	1900.	1905.	1910.	1914.	1916.	1918.	1919.
\$19.41	\$23.02	\$22.82	\$23.24	\$26.93	\$31.08	\$34.33	\$35.35	\$39.29	\$50.80	\$54.28

Note.—The country's imports of merchandise increased from \$12.51 per capita in 1880 to \$21.08 in 1916 (and \$26.86 in 1918) and its merchandise exports from \$10.43 per capita in 1880 to \$41.33 in 1916 (\$54.74 in 1918).

What means such extraordinary note expansion under existing peace conditions? What can it mean? There is, the writer contends, only one possible explanation; all other causes existing during the war having, one by one, dropped away during the year since the armistice was signed, but this one is so substantiated, as we shall see, by attendant circumstances of such an unaccustomed nature that we have, as it were, a net-work in which our much-sought-for cause of the high cost of living appears to be enmeshed.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE RECURRENT NOTE ISSUES COMING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNEXAMPLED DEMANDS FOR HIGHER WAGES.

In the first place, let us remark at once that it certainly cannot be a freak coincidence that the richest and in all respects the most prosperous nation on earth, its individual finances, if not exactly on Easy Street, being, at all events, in no wise radically upset so far as permanent financing is concerned, should find itself issuing such huge amounts of demand obligations, against its will, as it were, at the very time that the following chain of events is taking place:

(1) Successful and oft-repeated strikes on an enormous scale for greatly increased wages and shorter hours, this movement incidentally forcing the entire pay-roll of the country on to a materially higher, though not an equally excessive, basis.

(2) A falling off in the output per man, owing to shorter hours, strike blockades, and wasteful labor turnover (requiring the constant training of green hands) so that literally from two to three times the former expenditure of cash is required to secure a given output—this is true in not a few of our principal industries.

(3) An "orgy of spending" by some millions of the successful strikers, at least while the paper wage increases are still fresh, and by all those who benefit largely of the concurrent wage movement, for all manner of luxuries, especially automobiles. This reckless buying, which the Governor of the Federal Reserve Banks has this week named as the cause of our high prices, carries into the realm of big business,

with the five, ten and twenty-dollar bills as the spare cash, the same phenomenon of popular expenditure that once astonished us when it took the shape of buying at the 5 & 10 cent stores or in contributions to the Church of Rome—the might of the many when acting in unison on limited lines, but with this difference, that the individual outlay is no longer small, or "hidden under a bushel."

(4) The "kiting" of commodity prices and as a natural outcome of these combined forces, a general inflation of paper values.

FORMER CAUSES OR SUPPOSED CAUSES FOR NOTE ISSUES NOW LARGELY ELIMINATED.

On the other hand, let us consider the leading alternative explanations:

(1) Surely no one will assert that the country is dispensing paper money at the rate of 1¼ billions yearly because it is bankrupt, or temporarily embarrassed.

(2) Nor can it be claimed with any show of reason that an unparalleled export trade makes necessary all these further currency issues, additional to the already great mass of new money produced during the war. To be sure, for the ten months ended Oct. 31 1919, the country's merchandise exports as shown by the official reports do indicate an increase of 1½ billion dollars—about 30%—over the same period in 1918. But this increase is only apparent, and in no way real, for the reason that it was more than offset in 1918 by the immense shipments by the Federal Government, on transports, war vessels and vessels under Government charter, of all manner of munitions and war supplies, these having been omitted from the aforesaid valuation of export statistics for the years 1917 and 1918.

(3) Nor is there good ground for the argument still sometimes heard that excessive prices in all lines (which might call for more money in carrying on business) are due to a widespread shortage of supplies and men. Of the first, Europe would strip us if she could, so great are her needs, but at this time she lacks the purchasing power. While as regards men, we have just disbanded an army of 3½ millions who, if slow to go back to some of their old jobs, especially on the farms where they are greatly needed, are for the most part actively employed in business of some kind, together with the many men and boys lately engaged in making war supplies, and several hundred thousand women and girls who, prior to the war, were not participating in any productive industry.

There is unquestionably lack of help and consequent unnatural cost levels in certain essential branches, but both are plainly occasioned in most cases by the popular craze for buying the non-essential luxuries.

(4) The belief that profiteering was the main factor in the case was dispelled by the campaign recently carried on with such zeal by both Federal and State authorities. This campaign curbed to some extent a serious evil, but it also demonstrated that profiteering was not as general nor excessive as supposed.

(5) Speculation undoubtedly often raises prices and helps on inflation, and for this reason the Government wisely took steps to check those indulging therein; but whether practised as of late in stocks, grains, real estate, oil properties, or otherwise, speculation requires the use of relatively little money, since checks and other substitutes meet practically all of the settlements which it involves.

WAGE INFLATION COMPELS MONEY INFLATION, AND SO GENERAL PRICE INFLATION.

The most painstaking search leaves us, as we have said, only one plausible explanation for this surprising development in the country's use of paper money. The majority of transactions which represent large aggregate sums can be, and as a rule are, taken care of by checks and drafts—not so wages—these must be paid, with few exceptions, in cash.

Probably no one will question the statement that wages since Jan. 1 1917 have voluntarily or involuntarily been advanced by from 30 to 150%, and even, in some cases, as in the steel industry, 200% or more.

The United States Census reports the total number of persons engaged in gainful occupations in this country in 1910 as exceeding 38 million (8¼ million women). In 1914 in manufacturing there were nearly 9¼ million persons employed with total salaries and wages aggregating \$5,367,249,000 annually. Applying to this last amount, say, 50%, as the average increase in wages since Jan. 1 1917, and we have an expansion on the country's weekly pay envelope for manufactures alone amounting to \$53,000,000. Multiply

this figure by three or four to include employees in all occupations, and we reach an aggregate which manifestly could not be met otherwise than by a vastly increased supply of circulating medium.

The Federal Reserve note system was devised with the view of providing for any or all needs of legitimate business, and it has done so in this case, as we have seen, on a liberal scale, up to the present time.

Take the ingenious proposition of the Coal Administrator for raising the wages of some 500,000 miners by 14% at the expense of the coal-mining companies. If this offer is finally accepted by the men, can we properly expect the public to go scot-free? It is doubtful. In the first place, the funds which we may suppose would otherwise be distributed to the shareholders of the coal companies in question or be expended on their properties, and in either event paid out by check, must now, perforce, be taken from the banks in the form of bills. Three million weekly is so large a sum, if we take the average increase at \$6 a man, that in the first instance the companies must go to the member banks and the latter to the district banks for rediscounting, which, as matters now stand, means the issuing of further Federal Reserve notes.

Presumably at the end of the first week, comparatively little of this money will have come back either to the issuing banks or to the disbursing companies, and a further installment of new money is required, which, like the first, will go wandering over the country to buy phonographs and the like. Human nature, in such cases, strongly favors gratifying first the whims and appetites for luxuries and subsequently the purchase of life's necessities. A little later on, the notes getting outside the district of the issuing bank, will be sent home for cancellation, but in the meantime the makers of the luxuries, driven to increasing their working funds in order to handle the new business which descends upon them, will presumably be in quest of more bank notes and so the merry round continues.

The effect in such instances is bound to be two-fold. The general level of money in circulation is materially increased, with the inevitable, though gradual, raising of all prices. At the same time a pronounced wave, and possibly a series of waves of luxury buying is set in motion. These travel far and wide, and coming first from one industry and then another up and down the land, produce just such a feverish boom in business as we have been witnessing since the armistice was signed. (See communication in "Chronicle" of Aug. 23, pages 727 and 728.)

THE DISEASE AND ITS SYMPTOMS.

From what precedes, the ailments of our patient would appear pretty plain. Misled by delusions as to the value of inflated wages and abbreviated hours, he has wandered from Gold Money Inn down the crooked lane that leads to that broad street, Paper Money Avenue. While so doing, he has contracted the habit of taking increasing doses of a dangerous stimulant. The method of applying it, by localized self injection on demand from special groups has produced an exceedingly feverish condition throughout the entire body politic, for, in the main, the temporary benefits of the injection process go to the minority workers and merchants who serve them, while for the rest, it is a case of the "devil take the hindmost."

Let anyone question this inflation diagnosis, let him compare the principal symptoms with those to be found in any treatise on economic therapeutics. We note (a) an unquenchable thirst, one wage injection scarcely absorbed before there comes the cry for more and heavier doses; (b) a high temperature and irregular pulse as indicated by feverish business, and most uncertain money rates; (c) prices soaring with no stop in sight; (d) the prices of the precious metals, at the moment silver, advancing to a point at which the coins, being undervalued at their face, are appropriated for use in the arts or for shipment abroad; (e) the purchasing power of life insurance, endowment funds and all savings growing "beautifully less."

We also observe (f) exceptionally few banking and commercial failures—why fail with money supplies increasing and prices higher with each succeeding week? (g) apparent (but fateful) prosperity except for those whose incomes are fixed or sadly lagging; (h) rank speculation, as the clever and unscrupulous hasten to outbid one another for the property of him who fails to perceive how radically values, as measured in depreciated currency, have advanced and will continue to advance; (i) over-extension of the loan account of the banks, since merchant, manufacturer and farmer come in competition with the demands of the speculator, as

they call for more money to meet inflated wage and price scales and carry their inventories; (j) extravagance and unrest rampant and widespread.

WHAT THE LEADING ECONOMISTS SAY OF SUCH MATTERS.

The following quotations will be found more or less pertinent to the situation:

Professor Sumner—"The value of a paper currency depends upon its amount. . . . The rise of prices and multiplication of credit operations will absorb any amount of currency whatever. And (for those who still idealize the Federal Reserve Act) an elastic body is one which will both expand and contract, but a paper currency never contracts itself. Any device which has elasticity for its object will have expansion for its effect."

John Stuart Mill—"That an increase in the quantity of money raises prices and a diminution lowers them, is the most elementary proposition in the theory of currency. . . . Suppose that in a country of which the currency is wholly metallic, a paper currency is suddenly issued in payment of salaries and purchase of commodities. The currency being suddenly increased one-half, all prices will rise, and among the rest the prices of all things made of gold and silver. An ounce of manufacturer's gold will become more valuable than an ounce of gold coin and it will be profitable to melt the coin for the purpose of being manufactured, paper taking its place as currency. Suppose now a second issue of paper; the same series of effects will be renewed, and so on until the whole of the metallic currency has disappeared. . . . Up to this point the effects of a paper currency are substantially the same, whether it is convertible into specie or not."

The report of the English Bullion Committee in 1810 (described as "perhaps the most important document in financial literature," in substance)—"A better and a worse currency cannot circulate together. The worse will drive out the better."

Hon. Andrew D. White (writing of the repeated issues of paper money in France from 1789 to 1796, an irredeemable paper such as we may fear menaces the United States if we do not mend our ways): "Prices of the necessities of life increased; merchants were obliged to increase them, not only to cover depreciation of their merchandise, but also to cover their risk of loss from fluctuation; while the prices of products thus rose, wages which had gone up at first under the general stimulus, fell. Under the universal doubt and discouragement, commerce and manufactures were checked or destroyed. As a consequence, the demand for labor was stopped; laboring men were thrown out of employment and under operation of the simplest law of supply and demand, the price of labor—the daily wage of the laboring class—went down, until at a time when the prices of food, clothing and various articles of consumption were enormous, wages were as low as at the time preceding the issue of irredeemable currency."

No, Mr. Editor, it is true enough we are still some distance removed from the evils of a paper currency and if reason is given a chance to dictate, we shall escape them. But one needs no exceptional imagination to discover that the country cannot long go on printing paper money at the rate of more than a billion a year, our record since July 25—and at the same time continue exporting its gold even at moderate rate (in June and July our net gold exports aggregated \$81,677,800; in August, September and October, \$7,999,-598) without presently having the ends meet and overlap, unusually great as our stock of gold is at this time. The writer was so impressed by this tendency, even then discernible, that in July last he felt constrained to write to the President, suggesting that the note issuing process was getting out of hand for the reasons just stated.

CONCLUSIONS—PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

All of us have the utmost confidence in the good sense and loyalty of the American people, "rank and file and captain, too," provided they understand the facts. The mischief in this instance arises from the delusion which possesses them, inculcated, alas, by those who should know better, that the wages which men may reasonably demand should be proportionate to their desires or the requirements of some artificial scale of living, and need bear no particular relation to the output of the worker or the amount of service rendered by him.

Nevertheless, if President Wilson would set forth the situation clearly, even now, labor, we may believe, will listen. It is simply impossible (without disaster) that the wages of 2,000,000 railroad men should again be raised following the promised 14% to 500,000 bituminous coal miners, the 22½% increase recently awarded to some thousands of Atlantic Coast and Gulf Coast longshoremen, the six dollars a week advance just granted to several thousand employees in the New York City printing trade; and only this week the allowance of 12½% given to the textile operatives in New England, this last concession, it is said, meaning \$1,000,000 more pay to be distributed each week among 300,000 hands.

It may be silly to do so, Mr. Editor, but the outlook is so serious for all concerned, especially for the great wage and salaried class, that with his unbounded confidence in the stick-together character and fair play instinct of the American people, the writer ventures to suggest that the President submit to the public some such proposition as the following:

(1) That the representative merchants throughout the land pledge themselves on the first of some near-by month to reduce their prices by say 10% for a well selected average grade of staples of no large variety, but in every way desir-

able articles covering the whole range of essentials for life and sustenance in use by the American people.

(2) That labor simultaneously assent to a decrease of 5% in wages with an increase of 2½, or better 5%, in hours—the 8-hour day movement to be dropped until the world has recovered from the effects of the war.

If the plan should fail, nothing would be lost. If successful, it might pave the way to a readjustment of our difficulties and enable us to preserve our gold standard, keep open the door for our export trade which high prices threaten to close, and by curtailing prices prevent the country from becoming the "dumping ground" of the world at large.

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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 Dec. 1.

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 the week's offering are dated Dec. 5.

RESULTS OF CANADA'S VICTORY LOAN—TOTALS IN PREVIOUS LOAN DRIVES.

In our issue of Nov. 22, page 1931, we referred to the subscriptions received in the recent Canadian Victory Loan campaign. Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto, under date of Nov. 25, supplied the following information as to the quotas and totals for the Dominion, the Province of Ontario and the cities of Toronto and Montreal and the results in previous loans.

RESULT OF CANADA'S VICTORY LOAN, 1919. (October 27—November 15).

Dominion quota	\$500,000,000	City of Toronto quota	\$ 90,000,000
Dominion result	673,199,700	City of Toronto result	146,379,500
Dominion population	8,000,000	City of Toronto popul.	459,681
Prov. of Ontario quota	226,000,000	City of Montreal quota	90,000,000
Prov. of Ontario result	354,624,500	City of Montreal result	126,102,200
Prov. of Ontario popul.	2,750,000	City of Montreal popul.	670,000

RESULTS OF PREVIOUS CANADIAN WAR LOANS.

First War Loan	(1 December 1915)	\$103,729,500
Second War Loan	(1 October 1916)	201,444,800
Third War Loan	(1 March 1917)	260,768,000
First Victory Loan	(1 November 1917)	419,289,000
Second Victory Loan	(1 November 1918)	695,390,750

INTEREST ON RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT EXTERNAL LOAN DEFAULTED.

It was announced at the National City Bank of this city on Dec. 1 that the semi-annual interest due on that date on the Imperial Russian Government five years 5½% external loan had been defaulted. The total outstanding amount of the issue is \$25,000,000. The bonds will mature in December 1921. This is the first time that the interest on these bonds has not been paid.

As was announced in these columns June 21, page 2482, the maturing \$50,000,000 6½% three-year credit of the Russian Government was not met on the due date, June 18, the holders having been advised of the inability to provide funds to meet the obligations. A protective committee was formed by the bankers interested in the floating of the bonds three years ago, this committee consisting of John H. Fulton, General Executive Manager of the National City Bank, Chairman; Thomas Cochran, of J. P. Morgan & Co.; N. Dean Jay, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York; Lloyd W. Smith, of Harris, Forbes & Co.; Charles S. Sargent Jr., of Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Frederic W. Allen, of Lee, Higginson & Co., and Albert H. Wiggin, ex-officio, Chairman of the Foreign Securities Committee of the Investment Bankers' Association of America. It is understood that this committee may act in behalf of the holders of the 5½% external loan.

SOVIET RUSSIA'S GOLD RESERVE—GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO PAY \$200,000,000 FOR FOOD, &C.

A London cablegram of Nov. 20, published in the New York "Tribune" of Nov. 29, said:

Russia's gold reserves are unprecedented and the Soviet government is prepared to pay 400,000,000 rubles (\$200,000,000) in gold for food, machinery and necessities, according to a statement ascribed to colleagues of Maxim Litvinoff by the Copenhagen correspondent of "The Daily Mail." Litvinoff is now in Denmark to negotiate with the Allied nations relative to an exchange of prisoners, having been sent there by the Bolshevik government of Russia.

AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS FAVORS PREMIUM PAYMENT TO GOLD PRODUCERS THROUGH EXCISE TAX ON GOLD MANUFACTURE.

The enactment by Congress of legislation providing for the payment to gold producers of a premium of \$10 per fine-ounce for gold hereafter produced, is urged in a resolution adopted at the National Gold Conference of the American Mining Congress in session at St. Louis on Nov. 19. The Mining Congress itself approved the resolution the following day. It is proposed that the funds enabling the payment of the premium be derived through an excise of \$10 per ounce on the use, manufacture or sale of gold in the United States for other than coinage or monetary purposes and from other funds in the Treasury not required for specific purposes. According to the "Globe-Democrat," the adoption of the resolution followed the suggestions of H. N. Lawrie, of Washington, D. C., Chief of the Precious & Rare Metals Division of the American Mining Congress. The following is the resolution adopted:

Whereas, The gold production of the United States which declined so rapidly during the war period, since the signing of the armistice still further declined because of the extreme economic pressure to which the gold mining industry has been subjected; and

Whereas, Gold is the standard of value and the basis of all credit and it is vitally important to the financial and commercial life of the nation that the monetary reserve be protected; and

Whereas, There is now being used in the arts and manufacturers of the United States more gold than the annual domestic production, which is obtained under our present system from the Treasury of the United States at a net cost of \$20.67 per ounce of gold; and

Whereas, The actual cost for mining and producing gold now far exceeds this amount and many gold mines have necessarily ceased production and other mines in the United States almost without exception will be compelled to shut down and suspend their mining operations unless relief can be provided for the present serious situation in the gold mining industry; and

Whereas, It is the opinion and purpose of this Congress that no change should be made in the present gold standard and unit of value for the monetary transaction of this and other civilized countries and that no obligation should be had that would in any way invalidate the obligation of the contracts now existing.

Now, therefore, it is resolved by the American Mining Congress in its twenty-second annual session in the City of St. Louis, that the Congress of the United States be and it is hereby earnestly petitioned to pass such speedy and remedial legislation as shall provide for a period of five years from and after the passing of such legislation, there shall be paid to every person producing gold from the mines within the United States and its possessions, under such terms and conditions as may properly be provided, a premium of \$10 per fine ounce of such gold so hereafter produced, such payments to be made out of funds to be provided by an excise of \$10 per ounce on the use, manufacture or sale of gold in the United States for other than coinage or monetary purposes and from other funds in the Treasury of the United States, not required for specific purposes; and

Average for Five Years.

It is further recommended that after five years from the passage of such legislation the premium and excise so to be provided shall be adjudged in accordance with the rise and fall in commodity prices as compared with the average for the five-year period herein referred to; this readjustment and excise to be made each year and until such time as the premium and excise can be abandoned on account of the restoration of a price level which will satisfactorily maintain the normal production of new gold in the United States to meet all industrial requirements of the arts and trades.

CANADIAN CREDITS TO RUMANIA, GREECE, FRANCE, BELGIUM AND ITALY.

The following information regarding Canada's foreign trade loans, contained in advices received by the Department of Commerce at Washington from Consul-General John G. Foster, at Ottawa, under date of Nov. 6, appeared in "Commerce Reports" of Nov. 21:

Canada has already allotted \$106,003,391 on account of the five credits of \$25,000,000 each to Rumania, Greece, France, Belgium and Italy, according to a statement made on the floor of the Dominion Senate late in September. Italy has used the entire amount allotted to it, Belgium has used its allocation to the extent of \$1,088,021, and Rumania up to \$5,053,655. No advances have been made to France or Greece, although the latter country has entered into contracts amounting in the aggregate to \$9,653,054, for which advances will have to be made shortly.

All advances are covered by Treasury bills deposited to the credit of the Minister of Finance in London. The Treasury bills of Rumania, France, Belgium and Italy are repayable in five years from Dec. 31 1919, and they carry interest, payable half-yearly, at the rate of 5½%. Different arrangements have been made with Greece. Twenty of the twenty-five millions credit opened by it will be used for purchases made direct by the Greek Government; the other five millions are for civilian purposes. The terms of payment are 40% cash, 20% in six months, 20% in nine months and the remaining 20% in twelve months. It is believed that most of the goods thus purchased by the Greeks will be sold in Rumania or other countries where the Greeks, being near at hand, can judge of the reliability of the buyers.

Belgium and Rumania each can buy foodstuffs to the extent of \$5,000,000, raw materials worth the same amount, and manufactured goods valued at \$15,000,000. France can devote \$10,000,000 of the credit to the purchase of foodstuffs, \$5,000,000 to buying raw materials and \$10,000,000 to getting manufactured products.

PROGRESS OF RECONSTRUCTION IN FRANCE.

The extent to which France, since the armistice, has gone forward with her program of reconstruction will be a surprise to those who have not closely studied the subject. The recent anniversary of the signing of the armistice has been taken advantage of by the house of Brown Brothers & Co. to bring out a booklet under the title "France, the Reconstruction," giving in some detail the facts of the rebuilding of the railroads, highways, dwellings and factories and also the year's accomplishment in the way of setting France back to somewhat her old position as a leader among the agricultural countries of Europe.

Emphasis is given in this booklet, which is copiously illustrated, to the new assets which France has derived from the regaining of Alsace-Lorraine and also to the potential values that existed in her heretofore undeveloped colonies. Charts are published showing the ratio of income tax on individuals in France to corresponding taxes in the United States. There are many features in this booklet which should give it permanent worth in financial literature, and as its authorship is that of a house which has been in the past closely identified with the placing of French Government loans in this country and as it carries the written endorsement of M. Maurice Casenave, Director-General of the French Mission in the United States, its contents will carry great weight. France has in the past shouldered her burdens with courage and met her obligations and so we may expect her to do to-day; the qualities of thrift, tremendous industry and national pride have not been dulled by the war. We quote as follows from the concluding paragraph of the booklet:

The record of her achievements in the war and, since the signing of the armistice, in peace is convincing evidence of the strength and the solidity of the nation. The people have recently given their answer to Bolshevism by returning an overwhelming majority of the supporters of the Government in the national elections. France will recover from this war as surely as she has recovered from previous wars. With the present opportunity in the fields of industry and trade the new France should become greater even than before.

BANK OF SPAIN PROFITS—WAR TIME INCREASE IN GOLD HOLDINGS, &C.

Important and interesting information respecting the Bank of Spain, the character of its operations, the war time increase in gold holdings, &c., is made available in a communication received by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington, from Trade Commissioner Arthur N. Young, and published as follows in "Commerce Reports" of Oct. 18:

The Bank of Spain (Banco de España) stands at the centre of Spanish finance. Like the Bank of England, although privately owned, it is in a true sense the central and national bank. It alone has the privilege of note issue, and its notes are the only paper currency circulating in Spain. It holds and controls the reserves of gold and silver upon which Spain's monetary system is based. It is at the same time fiscal agent for the Government, the banker's bank, and the largest bank for the public.

The Bank of Spain is preponderant in financial power in Spain. At the end of 1918 it held a cash reserve of 2,870,000,000 pesetas (\$554,000,000), of which 2,228,000,000 pesetas (\$430,000,000), were gold and 642,000,000 pesetas (\$124,000,000) silver. During the first nine months of 1919 the bank added about 200,000,000 pesetas (\$38,600,000) of gold to these reserves, principally because of the raising of the American embargo on gold exports. Since July, 1914, the bank has increased its holdings of gold by over 300%. The bank's reserve is nearly ten times the amount of cash in the vaults of the other banks of the country. Its capital and surplus 210,000,000 pesetas (\$41,000,000), were close to one-third of the total capital invested in banking in Spain, excluding that of the private bankers. At the close of 1918 its deposits, 1,159,000,000 pesetas (\$223,000,000), were nearly equal to a third of the total deposits of all the banks of the country.

Character of the Bank's Operations—Loans and Discounts.

The Bank of Spain engages in practically all the usual banking operations except the purchase and sale of foreign exchange. It receives deposits, makes loans, and discounts paper, and even has a safety-deposit department. All banks, the leading business men, and many persons not actively engaged in business have accounts at the Bank of Spain. No interest is paid on deposits; but an account at this bank is regarded as absolutely safe, and depositors enjoy the advantage of the facilities offered for transferring funds at the rate of one-hundredth of 1% to any of the 62 branches of the bank. Branches are located in each of the provincial capitals and in other cities of importance.

The practice as regards loans is strictly defined in the statutes and regulations of the bank. The chief forms of credits authorized are (1) Discounts; (2) loans secured by collateral; and (3) loans on the guaranty of two or more signatures. Notes eligible for discount must be guaranteed by at least two good names (though securities may be substituted for one of these names), must be payable in Spain, and must mature in 90 days or less. Loans upon collateral cannot be less than 500 pesetas (\$96.50) in Madrid or 250 pesetas (\$48.25) in branch offices, and are likewise limited to 90 days, though they may be renewed. The bank will loan up to 90% of the value of gold or silver, and to 80% of the market value of public securities. A special arrangement made in 1918 permits loans up to 80%

of the market value of specified industrial securities offered by banker the percentage remaining at 60 where such securities are tendered by private borrowers.

The bank will open credits for a period not exceeding 90 days against indorsed bills of exchange or promissory notes with at least two signatures; but it may not loan on real estate. Applications for all loans must be made in writing, through a broker or notary public. Interest rates are fixed by the council of the bank, except that the rate for loans on public securities must have the approval of the Minister of Finance. The rates need not be alike for the Madrid office and the branches, but in practice there is generally no variation.

Rediscount Business—Loan and Discount Rates During War.

Although the Bank of Spain performs nearly all the operations performed by private banks, it also functions as a bankers' bank. As previously indicated, it holds nearly 10 times the cash held by all the other banks combined, thereby exercising a well-centralized control of Spain's reserve of specie.

When the war broke out in 1914 the need for emergency currency was felt in Spain, as in other countries, and the Bank of Spain secured authority to enlarge the limit of note issue from 2,000,000,000 to 2,500,000,000 pesetas (\$386,000,000 to \$482,000,000). Liberal rediscounts were made for the banks. During the first week of August, 1914, the rate for rediscounts and loans upon security was raised from 4½% to 5¼%, and for personal credits to 6%. About Sept. 1 it was found possible to reduce these rates one-half of 1% respectively, and in October the rates were further reduced to 4¾% for rediscounts, but remained at 5% for loans upon security and at 5¼% for personal credits. In 1915 the rate for loans upon security was reduced from 5 to 4¼%. During the days of emergency the bank expanded its credits in a manner which greatly eased the situation.

Since 1915 the bank's rates have been modified to facilitate the flotation of public loans and to afford additional facilities to the banks for rediscounting. In the spring of 1917 the rate for loans upon public securities was reduced from 4½% to 4%, to assist in promoting the consolidation loan of that year. Again, in June, 1919, the rate was reduced to 3¼% for a like purpose. By virtue of an agreement effective July 1, 1918, local banks (not including branches of foreign banks) may secure rediscounts at a rate of 1% less than the general rate.

Rediscounting by the Bank of Spain has greatly developed during the war. In part this development is a result of the emergency experience of 1914, and in part a result of the method of handling the credits granted by Spain to the United States, England, and France. These loans were made by means of acceptances of Spanish banks, which acceptances, for the most part, rediscounted by the Bank of Spain. The practice of rediscounting has thus been stimulated and is growing steadily, and while a policy of rediscount upon which the banks may count in their operations has not yet been fully developed, the officials of the bank, together with members of the Government and officers of private banks, are manifesting a growing interest in this question and are coming more and more to realize the need of developing a broader discount market for Spain.

War-Time Increase in Gold Holdings.

Since the outbreak of the war the amount of gold in the vaults of the Bank of Spain has increased by 315%, a larger percentage of increase than is shown by the national bank of any other country except the Netherlands. This great influx of gold has changed fundamentally the character of the guaranty back of the note issue of the Bank of Spain. From 1900 to 1914 the proportion of gold and silver reserves held against notes varied from 50 to 75%, somewhat more than half of which consisted of silver. But on June 28 1919, the reserves amounted to 83%, nearly four-fifths of which was gold. On that date the bank held, in round figures, a cash reserve of 2,923,000,000 pesetas (\$565,000,000), of which 2,268,000,000 pesetas (\$438,000,000) were gold and 657,000,000 pesetas (\$127,000,000) silver.

The main facts regarding the note circulation and reserves of the Bank of Spain during the years 1914 to 1919, inclusive are set forth in the following table (funds held abroad to the credit of the bank or of the Spanish Treasury are not here included as gold):

Date.	Reserves.		Notes in circulation.	Percentage of gold and silver to notes.	Percentage of gold to notes.
	Silver.	Gold.			
July 25 1914	729,800,000	543,500,000	1,919,000,000	66	28
Dec. 31 1914	708,900,000	573,100,000	1,973,600,000	65	29
Dec. 31 1915	752,900,000	807,200,000	2,100,200,000	77	41
Dec. 30 1916	741,000,000	1,250,900,000	2,360,100,000	84	53
Dec. 31 1917	709,200,000	1,966,900,000	2,798,000,000	96	70
Dec. 31 1918	641,400,000	2,228,300,000	3,334,300,000	86	67
June 28 1919	656,500,000	2,268,200,000	3,516,500,000	83	65

Notes in Circulation Greatly Increased During War.

The bank pursued a very conservative policy as to note issues until the beginning of the last quarter of 1918. From July 25 1914 to Sept. 28 1918, a period in which the gold reserves increased by 1,654,000,000 pesetas (peseta=\$0.193 at normal exchange), the increase of notes outstanding was only 1,097,000,000 pesetas. But from Sept. 28 1918, to June 28 1919, the gold reserves were augmented by only 69,000,000 pesetas while the note circulation increased 500,000,000 pesetas. During the whole period from July 25 1914, to June 28 1919, the note circulation grew from 1,919,000,000 to 3,516,500,000 pesetas, an increase of 1,597,500,000 pesetas, while the bank's holdings of gold increased 1,722,700,000 pesetas.

The amount of note issue permitted the Bank of Spain, which was 2,000,000,000 pesetas at the beginning of the war, was subsequently increased four times, and was 4,000,000,000 in January, 1919. The financial disturbances accompanying the outbreak of war led to the decree of August 5 1914, by which the limit was increased to 2,500,000,000 pesetas. This figure was not changed until March 10 1917, when the influx of gold into Spain led the Government to regard an increase of 3,000,000,000 pesetas as desirable. By August, 1918, the circulation had reached 2,975,000,000 pesetas, just short of the then existing limit, and the Bank of Spain found itself under the necessity of paying out silver rather than notes. Thereupon the decree of August 6 1916 was issued, permitting an increase to 3,500,000,000 pesetas. In return for this privilege the bank was obliged to double the credit of 75,000,000 pesetas extended to the Government as a working balance, and to reduce the interest rate on this balance from 2 to 1%. At the close of 1918 the notes outstanding amounted to 3,316,000,000 pesetas, and it was deemed advisable to raise the limit in order that the bank might not be restricted in its operations nor obliged to make payments in silver. By royal decree of January 3 1919, the limit of note issue was again increased, from 3,500,000,000 to 4,000,000,000 pesetas. One of the reasons for the increase was to facilitate the granting of credits under the financial agreements with the United States and France. On June 28 1919 the note issue stood at 3,516,000,000 pesetas.

Legal-Reserve Requirements.

The law does not require any special reserves to be held against deposit liabilities. But respecting reserves against notes, the law of May 13 1902, article 3, contains the following provisions: For notes up to the amount of 1,200,000,000 pesetas a specie reserve of one-third, at least one-half of which must be gold; for notes from 1,200,000,000 to 1,500,000,000 a specie reserve of 60% of such notes, of which at least two-thirds must be gold; for notes from 1,500,000,000 to 2,000,000,000 a specie reserve of 70% of the amount of such notes, of which at least five-sevenths must be gold. Thus far an issue of 2,000,000,000 pesetas total reserves of 930,000,000 pesetas, or 46.5%, must be kept, of which at least 570,000,000 must be gold. The kind of gold which may be held is either Spanish gold at par, foreign gold at the mint par exchange, or bars at the rate of 3,444.44 pesetas per kilo of fine gold. The silver must be Spanish coin of legal currency.

The legislation since August 1 1914, which has raised the limit of note issue from 2,000,000,000 to 4,000,000,000 pesetas, has been very conservative as regards the holding of reserves. Each of the four decrees comprising this legislation has provided that increases in note issue must be backed by equal amounts of cash. The decree of August 5 1914, which authorized an increase of note issue up to 2,500,000,000 pesetas, provided that any issue in excess of 2,000,000,000 pesetas must be covered by an equal amount in specie, not specifying that a part must be gold. The three subsequent decrees authorizing increases provided that increases from 2,500,000,000 to 4,000,000,000 must be covered, peseta for peseta, in gold.

The reserve requirements are summarized in the table that follows. These regulations are similar, in principle, to those prescribed for the Bank of England, namely, (1) a relatively small initial issue not covered by reserve, and (2) any further issues to be backed by an equal quantity of specie:

Amount of note issue.	Reserves.			
	Amount required.	Gold required.	Silver allowed.	Kind of gold or silver.
<i>Pesetas.</i>	<i>Pesetas.</i>	<i>Pesetas.</i>	<i>Pesetas.</i>	
Aug. 1 1914:				
Up to 1,200,000,000	400,000,000	200,000,000*	200,000,000†	Spanish silver or gold, foreign gold at par, or gold bars at rate of 3,444.44 pesetas per kilo of fine gold.
From 1,200,000,000 to 1,500,000,000.	180,000,000	120,000,000*	60,000,000†	
From 1,500,000,000 to 2,000,000,000.	350,000,000	250,000,000*	100,000,000†	
Since Aug. 1 1914:				
From 2,000,000,000 to 2,500,000,000.	500,000,000	Not specified	500,000,000†	Specie, no kind speci
From 2,500,000,000 to 3,000,000,000.	500,000,000	500,000,000	None	Gold, no kind speci.
From 3,000,000,000 to 3,500,000,000.	500,000,000	500,000,000	do	Gold only, of which not more than 15% may be without legal currency unless the Minister of Finance authorizes it on account of the international situation.
From 3,500,000,000 to 4,000,000,000.	500,000,000	500,000,000	do	Gold only, none without legal currency to be held without authorization of Minister of Finance.
4,000,000,000	2,830,000,000	2,070,000,000*	860,000,000†	

* "or more"; † "or less".

Profits of the Bank—Purchases of Gold Very Profitable.

The earnings of the bank have been large, varying since 1875 from 16 to 25% annually. The profits distributed annually to the shareholders during the last 10 years were as follows: From 1910 to 1912, inclusive, 19%; from 1913 to 1917, inclusive, 20%; in 1918, 21% plus a dividend in bonds equivalent to about 20%; and in the first half of 1919, 12%.

The profit and loss account in the report for the year 1917 contained an item, "profit from the acquisition of gold, 29,976,306.50 pesetas," and this account showed a surplus carried over into 1918 of 33,000,000 pesetas. During the year 1918 the bank distributed this amount through the issue to shareholders of 30,000,000 pesetas in 4% bonds (mentioned above), the bank not being allowed to add to its capital stock. These profits were gained by acquiring gold at less than par. At one time the dollar was only received by the bank at a rate of 4.85 pesetas, a discount of about 6% as compared with the par of 5.18 pesetas. "The bank was able to do this because it had practically a buying monopoly of gold in Spain. There was no other market for those importing it, except a minor market among jewelers, dentists, &c., since the mint was not in operation.

The Bank's Relation to the Government—Renewal of Charter.

The law of 1884 chartered the bank for 30 years, and in 1891 this period was extended to December 31 1921. The Bank of Spain is the only one in the country having a privilege, or special franchise, and subject to special banking legislation. Other banks are subject only to the general law of incorporation and the code of commerce, and not to any special banking law. The privilege of the Bank of Spain consists mainly in its exclusive right to issue notes. In return for this right the bank renders certain services to the State, chief of which consist of making a loan of 150,000,000 pesetas without interest, and acting as fiscal agent for the Government at home and abroad. The chief functions as fiscal agent are to have custody of the public funds, and to supervise the issue of public securities, paying the interest and amortization upon them. In addition the bank, like other incorporations, pays a yearly tax of 16.5% upon profits.

It is desired by many that the renewal of the present charter, which expires at the end of 1921, be made the occasion of increasing the Government's share in the management and profits of the bank. Much interest is being manifested in the conditions of renewal, and it is hoped to bring about an improvement in the relations of the bank both with the State and with the other banks. Senor Joaquin Sanchez de Toca, present Prime Minister of Spain, and a very careful student of banking questions, made the following critical comments on the workings of the Bank of Spain: (1) The bank does not fully attain the position of a central and national bank; (2) It acts too much as an ordinary profit-making company and not enough as a central institution charged with an important public interest and influencing the entire economic life of the country; (3) the reserves accumulated in normal times were too small to be a proper safeguard against a panic; and (4) the bank does not understand how to use its reserve properly.

The discussion of the renewal of the charter is bringing to a head the controversy between the shareholders on the one hand and the Government and private banking and commercial interests on the other. The report

of the Commission of the Treasury appointed September 5 1918, to study the bases of renewal, whose report was presented in May 1919, urged (1) that the share of the Government in the management of the bank be enlarged; (2) that the bank extend increased credit facilities both to the other banks and to commerce; (3) that it undertake to regulate foreign exchange even if at a loss, being indemnified by the State; and (4) that the State share more fully in the profits.

Future Policy Respecting the Gold Standard.

Spain is in a position to go from its pre-war silver standard squarely onto the gold standard when the world financial conditions become more stable. In May, 1918, Senor Alba, then Minister of Finance, proposed a far-reaching measure to establish the gold standard.

The main points in Senor Alba's proposal were that silver coins of 1 pesetas be made legal tender only up to 50 pesetas; that the surplus silver in the reserves of the Bank of Spain be sold promptly; that the 25-peseta notes of the bank be retired, in order to make room for the circulation of gold; and that the mint be placed in a position to coin gold, pending which foreign coins, properly stamped, should be legal tender. This proposal was much discussed and criticized as containing provisions calculated unduly to prolong the transition, and as being incomplete. However, it contained the essential provisions necessary to effect this reform, save a clause obligating the Bank of Spain freely to redeem its notes in gold.

Spanish opinion generally regards with much satisfaction this large accumulation of gold, which has resulted from Spain's ability to respond to the demands of the belligerents. It is suggested in some quarters that the Government should undertake to obtain gold in final repayment of the credits granted in the past year to the United States, Great Britain and France. However, some questioning voices are heard. It is feared that prices would be raised still further should Spain receive additions quantities of gold.

There is a discussion going on in the press of the project of placing some gold in active circulation, on the theory that inflation of the fiduciary currency and the accompanying rise of prices would thus be prevented, since the gold would be something of a novelty and would either be hoarded or would circulate less rapidly than the notes of the Bank of Spain. Also the advantage of gold hoardings per se is questioned, as in the following citation of a writer quoted in El Sol, Madrid:

"Since this metal was not produced in Spain but was obtained from abroad, it was received in return for the sale of Spanish goods, which otherwise would have been exchanged for cotton, coal, and the like. That is we have in four years put away in the bank over 1,700,000,000 pesetas (\$328,000,000), which are wholly unproductive, and which otherwise might have been producing food and wealth and giving employment to labor."

The gold policy of the leading nations of Europe and of the United States is being followed with much interest in Spain. It is feared by some that measures in other countries making for the economy of gold, such as its withdrawal from active circulation or centralization in a single bank will restrict the neutrals in disposing advantageously of gold acquired as a result of the fortunes of war.

OTTO H. KAHN, WHILE OPPOSED TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS, SEES RATIFICATION, WITH RESERVATIONS, AS ONLY COURSE—NEEDED CREDITS FOR EUROPE.

Declaring himself as "strongly opposed to the League of Nations Covenant as originally submitted to the Senate," Otto H. Kahn, of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., in a letter to Senator Poindexter further declares his disbelief "in the whole conception on which it rests." Mr. Kahn states that he had hoped "that in place of creating a wholly novel and untried machinery of vast complexity the United States, England, France and Italy would make a short, simple solemn declaration to the world to the effect that the high and beneficent things we fought for, we mean to preserve and protect and that any one who assails them will find these great European powers and America arrayed for the defense of liberty, peace and right." In arriving at the conclusion that the Treaty will presumably be ratified during the next session of Congress with suitable reservations, Mr. Kahn records his views thereon as follows: "being given the circumstances of time and the world-situation which unfortunately and unnecessarily has been created, ratification with such reservations would seem to me the course that is called for, however reluctantly." Alluding to Europe's need of America's financial aid Mr. Kahn states that "the very first thing we ought to do as an expression of our true sentiment and in fulfillment of our plain duty is to make available to the Allied nations, and next to them the Central Powers, those credits which are required to enable them to obtain, urgently, indeed vitally, needed foodstuffs and raw materials and to resume their normal life." "If," he says, "we do not provide these credits, and provide them promptly, we shall in the end lose far more through the impairment of trade and trade opportunities than if the whole amount of those credits were to prove a loss (which will by no means be the case)." Mr. Kahn's letter, dated Nov. 30, was made public by the Committee of American Business Men. We give it in large part herewith:

I am, of course, cordially in favor of any wise and fitting pact to preserve the peace of the world. I am in favor of America taking her full share in the burden of that responsibility which rightfully goes with power.

I am in favor of dealing with those nations by whose side we fought in the war, not merely according to the measure of our duty, but according to the measure of our good-will and of our grateful appreciation of their heroism and their sacrifices in the struggle to save the world from Prussianism.

I am in favor of the proposed defence treaty with our sister-republic and ancient ally, France (excepting the provision which makes its duration

subject to the judgment of the League of Nations). I am in favor of the most cordial understanding and co-operation with Great Britain.

Indeed, I believe that no other single element is so vital to the peace, safety and freedom of the world as close, harmonious and mutually trustful relationship between America and that great democratic Empire.

I am in favor of doing everything incumbent upon us to make secure and to perpetuate that which we and the Allied nations fought for.

But I am strongly opposed to the League of Nations Covenant as originally submitted to the Senate. Indeed, I disbelieve in the whole conception on which it rests. I share the opinion of President Nicholas Murray Butler as expressed in a recent speech in which he gives voice to his deep disappointment that instead of "setting up a great tribunal by which law shall be substituted for force in the settlement of international disputes," the peace treaty "largely relies upon political and diplomatic discussion" and devices as a means of preventing wars.

Nothing that we fought for makes it incumbent upon us to entangle ourselves in the age-long squabbles and intrigues of Europe and Asia, or to become the guardians and guarantors for all times of an arbitrarily re-modeled world, put together in disregard, more or less, of the evolution of centuries or the proven qualities and characteristics of races, according in the judgment and formulae and compromises of a few men assembled to secret conclave, far removed from the informing and vitalizing currents of public opinion.

Nothing that we fought for makes it incumbent upon us to relinquish our fundamental national policies and traditions, and to transform the American eagle into an international mongrel.

We helped mightily to win the war. Alone among the victors, we ask for none of the spoils (though, it seems to me, at least we might well and justly have claimed a share in the distribution of those islands in the Pacific formerly owned by Germany, which are of strategic importance to America.) We are not called upon to set America's signature to an instrument that would leave us poorer in those intangible assets which we have jealously guarded heretofore and which we rightly prize.

America, the young giant of the free and unconventional West, cannot be put into a garment cut according to the manner and habits of old-time European diplomacy. She is not much good at sitting around green tables in elaborate and ceremonious discussions.

She is not fitted by tradition, training, governmental methods, interest or inclination to take a continuous and responsible part in the adjustment of European affairs.

She will do far more and far better work for the world if she is left free to do it in her own way than if she is confined and constrained by the rigid formulae and precise provisions of a Covenant such as the one framed at Versailles—a Covenant which a French writer has termed a "chimerical edifice conceived in disdain of the laws of history and reality and human nature."

I fear that our participation in the League, with its infinite and all-embracing complexity, inelasticity and cumbersome machinery, instead of being a breeder of peace and good-will, would be rather apt to be a breeder of misunderstandings, irritation and ill-feeling, as far as America is concerned.

Already, in our recent excursion into the field of European politics, we have managed in one short year to convert friendship and trust toward us into misunderstanding and irritation, in the case of too many of those nations with whom we were associated in the war.

We would be expected by our associates in the League to do things, some of which we know beforehand we shall not do adequately or at all unless they are supported by public opinion in this country.

I have been at pains to read through the Peace Treaty, including the Covenant, from beginning to end. I laid it away sore at heart and sickened.

It falls grievously, most grievously, short of realizing the high hopes of the world for a peace which would be worthy of the spirit and aspirations that animated the Allies and America during the war and at the conclusion of the armistice.

I had hoped (and some of those more competent than I in international affairs shared that hope) that in place of creating a wholly novel and untried machinery of vast complexity, the United States, England, France and Italy would make a short, simple, solemn declaration to the world to the effect that the high and beneficent things we fought for, we mean to preserve and protect and that any one who assails them will find these great European powers and America arrayed for the defence of liberty, peace and right.

Such a declaration would have meant neither an alliance with or against anybody, nor a threat toward any other nation. It is true that it would have no perpetually binding force. But neither has the League of Nations Covenant perpetually binding force, inasmuch as any member may withdraw from it on two years' notice. I feel that such a declaration, together with the utilization, strengthening and development of the existing machinery of The Hague Tribunal, would accomplish all that we are called upon to do in this respect, and accomplish it more effectively than an ironclad document.

America wants peace, not only actually but also formally, with her late enemies. We should—and but for the League Covenant complications would—have had it long ago.

If, contrary to expectation, developments were to make it necessary for America to act upon her own initiative, she could have it for the asking at any time and upon her own terms, because the Central Powers need peace far more urgently than we do.

The Versailles Peace Treaty has been rejected. Presumably, it will be ratified during the next session of Congress with suitable reservations, unless prevented by unyielding obstinacy and pride of opinion in high places. Being given the circumstances of time and the world-situation which, unfortunately and unnecessarily, has been created, ratification with such reservations would seem to me the course that is called for, however reluctantly.

Whether or not the course be approved by the necessary two-thirds majority of the Senate, I am quite certain that the Senate's attitude in respect of the League of Nations Covenant does not signify any lack of good-will or gratitude toward the Allied nations, or a callous disregard of our duty toward a world in sore distress. I am convinced, on the contrary, that our Allied friends may rest assured that the more we are left to do things in our own way, the more willingly, generously and effectively we shall do them.

And the very first thing we ought to do as an expression of our true sentiment and fulfillment of our plain duty, is to make available to the Allied nations, and, next to them to the Central Powers, those credits which are required to enable them to obtain urgently, indeed vitally, needed food-stuffs and raw materials and to resume their normal economic life.

It has now been demonstrated unmistakably that private enterprise in America cannot accomplish that task by itself, or, at any rate, that it cannot accomplish it quickly enough, for various reasons, among the principal ones of which is the fact that crude and shortsighted taxation has destroyed the American investment market for the time being. It is up to our Government to take the lead and to act promptly and effectively. The sum required now and for the next twelve months is no more than our

expenditures would have been for thirty days if the war had lasted but one month longer.

If we do not provide these credits and provide them promptly, we shall in the end lose far more through the impairment of trade and trade opportunities than if the whole amount of those credits were to prove a loss (which will by no means be the case). In addition, we shall lose international good-will, which is a business asset not to be under-estimated.

Europe needs America's financial aid at this juncture a good deal more than it needs America's participation in the League of Nations. Self-interest as well as humanity and a due regard for our duty and good name require that we should give that aid without further delay. We tarried far too long, as it is.

The allegation that private capital would have taken care of the requirements of Europe if the Peace Treaty had been ratified and that all this time it has stood ready to act awaiting only ratification, is not in accordance with the facts. The ratification or non-ratification of the Treaty is not and was not the determining factor in the attitude of private capital toward Europe.

What is needed and has been needed all along to meet the financial economic necessities of Europe, with the resulting benefit to our own institution, is definite and purposeful leadership on the part of the Administration and appropriate legislation by Congress.

Senator Poindexter, in forwarding the letter to the Senate Committee, said:

I regard this letter from Mr. Kahn as the most effective statement from an American business man which I have seen, in opposition to the passage of the Peace Treaty as submitted to the Senate.

PROPOSAL TO RAISE MONEY IN GREAT BRITAIN THROUGH LOTTERY METHODS DEFEATED.

In announcing the defeat in the British House of Commons on Dec. 1 of a proposal to have the Government enter upon a policy of raising money through lottery methods, the cablegrams from London to the daily papers on that date said:

The question of issuing premium bonds was discussed in the House of Commons to-day at the instance of Horatio W. Bottomley. Independent, who argued that such a measure was necessitated owing to the existence of £2,000,000,000 floating debt which might cause a run on the Bank of England should labor unrest revive and Bolshevism spread.

Mr. Bottomley declared that the issue would not create serious diversion from popular securities, and even if post office deposits and war savings certificates were disturbed and reinvested in premium bonds, it would relieve the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, opposed Mr. Bottomley's motion. He said premium bonds would not produce £100,000,000; they were more likely to bring only £50,000,000, which remedy was altogether unequal to the disease. Moreover, he contended, it would encourage the gambling spirit, which already was too rampant.

What was required was steady, honest work, and the people should be taught that there was no salvation without it. He hoped the House would give the motion a direct negative.

The motion was defeated, 276 to 84. Lady Astor recorded her first vote in the House of Commons against the motion.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO REIMBURSE BELGIUM.

The daily papers of Nov. 29 printed the following cablegram advices from Brussels Nov. 28:

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.

The marks will be exchanged for Treasury bonds producing 5% interest. By the agreement Belgium is assured complete reimbursement.

BILL TO MAKE GOLD CERTIFICATES LEGAL TENDER.

A bill providing that gold certificates of the United States payable to bearer on demand should be made legal tender in payment of all debts and dues public and private was introduced in Congress this week by Senator Smoot. The following with regard thereto is taken from the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 3:

In explaining his bill Senator Smoot said that the business interests of the country are unable to do all that is required of them on account of the lack of \$1 and \$2 bills, which cannot be provided under the law. Practically all silver certificates have been withdrawn from circulation. The silver dollar can be sold as bullion for more than the dollar is worth as a circulating medium, and it is necessary to meet the demands of business by issuing paper currency of same kind and in smaller denominations.

His bill would not change, he said, the present reserve situation. It does not propose to give legal tender quality to \$10,000 gold certificates, of which there is about \$654,670,000 outstanding, but only to those certificates that are payable on demand, under \$10,000. The exportation of silver, principally to the Orient, since April 23 1918, when the Pittman Act became a law has amounted to \$425,554,000.

As Federal Reserve Bank notes in denominations of one dollar and two dollars cannot be issued in sums exceeding the amount of silver dollars broken up and exported and as silver certificates are no longer available for purposes of circulation, there has developed an unprecedented shortage in paper currency of \$1 and \$2 denominations.

The last report received by the Senate from the Treasury Department showed the withdrawal of \$152,000,000 silver dollars upon the issuance of silver certificates. That silver has been exported to Japan and China principally and some to India.

BILL TO MAKE SILVER CERTIFICATES LEGAL TENDER.

In special advices from its Washington Bureau Dec. 4 the "Journal of Commerce" said:

Silver, with its recent metric rise in value, and the development of dangerous possibilities as affecting Government financial operations, occupies an uppermost place in the minds of Treasury officials. The steady upward trend in the value of the metal, and the gradual diminution of the

silver stocks of the country have been acting as a spur to officials for the formulation of plans to check the further enhancement of silver values.

Many suggestions have poured in upon the Treasury purporting to be the real solution for the silver problem. These proposals range all the way from the withdrawal of all silver subsidiary coin from circulation and its conversion into silver bullion for the purpose of meeting the demand with the issuance of "shin plasters" in place of the silver currency withdrawn to the prohibition of silver exports and the placing of all silver stocks under Government control, for the fixing of prices and supervision of distribution.

None of these, however, are destined to receive serious consideration by the Treasury Department in extricating itself from the silver dilemma. Instead, officials of both the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve Board are pinning their hopes on the operation of the Pittman bill, recently presented to Congress, providing for the making of \$1 and \$2 silver certificates as legal tender.

The silver situation in this country has been agitated to some extent by a recent Mexican decree prohibiting silver exportations to the United States for the present, because of internal financial conditions in Mexico. Officials here, however, are not disposed to treat this act of the Mexican Government with much seriousness for the reason that it is believed to be of a temporary character and because of the marked reduction in the flow of silver from Mexico to the United States during the past ten days or two weeks.

Any further action by the Treasury Department to remedy the silver situation is not expected until Congress acts on the Pittman bill, and that plan given an opportunity to operate in drawing from bank vaults and private depositaries the hidden quantities of silver expected to be coaxed into circulation again to relieve the present scarcity of the metal.

NEW EXPORT DUTIES ON SILVER IN MEXICO.

"Commerce Reports" of Dec. 1 published the following cablegram received from Vice-Consul Joseph W. Rowe, at Mexico, under date of Nov. 26:

According to a Presidential decree of Nov. 25, in effect from Dec. 1, the duties payable upon the exportation of silver from Mexico have been modified. The new rates vary according to the daily New York quotations on silver and are as follows: When the quotation is less than \$1 per ounce the tax is to be 7% ad valorem; when the price is from \$1 to \$1.10 the tax is 8%; from \$1.10 to \$1.20 the rate is 9%; from \$1.20 to \$1.30, 10%; from \$1.30 to \$1.40, 11%; while if the quotation is above \$1.40, duty is to be collected at the rate of 12%.

The Government reserves the right to buy what silver it needs at the market price plus 1%, but deducting taxes and shipping expenses.

PAUL M. WARBURG DECLARES AGAINST PRESENT CALL LOAN SYSTEM—ACTION BY AMERICAN ACCEPTANCE COUNCIL.

The call loan, together with the Treasury certificates, were characterized this week by Paul M. Warburg, formerly of the Federal Reserve Board, as the two most serious obstacles preventing the bankers' acceptance from attaining the position as the most desirable and most important asset among the so-called secondary reserves of banks. Mr. Warburg's views were presented in his report as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Acceptance Council, submitted at the annual meeting of that organization in this city on Thursday of this week, Dec. 4. Mr. Warburg, among other things, declared that "our Stock Exchange must be protected from the vagaries of a daily fluctuating money supply," adding that "it should be placed on a basis of weekly or two weekly settlements." Following the presentation of his report the Council adopted unanimously a resolution declaring that the present method of daily stock exchange settlements "influences adversely the development of a wide and healthy discount market" and authorizing the appointment of a committee to study the question of modifying the present system. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, The present method of daily stock exchange settlements, with its dominating and often unsettling effect on the call money market, influences adversely the development of a wide and healthy discount market in the United States;

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Executive Committee be authorized to appoint a committee consisting of members of the Executive Committee and other individuals to study the advisability, ways and means of modifying the present system of settlements on the New York Stock Exchange and substituting therefor some system of periodical settlement, with power to take such steps as may seem advisable in the case.

Discussing the call loan in his report, Mr. Warburg said:

As long as this system is continued, as long as the banks all over the country dump their idle funds upon the stock exchange treating these stock exchange loans and New York balances invested therein as their quickest and most important secondary reserve, just as long is the stock exchange in an unsound condition and just so long will it be impossible to secure for our country the benefits of a wide discount market and effective bank rates.

For over ten years some of us have preached the gospel of a system of centralized reserve-banking predicated upon a reliable discount market, as against decentralized banking based upon reserves invested in stock exchange loans. Only the first part of this program has been carried into effect; the second part still remains to be accomplished. As long as the stock exchange call loans retain their prominence as secondary reserves of too many banks and as long as stock exchange demands fix the call loan rate in the largest money centre of the world, we shall not enjoy a complete and perfect banking system. Nobody will deny that for a machine moving as fast and involving as gigantic daily transactions as the New York Stock Exchange, a change of system is a most difficult task. It is obvious that it should be undertaken only with the greatest possible precautions. But the difficulty should not scare us into inactivity and indefinite delay when we know that eventually the change has got to be made. When drastic banking reforms were first urged the most prominent bankers were opposed to it for the reason that they were prospering under the old system and because they thought that it would be impossible and dangerous to tinker

with so immense and, at the same time, so delicate a structure. None the less, the system was remodeled without any serious disturbance and those who were proved to have been right who predicted to prosperous bankers that if they could prosper with an unsafe system they would be certain to enjoy an even greater prosperity with a safe banking system. The same experience is in store for the stock exchange, but the question is: will they, of their own free will and initiative, undertake the task for their own benefit and that of the entire country, or will they delay as the banks did until they learned their lesson by the dread experiences of the panic of 1907, resulting in Governmental legislation?

At present our gold position is well protected by a trade balance so phenomenally in our favor. In the long run, however, our country will not be able safely to accomplish its new task of a world banker without the protection of an effective discount rate regulating a wide discount market.

Our stock exchange must be protected from the vagaries of a daily fluctuating money supply; it should be placed on a basis of weekly or two-weekly settlements. Our bill market should be protected from the daily unsettlement caused by the increasing and decreasing demands of the stock exchange. The call money market ought to be based primarily on prime bills that can quickly be turned into cash balances, while the bulk of undigested stocks and bonds ought to be carried by time loans rather than call loans. As a matter of fact, many of these call loans are callable only in name, and inasmuch as they are carried by loans that are actually subject to call, they are a source of unrest and danger.

It would be foolish to say that our present financial complexities are due solely to this defect in our system. We could not expect to go through a period of unparalleled destruction and inflation without having to face consequences whose beginning only we are witnessing to-day. Maybe that in spite of a defective system we might have felt less cramped to-day if since the armistice we had set our face more sternly against over-buying, over-spending, and over-speculation, not only on the stock exchange but also in many other trades. Maybe that somewhat higher discount rates would have been less costly to the country than high prices and a low level of rates. But these are, after all, large questions on which opinions may differ. The fact remains that, with the heavy burdens that the future, no doubt, will place upon us, we should be criminally negligent if we left anything undone that would tend to perfect as far as possible every cog in our financial machinery.

The establishment of a world-wide discount market and its emancipation from the evil influences of an unscientifically organized call-loan market is obviously a task still to be accomplished by us. No more useful work could be undertaken by the American Acceptance Council than to centre the attention of its members on this problem and to further its solution.

Of Treasury certificates, Mr. Warburg said:

As long as banks are expected to invest from time to time in large amounts of Treasury certificates, and as long as these certificates are offered on a basis which makes the investment more attractive for the banks than for the small investor (owing to the Government deposit that carries a substantial portion for a substantial time at a low rate of interest and thereby materially increases the return to the bank); as long as it is easier for banks, and at times even more profitable, to borrow against these certificates than to sell bankers' acceptances, so long will the bankers' acceptance have an uphill fight for a proper position in the portfolio of the banks.

When once our Treasury certificates are paid off, or funded, or distributed in a manner to eliminate banks as their main buyers, and when, as a consequence, our banks become the chief purchasers of bankers' acceptances, we shall enhance most effectively our ability to finance the world's trade and, at the same time, we shall have removed one more element of artificiality in the present financial situation. Like England, where Treasury bills are now being offered on approximately a 6% basis, we shall continue to move in the direction of bringing interest rates under the control of the natural forces, a policy without which expansion and inflation cannot be arrested.

SAMUEL F. STREIT IN REPLY TO P. M. WARBURG ON CALL LOAN SYSTEM.

A reply to the contentions of Paul M. Warburg against the present call money system was made on Thursday by Samuel F. Streit, Chairman of the Committee on Clearing House of the Stock Exchange. Mr. Streit refers to the plans of the Exchange to put into operation as soon as possible the Stock Clearing Corporation for the purpose of facilitating and handling the daily settlement and concludes with the statement that "it would be physically impossible for us to change from our present day-to-day settlement basis to a weekly or fortnightly settlement basis at the present time." The following is what Mr. Streit had to say as reported in the New York "Times" of yesterday (Dec. 5):

The Stock Exchange is going ahead as rapidly as possible to put into operation the Stock Clearing Corporation for the purpose of facilitating and handling the daily settlements. We do not feel justified in considering or undertaking any other change until that is perfected.

Mr. Warburg says that with "a machine so fast and involving such gigantic daily transactions as the New York Stock Exchange, a change of system is a most difficult task and should be undertaken only with the greatest possible precautions." That is the way we feel about it. We want to be able to relieve the congestion in the Street and modernize our present methods of doing business. If we are successful in that we will be open to discussions and conviction on the subject of a term settlement, whether it be weekly or fortnightly.

Mr. Warburg speaks of inactivity and delay. The Exchange is moving as rapidly as possible in the matter of putting the Stock Clearing Corporation operations into effect. The quarters in the Stock Exchange Building are promised to be ready Jan. 1 next. When they are completed there will be the question of educating the office forces and the banks, and drilling the employees of the Corporation in the working thereof. How long that will take, whether one or two months, I do not know. But it is being pushed as rapidly as possible, and I think that is the answer to the statement of Mr. Warburg about "inactivity and delay."

Mr. Warburg also says we should be willing to undertake the task of changing and modernizing our system for our own benefit, in addition to our delay and inactivity. I do not think it a question of delay, or of lack of desire to get things moving better. It is a question of machinery, and if that works, which I expect it will, then Stock Exchange members and bankers can enter into an intelligent discussion as to the merits and demerits of a term settlement.

I want to emphasize very strongly that if to-day the New York Stock Exchange approved of and desired to adopt a term settlement, it would be impossible and impracticable until our present plan has worked out success-

fully. In other words, it would be physically impossible for us to change from our present day-to-day settlement basis to a weekly or fortnightly settlement basis at the present time. I cannot make this too strong.

RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF AMERICAN ACCEPTANCE COUNCIL.

At the first annual meeting of the Board of Representatives of the American Acceptance Council on the 4th inst. the following officers were re-elected:

President, Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of the Board, Irving National Bank, New York City. Chairman Executive Committee, Paul M. Warburg. Vice-President, Arthur Reynolds, Vice-President, Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago. Secretary, Jerome Thralls, Secretary-Treasurer, Discount Corporation of New York, New York City. Treasurer, Percy H. Johnston, Vice-President, Chemical National Bank, New York City.

There were but few changes made in the personnel of the Executive Committee, to which the following new members were elected: John Bolinger, Vice-President of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, and Kenneth R. Hooker, President of the Putnam-Hooker Co., Cincinnati.

MEMBERSHIP OF AMERICAN ACCEPTANCE COUNCIL.

The report of the Executive Secretary, Robert H. Bean, presented at the annual meeting shows that the membership of the Council has grown from the time of its re-organization in January last from 111 to approximately 200 active members and 16 service members. Active membership of the Council comes from the following cities, and is composed of 46 banks, 31 bankers, 14 national associations, 58 commercial houses and 7 individuals.

Baltimore, 2; Boston, 8; Brooklyn, 1; Buffalo, 1; Cazenovia, N. Y., 1; Chicago, 6; Cincinnati, 3; Cleveland, 6; Detroit, 2; Fall River, Mass., 1; Fresno, Calif., 1; Houston, Texas, 3; Indianapolis, 1; Joliet, Ill., 1; Jackson, Mich., 1; Lexington, Ky., 1; Minneapolis, 4; Mishawaka, Ind., 1; Newark, N. J., 1; New Haven, Conn., 1; New York City, 89; New Orleans, 4; Orange, N. J., 1; Philadelphia, 5; Pittsburgh, 3; Portland, Ore., 4; Rochester, N. Y., 1; Richmond, Va., 3; San Francisco, 10; St. Louis, 8; Topeka, Pa., 1; Syracuse, 1; South Bend, Ind., 1; Tulsa, Okla., 1; Utica, N. Y., 1; Worcester, Mass., 1.

N. Y. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK'S REVIEW OF INCIDENTS LEADING TO INCREASE IN RESERVE RATES.

A review of the conditions which led to the advance in discount rates by the Federal Reserve Banks and to the issuance of the explanatory statement of the New York Federal Reserve Bank on Nov. 3 (the latter was published in our issue of Nov. 8, page 1749) is contained in the monthly report made to the Federal Reserve Board under date of Nov. 20 by Pierre Jay, Federal Reserve Agent of the New York Reserve Bank. The report made public on Monday Dec. 1) says:

The increase in rates, though only fractional, was the first step taken by the Federal Reserve bank towards assuming its normal relation to the volume of credit. During the war and as long as the Government continued to borrow on an increasing scale, a constantly-increasing expansion of credit was necessary and the Federal Reserve bank had not only to provide the aids for such expansion but to encourage it, and its rate policy was necessary subordinated to the rates carried by the Government bonds and certificates. But when the tide turned and the Government's borrowing began to decrease, credit contraction became not only possible but necessary and it was the duty of the Federal Reserve bank, hitherto the agency of expansion to take the lead in encouraging the gradual contraction of credit.

The statement expressed the views of the bank as to the desirable policy to be pursued by the member banks as their investments in Government obligations, or their loans upon them, gradually are reduced. During the war the Federal Reserve bank as fiscal agent of the Government had to encourage a program of "borrow and buy," among banks in order that they might buy certificates of indebtedness far in excess of their available funds, and among individuals that they might buy bonds far in excess of their current savings. The result was an immense increase in the loan accounts of the member banks, and a proportionately great increase in their discounts with the Federal Reserve bank. But with bond buyers gradually reducing their borrowings at the banks, and with a steadily decreasing volume of certificates to be carried by the banks themselves, the appropriate course would seem to be for the banks to apply the credit thus released as reducing their discounts with the Federal Reserve bank. By such a process, that portion of the expansion which the carrying of Government obligations imposed upon the banks would be gradually but automatically retired and extinguished.

The issuance by the Federal Reserve bank of the statement already quoted led to a general discussion of the policies therein advocated as well as of the normal purpose of the recourse to the Federal Reserve bank by member banks, which in the general rediscounting and expansion of the past three years above referred to, had naturally become somewhat obscured and overlooked. Opinions were quite generally expressed that gradual contraction is now desirable, that it should proceed at least as fast as Government obligations in the banks are reduced, and that in normal times the rediscounting privilege should be exercised to meet emergency conditions or the sudden or seasonal demands of a bank's own customers, but not for the purpose of supplying funds, at a profit over the discount rate, to the general credit market, whether in the form of commercial paper or of loans secured by stocks and bonds or commodities.

Briefly reviewed, the conditions which led to the advance in discount rates and to the issuance of an explanatory statement on November 3 were the following: The total Government debt decreased \$400,000,000 during September, and from September 5 to October 31 the Government obligations carried by the 112 reporting banks in this district decreased \$103,000,000. But the funds thus released were not used to decrease borrowings at the Federal Reserve bank; on the contrary, during the same period, the loans and investments of the 112 banks increased \$237,000,000.

of which \$203,000,000 was in loans secured by stocks and bonds, and the loans and investments of the Federal Reserve bank increased \$129,700,000 while its reserve percentage decreased from 44.5% to 41.5% in spite of its disposal to other Federal reserve banks of bankers acceptances aggregating \$68,000,000.

During the two weeks period for which reports have been received since the increase in rates, the volume of Government obligations carried in one form or another by the 112 reporting banks in this district has continued gradually but steadily to decrease, their aggregate loans and investments have decreased \$215,300,000 and their loans on stocks and bonds have decreased \$101,600,000. Between November 1 and 22 the loans and investments of the Federal Reserve bank have decreased \$36,700,000 and its reserve percentage has risen from 41.5% to 45.0%.

No accurate estimate can be given of the portion of this decrease in loans which represents actual decrease in credit demand, because the high rates for call money prevailing throughout the month doubtless have led corporations and others to withdraw surplus money from banks to lend on call and have added still further to the already immense volume of funds from interior banks which are employed here; but the lower prices now prevailing in security and in some of the commodity markets would seem to indicate a somewhat reduced absorption of funds. The reserve position of the Federal Reserve System as a whole, however, did not improve with that of the New York bank, but, on the contrary, declined from 47.7% to 46.9%.

The money market in October frequently gave signs of strain, owing in part to the speculation which was proceeding in securities, real estate and many commodities. The congestion of railroad and overseas freight, due to strikes, added largely to the pressure, and the payment of \$135,000,000 of British notes and \$36,000,000 of the French Cities loan on November 1 and the placing of the new British loan of \$250,000,000, though in part a refunding operation, involved a heavy readjustment of balances.

Stock Market.

Developments of the month ended November 20 on the stock market were interlocked with the movements on the money market. During October the rates averaged well above 6%, but the transient decline in money which occurred soon after the middle of the month encouraged speculation and prices particularly of certain industrial shares rose rapidly. Normal liquidation which might have been expected from profit-taking did not materialize because many holders of stock figured that most of the profits accrued would have passed from them by way of income taxes. The limitation thus placed on the available supply of stocks accelerated the rise. The impetus of the speculative activity carried through to November 3, despite a period of high money rates which began the last week in October. The record of daily sales several times approached and in one case exceeded two million shares.

Following the rate increase of the Federal Reserve bank call money renewed progressively at ten, twelve, fourteen, and sixteen per cent., and on November 12, after a week of hesitation prices broke violently. Sales on that day were more than 2,500,000 shares. Industrial stocks as a group closed 12½ points and railroad stocks 5 points below the highest of the year. Certain industrials which had been the leaders on the rising market closed from 51 to 126 points below the year's high record. Subsequently prices recovered somewhat, and in the final week the volume of transactions fell off materially.

Bond Market and New Financing.

High money and the demand for credit depressed the bond market some weeks before their effect on stocks was apparent. Even in the third week of October there was a noticeable falling off in the public demand for bonds, both on the stock exchange and in the bond houses; and during the last week of the month slow liquidation developed.

N. Y. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK ON RECKLESS BUYING BY PUBLIC.

The lavish buying which has been witnessed in the retail trades is referred to at some length in the November report of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, made to the Federal Reserve Board. The Bank observes that "the consensus of opinion among retailers is that the bulk of the buying comes from the intermediate classes and mainly from those whose wages or income has risen far above the amount required to maintain their former standard of living." It further observes that the "reckless buying acts directly to postpone the return to lower prices, to produce over-expansion in the country's industries and to hamper the capacity of this country not only to maintain its financial position in the world, but to serve those parts of the world which are still suffering grievously from the losses of war." We give what the Reserve Bank has to say on the subject herewith:

Retail Trade.

The repressive effect of the war on personal expenditure which began to lift at the time the armistice was signed disappeared completely with most people upon the sale of the Victory Loan. Carefully compiled reports from several branches of retail trade, made particularly with a view to determine the extent of luxury buying, indicate that never has there been so much spending, such a demand for expensive articles and such disregard of prices. It is natural that New York City should be a primary market for luxury buying because people from all parts of the country go to its stores to spend their surplus funds; but reports from many sections of this district indicate that free spending is general and that the conclusions reached for New York apply elsewhere, in small and large cities alike.

Inquiry was made in six branches of retail trade, namely jewelry, furs, musical instruments, furniture, automobiles and clothing, and extended to department stores dealing in two or more of these specialties. Altogether somewhat more than forty stores and individual authorities were visited. Percentages showing the increase above a year ago in the volume of total sales, averaged from estimates made, were as follows:

	Percentage Increase in Sales Value.	Percentage Increase in Units.
Jewelry	48	44
Furs	57	48
Musical Instruments	70	Indeterminate
Furniture	78	38
Clothing	141	53

Figures were not obtainable from passenger automobile dealers because of the current shortage in cars due to the somewhat slower readjustment from war production.

It appears from the inquiry that the increase in the value of sales is greater than the number of units sold. This difference is mainly a reflection of the increase in prices charged. Jewelers account for the fact that the total value of sales has increased only slightly more than the volume of units sold on the ground chiefly that gold is the basic material of jewelry, and that gold, because of its fixed price has not increased in dollar value. Furriers in telling why price increases in certain furs has not produced a greater difference say that the introduction of many furs not known heretofore in this market has tended to equalize the average of prices.

To high prices the buying public shows almost no resistance; buyers are either completely indifferent or they accept the higher prices as quite to be expected. Many of these new buyers are unaccustomed to former prices and accept the new scale therefore without question, often paying in cash.

Reports from the stores indicate that the wave of buying done by wage earners has somewhat subsided, a result, it was suggested, of strikes or unemployment caused by strikes. People who have possessed wealth for some time also have been disposed to limit their purchases, relying on present supplies to carry them through in the hope that prices may come down. The consensus of opinion among the retailers is that the bulk of the buying comes from the intermediate classes, and mainly from those whose wages or income has risen far above the amount required to maintain their former standard of living.

The jewelry trade reports an unprecedented demand for platinum and fine gold jewelry, diamonds and other precious stones. Within six months the price of diamonds has risen 100%. A number of jewelers, particularly those who do not operate their own factories, say that they are having trouble getting enough goods to meet the demand and that they will have to face the Christmas season without sufficient stocks. The increase in the price of silver, which on November 20 was \$1 32 1/2 an ounce, and therefore at or above the gold parity point, has caused a great rise in the price of silverware. Nevertheless the dealers report that the demand exceeds the supply.

Gold, on the other hand, while its dollar value remains stable, is cheap in precisely the ratio that general prices have risen. In the ten months of this year \$48,500,000 of gold has been withdrawn from the Assay Office in New York for use at the arts. In October the highest amount in the history of the Assay Office was withdrawn. The increase in withdrawals appears from the following:

January	\$3,825,323 09
February	3,744,780 08
March	4,353,164 33
April	4,859,454 04
May	4,636,782 33
June	5,499,574 40
July	4,856,319 15
August	4,543,637 29
September	5,444,690 82
October	6,004,972 87
Total	\$48,568,698 40

Reports from the fur trade indicate that this year's business is the best ever known, despite the fact that for the last two or three years it has been unusually heavy, with rising prices. The furriers dealing in the most expensive articles are those who report the greatest increase in business.

Musical instruments cannot be produced in quantity to meet the demand. In the first six months of the year wage earners were buying lavishly. They were quite content to pay ten times as much for an instrument of the same sort they bought five years ago but of better grade. Lately the volume of purchasing has shifted to those of larger incomes.

In the furniture trade there is a preference for higher grade goods, particularly luxury furniture, despite the fact that certain articles have advanced at least 100%. Installment furniture houses say that manual workers are inclined to pay cash for their purchases or on short-term credit, while clerical workers are prone to extend their payments over a longer period.

In the clothing trade the season's business has been phenomenal. Reports from the dealers indicate variously that the increase in the dollar value of sales over last year is from 50 to 400%. The highest grades of clothing have advanced probably less in proportion than the lower grades, because of the factor of labor, which costs nearly as much per hour on cheap products as on the more expensive. Luxury buying has been particularly heavy not only in millinery and other articles of women's wear, but in men's apparel.

The reckless buying that is indicated from many sources acts directly to postpone the return to lower prices, to produce over-expansion in the country's industries and to hamper the capacity of this country not only to maintain its financial position in the world, but to serve those parts of the world which are still suffering grievously from the losses of war. With this point of view the wisest retailers are fully in accord.

N. Y. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK POSTPONES ERECTION OF BUILDING.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York announced on Dec. 3 that its board of directors at its meeting on that day, had decided to postpone for the present the erection of the bank's new building on the land recently acquired on Nassau Street. In explanation it was stated that, while the bank had acquired all the land needed for the building, a careful survey of building conditions had convinced the management of the bank that prices of practically every kind of building material required for the erection of the structure, which will contain nearly 12,000,000 cu. ft., appeared to be too high to justify the bank in making the necessary expenditure at this time. It was stated at the bank that the delay in proceeding with building plans would enable the bank to perfect the detail of the building and that the space it has on long lease in the Equitable Building, together with offices which it occupied in other buildings, was regarded as sufficient for the detail of the building and that the space it had on long lease in the Equitable Building, together with offices which it occupied in other buildings, was regarded as sufficient for the bank's requirements for some time to come. No date could be forecast for the commencement of the building operations which, it was said, would be determined by developments in building conditions.

OPENING OF CONGRESS.

The second session of the Sixty-sixth Congress was brought under way on Dec. 1; on the opening day the Senate remained in session but twenty-three minutes, while the House in a brief session of several hours considered only minor bills. In pursuance of an agreement reached between Republican and Democratic leaders before the opening of the session the usual procedure of appointing a committee to notify the President that Congress was in session was dispensed with on account of President Wilson's illness, and a formal notification was drafted and dispatched instead. The President's message to Congress is given elsewhere in to-day's issue of our paper. With the receipt of the message the new session was brought into full swing.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

U.S. President

President Wilson's illness operated to prevent his pursuing his usual custom of delivering in person his annual message to Congress, the address instead, being read in the Senate and House separately at noon on Dec. 2. This was the second time that President Wilson, with the reassembling of Congress, had failed to address that body in person; the other occasion was in May last, when the first session of the Sixty-Sixth Congress convened, the message at that time, written on foreign soil by the President, and cabled from Paris to Washington, having been read during his absence in Europe by clerks in the Senate and the House. In his message this week the President at the outset made known his intention to address Congress at a later date on the subject of the railroads and the readjustment of their affairs growing out of Federal control. The only reference vouchsafed by the President to the failure of the Senate to ratify the treaty was in calling attention to the "widespread condition of political restlessness in our body politic." The causes of this unrest, he said, "while various and complicated, are superficial rather than deep seated. Broadly," he continued, "they arise from or are connected with the failure on the part of our Government to arrive speedily at a just and permanent peace permitting return to normal conditions, from the transfusion of radical theories from seething European centres pending such delay, from heartless profiteering resulting in the increase of the cost of living, and lastly from the machinations of passionate and malevolent agitators."

Later on in his message he alluded to "the great unrest throughout the world, out of which has emerged a demand for an immediate consideration of the difficulties between capital and labor," and which he said, "bids us put our own house in order." In his remarks with regard thereto the President opined that "the establishment of the principles regarding labor laid down in the covenant of the League of Nations offers us the way to industrial peace and conciliation. No other road," he said, "lies open to us." Return to the old standards of wage and industry in employment, said the President "are unthinkable." The President set out that "labor not only is entitled to an adequate wage, but capital should receive a reasonable return upon its investment and is entitled to protection at the hands of the Government in every emergency." Declaring that "the right of individuals to strike is inviolate and ought not to be interfered with by any process of Government," he continued:

But there is a predominant right and that is the right of the Government to protect all of its people and to assert its power and majesty against the challenge of any class. The Government, when it asserts that right, seeks not to antagonize a class, but simply to defend the right of the whole people as against the irreparable harm and injury that might be done by the attempt by any class to usurp a power that only Government itself has a right to exercise as a protection to all.

In advocating a tribunal for adjusting the differences of capital and labor the President had the following to say:

Surely there must be some method of bringing together in a council of peace and amity these two great interests, out of which will come a happier day of peace and co-operation, a day that will make for more comfort and happiness in living and a more tolerable condition among all classes of men. Certainly human intelligence can devise some acceptable tribunal for adjusting the differences between capital and labor.

Immediate consideration by Congress of the problem of future taxation was asked by the President in his message, simplification of the income and profits taxes having, he said, become an immediate necessity. Congress might well consider, he stated, whether the higher rates of income and profits taxes can in peace times be effectively productive of revenue, and whether they may not, on the contrary, be destructive of business activity and productive of waste and inefficiency. The adoption of a national budget system, recognition and relief in behalf of the soldiers, in particular

through Government farms were also asked in the message, which likewise urged measures for the protection of the dye industry, the consideration of means for encouraging the farmer in materially increasing production, the extension of the Food Control Act, the latter with a view to lowering the cost of living, &c. The following is the President's message in full:

To the Senate and House of Representatives

I sincerely regret that I cannot be present at the opening of this session of the Congress. I am thus prevented from presenting in as direct a way as I could wish the many questions that are pressing for solution at this time. Happily, I have the advantage of the advice of the heads of the several executive departments who have kept in close touch with affairs in their detail and whose thoughtful recommendations I earnestly second.

In the matter of the railroads and the readjustment of their affairs, growing out of Federal control, I shall take the liberty at a later day of addressing you.

I hope that Congress will bring to a conclusion at this session legislation looking to the establishment of a budget system. That there should be one single authority responsible for the making of all appropriations and that appropriations should be made not independently of each other, but with reference to one single comprehensive plan of expenditure properly related to the nation's income, there can be no doubt. I believe the burden of preparing the budget must, in the nature of the case, if the work is to be properly done and responsibility concentrated instead of divided, rest upon the Executive. The budget so prepared should be submitted to and approved for amendment by a single committee of each House of Congress and no single appropriation should be made by the Congress, except such as may have been included in the budget prepared by the Executive or added by the particular committee of Congress charged with the budget legislation.

Another and not less important aspect of the problem is the ascertainment of the economy and efficiency with which the moneys appropriated are expended. Under existing law the only audit is for the purpose of ascertaining whether expenditures have been lawfully made within the appropriations. No one is authorized or equipped to ascertain whether the money has been spent wisely, economically and effectively.

The auditors should be highly trained officials with permanent tenure in the Treasury Department, free of obligations to or motives of consideration for this or any subsequent Administration, and authorized and empowered to examine into and make report upon the methods employed and the results obtained by the executive departments of the Government. Their reports should be made to the Congress and to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I trust that the Congress will give its immediate consideration to the problem of future taxation. Simplification of the income and profits taxes has become an immediate necessity. These taxes performed indispensable service during the war. They must, however, be simplified, not only to save the taxpayer inconvenience and expense, but in order that his liability may be made certain and definite.

With reference to the details of the revenue law, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue will lay before you for your consideration certain amendments necessary or desirable in connection with the administration of the law—recommendations which have my approval and support.

It is of the utmost importance that in dealing with this matter the present law should not be disturbed so far as regards taxes for the calendar year 1920, payable in the calendar year 1921. The Congress might well consider whether the higher rates of income and profits taxes can in peace times be effectively productive of revenue, and whether they may not, on the contrary, be destructive of business activity and productive of waste and inefficiency. There is a point at which in peace times high rates of income and profits taxes discourage energy, remove the incentive to new enterprise, encourage extravagant expenditures, and produce industrial stagnation with consequent unemployment and other attendant evils.

The problem is not an easy one. A fundamental change has taken place with reference to the position of America in the world's affairs. The prejudice and passions engendered by decades of controversy between two schools of political and economic thought—the one believers in protection of American industries, the other believers in tariff for revenue only—must be subordinated to the single consideration of the public interest in the light of utterly changed conditions. Before the war America was heavily the debtor of the rest of the world, and the interest payments she had to make to foreign countries on American securities held abroad, the expenditures of American travelers abroad, and the ocean freight charges she had to pay to others, about balanced the value of her pre-war favorable balance of trade.

During the war America's exports have been greatly stimulated, and increased prices have increased their value. On the other hand, she has purchased a large proportion of the American securities previously held abroad, has loaned some \$9,000,000,000 to foreign Governments and has built her own ships.

Our favorable balance of trade has thus been greatly increased, and Europe has been deprived of the means of meeting it heretofore existing. Europe can have only three ways of meeting the favorable balance of trade in peace times—by imports into this country of gold or of goods, or by establishing new credits. Europe is in no position at the present time to ship gold to us, nor could we contemplate large further imports of gold into this country without concern. The time has nearly passed for international Governmental loans, and it will take time to develop in this country a market for foreign securities.

Anything, therefore, which would tend to prevent foreign countries from settling for our exports by shipments of goods into this country could only have the effect of preventing them from paying for our exports and therefore of preventing the exports from being made. The productivity of the country, greatly stimulated by the war, must find an outlet by exports to foreign countries, and any measures taken to prevent imports will inevitably curtail exports, force curtailment of production, load the banking machinery of the country with credits to carry unsold products, and produce industrial stagnation and unemployment.

If we want to sell, we must be prepared to buy. Whatever, therefore, may have been our views during the period of growth of American business concerning tariff legislation, we must now adjust our own economic life to a changed condition growing out of the fact that American business is full grown and that America is the greatest capitalist in the world.

No policy of isolation will satisfy the growing needs and opportunities of America. The provincial standards and policies of the past, which have held American business as if in a straitjacket, must yield and give way to the needs and exigencies of the new day in which we live, a day full of hope and promise for American business, if we will but take advantage of the opportunities that are ours for the asking.

The recent war has ended of isolation and thrown upon us a great duty and responsibility. The United States must share the expanding world

markets. The United States desires for itself only equal opportunity with the other nations of the world, and that through the process of friendly co-operation and fair competition the legitimate interests of the nations concerned may be successfully and equitably adjusted.

There are other matters of importance upon which I urged action at the last session of Congress which are still pressing for solution. I am sure it is not necessary for me again to remind you that there is one immediate and very practicable question resulting from the war which we should meet in the most liberal spirit. It is a matter of recognition and relief to our soldiers. I can do no better than to quote from my last message urging this very action:

"We must see to it that our returning soldiers are assisted in every practicable way to find the places for which they are fitted in the daily work of the country. This can be done by developing and maintaining upon an adequate scale the admirable organization created by the Department of Labor for placing men seeking work, and it can also be done, in at least one very great field, by creating new opportunities for individual enterprise.

"The Secretary of the Interior has pointed out the way by which returning soldiers may be helped to find and take up land in the hitherto undeveloped regions of the country which the Federal Government has already prepared or can readily prepare for cultivation, and also on many of the cut-over or neglected areas which lie within the limits of the older States; and I once more take the liberty of recommending very urgently that his plans shall receive the immediate and substantial support of the Congress."

Wants Dye Industry Encouraged.

In the matter of tariff legislation, I beg to call your attention to the statements contained in my last message urging legislation with reference to the establishment of the chemical and dyestuffs industry in America:

"Among the industries to which special consideration should be given is that of the manufacture of dyestuffs and related chemicals. Our complete dependence upon German supplies before the war made the interruption of trade a cause of exceptional economic disturbance. The close relation between the manufacture of dyestuffs, on the one hand, and of explosives and poisonous gases on the other, moreover, has given the industry an exceptional significance and value.

"Although the United States will gladly and unhesitatingly join in the program of international disarmament it will, nevertheless, be a policy of obvious prudence to make certain of the successful maintenance of many strong and well-equipped chemical plants. The German chemical industry, with which we will be brought into competition was and may well be again a thoroughly knit monopoly capable of exercising a competition of a peculiarly insidious and dangerous kind."

As I pointed out in my last message, publicity can accomplish a great deal in this campaign. The aims of the Government must be clearly brought to the attention of the consuming public, civic organizations and State officials who are in a position to lend their assistance to our efforts.

You have made available funds with which to carry on this campaign, but there is no provision in the law authorizing their expenditure for the purpose of making the public fully informed about the efforts of the Government. Specific recommendation has been made by the Attorney-General in this regard. I would strongly urge upon you its immediate adoption, as it constitutes one of the preliminary steps to this campaign.

I also renew my recommendation that the Congress pass a law regulating cold storage as it is regulated, for example, by the laws of the State of New Jersey, which limit the time during which goods may be kept in storage, prescribe the method of disposing of them if kept beyond the permitted period, and require that goods released from storage shall in all cases bear the date of their receipt.

It would materially add to the serviceability of the law, for the purpose we now have in view, if it were also prescribed that all goods released from storage for inter-State shipment should have plainly marked upon each package the selling or market price at which they went into storage. By this means the purchaser would always be able to learn what profits stood between him and the producer or the wholesale dealer.

I would also renew my recommendation that all goods destined for inter-State commerce should in every case, where their form or package makes it possible, be plainly marked with the price at which they left the hands of the producer.

We should formulate a law requiring a Federal license of all corporations engaged in inter-State commerce and embodying in the license, or in the conditions under which it is to be issued, specific regulations designed to secure competitive selling and prevent unconscionable profits in the method of marketing. Such a law would afford a welcome opportunity to effect other much needed reforms in the business of inter-State shipment and in the methods of corporations which are engaged in it; but for the moment I confine my recommendations to the object immediately in hand, which is to lower the cost of living.

Industry Must Be Democratized.

No one who has observed the march of events in the last year can fail to note the absolute need of a definite program to bring about an improvement in the conditions of labor. There can be no settled conditions leading to increased production and a reduction in the cost of living if labor and capital are to be antagonists instead of partners.

Sound thinking and an honest desire to serve the interests of the whole nation, as distinguished from the interests of a class, must be applied to the solution of this great and pressing problem. The failure of other nations to consider this matter in a vigorous way has produced bitterness and jealousies and antagonisms, the food of radicalism. The only way to keep men from agitating against grievances is to remove the grievances. An unwillingness even to discuss these matters produces only dissatisfaction and gives comfort to the extreme elements in our country which endeavor to stir up disturbances in order to provoke Governments to embark upon a course of retaliation and repression. The seed of revolution is repression. The remedy for these things must not be negative in character. It must be constructive. It must comprehend the general interest. The real antidote for the unrest which manifests itself is not suppression, but a deep consideration of the wrongs that beset our national life and the application of a remedy.

Congress has already shown its willingness to deal with these industrial wrongs by establishing the eight-hour day as the standard in every field of labor. It has sought to find a way to prevent child labor. It has served the whole country by leading the way in developing the means of preserving and safeguarding lives and health in dangerous industries. It must now help in the difficult task of finding a method that will bring about a genuine democratization of industry, based upon the full recognition of the right of those who work, in whatever rank, to participate in some organic way in every decision which directly affects their welfare.

It is with this purpose in mind that I called a conference to meet in Washington on Dec. 1 to consider these problems in all their broad aspects, with the idea of bringing about a better understanding between these two interests.

The great unrest throughout the world, out of which has emerged a demand for an immediate consideration of the difficulties between capital and labor, bids us put our own house in order. Frankly there can be no permanent and lasting settlements between capital and labor which do not recognize the fundamental concepts for which labor has been struggling through the years.

Help to Labor Through League.

The whole world gave its recognition and endorsement to these fundamental purposes in the League of Nations. The statesmen gathered at Versailles recognized the fact that world stability could not be had by reverting to industrial standards and conditions against which the average workman of the world had revolted. It is, therefore, the task of the statesmen of this new day of change and readjustment to recognize world conditions and to seek to bring about, through legislation, conditions that will mean the ending of age-long antagonisms between capital and labor and that will hopefully lead to the building up of a comradeship which will result not only in greater contentment among the mass of workmen, but also being about a greater production and a greater prosperity to business itself.

To analyze the particulars in the demands of labor is to admit the justice of their complaint in many matters that lie at their basis. The workman demands an adequate wage, sufficient to permit him to live in comfort, unhampered by the fear of poverty and want in his old age. He demands the right to live and the right to work amidst sanitary surroundings, both in home and in workshop surroundings that develop and do not retard his own health and well being; and the right to provide for his children's wants in the matter of health and education. In other words, it is his desire to make the conditions of his life and the lives of those dear to him tolerable and easy to bear.

The establishment of the principles regarding labor laid down in the Covenant of the League of Nations offers us the way to industrial peace and conciliation. No other road lies open to us. Not to pursue this one is longer to invite enmities, bitterness and antagonisms which in the end only lead to industrial and social disaster.

The unwilling workman is not a profitable servant. An employee whose industrial life is hedged about by hard and unjust conditions, which he did not create and over which he has no control, lacks that fine spirit of enthusiasm and volunteer effort which are the necessary ingredients of a great producing entity.

Constructive Remedies Demanded.

Let us be frank about this solemn matter. The evidences of worldwide unrest which manifest themselves in violence throughout the world bid us pause and consider the means to be found to stop the spread of this contagious thing before it saps the very vitality of the nation itself. Do we gain strength by withholding the remedy? Or is it not the business of statesmen to treat these manifestations of unrest which meet us on every hand as evidences of an economic disorder and to apply constructive remedies wherever necessary, being sure that in the application of the remedy we touch not the vital tissues of our industrial and economic life. There can be no recession of the tide of unrest until constructive instrumentalities are set up to stem that tide.

Collective Bargaining for Humane Objects.

Governments must recognize the right of men collectively to bargain for humane objects that have at their base the mutual protection and welfare of those engaged in all industries. Labor must not be longer treated as a commodity. It must be regarded as the activity of human beings, possessed of deep yearnings and desires.

The business man gives his best thought to the repair and replenishment of his machinery, so that its usefulness will not be impaired and its power to produce may always be at its height and kept in full vigor and motion. No less regard ought to be paid to the human machine, which, after all, propels the machinery of the world and is the great dynamic force that lies back of all industry and progress.

Return to the old standards of wage and industry in employment are unthinkable. The terrible tragedy of war which has just ended and which has brought the world to the verge of chaos and disaster, would be in vain if there should ensue a return to the conditions of the past. Europe itself, whence has come the unrest which now holds the world at bay, is an example of standpatism in these vital human matters which America might well accept as an example, not to be followed but studiously to be avoided. Europe made labor the differential, and the price of it all is enmity and antagonism and prostrated industry. The right of labor to live in peace and comfort must be recognized by Governments, and America should be the first to lay the foundation stones upon which industrial peace shall be built.

Labor not only is entitled to an adequate wage, but capital should receive a reasonable return upon its investment and is entitled to protection at the hands of the Government in every emergency. No Government worthy of the name can "play" these elements against each other, for there is a mutuality of interest between them which the Government must seek to express and to safeguard at all cost.

Strikes and Government Rights.

The right of individuals to strike is inviolate and ought not to be interfered with by any process of government, but there is a predominant right and that is the right of the Government to protect all of its people, and to assert its power and majesty against the challenge of any class.

The Government, when it asserts that right, seeks not to antagonize a class, but simply to defend the right of the whole people as against the irreparable harm and injury that might be done by the attempt by any class to usurp a power that only government itself has a right to exercise as a protection to all.

In the matter of international disputes which have led to war, statesmen have sought to set up as a remedy arbitration for war. Does this not point the way for the settlement of industrial disputes, by the establishment of a tribunal, fair and just alike to all, which will settle industrial disputes which in the past have led to war and disaster? America, witnessing the evil consequences which have followed out of such disputes between the contending forces, must not admit itself impotent to deal with these matters by means of peaceful processes.

Surely there must be some method of bringing together in a council of peace and amity these two great interests, out of which will come a happier day of peace and co-operation, a day that will make men more hopeful and enthusiastic in their various tasks, that will make for more comfort and happiness in living and a more tolerable condition among all classes of men. Certainly human intelligence can devise some acceptable tribunal for adjusting the differences between capital and labor.

No Class Rule—Reforms Must Come Through the Orderly Processes of Representative Government.

This is the hour of test and trial for America. By her prowess and strength, and the indomitable courage of her soldiers, she demonstrated her power to vindicate on foreign battlefields her conception of liberty and justice. Let not her influence as a mediator between capital and labor be weakened and her own failure to settle matters of purely domestic concern be proclaimed to the world.

There are those in this country who threaten direct action to force their will upon a majority. Russia to-day, with its blood and terror, is a painful object lesson of the power of minorities. It makes little difference what minority it is; whether capital or labor, or any other class; no sort of privilege will ever be permitted to dominate this country. We are a partnership or

nothing that is worth while. We are a democracy, where the majority are the masters, or all the hopes and purposes of the men who founded this Government have been defeated and forgotten. In America there is but one way by which great reforms can be accomplished and the relief sought by classes obtained, and that is through the orderly processes of representative government. Those who would propose any other method of reform are enemies of this country. America will not be daunted by threats nor lose her composure or calmness in these distressing times.

We can afford, in the midst of this day of passion and unrest, to be self-contained and sure. The instrument of all reform in America is the ballot. The road to economic and social reform in America is the straight road of justice to all classes and conditions of men. Men have but to follow this road to realize the full fruition of their objects and purposes. Let those beware who would take the shorter road of disorder and revolution. The right road is the road of justice and orderly process.

NO APPRECIABLE REDUCTION IN TAXES CONTEMPLATED, ACCORDING TO SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY GLASS, IN ANNUAL REPORT.

In discussing the subject of taxation in his annual report made public this week, Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass declares that "any appreciable reduction in the amount of the revenues from taxation is not to be thought of during a fiscal year when the Government's current disbursements will exceed its current receipts." While citing the Treasury Department's objections to the excess profits tax as a war expedient, and more particularly to its operation in peace times, Secretary Glass would make up the loss in revenue which would come from its elimination, through an increase of the normal income tax and of the lower brackets of the surtax. Secretary Glass also favors the revision of the revenue law so as to prevent the evasion of Federal taxes through investment in tax-exempt State and municipal bonds. He contends that the law should be amended "so as to require that for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of surtax payable by a taxpayer, his income from State and municipal bonds shall be reported and included in his total income, and the portion of his income which is subject to taxation taxed at the rates specified in the Act in respect to a total income of such amount." The following is what Secretary Glass has to say on the subject:

TAXATION.

Though any appreciable reduction in the amount of the revenues from taxation is not to be thought of during a fiscal year when the Government's current disbursements will exceed its current receipts, when its unfunded debt amounts to upward of \$3,736,000,000 (Oct. 31 1919, on the basis of daily Treasury statements), and when the Congress is considering various measures carrying vast additional appropriations, it is, I believe, the duty of the Congress to give its closest attention to the study of the incidence of taxation with a view to the revision of the revenue Act on lines which will produce the necessary revenue with the minimum of inconvenience and injustice. The Treasury's objections to the excess profits tax even as a war expedient (in contra-distinction to a war profits tax) have been repeatedly voiced before the committees of the Congress. Still more objectionable is the operation of the excess profits tax in peace times. It encourages wasteful expenditure, puts a premium on over-capitalization and penalty on brains, energy and enterprise, discourages new ventures, and confirms old ventures in their monopolies. In many instances it acts as a consumption tax, is added to the cost of production upon which profits are figured in determining prices and has been, and will, so long as it is maintained upon the statute books, continue to be, a material factor in the increased cost of living.

The revenue sacrificed by elimination or reduction of this tax must be sought in an increase of the normal income tax (from which the income on Liberty bonds is exempt) and of the lower brackets of the surtax. The upmost brackets of the surtax have already passed the point of productivity and the only consequence of any further increase would be to drive possessors of these great incomes more and more to place their wealth in the billions of dollars of wholly exempt securities heretofore issued and still being issued by States and municipalities, as well as those heretofore issued by the United States. This process not only destroys a source of revenue to the Federal Government, but tends to withdraw the capital of very rich men from the development of new enterprises and place it at the disposal of State and municipal governments upon terms so easy to them (the cost of exemptions from taxation falling more heavily upon the Federal Government) as to stimulate wasteful and non-productive expenditure by State and municipal governments.

In that connection I call attention to the urgent necessity of revision of the revenue law so as to require that, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of surtax payable by a taxpayer, his income from State and municipal bonds shall be reported and included in his total income, and the portion of his income which is subject to taxation taxed at the rates specified in the Act in respect to a total income of such amount. The Treasury's recommendations in this respect have been transmitted to the appropriate committees of Congress in connection with the Revenue Act of 1918, and again in the present calendar year. Under the present law a person having an income of, say, \$1,000,000 from taxable securities would, upon the sale of half his property and the investment of the proceeds of that half in State or municipal bonds, not only obtain exemption for the income derived from such investment in State and municipal bonds, but greatly reduce the surtaxes payable in respect to his other income. It is intolerable that taxpayers should be allowed, by purchase of exempt securities, not only to obtain exemption with respect to the income derived therefrom, but to reduce the surtaxes upon their other income, and to have the surtaxes upon their other income determined upon the assumption, contrary to fact, that they are not in possession of income derived from State and municipal bonds.

It is impossible to determine the actual gain in revenue to the Government which would result from such an amendment of the law. That it would be very material I have no doubt. A still more important result of the amendment of the law in this respect, however, would be the reflex benefit to Liberty bonds which carry exemption from normal income tax, but as to the great bulk not from surtaxes. The very great advantage the States and municipalities now have in conferring upon holders of their bonds larger exemptions from Federal taxation than the Federal Government itself

confers upon holders of Liberty bonds should be reduced, so far as it may be reduced, by the adoption of appropriate administrative provisions in the Federal revenue law.

A question has been raised concerning the right of the Federal Government under the Constitution to tax the income from State and municipal bonds, but there can be no doubt of the constitutionality of such an administrative provision. The proposal is not to tax the income derived from State and municipal securities, but to prevent evasion of the tax in respect to other income. The principles involved are abundantly established in the decisions of the Supreme Court sustaining taxes upon corporations, bank stock, &c., computed after taking into account income derived from Government, State and municipal bonds.

I am calling attention to these matters because it is of the utmost importance that the Congress should follow the wise precedent adopted by the last Congress in determining in advance of the year's business the basis upon which taxes are to be imposed. Uncertainty in respect to taxation during any given business period results in each taxpayer's setting aside for taxes an ample margin to cover variations in the tax law which may affect him onerously and calculating his costs and prices on that basis. Even a bad law is better than a retroactive law. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance, in my judgment, that the Congress should give consideration in the calendar year 1920 to the question of revision of the tax law with a view to making such revision effective well in advance in respect to the incomes and profits of the calendar year 1921.

The administration of the Revenue Act of 1918 is discussed later under the heading "Bureau of Internal Revenue."

THE COST OF THE WAR.

The total expenditures of the Government, exclusive of the principal of the public debt and postal disbursements from postal revenues, for the war period from April 6 1917 to Oct. 31 1919 amounted to \$35,413,000,000, according to statistics compiled on the basis of the daily Treasury statements. Of that great total covering the disbursements for two years and seven months, \$11,280,000,000, or nearly 32%, was met out of tax receipts and other revenues than borrowed money, although the amount of taxes does not include the Dec. 15 1919 installment of income and profits taxes for the fiscal year 1919, nor any part of such taxes for the fiscal year 1920.

The above calculation includes capital outlays as well as expenditures that have been permanently absorbed. No deduction is made for loans to the Allies, or for other investments, such as ships, stock of the War Finance Corporation, bonds of the Federal Land banks, &c. Foreign loans on Oct. 31 1919 aggregated \$9,406,000,000, and if that amount is deducted from the total expenditures, the disbursements for the purposes of the American Government during the war period under consideration were \$26,007,000,000. And on that basis, the proportion met out of tax receipts and revenues other than borrowed money was over 43%.

If it is assumed that the expenses of the Government on a peace basis would have been at the rate of \$1,000,000,000 a year, or \$2,583,000,000 for the two years and seven months mentioned, the estimate of the gross cost of the war to Oct. 31 1919 would be \$32,830,000,000, inclusive of loans to foreign governments, or \$23,421,000,000 exclusive of such loans.

PURCHASES OF LIBERTY BONDS BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Liberty bonds to the amount of \$953,080,500 were purchased by the Treasury Department from the bond purchase fund from April 12 1918 to Nov. 15 1919, according to the annual report issued this week by Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass. The amount paid for the same was \$907,905,526, the difference between the par amount and the amount paid therefor, namely \$45,174,974, appearing on the books of the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt. In addition to the above, the Treasury Department also purchased, as the result of the payment of foreign loans, Liberty bonds to a total of \$64,812,150, the amount paid in this case being \$61,320,796. The following is Secretary Glass's report on Liberty bond purchases:

PURCHASES OF LIBERTY BONDS BY THE TREASURY.

The authority conferred upon the Secretary of the Treasury by section 6 of the Act approved April 4 1918 (Third Liberty Bond Act) to purchase Liberty bonds in order to stabilize the market prices of the securities, has been exercised from time to time during the year. Liberty bonds have been purchased, canceled and retired in accordance with the law, as necessary to support the market. As a matter of practical convenience the services of the War Finance Corporation have been utilized in this connection. The bonds have been purchased by the corporation at the market price for its own account, and subsequently the accumulated stocks have been taken over by the Treasury at the average cost to the corporation, plus accrued interest.

These purchases have served the purposes of the law, particularly when heavy sales were pressing upon the market. Many of these sales were the result of conditions produced by the ending of the war. Some of the smaller holders, who changed their occupations during the winter on account of the dislocation of industries, found it necessary to dispose of their securities. Large corporations that during the war had been able to hold Government bonds, either with their own resources or on borrowed capital, also found it necessary to liquidate on account of changed financial conditions due to economic dislocation attendant upon the ending of the war. During all this period without endeavoring to hold the bonds to levels that could not be maintained, it was the constant endeavor of the Treasury to maintain the stability of the market for Government securities. The terms of the Victory Loan had a favorable influence on the market situation.

The following bonds have been purchased, canceled and retired by the Treasury from the bond-purchase fund to Nov. 15 1919:

Liberty Bonds Purchased from Bond-Purchase Fund from April 12 1918 to Nov. 15 1919.

Loan—	Principal Amount Purchased.	Amount Paid.	Amount of Accrued Interest Paid.
First Liberty Loan converted 4% and 4 1/4% bonds of 1932-47.....	25,115,000	23,841,677 60	398,633 59
Second Liberty Loan 4% and conv. 4 1/4% bonds of 1927-42.....	371,215,000	353,346,965 55	6,364,544 95
Third Liberty Loan 4 1/4% bonds of 1928.....	208,635,500	200,895,398 00	1,687,060 05
Fourth Liberty Loan 4 1/4% bonds of 1933-38.....	348,115,000	329,821,485 00	5,051,207 97
Total.....	953,080,500	907,905,526 15	13,501,446 56

The difference between the par amount of bonds purchased and the principal amount paid therefor, \$45,174,973 85, appears on the books of the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Section 3 of the Act approved April 24 1917 (First Liberty Bond Act), and section 3 of the Act approved Sept. 24 1917 (Second Liberty Bond Act), as amended, authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to apply any repayments of the principal of loans to foreign Governments to the redemption or purchase of any bonds issued under authority of such Acts. Certain of the loans to foreign Governments have been repaid, as stated elsewhere in this report under the heading "Loans to Foreign Governments," and the proceeds of the repayments have been applied to the purchase of Liberty bonds, which have been canceled and retired, as follows:

Bonds Purchased as the Result of Payment of Foreign Loans to Nov. 15 1919. Obligations of Foreign Governments Repaid.

Government—	Date.	Amount Repaid.
France.....	Jan. 1 1919	\$3,384,000 00
".....	Mar. 31 1919	588,000 00
".....	Mar. 14 1919	3,598,000 00
Belgium.....	July 18 1919	10,000 00
France.....	Aug. 11 1919	4,577,000 00
Great Britain.....	Aug. 11 1919	22,000,000 00
".....	Sept. 18 1919	10,000,000 00
".....	Sept. 23 1919	10,000,000 00
".....	Oct. 11 1919	7,164,007 99
".....	Oct. 27 1919	8,000,000 00

Bond Purchases.

Loan—	Principal Amount Purchased.	Amount Paid.	Amount of Accrued Interest Paid.
Third Liberty Loan 4 1/4% bonds of 1928.....	\$62,297,200	\$59,090,313 78	\$702,901 56
Fourth Liberty Loan 4 1/4% bonds of 1933-38.....	2,514,950	2,230,482 32	51,690 47
Total.....	\$64,812,150	\$61,320,796 10	\$754,592 13

The bond-purchase fund, while designed primarily for another and more immediate purpose, has operated also, as the above analysis shows, in the nature of a preliminary sinking fund in advance of the operation of a scientific plan for the retirement of the debt through purchases or redemptions over a period of years. The authority to purchase bonds through the bond-purchase fund expires one year after the termination of the war. The Congress, however, has already provided the plan for the gradual retirement of the debt by means of a cumulative sinking fund.

TEMPORARY FINANCING OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT, ACCORDING TO SECRETARY GLASS, EXPECTED TO END JULY 1 1920.

In treating in general of financial conditions and the Treasury Departments' program, Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass, in his annual report, states that he confidently expects "that by the time the cumulative sinking fund begins to operate on July 1 1920, temporary financing will be substantially over and the certificates will have disappeared from the market except to the extent that financing may be done and certificates issued in anticipation of income and profits taxes." While taking cognizance of the "serious and grave problems that challenge our statesmanship and our patriotism," the Secretary states that "the continuation of prosperity and the financing of our domestic and foreign trade, the full and peaceful employment of labor and capital, credit expansion, speculation and the cost of living, are great social and economic problems, but they are susceptible of American solution." On this point Mr. Glass has the following to say:

Financial Conditions and the Treasury's Program.

In this period of readjustment from war to peace, of reconstruction of regions swept bare by the havoc of the greatest war of all time, of political and economic change, and of world-wide unrest and anxiety, America stands strong economically, financially, and politically among the nations of the earth. She has emerged from the colossal struggle with strength tested and unimpaired. The implious hand of the enemy has not touched any part of her fair land, and there are no waste places here to restore. A large share of the cost of the war already has been paid for by taxes and the public debt is but a fraction of our national wealth, our credit and financial structure is sound and secure, our gold reserves are the greatest in the world, prosperity flourishes in every branch of industry and in every part of the Nation, and the people of the country are fully employed.

On the other hand, there are serious and grave problems that challenge our statesmanship and our patriotism. In the train of the great physical and spiritual effort the Nation put forth in the supreme task of winning the war, it is not surprising, in the light of the experience of mankind following wars of every age, that there should appear a certain spirit of reaction that finds its concomitant in discontent and dissatisfaction. The continuation of prosperity and the financing of our domestic and foreign trade, the full and peaceful employment of labor and capital, credit expansion, speculation and the cost of living are great social and economic problems, but they are susceptible of American solution. To entertain the thought of failure in finding an effective remedy for every phase of discord and dissatisfaction in America is to shatter the hopes of mankind. The answer to these great questions, which are far less grave in the United States than elsewhere in the world, is to be found in the courage and ability and spirit of Americans and their love of the United States. These are attributes which have stood the test of time from the birth of thirteen struggling colonies to the maturity of a great nation. The men who went to Europe to fight for the freedom of the world, and their compatriots who mobilized to support them to the utmost at home, will not be found wanting in these critical times and can be relied upon to grapple with these questions in the same indomitable and loyal spirit that won the war and with the traditional appreciation and respect of Americans for the rights of their fellowmen, in full confidence of the vindication of right and justice in every element of our life as a nation.

This spirit of optimism and hopefulness is born of the Nation's performances of the past and has its immediate revival in the great achievements

of the people during the war and in the index afforded by the Treasury's favorable outlook for the future, if our course is directed along intelligent lines of efficiency and rigorous economy in public and private finance. During the 19 months of active warfare, the people of the country cheerfully contributed taxes for the support of the Government in greater measure than ever before in our history, and generously subscribed to four great popular Liberty loans. The success of these stupendous operations was made possible only by the devoted patriotism of the American people. In the highest and truest sense, the people of the country financed the war, and they deserve the credit for the great achievement. The loyal and efficient work of the organization in the Treasury, the Federal Reserve banks and the Liberty Loan committees, great and effective as it was, would have amounted to naught had it not sounded the note of patriotic appeal.

Since the signing of the armistice, taxes have been paid with equal willingness in even larger amounts than during the period of hostilities, although not so great as would have been necessary if the war had continued. During the year that has elapsed since the previous report of the Secretary of the Treasury, it has been necessary to issue only one popular loan—short-term Victory Liberty notes—as compared with four issues of long-term bonds in the previous 19 months. In the face of many gloomy forecasts that the Victory issue must be sold on a strictly commercial basis and that it would be impossible again to appeal to the patriotism of the American people, the loan, launched without the impulse of the enthusiasm of war, was another overwhelming success that again reflected the financial and economic strength of America and the solidarity and patriotism of the people of the country.

Tax receipts, payments of Victory loan subscriptions and the diminishing expenditures of the Government have permitted the issue of Treasury certificates of indebtedness on a decreasing scale for the purposes of temporary financing. This has been particularly true since the close of the fiscal year 1919. On Oct. 31 1919 the total amount of outstanding Treasury certificates, which on April 30 aggregated \$6,250,000,000, had been reduced to \$3,736,352,300, of which only \$1,634,671,000 were loan certificates. There are no maturities of certificates to provide for prior to 1920, as the certificates maturing Dec. 15 1919 are more than covered by the income and profits tax installment due on that date.

In these circumstances, it is believed that the time will soon be in sight when the expenditures of the Government, including interest and sinking fund charges on the public debt, may be met by current receipts, without incurring new floating debt except Treasury certificates of indebtedness issued in anticipation of income and profits taxes. I confidently expect that by the time the cumulative sinking fund begins to operate on July 1 1920 temporary financing will be substantially over and the certificates will have disappeared from the market except to the extent that financing may be done and certificates issued in anticipation of income and profits taxes. That is the goal toward which the Treasury is aiming, but its realization is dependent upon the continuation of taxes at the present aggregate level and the vigorous enforcement of economy.

CLOSING OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO TREASURY LOAN CERTIFICATES AND TAX CERTIFICATES.

Subscriptions for the sale of the two issues of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness offered by Secretary of the Treasury Glass last week, have both been closed during the week; the subscriptions to the two series, it was announced by Secretary Glass on Dec. 3, exceeded \$400,000,000. The New York Federal Reserve Bank of New York in announcing on Dec. 3 the closing of the subscriptions said:

Secretary Glass announced that subscriptions for the issue of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness of Series TM-3 1920, dated Dec. 1 1919, maturing March 15 1920, closed at the close of business on Tuesday Dec. 2. The subscriptions for Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness of Series D 1920, dated Dec. 1 1920 and maturing Feb. 16 1920, closed at the close of business on Monday Dec. 1. Both of these series of certificates bear interest at 4 1/4%. No specific amount of certificates of either series was offered. It will be noted that the subscription books for the one series remained open for only one day and for the other series for only two days. Final reports of subscriptions have not yet been received but preliminary reports indicate that the aggregate subscriptions for both series up to the time of closing exceed \$400,000,000, a result very gratifying to the Treasury.

In response to the continuing demand for tax anticipation certificates and in order to make further provision for the payment without inconvenience of the installment of income and profits taxes, due March 15 1920 the Secretary of the Treasury has authorized the Federal Reserve banks until further notice to issue 4 1/4% Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness of Series TM-3 1920 at par with an adjustment of accrued interest in exchange for Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness of any issue now outstanding not over due maturing on or before Feb. 16 1920 with any unmatured coupons attached.

The results of the two offerings are given in separate items in to-day's issue of our paper.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO TREASURY CERTIFICATES (T. M. 3-1920) IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.

Subscriptions of \$250,942,500 to Treasury Certificates Series T M 3-1920, issued in anticipation of taxes, are announced by Secretary of the Treasury Glass. These certificates are dated Dec. 1 1919 and are due Mar. 15 1920; details of the offering were given in our issue of Saturday last, page 2034. Subscriptions to the offering were closed on Dec. 2. It is stated that the demand for certificates of indebtedness to be used in payment of internal revenue taxes, due Mar. 15 next, was so heavy that Mr. Glass indicated his intention to issue a new series maturing on that date. The following are the allotments of subscriptions, by Federal Reserve Districts, to the Certificates Series T M 3-1920:

Boston.....	\$18,445,500	St. Louis.....	\$7,971,000
New York.....	89,456,500	Minneapolis.....	4,906,500
Philadelphia.....	10,186,000	Kansas City.....	6,220,000
Cleveland.....	21,400,000	Dallas.....	10,954,000
Richmond.....	9,088,500	San Francisco.....	19,250,000
Atlanta.....	11,125,000		
Chicago.....	41,939,500	Total.....	\$250,942,500

The following circular regarding these certificates was issued on Dec. 3 by the New York Federal Reserve Bank:

To All Banks, Trust Companies, Savings Banks, Bankers, Investment Dealers and Principal Corporations in the Second Federal Reserve District.

Dear Sirs:—Subscriptions for the issue of certificates of indebtedness of Series T M 3-1920 were closed by the Treasury Department at the close of business on Tuesday, Dec. 2 1919.

In response to the continuing demand for tax anticipation certificates and in order to make further provision for the payment without inconvenience of the installment of income and profits taxes due Mar. 15 1920 the Secretary of the Treasury authorizes the Federal Reserve Bank until further notice to issue 4 1/4% Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series T M 3-1920 at par with an adjustment of accrued interest in exchange for Treasury certificates of indebtedness of any issue now outstanding not over due maturing on or before Feb. 16 1920, with any unmatured coupon attached. The certificates so outstanding are:

Series.	Dated.	Maturing
T 5.....	June 3 1919	Dec. 15 1919
T 7.....	July 1 1919	Dec. 15 1919
A 1920.....	Aug. 1 1919	Jan. 2 1920
B 1920.....	Aug. 15 1919	Jan. 15 1920
C 1920.....	Sept. 2 1919	Feb. 2 1920
D 1920.....	Dec. 1 1919	Feb. 16 1920

Yours very truly,
BENJ. STRONG,
Governor

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO TREASURY LOAN CERTIFICATE SERIES D, 1920.

Subscriptions of \$162,178,500 to the Treasury Certificate of Indebtedness, Series D, 1920, issued for Government loan purposes were announced by Secretary of the Treasury Glass on December 4. The offering was referred to in our issue of Saturday last, page 2034. The subscriptions were closed Dec. 1. The certificates are dated Dec. 1 1919 and will mature Feb. 16 1920. The allotments by Federal Reserve Districts are as follows:

Boston, \$14,535,500.	St. Louis, \$8,728,000
New York, \$43,165,000.	Minneapolis, \$8,300,000.
Philadelphia, \$11,601,000.	Kansas City, \$10,000,000.
Cleveland, \$7,978,500.	Dallas, \$11,916,500.
Richmond, \$7,193,500.	San Francisco, \$14,250,000.
Atlanta, \$9,272,500.	Total, \$162,178,500.
Chicago, \$15,238,000.	

N. Y. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK ON USE OF TREASURY SAVINGS CERTIFICATES—CIRCULAR DESCRIBING ISSUE.

In a letter under date of Nov. 13, to the banking institutions in the Federal Reserve District of New York, Benjamin Strong, Governor of the local Federal Reserve Bank urged banks which have not yet qualified as agents to handle Treasury Savings Certificates, to arrange for a consignment at their earliest convenience. The War Savings Certificates are issued in registered form only and an exchange of War Savings Stamps for them renders the money that was invested absolutely safe. They mature on Jan. 1 1924, when full face value will be paid to those investing in them. As heretofore stated (July 12, page 130, and July 26, page 332), Treasury Savings Certificates are issued in denominations of \$100 and \$1,000. The new securities are exempt 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 estate or inheritance taxes, graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, excess-profits and war-profit taxes. Purchasers have the right to redeem the certificates prior to maturity, when the United States Treasury Department will repay in full what was invested, plus interest. If held until maturity, the Treasury Savings Certificates earn 4% interest, compounded quarterly.

The following is Gov. Strong's letter of Nov. 13:

[Circular No. 221]

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

November 13 1919.

Treasury Savings Certificates.

To all Banks and Trust Companies in the Second Federal Reserve District.

Dear Sirs:—In connection with its activities to encourage the practice of thrift and savings and to meet an increasing demand on the part of the public for a Government savings security in the convenient denominations of \$100 and \$1,000, the Treasury Department is offering in these denominations obligations of the United States known as Treasury Savings Certificates.

Full description of the certificates is given in Treasury Department Circular No. 143, enclosed herewith.

In order that banking institutions may have available a supply of Treasury Savings Certificates with which to meet the demands of their customers and others, it is hoped that such banks and trust companies as have not yet qualified to handle these certificates will arrange for a consignment at their earliest convenience. This may be accomplished by signing the "Pledge Agreement" and passing the "Resolutions," copies of which are also enclosed.

Banking institutions will find Treasury Savings Certificates easy to handle and by keeping a supply on hand they will be performing an important service both to the Treasury and the public generally.

Yours very truly,
BENJ. STRONG,
Governor.

Treasury Department Circular No. 143, dated July 1, gives as follows the details regarding the new issue of certificates:

TREASURY SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

1919. Treasury Department,
Department Circular No. 143, Office of the Secretary,
Loans and Currency. Washington, July 1 1919.

1. Under authority of an Act of Congress approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended and supplemented, the Secretary of the Treasury offers for sale to the people of the United States an issue of United States War Savings Certificates, Series of 1919, in registered form, in denominations of \$100 and \$1,000 (maturity value), hereinafter called Treasury Savings Certificates. This issue of Treasury Savings Certificates is in addition to the issue of War Savings Certificates, Series of 1919, offered pursuant to Department Circular No. 128, dated Dec. 18 1918, but both issues of certificates are included within the Series of 1919 of United States War Savings Certificates. It shall not be lawful for any one person at any one time to hold War Savings Certificates of the Series of 1919 (of whatever issue or denomination) to an aggregate amount exceeding \$1,000 (maturity value). The sum of War Savings Certificates of all issues outstanding shall not at any one time exceed in the aggregate \$4,000,000,000 (maturity value).

2. Treasury Savings Certificates in the denomination of \$100 (maturity value) may be purchased at post offices of the first and second class, and such other post offices as the Postmaster-General may from time to time designate for that purpose; and Treasury Savings Certificates in denominations of \$100 and \$1,000 (maturity value) may be purchased at incorporated banks and trust companies which are agents of the second class for the sale of War Savings Certificates, Series of 1919, and qualified to obtain certificates to the amount of \$1,000 (maturity value) or more.

Description of Treasury Savings Certificates.

3. Treasury Savings Certificates will be issued only in registered form, and shall bear the name of the owner thereof, which shall be inscribed thereon by the issuing agent at the time of the issue thereof. At the time of issue of each such certificate the registration stub attached thereto shall be inscribed in the same manner by the issuing agent, and shall be detached and forwarded in the manner hereinafter directed for transmission to the Treasury Department at Washington. The registration stubs shall remain at the Treasury Department at Washington and shall constitute the basis for the Department's record of the registered ownership of the certificates. In addition to the registration stub above described, the certificates will be provided with an additional stub, designed for execution by impression from the original registration stub, which additional stub shall be retained by issuing agent banks and trust companies subject to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, and by issuing post offices in such manner as the Postmaster-General shall direct. The certificates will not be transferable, and will be payable only to the owner named thereon except in case of death or disability of the owner, and in such case will be payable as provided in regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The certificates will not be valid unless the owner's name is duly inscribed thereon by an authorized agent at the time of issue thereof.

Tax Exemption.

4. Treasury Savings 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 Sept. 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.

Issue Prices.

5. Treasury Savings Certificates will be issued in 1919 at the following prices:

Denomination of \$100.					
January.....	\$82 40	May.....	\$83 20	September.....	\$84 00
February.....	82 60	June.....	83 40	October.....	84 20
March.....	82 80	July.....	83 60	November.....	84 40
April.....	83 00	August.....	83 80	December.....	84 60

Denomination of \$1,000.					
January.....	\$824 00	May.....	\$832 00	September.....	\$840 00
February.....	826 00	June.....	834 00	October.....	842 00
March.....	828 00	July.....	836 00	November.....	844 00
April.....	830 00	August.....	838 00	December.....	846 00

6. The average issue prices above fixed for the year 1919, with interest at 4% per annum compounded quarterly for the average period to maturity, will amount to \$100 and \$1,000, respectively, on Jan. 1 1924.

Payment at Maturity.

7. Owners of Treasury Savings Certificates will be entitled to receive on Jan. 1 1924 the face amounts as stated thereon. On and after Jan. 1 1924, payment of the certificates will be made upon presentation and surrender thereof by mail or otherwise at the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington, and upon compliance with all other provisions thereof, provided the form of demand for payment appearing on the back thereof shall be properly signed by the owner in the presence of, and duly certified by, a United States postmaster, an executive officer of an incorporated bank or trust company, or any other person duly designated by the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose. In case of the death or disability of the owner a special form of demand for payment prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury must be duly executed.

Payment Prior to Maturity.

8. The owner of a Treasury Savings Certificate, at his option, will be entitled to receive prior to Jan. 1 1924 the amount indicated in the following tables (and in the table appearing on the back of the certificate) with respect to certificates of the denomination concerned. Payment prior to Jan. 1 1924 of the amount payable in respect of any such certificate will only be made ten days after presentation, surrender and demand, made as aforesaid at the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington, and upon compliance with all other provisions thereof; but in no event shall such demand be made prior to the second calendar month following the calendar month in which the certificate is issued to the owner.

Tables Showing How Treasury Savings Certificates Increase in Value. Denomination of \$100.

Month—	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.
January.....	\$82 40	\$84 80	\$87 20	\$89 60	\$92 00
February.....	82 60	85 00	87 40	89 80	92 20
March.....	82 80	85 20	87 60	90 00	92 40
April.....	83 00	85 40	87 80	90 20	92 60
May.....	83 20	85 60	88 00	90 40	92 80
June.....	83 40	85 80	88 20	90 60	93 00
July.....	83 60	86 00	88 40	90 80	93 20
August.....	83 80	86 20	88 60	91 00	93 40
September.....	84 00	86 40	88 80	91 20	93 60
October.....	84 20	86 60	89 00	91 40	93 80
November.....	84 40	86 80	89 20	91 60	94 00
December.....	84 60	87 00	89 40	91 80	94 20
Jan. 1 1924.....	100 00				

Denomination of \$1,000.					
Month—	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.
January.....	\$824 00	\$848 00	\$872 00	\$896 00	\$920 00
February.....	826 00	850 00	874 00	898 00	922 00
March.....	828 00	852 00	876 00	900 00	924 00
April.....	830 00	854 00	878 00	902 00	926 00
May.....	832 00	856 00	880 00	904 00	928 00
June.....	834 00	858 00	882 00	906 00	930 00
July.....	836 00	860 00	884 00	908 00	932 00
August.....	838 00	862 00	886 00	910 00	934 00
September.....	840 00	864 00	888 00	912 00	936 00
October.....	842 00	866 00	890 00	914 00	938 00
November.....	844 00	868 00	892 00	916 00	940 00
December.....	846 00	870 00	894 00	918 00	942 00
Jan. 1 1924.....	1,000 00				

Issue on Surrender of Other War-Savings Certificates.

9. A United States War Savings Certificate, Series of 1919, issued pursuant to Department Circular No. 128, dated Dec. 18 1918, which has not been registered and which bears the full complement of 20 War Savings Certificate Stamps, Series of 1919, may be received in exchange for a Treasury Savings Certificate in the denomination of \$100 (maturity value) inscribed in the same name as the certificate tendered in exchange, upon presentation and surrender to any post office authorized to issue and sell Treasury Savings Certificates in the denomination of \$100 (maturity value) or to any other agent for the sale of Treasury Savings Certificates in either denomination, and 10 such War Savings Certificates may in like manner be received in exchange for a Treasury Savings Certificate in the denomination of \$1,000 (maturity value) inscribed in the same name as the certificate tendered in exchange, upon presentation and surrender to any agent for the sale of Treasury Savings Certificates in the denomination of \$1,000 (maturity value). No previous demand for payment of certificates so surrendered will be required, and the exchange will be made in each case without payment to or by the United States.

10. A United States War Savings Certificate, Series of 1919, issued pursuant to Department Circular No. 128, dated Dec. 18 1918, which has been registered and which bears the full complement of 20 War Savings Certificate Stamps, Series of 1919, may in like manner be received in exchange for a Treasury Savings Certificate in the denomination of \$100 (maturity value) inscribed in the same name as such registered certificate, when tendered therefor by the registered owner to the post office of registration, provided that such post office is authorized to issue and sell Treasury Savings Certificates.

11. War Savings Certificates, Series of 1918, detached War Savings Certificate Stamps, War Savings Certificates bearing less than 20 War Savings Certificate Stamps, Thrift Cards with Thrift Stamps affixed, and Thrift Stamps will not be received in exchange or payment for Treasury Savings Certificates.

Methods of Distribution and Sale.

12. Treasury Savings Certificates in the denomination of \$100 (maturity value) may be purchased from post offices of the first and second class, and from such other post offices as the Postmaster-General may, from time to time, designate for that purpose, and from incorporated banks and trust companies which are duly qualified as agents of the second class for the sale of War Savings Certificates, Series of 1919, to the amount of \$1,000 or more, pursuant to Department Circular No. 130, as heretofore or hereafter amended and supplemented. Such post offices and incorporated banks and trust companies are hereby designated as agents for the sale of Treasury Savings Certificates in the denomination of \$100 (maturity value) subject to the provisions hereof.

13. Treasury Savings Certificates in the denomination of \$1,000 (maturity value) may be purchased only at incorporated banks and trust companies which are duly qualified as agents of the second class for the sale of War Savings Certificates, Series of 1919, to the amount of \$1,000 or more, pursuant to Department Circular No. 130, as heretofore or hereafter amended and supplemented. Such incorporated banks and trust companies are hereby designated as agents for the sale of such certificates in the denomination of \$1,000 (maturity value) subject to the provisions hereof.

14. In reporting sales of Treasury Savings Certificates and in accounting for the proceeds thereof, Federal Reserve banks and incorporated banks and trust companies acting as agents will enter in their accounts the serial numbers of such certificates covered by such accounts.

15. Every incorporated bank or trust company which is a cash agent of the second class and qualified hereunder will transmit to the Federal Reserve bank from which it receives War Savings Certificates for sale the original registration stub detached from each Treasury Savings Certificate sold by it immediately upon the issue of such certificate or not later than the close of the month in which sold. Such Federal Reserve bank will note the serial number appearing on the stub (for comparison with the next report rendered by such agent), and will forward the stub to the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington, so as to reach the Treasury Department not later than the month succeeding the month in which the certificate is sold.

16. Every incorporated bank or trust company which is a collateral agent of the second class and qualified hereunder will attach to its monthly account to the Federal Reserve bank with which such agent shall have deposited the collateral security required under Department Circular No. 130, as heretofore or hereafter amended and supplemented, the original registration stubs detached from all Treasury Savings Certificates sold by it within such month. The Federal Reserve bank receiving such stubs will see that a registration stub is at hand for each such certificate reported sold, and will forward all registration stubs to the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington, so as to reach the Treasury Department not later than the month succeeding the month in which the certificate is sold.

17. Original registration stubs detached from Treasury Savings Certificates sold by post offices will be attached to the accounts of sales of such

certificates rendered to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Division of Stamps, and will be forwarded by the Post Office Department to the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington, so as to reach the Treasury Department not later than the month succeeding the month in which the certificate is sold.

18. Agents of the second class may qualify for the sale of Treasury Savings Certificates by deposit of cash or pledge of collateral, as the case may be, in the manner prescribed by Department Circular No. 130, as heretofore or hereafter amended and supplemented, the amount of such cash or collateral to be determined by the issue prices of Treasury Savings Certificates delivered to such agents for sale, in the same manner as provided in said circular with respect to War Savings Certificate Stamps delivered to agents appointed thereunder.

19. The duties and obligations of such agents of the second class, as provided in said Department Circular No. 130, as heretofore or hereafter amended and supplemented, with reference to the receipt and sale of War Savings Certificate Stamps, and the payment of the proceeds thereof, and accounting therefor, and re-delivery thereof, are hereby extended to, and shall govern, the transactions of such agents, respectively, with respect to Treasury Savings Certificates, and such agents will by the receipt or sale of Treasury Savings Certificates be conclusively presumed to have assented to all the terms and provisions hereof, and to the retention of any collateral security pledged pursuant to said circular as collateral security thereunder and hereunder. Each collateral agent of the second class, in accounting for the proceeds of sales of Treasury Savings Certificates, shall be entitled to receive appropriate credit for each United States War Savings Certificate, Series of 1919, issued pursuant to Department Circular No. 128, dated Dec. 18 1918, and bearing the full complement of 20 War Savings Certificate Stamps, Series of 1919, which is received in exchange for Treasury Savings Certificates and transmitted to the Federal Reserve bank with its account.

20. An incorporated bank or trust company acting as a cash agent of the second class for the sale of Treasury Savings Certificates which receives in exchange for such certificates War Savings Certificates, Series of 1919, issued pursuant to Department Circular No. 128, dated Dec. 18 1918, and bearing the full complement of 20 United States War Savings Certificate Stamps, Series of 1919, may secure cash reimbursement for the War Savings Certificates so received in exchange, from the Federal Reserve bank from which it receives War Savings Certificates for sale, upon the surrender of the War Savings Certificates so received to such Federal Reserve bank, at the time of forwarding the registration stubs for the Treasury Savings Certificates in exchange for which they were received. The Federal Reserve bank will thereupon pay to such agent the value of such certificate stated in said Circular No. 128 as the surrender value of such certificates on the date of their receipt in exchange for Treasury Savings Certificates, and no previous demand for payment shall be required.

Other Details.

21. Treasury Savings Certificates will not be receivable as security for deposits of public moneys and will not bear the circulation privilege.

22. The provisions of Treasury Department Circular No. 108 (War Savings Circular No. 8), dated Jan. 21 1918, further defining rights of holders of War Savings Certificates, do not apply to or govern the rights of holders of Treasury Savings Certificates. The Secretary of the Treasury will shortly issue a new Treasury Department Circular further defining the rights of holders of Treasury Savings Certificates and prescribing regulations under which Treasury Savings Certificates will be payable in case of the death or disability of the owner.

23. The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right at any time to withdraw this circular as a whole, or to amend from time to time any of the provisions thereof, to revoke any or all appointments of agents, to withdraw Treasury Savings Certificates from sale, to refuse to issue or to permit to be issued any such certificates, and to refuse to sell or to permit to be sold any such certificates to any person, firm, corporation, or association.

24. The right is also reserved to make from time to time any supplemental or amendatory regulations which shall not modify or impair the terms and conditions of Treasury Savings Certificates issued in pursuance of said Act of Sept. 24 1917, as amended and supplemented.

25. Further details may be announced by the Secretary of the Treasury from time to time, information as to which will be promptly furnished to postmasters and to other agents.

CARTER GLASS,
Secretary of the Treasury.

REGISTERED WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES MAY BE REDEEMED AT ANY POST OFFICE.

The War Savings Committee in making known that registered War Savings Certificates might be redeemed at any Post Office in the United States, according to a new regulation changing the former provision that such securities must be redeemed at the Post Office where they were registered, said:

This ruling will undoubtedly encourage registration of War Savings Stamps, for many purchasers found it inconvenient to go to the Post Office where they were registered when, by necessity, they were forced to redeem them. The new provision warrants the payment by mail of registered War Savings Certificates, the holder of the certificate merely going to his nearest Post Office and filling out Form W. 8. 3371, which will mean that in and about ten days' time the cash will be given him.

The form will be filled out in duplicate, in the presence of a postmaster or post office clerk who will witness the signature and forward one form, with the certificate, receipted by the owner, by official registered mail, to the postmaster from whom payment is requested. The other form should be retained by the owner. Complete details as to serial number of the certificate, registration number, number of War Savings Stamps, name, address, etc., must be supplied when filling out the application.

The question of making War Savings Stamps absolutely safe from theft or loss has caused worry to many purchasers, who hesitated in having them registered and yet feared to carry them about or leave them at their homes. Now, that holders are accorded the privilege of redeeming them at any post office, it is suggested that owners of certificates register them as soon as possible, thus insuring their absolute safety. If the certificates are held until date of maturity, which is Jan. 1 1924, for war Savings Stamps, series of 1919, \$5 will be paid for each stamp, the money invested earning 4% interest. If the stamps are redeemed prior to date of maturity, the amount of money invested, plus 3% interest, will be paid.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF SUGAR ENDS JAN. 1.

Following a conference on Dec. 4, between representatives of the U. S. Sugar Equalization Board and the Department of Justice, it was announced by Attorney-General Palmer that Government control of the purchase and distribution of sugar would cease after Dec. 31, the date on which the powers of the Equalization Board will be terminated by law.

"The Congress, although requested to do so, has failed to extend the life of the board," said Mr. Palmer. The Attorney-General's statement follows:

A conference has been held this morning between representatives of the Sugar Equalization Board and the Department of Justice, in which the sugar situation was reviewed. The Department of Justice has neither the power nor the facilities with which to control the purchase or distribution of sugar. The only Governmental body having this power is the Sugar Equalization Board, and its control terminates on Dec. 31. The Congress, although requested to do so, has failed to extend the life of the board. The Department of Justice will continue its efforts in the future, as it has in the past, to the enforcement of the provisions of the Lever food control act, as amended, by prosecuting all instances of sales of sugar for an unjust or unreasonable profit.

The Department of Justice has never attempted to fix the price of sugar. It has accepted in the past the recommendations of the Sugar Equalization Board very largely in determining maximum fair prices. The fair margins of profit allowed are those established by the Food Administration. When such determinations were made, they have been communicated to the district attorneys, who were advised that any sales in excess of the maximum figure set would be considered unfair and unreasonable. The early termination of the board will make it impossible to set any definite price on sugar in the future or control its distribution. Every sale will be treated on its own merits, and in all cases, where the district attorney has evidence indicating an unfair profit or withholding of sugar from the normal consumptive channels, or any discrimination in price to the manufacturer or to the jobber supplying the domestic consumer, he will proceed under the Lever food control act.

Further advances in the price of sugar may follow the dissolution of the Sugar Equalization Board according to Washington advices of Dec. 4 to Philadelphia "Public Ledger," which said:

The American public must prepare itself for a substantial boost in the price of sugar after January 1 unless the people are willing to put up with shortage conditions during the coming year. How large that increase in price will be determined by how high Americans must go in outbidding Europeans for the bulk of the Cuban sugar crop.

The situation facing the country has been precipitated by the failure of Congress to provide for the continuance of the sugar equalization board and the decision of A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney-general, not to attempt the control and distribution of sugar under the food sections of the Lever act recently delegated to the department for enforcement by President Wilson. Announcement of the department's decision was made to-day by Mr. Palmer.

As the result the country is confronted with the following situation regarding the 1920 sugar supply:

The American crop, both beet and cane sugar, will amount to approximately 1,087,800 short tons. The Cuban crop now coming in is estimated at about 4,500,000 tons. The normal consumption of sugar in the United States is about 4,000,000 tons, so if America is to have its normal ration of sugar it must acquire at least 3,000,000 tons of the Cuban sugar.

Although there is no reason to believe that American refiners will fail to get the bulk of the Cuban crop as they have done heretofore, they must bid up the price on the European nations and consequently pass the cost along to the American consumer.

Unless Congress continues the Sugar Equalization Board during 1920 the price of Cuban sugar to American consumers will increase to 15 or 20 cents a pound. Attorney-General Palmer said in a letter to Senator McNary, which the Senator made public on Nov. 17. Mr. Palmer expressed the hope that the bill which had been offered by Senator McNary to continue the Board in existence would be enacted. No action has been taken on the bill.

Prices to the consumer for beet sugar advanced 1½ cents in all Pacific Coast States on Nov. 19 as part of the move by the Department of Justice to equalize sugar prices throughout the country.

In the House on Nov. 18 Representative Tinkham (Mass.) introduced a resolution "requesting the Attorney-General to furnish to the House . . . certain information regarding the fixing of the price of sugar," which resolution was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Mr. Tinkham criticized Mr. Palmer's policy with respect to sugar prices and he was quoted on Nov. 18 as speaking thereon as follows:

The Attorney-General, as one of his first acts to attempt to reduce the cost of living, has fixed the price of Louisiana sugar at seventeen and eighteen cents per pound at the plantation and thus hopes to reduce the cost of living. Sugar is now selling at twelve cents per pound retail.

Congress has not given him any such arbitrary authority to fix the price of commodities and foodstuffs, and it would seem that it was well that it had not. Congress has merely passed a criminal statute allowing him to prosecute profiteers in commodities and foodstuffs.

If it is claimed that the price of Louisiana sugar is set at seventeen and eighteen cents per pound at the plantation because there has been a short crop and otherwise there would be a loss to the producer, the short answer is that the United States Government neither in war nor in peace has or should order a profit for the producer as against the cost and the interest of the general consuming public.

As Louisiana sugar cannot be identified at retail from sugar from other sources, it would seem the general effect of the policy of the Attorney-General must be to raise most inordinately the price of sugar at retail throughout the United States and thus defeat the very purpose of the legislation which Congress enacted.

Is the United States Government sitting on the same side of the table with the profiteer?

Press advices of Dec. 3 from Havana announced that a Presidential decree issued on that date prohibited the exportation from Cuba of refined and turbined sugars manufactured from the 1918-1919 crop, unless such exportation was authorized prior to the issuance of the decree. It was provided in the decree also that the same grades of sugar from the coming crop may be exported only under sworn declaration of the shipper that they proceed from the 1919-1920 crop.

Violation of the decree would, it was said, result in the seizure of the sugar offered for export, which would be turned over to the United States Sugar Equalization Board for disposition

INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTION FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1919—INCOME TAX RETURNS.

Total collections of internal revenue from all sources for the year ending June 30 1919 were \$3,839,950,612, as compared with \$3,694,619,639 for the previous year. The income tax collections for 1919 were \$243,019,236 less than those for 1918, the amount collected during the current fiscal year having been but \$2,596,008,703, against \$2,839,027,939 in 1918. Details of internal revenue collection have been made public as follows by Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper:

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue.**

Washington, D. C., September 6 1919.

Sir.—I have the honor to submit the following preliminary statement relating to the collection of internal revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30 1919:

Total Collections, 1919 and 1918.

The total collections of internal revenue from all sources for the fiscal years 1919 and 1918 were as follows:

1919	\$3,839,950,612 05
1918	3,694,619,638 72

Increase..... \$145,330,973 33

Income and Profits Taxes.

The collections from income and profits taxes for 1919, compared with those from similar taxes for 1918, were as follows:

1919	\$2,596,008,702 70
1918	2,839,027,938 57

Decrease..... \$243,019,235 87

The original estimate of receipts from these sources for 1919 was \$4,707,000,000, but the law provided for the payment of the tax, if the taxpayer so elected, in four equal installments, commencing with March 15, or the date of filing return, with the three subsequent payments due and payable on the 15th of June, September and December following.

It will thus be seen that the last two payments fall due in the fiscal year 1920, which explains the decrease in the collections made during 1919 in the foregoing comparison. It is estimated that the two remaining payments will amount to about \$2,000,000,000, which, if added to the receipts for 1919, would bring the amount very close to the original estimate.

It is not possible at this time to segregate the collections of income and profits taxes, but special tabulations of the returns received are now being made for the annual report of the bureau, which will show separately the amounts assessed against corporations, partnerships and individuals.

Miscellaneous Taxes.

The collections in 1919 and 1918 from miscellaneous taxes, which include all sources of internal revenue except income and profits taxes, were as follows:

1919	\$1,243,941,909 35
1918	855,591,700 15

Increase..... \$388,350,209 20

The revenue derived in 1919 from distilled spirits and fermented liquors, representing two of the principal sources of internal revenue, was as follows:

	Amount.	P. C. of Total Collections.
Distilled spirits, including wines, &c.....	\$365,211,252 26	10%
Fermented liquors.....	117,839,602 21	3%
Total.....	\$483,050,854 47	13%

During the fiscal year 1909, just prior to the passage of the Tariff Act of Aug. 5 1909, which, in Section 35, provided for an excise tax on corporations as an additional source of revenue, the corresponding collections and their percentages were as follows:

	Amount.	P. C. of Total Collections.
Distilled spirits, including wines, &c.....	\$134,898,034 12	55%
Fermented liquors.....	51,887,178 04	21%
Total.....	\$186,785,212 16	76%

The miscellaneous taxes for 1919 include certain receipts from taxes on Philippine and Porto Rican products and from income tax assessed on railroads in Alaska, which are required to be paid into the treasuries of the Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, and the Territory of Alaska, respectively. These revenues are as follows:

Philippine Islands.....	\$1,120,466 26
Porto Rico.....	957,688 46
Territory of Alaska (Act of July 18 1914).....	21,167 86

Total..... \$2,099,322 58

Collections under the Act of February 24 1919.

The following is a statement of internal revenue receipts for the period March 1 to June 30 1919, grouped as nearly as possible to correspond with the designation of the taxes levied under the Revenue Act of 1918, approved Feb. 24 1919:

Title II.—Income tax.....	\$2,262,976,826 16
Title III.—War profits and excess profits tax (from corporations, partnerships and individuals).....	[]

Title IV.—Estate tax: Transfer of net estates of decedents..... 18,683,351 15

Title V.—Tax on transportation and other facilities and on insurance:	
Freight transportation.....	\$37,222,257 49
Express transportation.....	4,569,466 80
Passenger transportation.....	28,781,003 58
Seats, berths and staterooms.....	2,027,309 43
Oil by pipe lines.....	2,370,164 76
Telegraph, telephone, and radio messages.....	6,503,023 15
Leased wires, or talking circuits.....	23,155 77
Insurance.....	5,396,656 67
	86,893,037 65

Title VI.—Tax on beverages:	
Distilled spirits.....	95,378,251 58
Rectified spirits or wines.....	1,601,494 18
Bottled-in-bond spirits.....	41,027 00
Export spirits stamps.....	4,226 84
Still or sparkling wines, cordials, &c.....	3,996,101 30
Grape brandy used in fortifying sweet wines.....	107,946 71
Rectifiers, retail and wholesale dealers, manufacturers of stills, &c.....	714,428 33
Fermented liquors.....	50,408,887 46
Brewers, retail and wholesale malt liquor dealers.....	64,156 89
Floor tax on distilled spirits, wines, &c., including increased value of beer stamps in hands of brewers.....	42,742,234 55
Beverages (non-alcoholic), including soft drinks, &c.....	4,193,556 66
	199,252,314 50

Title VII.—Tax on cigars, tobacco and manufactures thereof:	
Cigars.....	\$14,966,817 16
Cigarettes.....	37,290,440 49
Tobacco.....	22,273,364 22
Snuff.....	2,111,448 65
Cigarette papers and tubes.....	277,497 47
Floor tax, including increased value of stamps in the hands of manufacturers.....	13,862,065 60
	90,781,633 59

Title VIII.—Tax on admissions and dues:	
Admissions to places of amusement or entertainment.....	\$21,079,535 76
Club dues.....	1,520,354 55
	22,599,890 31

Title IX.—Excise taxes:	
Automobiles, &c.....	\$29,262,864 79
Musical instruments, sporting goods, chewing gum, hunting and bowie knives, articles made from fur, yachts, motor boats, &c., if sold for more than \$15.....	13,279,161 04
Perfumes, cosmetics, proprietary medicines or preparations, &c.....	1,500,018 93
Positive motion picture films leased.....	23,915 98
Sculpture, paintings, statuary, &c.....	112,770 67
Carpets and rugs, picture frames, trunks, valises, purses, certain grade of wearing apparel, &c.....	394,071 78
Jewelry, watches, clocks, opera and field glasses, &c.....	1,701,247 50
	46,367,950 69

Title X.—Special taxes:	
Corporations, on value of capital stock.....	\$3,111,627 76
Brokers.....	743,115 53
Theaters, museums, and concert halls, &c.....	666,824 04
Circuses, aggregation of entertainments, &c.....	14,560 50
Bowling alleys, pool and billiard tables.....	829,710 70
Shooting galleries.....	8,986 59
Riding academies.....	3,525 46
Passenger automobiles for hire.....	507,721 01
Use of yachts, power and sailing boats, &c.....	190,764 45
Cigar manufacturers.....	188,805 65
Cigarette manufacturers.....	58,779 18
Tobacco manufacturers.....	22,129 75
Importers, manufacturers, and compounders of, and dealers and practitioners in opium, coca leaves, their salt derivatives, &c., including tax on the product.....	544,256 03
	6,800,806 64

Title XI.—Stamp taxes:	
Bonds, capital stock issues, conveyances, &c.....	\$7,498,050 50
Capital stock transfers.....	3,654,937 68
Sales of produce on exchange.....	2,091,997 11
Playing cards.....	808,617 95
	14,953,603 24

Unidentified collections (distribution by sources later)..... 4,775,200 00

Tax collections not provided for in Revenue Act of 1918:	
Alaska railroads income tax (Act of July 18 1914).....	21,167 86
Oleomargarine, adulterated, and process or renovated butter, and mixed flour.....	920,186 22
Sales of condemned Government property, receipts under repeated laws, &c.....	309,166 04
	1,250,520 12

Total from all sources..... \$2,755,375,134 05

Note.—A number of items, especially under Title IX, excise taxes, include some delayed payments upon assessments made under the Revenue Act of 1917.

The figures shown in the foregoing statement (other than income and profits taxes, which embrace the first and second installments), cannot be taken to represent the average of such receipts for a full four-months period under the Revenue Act of 1918, as many of the miscellaneous taxes were not effective until April 1 and May 1. Furthermore, the collection

of taxes effective on May 1 were, for the most part, deferred until after June 30, owing to the granting of an extension of time to July 20 for filing returns.

There are appended certain statistical statements of internal revenue receipts for 1919 and 1918. The totals for the fiscal year 1919 are subject to revision on the verification of collectors' accounts.

The annual report of the bureau will furnish detailed information in regard to all of the revenue collected and the expenditures relating thereto.

DANIEL C. ROPER,

Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Hon. CARTER GLASS, Secretary of the Treasury.

INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR 1917.

Statistics of income compiled from individual and corporation tax returns for the year ending Dec. 31 1917 were recently made public by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. The reports show that for that year 3,472,890 personal income tax returns were filed for 1917. The net income reported on these returns amounted to \$13,652,383,207. This, it is pointed out, is an increase of 3,035,854 returns and \$7,353,805,587 in net income reported over the corresponding figures for the preceding calendar year. The large increase is due to the lower exemption provided in the Act of Oct. 3 1917, and in part to a general increase in the scale of wages, salaries and other forms of compensation. A detailed analysis is presented for returns reporting net income of \$2,000 and over. There were 1,832,132 such returns with a total net income of \$11,191,246,207. The income tax, including surtaxes and war excess profits taxes on this amount was \$675,249,450. The average tax per individual was \$368.56 and the average tax rate 6.03% of the net income. Of the total number of personal returns filed, 47% reported net income of from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and 53% of the total number reported net incomes in excess of \$2,000; 315 returns showed net incomes of from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, and 141 returns showed net incomes of \$1,000,000 and over. A comparative table showing the number of returns classified by amount of income for the two years 1916 and 1917 reveals a marked increase of 1917 over 1916 in the number of individuals reporting net incomes of less than \$150,000 and a considerable decrease in the number reporting incomes in excess of \$150,000. In the increase of incomes of \$1,000,000 and over, 206 were reported in 1916 and only 141 in 1917, a decrease of 65.

New York leads the other States with 489,089 personal returns. Income reported by personal returns from New York in 1917 was \$2,439,736,148, an increase over 1916 of \$516,871,497. The smallest number is reported by Nevada, with 6,623. Alaska reported 4,570 such returns and Hawaii 3,131. Of the total net income reported by individuals approximately 63% was derived from personal services in the form of salaries, wages, commissions and profits from business obligations, while 37% is classified as income from property, and was paid to the recipient in the form of rents and royalties, interest on bonds, notes, &c., and dividends.

For the calendar year 1917, 351,426 corporation income tax returns were filed. Of this number 232,079 reported net income aggregating \$10,730,360,211, producing income tax amounting to \$503,698,029, and war excess profits taxes of \$1,638,747,740, making a total of \$2,142,445,769. The increase over 1916 was 10,173 in the total number of returns, 25,095 in the number of returns reporting net income \$1,964,451,227 in net income and \$1,970,640,619 in taxes. The report presents a detailed analysis of corporation income by leading industrial groups. This classification shows that approximately 62% of the total tax on corporations was paid by manufacturers and 15% by corporations engaged in trade. Mining and quarrying is credited with approximately 10% of the total.

UNITED STATES GRAIN CORPORATION TO SELL FLOUR TO FOREIGN BUYERS.

Julius H. Barnes, United States Wheat Director, on Dec. 4 made the announcement on the exchanges of the various seaports in the country that the flour position in the United States is now apparently easy enough to warrant the Grain Corporation in offering to sell from its stocks to any foreign buyers, the "straight" grades of pure wheat flour which it has been handling in export. Heretofore, sales of this flour have been confined largely to supplying the Allies. The announcement of the Corporation says:

According to Mr. Barnes this action is but another step in the effort to assist the reconstruction of trade facilities outside of Government agencies. It is hoped that it will facilitate business by American exporters, in spite of difficulties still to be overcome in private transport and private finance.

It is understood that during the last week Canada advanced its price on export flour to \$13 a barrel, or even more. The willingness and ability of the United States to furnish large quantities of pure wheat flour at

at \$10.50, consequently will be quite a relief to those buyers partially dependent on Canadian flour, formerly available at about \$12 a barrel.

Flour production in the United States has been on a large scale and in the case of winter wheat "straights" without material advance in price. This accumulated position warrants an extension of the sales policy of the Grain Corporation in the opinion of the Wheat Director.

The elimination of the export embargo on Dec. 15 also makes it possible for exporters to operate direct with the mills, but this offer of the Grain Corporation to provide cargo lots readily from its large stocks in the various seaports will be a material aid.

125,000 UNSKILLED WORKERS IN MEAT PACKING INDUSTRY GRANTED 10% WAGE INCREASE.

A 10% wage advance was awarded to 125,000 unskilled workers employed by meat packing firms in Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, Lincoln, Fort Worth, St. Paul, East St. Louis and Sioux City by Federal Judge Samuel Alschuler, arbitrator, on Dec. 1 at Chicago. The award which is retroactive to Sept. 1 will mean a yearly wage increase of \$12,000,000, it is stated. With reference to the award and the demands originally made, Chicago press dispatches of Dec. 1 said:

The men asked to have the increase date from July 14. The demand of the men for a forty-four hour week and double pay for overtime was denied. At present the men receive time and a half for overtime and holiday work.

Representatives of the Stockyard Labor Council expressed disappointment over the award. The men had asked for wage increases ranging from 20 to 50%.

TEXTILE OPERATIVES AT FALL RIVER ACCEPT WAGE COMPROMISE—OTHER WAGE ADVANCES.

A strike of approximately 38,000 operatives in the textile mills at Fall River, Mass., which began on Dec. 1 following refusal of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association to grant the wage increase demanded, was called off on that date when the textile unions accepted the compromise offer of the employers' organization. The strike lasted one day, the hands returning to work Dec. 2. Similar action with respect to wages was taken by the Textile Council of New Bedford, Mass., representing thirteen unions, following a conference on Dec. 1 with representatives of the cotton manufacturers of that place. About the same number of operatives are employed at New Bedford as at Fall River. In both cases the unions asked a 25% wage increase, and in both a compromise offer of 12½% made by the employers was accepted. At New Bedford no strike vote had been taken. As was expected, the advance in the Fall River district were followed by similar increases in mills in many other parts of New England. Advanced wages for thousands of operatives in the textile industry in New England were announced on Dec. 2. Press dispatches of Dec. 2 from Boston said:

Within a day or two, it was indicated, 300,000 workers in cotton and woolen mills in this section and thousands of operatives in other Eastern States would be receiving higher pay.

The advance, which almost generally was announced as 12½%, marks a new high level for textile wages. It is estimated that it will add slightly less than \$1,000,000 weekly to the pay-rolls of New England mills. Increases in textile industry wages since the beginning of the war will then aggregate from 100 to 148%. Of those who will benefit by the advance approximately 200,000 are employed in cotton mills and 100,000 in woolen and worsted mills.

Following closely upon the settlement last night of a one-day strike at Fall River, with an advance of 12½% to 38,000 workers and the averting of a threatened strike at New Bedford by the granting of a similar increase to 35,000 operatives, word came to-day from virtually every important textile centre that manufacturers were falling in line. The American Woolen Co. announced that an increase had been ordered at all of its mills.

The amount was not made public. This company employs upwards of 35,000 persons in 36 mills, including plants in New York and Pennsylvania. Other woolen manufacturers were slower of action, but the management of the Kunhardt Mills at Lawrence said a notice of increased pay would be posted there in a day or two.

Increases announced to-day by cotton mills will affect 40,000 operatives in Rhode Island cities, 20,000 in Lowell, 12,500 in Lawrence, 9,000 in Biddeford and Saco, Me.; 3,000 in Ludlow, 5,000 in North Adams and lesser numbers in other places in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Men familiar with conditions in the industry said it was a most certain that all the textile interests would join in the advance. The Amoskeag Manufacturing Co., which has at Manchester, N. H., the largest cotton mill in the world, employing 12,000 persons, announced to-night an advance in wages equal to "what they have done in other places."

On Nov. 28 members of six textile unions of mill workers at Fall River voted practically unanimously to go on strike Dec. 1, the cotton manufacturers having refused to grant their request for a 25% advance in wages.

Advices of Nov. 28 from Fall River to the New York "Sun" said with reference to the controversy:

Efforts were made by Mayor James H. Kay to secure a postponement of strike action, but the mill workers would not listen to any proposition for a delay. The mill workers feel that the manufacturers can afford the advance asked even though it comes on top of a series of unprecedented raises in the industry since the German war began. The total of these advances would run over 100% since 1915.

Manufacturers contend that a further advance of 25% is absolutely impossible.

This is the first serious break in the cotton industry in this city since the memorable strike of 1904-05, which lasted from July 25 1904 until Jan. 18

1905. At that time the workers fought against a reduction of 12 1/4%, but were compelled to submit after a six months struggle.

The "Sun" advises also said:

In New Bedford, where similar wage demands were also refused, the Textile Council to-night (Nov. 28) instructed their thirteen locals to take a strike vote, to be completed by Sunday. If voted, the strike will also be ordered for Monday (Dec. 1). The unions claim a membership of 35,000.

Supplementing the above, press dispatches of Dec. 1 from New Bedford had the following to say:

Mayor Charles S. Ahley brought the union and the manufacturers' representatives into conference yesterday, and the manufacturers offered to continue negotiations to-day if the operatives would postpone strike action. While the union operatives comprise but one-third of the number of workers in the mills, it was believed that the unorganized workers would have struck with the others.

The workers had voted Nov. 30 to defer vote on strike pending negotiations.

The unions involved in the Fall River strike were those representing the mule spinners, weavers, carders, loom fixers, slasher tenders and yarn finishers.

The vote of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association, refusing to grant the wage increase demanded, was unanimous. On Nov. 28 the Association sent to the head of the Fall River Textile Council (the workers' body) a communication pointing out that "an increase of 25% on the present wage rate would amount to \$1,173,619 per year in these mills alone." Further, it was contended that "if wages were increased 25% the balance available for dividends would be \$179,381, or only 2.36% of the capital stock." The letter, after stating that to grant the 25% wage increase, would involve an advance in the price of cotton goods observed that "in addition to these more directly interested parties, the public, as a whole, has discovered that it is vitally concerned in such problems and, sooner or later, will demand due consideration in their solution." The letter as published in the New York "Journal of Commerce" Nov. 29 read as follows:

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James Tansey, President Fall River Textile Council, Fall River, Mass.
Dear Sir:—As a result of the recent request for an advance, textile employers and employees in Fall River and many others, are now discussing the readjustment of wages.

In the language now frequently used, the question is one of "collective bargaining," and, as usual, textile manufacturers throughout New England are awaiting the result, prepared to follow the example here established more or less completely, according to the reasonableness of any decision which may be reached, while others throughout the country are watching to take such advantage as they may, the principal one possible to them being an increase in the price of cotton goods if stoppage of manufacture results because of failure to agree, or if there be an increase in wages war ranting such an advance.

In addition to these more directly interested parties, the public, as a whole, has discovered that it is vitally concerned in such problems and, sooner or later, will demand due consideration in their solution.

In view of the foregoing, it seems proper to state some of the issues involved in order that all concerned may have facts on which to base a final judgment.

It may be conceded that the employee has a right to his fair proportion of profits of the enterprise. It is on this basis, and this alone, that wages have been increased to such a tremendous extent by rapidly succeeding advances.

It is now being recognized that the living cost has not been the cause of increased wages, but largely a result; in fact, the increase of wages in the textile industry has very considerably exceeded the increased cost of commodities, and the public in general, following announcements of students of the subject, is now looking with alarm upon proposed increases of wages, lest the cost of living in the country be further increased, to the injury of those not engaged in industry and with great danger to the future of industry in competition with other countries where the wage standard is far below that in the United States.

Therefore, there should be no increase in wages unless it be possible to allow a fair profit to the stockholder as well as to the wage earner without so increasing the selling price of the manufactured article as to create an additional burden upon the public.

What, then, is such a fair division? In times when the value of the dollar has depreciated, the earnings of capital are entitled to an increase just as are the earnings of labor.

The dollar earned by capital will buy no more than a dollar earned by wages, but it must serve the same purpose. Out of the dividend dollar must come rent, food and taxes for those dependent upon the taxes dividend for support, such as the aged, the widow and many organizations and institutions depending upon their endowments, and, in addition to these, the dividend dollar must be depended upon for the support and increase of business enterprises.

Without this, the development of industries must cease, to say nothing of the building of homes, schools, institutions and other necessary adjuncts of a progressive social life.

The following figures are taken from the books of a group of representative mills. The group includes fine goods mills as well as those weaving the ordinary varieties of cloth, and some concerns which have been among the most prosperous in the city.

The aggregate wages of the group at the current rate amount to \$4,694,478 per year, and the aggregate capital is \$7,650,000.

An increase of 25% on the present wage rate would amount to \$1,173,619 per year in these mills alone, or 15.34% on the above capital. During the past year (1919) these same mills paid in dividends \$1,353,000, or 17.7% of their combined capital stock.

If wages were increased 25%, the balance available for dividends would be \$179,381, or only 2.36% of the capital stock.

This capital, however, does not represent the actual money invested and entitled to dividends, for the capitalization on which the above dividend rates were computed amounts only to \$1176 per spindle. The actual money invested in the cheapest mill in the group was not less than \$15 per spindle, while in the fine goods mills and the more modern mills of the group the actual investment is much more.

Not one of them could be built for double the cost represented by the capitalization, and the present market price of stock in these mills averages more than twice the capitalization, to be exact, \$230 per share.

No industry can be successful, no additions to old mills made, and no new mills built; in fact, machinery cannot be maintained up to date, unless there is an adequate return on the investment; and in these days it must be more than 6% in any industrial enterprise.

If dividends were computed on the true capital of these mills, which cannot be less than \$20 a spindle, or \$13,000,000, and at the rate of 10% per annum, no more than is just at the present dollar value, the dividends paid would amount to \$1,300,000, or only \$53,000 less than the actual amount paid in 1919, and it is clear that stockholders' earnings are not beyond their just dues. On the other hand, assume that wages were increased by 25%, the dividend on a fair capitalization would only amount to 1.3%.

Apply any test and it will be found impossible to carry on the business of labor costs were increased 25%. Hence this association has unanimously voted that the request be not granted, and thus gives official notice of its decision.

As before stated, this association recognizes the right of the wage earner to a fair share of the profits. He and the stockholder are not antagonists. The prosperity of both depends upon business success, and the share of both should be capable of determination by a business like study of business conditions.

In such examination, this association is always ready to co-operate with the representatives of employees and to make such adjustments as are arranged by conditions.

(Signed) C. E. SMITH, Secretary.

GOVERNOR GARDINER OF MISSOURI TAKES POSSESSION OF COAL MINES BY PROCLAMATION— MARTIAL LAW IN OKLAHOMA.

A proclamation putting the State in control of coal mining properties of 14 companies was issued by Governor Gardiner of Missouri on Dec. 4 as a result of the exigencies arising from the fuel shortage and the inability of the people to obtain coal. The proclamation stated that the closing of the coal mines had resulted in a fuel famine in Missouri; that the people of the State had been unable to obtain coal or fuel of any kind to meet their absolute needs for use in their homes, and were in distress and want as a result thereof, and that the State was unable to secure coal necessary for use in the eleemosynary and penal institutions with the inevitable consequence of suffering and distress among the inmates.

In a statement issued in connection with the proclamation Governor Gardiner said:

There will be no receiverships asked for. Nor will the question of compensation to the mine operators be considered at this time. The people of the State are freezing, and there is no time now to quibble over wages, rights of the mine operators and such minor problems. The people of the State must have fuel. I was informed this morning that 700 children of the Home for Feeble Minded at Marshall are actually suffering from the cold. The institution has no fuel, although good coal mines are located within thirty-five miles of that place. I wired back to the managers to cut down shade trees, if necessary, and to get fuel of some kind regardless of consequences and costs.

Conditions are desperate in Missouri. I do not intend that they shall continue. The State is going to see to it that the people are protected at all hazards. I have instructed Adjutant-General Clark to produce coal and to use the entire State Guard in doing so if that step becomes necessary.

The proclamation in main part read as follows:

Whereas, The closing of the coal mines of the country and of practically all in this State, including those hereinafter described, has resulted in a fuel famine in this State; and

Whereas, The people of the State are unable to obtain coal or fuel of any kind to meet their absolute needs for use in their homes, and are in distress and want as a result thereof; and

Whereas, The State is unable to secure coal necessary for use in its eleemosynary and penal institutions, with the inevitable consequence of suffering and distress among the inmates;

Now, therefore, I, Frederick D. Gardner, Governor of Missouri, do proclaim that, in this emergency, to relieve the distress and want of the people of the State and to avert the calamity which threatens the wards of the State in its eleemosynary and penal institutions, the State of Missouri has taken possession and control of the hereinafter described mines and mining property for the purpose of temporarily operating the same and supplying coal to meet the extreme necessity of the people and of the State, to wit:

Carney Cherokee Coal Co., Clems Coal Co., Dean Coal Co., Domestic Fuel Co., Ellsworth Coal Co., Independent Coal Co., Liberal Coal Co., Minden Coal Co., Pittsburgh-Midway Coal Co., Pittsburgh-Osage Coal Co., Sheridan Coal Co., Sherwood D. Lester Coal Co., Universal Brick & Tile Co., United States Coal Co.

Advices of Dec. 4 from Jefferson City, Mo., to the New York "Times" from which advices the above is quoted, further said:

Adjutant-General Clark has appointed Colonel E. M. Stayton, of Independence, as Superintendent of Operations in the Barton County District.

The Adjutant-General has been in communication with all twenty of the State institutions during the day, and has made arrangements to take the engineers from each institution to operate the engines of the twenty-four steam shovels in the event the State must operate the mines. This will give the State about fifty experienced engineers to start with. He has also communicated with a number of construction companies in various parts of the State who have suspended business for the winter, and they have promised to furnish expert shovel men. He calculated five hundred men will be required to load the coal cars, and he expects to get this number.

Martial law was declared in the coal counties of Oklahoma Dec. 4. On that date Governor Robertson sent to the editor of the New York "Evening Post" the following telegram:

To the Editor of "The Evening Post":

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 4.—Oklahoma has been and now is operating pit strips and one deep mine since the strike began. I have this day

declared martial law in the coal counties and have called for and received sufficient volunteers to operate all coal strip pits and will gradually extend volunteer workings to deep mines.

The Federal method of distribution is very unsatisfactory. People and business are suffering from lack of fuel. With strict conservation, however, we hope to get through all right, as we have an abundance of natural gas, fuel oil and wood in the eastern part of the State.

J. B. A. ROBERTSON,
Governor of Oklahoma.

On the same day it was stated that Governor Robertson and John A. Whitehurst, President of the State Council of Defense, were enroute to MacAlester, where they would begin work as coal miners, along with 300 other volunteers.

DR. GARFIELD EXPLAINS BASIS ON WHICH WAGE AWARD OF 14% TO BITUMINOUS MINERS WAS CALCULATED.

A statement furnishing a detailed analysis of the figures on which was based the wage increase of 14% offered by the Government to the bituminous coal miners, was issued by Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield on Nov. 29. Prior to the award of 14% Secretary of Labor Wilson had suggested at a meeting of the representatives of miners and operators a plan embodying a wage increase of approximately 31%. In his statement of Nov. 29 Dr. Garfield said: "The principle applied in arriving at 14% is different in kind and character from that applied in arriving at 31.61% and hence any attempt to average the two or to compromise the results is impossible." Dr. Garfield declared statistics of the National Industrial Conference Board showed only a 73% increase in the cost of living, and that on this basis the miners would be entitled to only 9.8% wage advance. The statement issued by Dr. Garfield was quoted in Washington advices of Nov. 29 to the New York "Times" as follows:

"Dr. Garfield, using the data supplied by the Department of Labor," the statement read, "analyzed the demand of the mine workers for a 31.61% addition to the present wage rates, at the same time calling particular attention to the fact that the principle involved is of far greater importance than the figures arrived at. The principle applied in arriving at 14% is different in kind and character from that applied in arriving at 31.61%, and hence any attempt to average the two or to compromise the results is impossible.

"These data show that increases have raised the average wages from 100% of 1914 to 157.6-10% at the present time, as compared with an increase in the cost of living during the same period from 100% to 179.9-10%. In other words, an average increase of 14.1-10% in the present rate of wages would bring the increase in the wages of the industry up to parity with the increase in the cost of living.

"To increase all wages 31.61-100% would give an average wage, as compared with 1914, of 207.4-10%, or a total increase of 107.4-10% to compensate for the increase of 79.8-10% in living cost.

"Miners are paid by the ton. Other mine workers are paid by the day. The day laborers generally have received advances of wages since 1913 equal to and, in some instances, in excess of the increase in the cost of living.

"The proposition that a general increase of 31.61% be given is simply a proposition to give to all mine labor the per cent. of increase required to bring the class of labor that has received the lowest per cent. up to the present level of living cost, even though that advances the other groups far above the amount necessary.

"As has been stated, on the basis of the statistics furnished by the Department of Labor an average advance of 14.1% would put the increases in the wages of the mine workers on a level with the increase in the cost of living. But the National Industrial Conference Board, in its Research Report No. 19, finds an increase in living cost of only 73% instead of the Department of Labor's figures of 79.8%. Taking 73% as the increase in the cost of living, the advance required to equalize the wages of mine workers would be only 9.8%.

"The additional wage bill on an annual output of 500,000,000 tons would approximate:

On a 31.61% advance	\$238,000,000
On a 14.1% advance	107,000,000
On a 9.0% advance	74,000,000

Dr. Garfield also presented in detail the figures to back up his deductions as to increase to various groups of workers in the mining industry, since 1913. He held that the figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for a typical district in the central competitive field, which employed 11,333 workers, showed that there had been an average increase of 57.6%, of which machine miners, loaders, and cutters had received 56.1%; hand miners and pick miners 34.8%; track layers' helpers, 81%; pipe men, 77%; trappers (boys), 100%, and other labor, 76.1%.

He also presented in detail tables compiled from data furnished by the Federal Trade Commission, to show the condition of mine workers in the central competitive fields during 1918. These placed the average pay per day of all employes at \$6.18 for the year 1918, and \$6.53 for the months of October, November and December of that year, the average yearly pay in 1918 at \$1,550.56, and for the last three months of the year 1918 an average remuneration of \$407.42.

WAGE DISPUTE IN COAL INDUSTRY MUST NOT BE USED TO BREAK DOWN LABOR UNIONS SAYS U. S. FUEL ADMINISTRATOR.

Dr. Harry A. Garfield, Federal Fuel Administrator, issued a statement on Nov. 29 in which it was made known that the Government would not tolerate any attempt to destroy trade unions, or the principle of collective bargaining, on the part of employing interests in the present crisis in the coal industry which has resulted from the refusal of representatives of the bituminous miners to accept the Government's wage award. Dr. Garfield's statement follows:

Report has come to me that the present crisis in the coal industry will be used to break down the labor union. I wish to say that I am as much opposed to an attempt to destroy the principle of collective bargaining and the union of workmen as I am to the effort of labor leaders to keep labor satisfied by a constant boosting of wages, regardless of the public interest, or to the effort of leaders in the industrial world to boost profits unduly to the hurt of the public.

Any attempt to complicate the issue at this time by seeking to destroy the union of mine workers and the principle of collective bargaining will be resented by the public and opposed by me.

FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF COAL ORDERED BY GOVERNMENT.

Failure of the bituminous coal miners to accept the Government's decision granting a 14% wage increase has resulted in a general coal shortage which has become increasingly serious and caused the U. S. Government to take drastic steps to conserve the nation's supply. Fuel Administrator Garfield, acting in conjunction with the Railroad Administration, gave notice on Dec. 1 that thereafter only the essential consumers included in the first five classes of the war priorities list would be supplied with coal, and asked the help of all State and municipal authorities to make rationing effective. The five preferential classes are:

- First—Railroads, coastwise and inland water vessels.
- Second—Army and navy and other Federal departments.
- Third—State, county and municipal departments and institutions.
- Fourth—Public utilities, including newspapers and newsprint manufacturers.
- Fifth—Retail dealers (domestic consumers are included under this head).

In a statement issued Dec. 1 Dr. Garfield said: "Advertising signs and displays of various kinds necessitating the use of coal should be curtailed and no coal should be distributed for such purposes."

The following day (Dec. 2) it was announced that bunkering of all foreign ships in American ports would be stopped at midnight Dec. 5 and passenger train service on railroads would be curtailed as necessary measures to conserve the nation's scant fuel supply. Walker D. Hines, Director-General of Railroads, issued the following statement on Dec. 2:

With a view to the further conservation of coal regional directors of the Railroad Administration have been instructed to review the situation carefully and have been authorized to eliminate passenger trains that can be spared with the least inconvenience to the public.

The statement issued by Fuel Administrator Garfield on Dec. 1, which we have already quoted, was as follows:

It is necessary that coal shall be used only for essential purposes. Public utilities consuming coal should discontinue to furnish power, heat and light to non-essential industries, and should only consume sufficient coal to produce enough light, power and heat to meet the actual urgent needs of the people. Advertising signs and displays of various kinds necessitating the use of coal should be curtailed, and no coal should be distributed for such purposes.

Pursuant to this policy, I have requested the Railroad Administration, in the distribution of coal now or hereafter in its possession, to limit distribution to these essential and urgent uses. As far as practicable, until the conditions warrant a change, the distribution of coal will be limited to the first five classes of the priority list.

Retail dealers who distribute coal for household requirements, heating hotels, buildings, hospitals, &c., should take every precaution to see that coal is only delivered where it is absolutely required, and then only in such limited quantities that the supply may be distributed widely and prevent suffering.

The State and other local authorities can materially aid in inspecting and supervising such distribution by retail dealers, and the United States Government will be glad to leave the supervision and control of the distribution to retail dealers entirely to any State, county, or municipality which may make provision therefor. The distribution to the retail dealers must necessarily be administered by the Railroad Administration, in pursuance of the orders already made by the United States Fuel Administration in carrying out the priority which has been prescribed under the Lever act.

The coal shortage has been felt more keenly in the Middle West than in the eastern part of the country. On Nov. 28 rationing of coal to Chicago householders was ordered by the Regional Committee at that place.

On the same day was announced the issuance by the State Public Utilities Commission to all public utilities companies of a request that all electric advertising signs and window display lighting be discontinued. Similar measures have been taken in several other cities in the Central West. In the State of Kansas Governor Allen, who recently had coal mines put under control of the State Government, issued an appeal on Nov. 27 for volunteer workers and on Dec. 2 the Governor announced that more than 7,000 had responded.

Operators in the bituminous coal industry have accepted the Government's decision granting to the miners a 14% wage advance, notwithstanding that the Government has refused to allow them to increase the price of coal; but the miners have refused to return to work on this basis and the strike which started Nov. 1 has therefore continued in most districts.

Governors of seven soft coal producing States at a conference on Nov. 30 at Chicago agreed that the State Governments should take all possible steps to obtain the production

of coal and recommended to the Federal Government that a complete Fuel Administration with an administrator for each State, to be appointed by the Governors, be perfected immediately. The State executives also requested equitable distribution of coal under uniform and rigid regulations in all States.

CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT AGAINST HEADS OF COAL MINERS.

Information charging criminal contempt of court was filed in the United States District Court at Indianapolis on Dec. 3 against 97 international and district officers of the United Mine Workers of America, and capiases requiring their appearance Dec. 9 to answer the charges were issued on the same date. The proceedings were brought by the U. S. Government in its efforts to end the strike of the bituminous coal miners, which, despite the fact that the officials of the United Mine Workers were ordered a few weeks ago by the Federal District Court to cancel the strike order, has continued in effect. Among the charges brought against those cited in the contempt proceedings are:

That they countenanced payment of strike benefits.

That they limited facilities for coal production.

That they sent out the strike withdrawal order on blank paper and without the official seal and without the signatures of the international officers, knowing that under these circumstances it would be ignored.

That by comment through the press they aided the strike by declaring it would continue.

The contempt proceedings are brought under the provisions of the Lever Act under which the restraining order was issued.

SECOND INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE CALLED BY PRESIDENT WILSON OPENS ITS SESSIONS AT WASHINGTON.

"Adjustment and arbitration" in industry will be the first subject considered by the second industrial conference which opened at Washington on Dec. 1 at the call of President Wilson, to take up the work which the first conference, composed of representatives of the public, capital and labor, failed to do. In contradistinction to the course pursued by the first conference, the sessions of the new parley—in the Pan-American Building—are being held behind closed doors, the reason for this being, according to William B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor and Chairman of the conference, that "Men are free to think out loud when there is no reporter present. They can change their minds without being charged with inconsistency, and they do not have their minds hardened by making certain statements publicly, and are therefore left free to change."

The membership of the conference is composed of former State and Federal officials, business men, administrators, bankers and economists. Labor has no representative in the group, and, it is stated, the officials of the American Federation of Labor have expressed their displeasure that their side of the industrial controversy is not represented.

Herbert Hoover, Federal Food Administrator during the war, was elected Vice-Chairman of the conference at the opening session, and Stanley King, of Boston, former member of the Council of National Defense, was made temporary Secretary. A committee from the conference, composed of Secretary Wilson, Herbert Hoover, former Attorney-General Gregory, and Julius Rosenwald, conferred with Secretary Tumulty at the White House on Dec. 2 concerning an appropriation to meet the expenses of the conference. They were asked to prepare a budget.

All of the seventeen members invited by President Wilson, except George T. Slade, of St. Paul, Minn., who, it is stated, is in Europe, were present at the opening of the new industrial conference, which, it is generally believed, will require several weeks, at least, to complete the very extensive and varied work it has mapped out. The calling of the conference and the list of delegates invited to attend were referred to in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 22, page 1940.

ATTITUDE OF AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR TOWARD PROBLEM OF INDUSTRIAL UNREST—PROGRAM OF REFORM.

A letter setting forth the attitude of the American Federation of Labor toward matters bearing upon industrial conditions, pending and likely to come before Congress, was recently sent to Will Hays, Chairman of the Republican National Committee by Matthew Woll, Vice-President of the Federation. It was made public by the latter at Washington on Nov. 30. The letter was in response to a communication from Mr. Hays containing a series of ques-

tions arising out of the relations of capital and labor. The labor leader asserts that organized labor in the United States as represented by the American Federation of Labor is opposed to profit sharing in industry, to compulsory arbitration and to the use of the injunction power of the courts in labor disputes. It also is opposed to the Cummins railroad bill with its provision prohibiting strikes of railroad employees. On this measure the letter makes the following comment:

The Cummins bill now before Congress is the most un-American piece of legislation ever proposed by any one. It not only intends to return the railroads to private interests, but it likewise undertakes to guarantee to the railroad holders an income of 6% on all their investments whether these investments originally represented legitimate capital or merely water of every shade or color, while during the war the Government only paid to the millions of patriotic investors in Liberty and Victory Loan bonds an income ranging from 3 to 4½% interest.

The main points of the labor leader's reply to Mr. Hays' questions were brought out in Washington press dispatches of Nov. 30 as follows:

To make the fruits of labor more effectively usable for the welfare of the country, capital and labor, Woll declared, must be placed on an equal footing by making all corporation charters provide that under its powers the holders might not deny employees the right to organize, bargain collectively through "representatives of their own choosing" or to determine for themselves the conditions and relations of their service. Without this check on corporate powers, he said, "the domestic conflict now raging cannot and will not be permanently ended."

Discussing plans to settle or minimize industrial unrest, Mr. Woll declared that "arbitrary exercise of unwarranted and unconstitutional authority by our courts" could not allay it, adding that "to avoid building up a judicial aristocracy" the word of the Supreme Court, State or Federal should not be final on the constitutionality of an act.

"Government by injunction should be prohibited, the rights and liberties and freedom should be fully safeguarded and the upbuilding of a judicial autocracy made impossible for all time to come."

Congress, he said, should "speedily approve the Covenant of the League of Nations, including the labor provisions contained in this remarkable document, which holds the hope for future peace of the world in its keeping, instead of fiddling away like Nero while Rome was aflame."

Measures to prohibit child labor, total exclusion of immigration for two years, a Government employee's minimum wage, and retirement act, a Federal employment service, elimination of convict labor competition, soldiers' land legislation, State home building and repeal of all taxes on necessities, were advocated.

Mr. Woll denounced the pending bill for railroad control offered by Senator Cummins, Republican, Ia., as "the most un-American piece of legislation ever proposed by anyone," and suggested that the railroads be not returned to private operation for two years to permit the people meanwhile to say what should be done with them.

Under no circumstances, he contended, should any commission or other agency be authorized to fix wage or hours, and while the Federal compensation law has done good, it should be amended as to its rates to keep pace with the cost of living.

Discussing accident and unemployment insurance, Mr. Woll declared the trade solution was to strike at unemployment itself by "a systematic elimination of many of the senseless industrial undertakings." The United Mine Workers, he said, in asking for a five-day week, were "in reality asking for a greater period of work rather than a greater period of idleness." Universal observance of the eight-hour day would tend, he said, to adjust conditions of unemployment in many industries. If those matters were adequately dealt with, he added, workers could lay by savings to care for their families in times of stress or idleness.

Answering if labor desired "to participate in the control and management of industry and share in profits and losses," Mr. Woll said profit sharing as thus far proposed was a "sham and a fraud" and a "cloak for excess profits." The suggestions as to sharing profits and losses "border on the absurd," said Woll, who added:

"If workers are to share in the losses then let us establish shop soviets and let the worker also manage and operate the entire industries," he said.

Mr. Woll's letter in full follows:

Recently you submitted a letter containing a series of questions of great importance, arising out of the relations of capital and labor and which you state is a part of the duty of the Republican Party to consider for the purpose of offering effective solutions to these questions. Responding to your request, I hereby submit for the consideration of yourself and the political party you represent the following views on the question submitted:

Your first question reads as follows:

"What measures should be adopted which, while contenting labor and capital, will in the interests of all the people? What should be done or undone to make the fruits of labor to be used more effectively for the welfare of the country?"

Answering this question, permit me to call your attention first to the utter lack of an equilibrium of personal rights and opportunities and relations between employers and employees, which tends more and more to divide our people into classes and which is developing a bitter class feeling.

Of course, nature has endowed individuals, as it has nations, with certain physical, mental and spiritual advantages, one over another. Organized society cannot successfully interfere with these processes of nature. Neither is it just or natural that Governments should permit the mentally, physically or spiritually strong to dominate, control and exploit the weaker members of the human family.

The unfortunate development in our modern industrial society and government has been the creating of new concentrated powers and advantages, vested in a small group of industrial and financial people, while at the same time every effort of government has been made to deny and deprive the much larger group of society of the opportunity for similar advantages of organization and concentrated powers.

When the State undertook to create corporate bodies or organizations for industrial, financial and commercial purposes and delegated those corporate powers to groups of persons solely interested in exercising these arbitrary grants for private gain, without placing an effective restraint upon these corporate powers to safeguard and protect the rights of individuals who are not associated with such corporate entities and who must deal with them as individuals, it was then that the seed was laid for the development of classes and class conflicts.

When the State authorized the rich and those in possession of reserved capital to combine their wealth with corporate undertakings without at the same time fully safeguarding the rights and interests of the individual work-

men with whom these corporate bodies must of necessity deal, then and there equal opportunities to all of our citizens were denied, and by arbitrary dictum added strength, power and influence was given to the strong to prey upon and exploit the weaker of the human family.

It is a sad commentary upon the history and development of our land that the State and nations, instead of maintaining a just, fair, and natural equilibrium of personal rights, privileges and relations, not only undertook to place arbitrary corporate powers and advantages in the hands of a few, but at the same time undertook by affirmative action to destroy or render ineffective the hope and aspiration of the great mass of our people—the workers—to protect themselves against the exercise of these great corporate powers delegated exclusively into the hands of a few to dominate the lives and destiny of the many without restraint or limitation.

"Right to Organize Into Trade or Labor Unions" Must Be Recognized.

To make the lot of labor better; to enable the fruits of labor to be used for the welfare of the country as a whole; to place capital and labor more on an equal footing all grants of corporate powers to any group of persons should be predicated on the express condition that the right to exercise such corporate powers does not permit such corporations or incorporated bodies to deny those with whom it deals, its employees, the right to organize into trade or labor unions or associations, to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing and to determine for themselves the relations and conditions under which they shall give service.

Unless such a check is placed on the corporate powers, now granted by the State to individuals, the domestic conflict which is now raging in the midst of us cannot and will not be permanently ended. It should also be remembered that from the inception of modern civilization the privileged few, either by an alleged divine right, heredity assumption, or by legislation, have put property rights, most of which were stolen rights, above human rights. We have now reached a period of civilization when human rights, when men should be placed before and above the dollar. Activities and results with this end in view should not and cannot longer be ignored with safety to the nation and our people.

Criminal Profiteering Must Be Done Away With.

If we are to remove the existing unrest, it is essential that criminal profiteering shall be put to an end. The cost of necessities has gone up with leaps and bounds, and this increase has not been due to a proportionate increase of labor cost. On the contrary, the workers have been unable to as this condition exists serious discontent and unrest will prevail. To deport the "Reds" and at the same time coddle the profiteers will not bring us to a state of domestic tranquility.

Your second question is as follows:

"What plan or plans can be adopted which will settle or, at least, minimize industrial unrest?"

This question is answered in part in my reply to your first inquiry.

May I add that industrial unrest cannot be allayed or minimized by measures of repression or suppression or by the arbitrary exercise of unwarranted and unconstitutional authority by our courts.

"Great Powers of Courts Approaches Condition of Judicial Aristocracy."

Nowhere in history has the judiciary ever held sway over peoples as do the Judges in our great republic. The courts of Great Britain, New Zealand, Austria, France, and the other democracies of the world have no such sovereignty and cannot dare not overrule the other departments of Government and override the expressed will of the people. The power of the American judiciary to say that "it is the State" and to reverse the actions of a co-ordinate branch of the Government is a power never delegated to our courts and Judges, and, as prophesied by Jefferson, is making our Supreme Court the master of America. To avoid building up a judicial aristocracy steps should be taken to bring into existence the rule which will provide that in the event of a Supreme Court declaring an act of Congress or a State Legislature unconstitutional the people, acting directly or through Congress or a State Legislature, should re-enact the measure, that it shall then become law without being subject to annulment by the court.

Law Forbids "Combination of Working Men and Permits the Combination of Employers."

Our administration of law in parallel columns seeks to forbid the combination of workmen and permits the combination of employers. The trust and combination of corporations may strike against the public by raising the price of necessities of life, and the law does not interfere. They can force their competitors out of business and the law does not even utter a word of protest.

They can strike against their employees by refusing to consider any representation that employees feel themselves compelled to make to keep body and soul together, or they may even reduce wages, increase the working hours or stop work en masse by shutting down the factories, the railroads or the mines, and the law puts its sheltering arms around them. But when the workers are considering grievances they have against their employers the law sends the police to break up their meetings.

When a speaker in their union meetings is responsible for utterances which only a fool or a knave would make, then the entire membership is held responsible in damages for such an individual wrong or indiscretion, and when a strike takes place, then the law affords an easy way to rob the union and its members of all their funds and savings of years of sacrifice and effort. It is high time that this awkward contradiction in our administration of law is made to disappear.

Use of Injunctions To Prevent Strikes An Invasion of Liberty.

In the history of progress tyranny has always been the turnkey, liberty always the convict. Lowell once said: "Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne." That is many times the situation in so far as it applies to our courts in the exercise of their assumed equity over the lives and liberties of workmen when involved in a conflict with their employers. The use of the injunction to prevent strikes, to interfere with the conduct of strikes or to compel men to call off strikes does not rest upon law and order. To the contrary, such injunctions are in violation of law and order, and constitute a clear invasion of the natural liberty of man.

Government by injunction is not a Government of law, but a personal whim and fancy. Government by injunction is not a Government of the people, by the people and for the people. Government by injunction means that a judge may at will crowd the people into a position where they must all be either slaves or criminals—slaves if they obey him, criminals if they obey the Magna Charta, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

Government by injunction should be prohibited, the rights and liberties safeguarded, and the upbuilding of a judicial aristocracy and autocracy should be made impossible for all time to come.

Urges Ratification of Peace Treaty.

Congress would do well also to speedily approve the Covenant of the League of Nations, including the labor provisions contained in this remarkable document, which holds the hope for future peace of the world in its keeping, instead of filibustering and fiddling away like Nero while Rome was aflame.

No act at this particular time could do so much to allay the unrest which dominates the world and which would permit men's minds to be turned to industrial justice and tranquility, instead of keeping them in a state of wonderment as to what the future political boundaries, authorities, obligations, and responsibilities of the various nations of the world will be.

Remedial Laws Suggested.

The enactment of the following laws would also prove helpful to an immeasurable degree: laws to prohibit child labor; to totally restrict immigration for at least two years; to defeat the amendment to Section 13 of the Seaman's act; to enact the Nolan minimum wage bill for Government employees; to create a United States free employment service; to eliminate convict labor competition by prohibiting the transportation of prison products from one State to another; to make possible the retirement of Federal employees; to provide land and homes on long-time payment to soldiers and sailors; to permit the States to loan money to the people by which to build homes, and to repeal all taxes on the necessities of life.

Your third question contains the following:

"Should the Erdmann Act be modified or strengthened, or should a new system in connection with Federal investigation and for the settlement of industrial controversies be adopted? If so, what?"

Evidently you have overlooked the fact that the Erdmann Act was repealed in 1913, and that the Newlands Act has been substituted in its place. There is nothing particularly wrong with this enactment. Your question might have been better framed had you asked what kind of railroad legislation should not be enacted.

Anti-Strike Legislation Should Be Defeated.

Without venturing into the problem of whether the railroads should be owned and controlled by private interests or by the Government, I have no hesitancy in stating that whatever form of ownership or control may ultimately prevail that any and all legislation intended to enforce or promote compulsory arbitration or include anti-strike provisions should be defeated if we are going to be true to the ideals of freedom and democracy so clearly manifested during the war period.

While strained relations between employers and employees are to be deplored, while strikes are not desirable and are favored only as a final means of protest, the wage-earners cannot and will not admit of the right of any person or any legislative body to compel them to remain at work when for any reason whatsoever the conditions of employment become distasteful and unsatisfactory. The right to quit work after all other methods of adjustment have been exhausted is the concrete expression of individual liberty.

Opposes Compulsory Arbitration.

The workers of America are not opposed to voluntary methods of arbitration; they are opposed to compulsory arbitration, which in fact means the fixing of wages, hours, and conditions of work by law. Such a condition and relation of employment is a denial of the rights of free men—the right to freedom of action—the right to freedom of contract. In fact, it is a return to involuntary servitude—industrial serfdom. There is nothing which is fraught with more danger, which results in more rank injustice and injury than compulsory arbitration and compulsory service.

The Cummins bill now before Congress is the most un-American piece of legislation ever proposed by any one. It not only intends to return the railroads to private interests, but it likewise undertakes to guarantee to the railroad holders an income of 6% on all their investments, whether these investments originally represented legitimate capital or merely water of every shade or color, while during the war, the Government only paid to the millions of patriotic investors in Liberty and Victory Loan bonds an income ranging from 3 to 4½% interest.

Besides attempting to place this heavy financial burden on the people, Senator Cummins and those associated with him further propose to turn the railroads back to these private interests with over two million of workers tied hands and feet to the railroads and the railroad interests. It is difficult to conceive a more vicious proposal than that which is now proposed to re-enact and re-establish serfdom and slavery.

During the war, when the Government found it necessary to take the railroads out of the control of private interests, these workmen were free, and as such responded in all their activities in a truly American fashion. Now that the war has ended, it is proposed to return the railroads to these self same interests from which the Government took the control, and in so doing deprive the loyal and patriotic American wage earners of their liberties and freedom. Under the cloak of industrial peace, Senator Cummins would now impose involuntary servitude on the railroad workers and give added powers to private railroad interests over the lives of nearly two millions of wage earners.

It is suggested that the Government do not return the railroads to private interests for at least two years from the conclusion of peace, in order that the American people may have an opportunity to consider the many possible solutions of the railroad problem which have been put forward and so that a mature judgment may be reached and justice be done to all concerned.

Employer's Liability Act.

Your fourth question is as follows:

"What changes should be made in the Employers' Liability Act? How can satisfactory wages and reasonable hours be assured and adequate productivity obtained? Should the Inter-State Commerce Commission have the right to fix wages as well as rates, and the Federal Trade Commission or other bodies the right to fix prices as well as wages? Should the powers of these commissions also extend to fixing the hours of labor?"

If your question relates to the Federal compensation law, then permit me to say that the Act in question has accomplished much good. However, the compensation provided to the injured and to the survivors of those whose death ensues needs amendment. First of all, the compensation provided in all our compensation laws where the amount is stipulated and arbitrarily limited needs immediate amending to meet adequately the higher cost of living of to-day and the great shrinkage which has taken place within the last four or five years in the purchasing power of the dollar.

With the cost of living having increased enormously, the purchasing power of the dollar of to-day is worth about one-half less than it was in 1914, and all compensation paid to-day on a fixed value of the dollar of 1914 is an imposition and an intolerable wrong to the injured employee and to the survivors of those killed in industrial employment. Justice demands a readjustment of the compensation paid as herein indicated, and in addition the compensation allowed under the Federal Act should be further amended as to increase compensatory payment in certain injuries and in cases of death.

Oppose Fixing of Wages.

Under no circumstances should the Federal Trade Commission or any other commission or Government agency have the right or authority to fix either wages or hours. To permit any Governmental agency to perform such acts would in effect destroy the right to freedom of contract, deprive our people of their liberties, and create a Government of bureaucracy, which is desired no more than is a military autocracy.

To allow a Governmental agency to function in the manner that your question implies would also destroy the labor sections of the Clayton Act. It is evident beyond a shadow of doubt that such an extension of Governmental authority would establish in our democracy compulsory labor and encourage a Socialistic Government control over all the industrial and commercial activities of our people.

As a matter of fact laws are not self-enforceable, and it is only where they are supported by a permanent and strong crystallization of public sentiment and moral force that they are effective without requiring the elements of fear and of dire punishment to the individual or groups if they are not observed. To make the industrial laws effective would require a system of espionage of an inconceivable magnitude, which system would become so burdensome and intolerable that its attempted enforcement would render impossible the accomplishment of the end desired.

Enforcement of Eight Hour Day.

Experience has demonstrated that laws granting men the eight-hour day were never observed except when their enforcement was obtained through the economic power of the trades unions. In Colorado, the Constitution provided for an eight-hour day, but the miners were forced to strike to enforce that law.

This is true in all other parts of the country where laws have been enacted for the eight-hour day. In all these instances the enforcement of laws came about not through the activities of the State or Municipal Government, but through the economic power of the trade unions.

Question five is as follows:

"What measures should be adopted in the interest of women and children in industry? Should minimum wage commissions be created?"

Protection of Women and Children in Industry.

Of course, whatever applies to the employment of the male wage earners applies to an equal degree to the women workers. Justice demands that women workers should receive the same pay as men for equal work performed, and employers should not be permitted to require them to perform tasks disproportionate to their physical strength or which tend to impair their potential motherhood, and thus prevent the continuation of a nation of strong, healthy, sturdy, and intelligent men and women.

Your sixth question reads as follows:

"Should health standards be established for industries?"

Health Standards.

I am not clear as to the purport of this question. If it is intended that only the physically strong shall be employed, and those less favorably endowed by nature be required to starve, then of course there can be only one answer. If it is intended that industries should not be permitted to operate excepting under conditions which will enable the less fortunate and less strong to give profitable service in industry under equally favorable conditions with those more fortunately endowed, then my answer is "yes." Industry should only be permitted to operate under conditions which will give employment to all our people without arbitrary discrimination, and which shall safeguard and promote the health of the workers, rather than force them into a life of misery and rob them of their full, normal and natural period of life.

"Efforts Shou d Be Made to Lessen Unemployment."

Your seventh question is as follows:

"Should there be Federal insurance against old age, sickness, accidents, and unemployment in industry?"

There is contemplated in this question merely the subject of dealing with effects rather than with the causes of unemployment. It seeks to ascertain palliative measures rather than cause an inquiry into the causes of unemployment.

Efforts should be made to lessen unemployment. This may be accomplished by making first a study of reasonable employments, and thereafter by a systematic elimination of many of the reasonable industrial undertakings. Regardless of the erroneous impression that has been created, the mine workers, in asking for a working week of five days, are in reality asking for a greater period of work rather than a greater period of idleness. Indeed, they are asking that an end be put to the manipulation of the laws of demand and supply, and that they be afforded an opportunity to work throughout the year instead of being overworked a few months during the year and kept in idleness the balance of the time. This holds true in other lines of industrial endeavor.

The universal observance of the eight-hour day will tend also to stabilize employment and lessen unemployment to a large degree.

If these measures are effectually applied, there will be no undue employment, and such unemployment as may occur under the conditions can be well cared for by enabling workers to lay aside from their proper and adequate earnings a sufficient amount to care for themselves and their families in periods of stress and idleness.

Labor's Share in Industrial Control.

Your eighth and last specific question reads as follows:

"Does labor desire to participate in the control and management of industry, and share in the profits and losses? If so, how?"

Profit sharing, as thus far proposed and practiced, is nothing more nor less than a sham and a fraud. In competitive field of industry this method of compensation is not only impracticable, but will ultimately cause more friction and turmoil than any other method of compensation I know of. This method of rewarding labor for services given will not tend to equalize compensation for equal work performed; rather it will throw the question of compensation into a greatly confused state. In a monopolistic or semi-monopolistic enterprise profit sharing can only serve as a cloak for excess profits under the guise of philanthropy.

Profit Sharing Undesirable.

Profit-sharing and like methods of compensation now urged are designed principally to prevent organization of employees into trades unions and to tie the workers to their job as well as to compel them to labor under the most intensive strain of which they are capable, by an appeal to undue selfishness. Its very conception is an impressive indictment of the present questionable method of industry as a whole.

Your suggestion as to the sharing of losses borders on the absurd. Only those who have and who do exercise the determining voice and power should pay for the folly of their own shortcomings. If the workers are to share in the losses, then let us establish shop soviets, and let the worker also manage and operate the entire industries.

American Workers Do Not Seek Revolutionary Change.

But the American workers do not seek a revolutionary change of this kind. They demand a voice and control in such industrial matters and management as affect their interest as workers and which are determined largely by their contracts of employment. In these matters they demand an equal voice with employers. They further demand the right to exercise control over their own bodies and labor power by the method of collective bargaining, through trades unions and representatives of their own choosing—by

men who are capable of dealing with the representatives of capital upon an equal footing and who are not constantly under the domination of employers or swerved from their purposes by fear of loss of employment.

The concluding paragraph of your letter asks:

"What matters not herein mentioned deserve consideration? I believe you will appreciate that the only thought I have in mind in writing to you and to others on the same subject is to obtain the benefit of the views you and they entertain. Aided by the replies I hope to receive, I feel sure that measures can be taken which will assist greatly in developing measures which will be of the greatest possible good to the people as a whole."

Permit me to direct your attention to the inclosed copy of the reconstruction program of the American Federation of Labor, which was originally prepared by a special committee of which I was its Secretary, and which program was later unanimously endorsed by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor and still later unanimously approved by the American Federation of Labor convention, held in June of this year, at Atlantic City, N. J. I am sure you will find this program interesting, instructive and helpful in determining labor' needs as expressed by the millions of organized wage earners throughout our land.

May I further suggest that I have no desire to hold this correspondence in confidence. To the contrary, I believe these matters of extreme importance to all our people and to no particular group, economic, religious, political, or otherwise. You are not only at liberty but I shall be glad to aid in bringing these subjects to public view and public discussion.

WAR-TIME CHANGES IN WAGES AS REPORTED BY NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE BOARD.

Increases of from 74% to 112% from Sept. 1914 to March 1919 in the average wages of men in eight leading industries, as measured by average hourly earnings, are announced in a report on "Wartime changes in Wages," issued on Oct. 15 by the National Industrial Conference Board (15 Beacon St., Boston). Increases in weekly earnings of men ranged from 92% to 110%. A statement with regard to the disclosures in the report says in part:

Percentage increases in earnings of female workers were broadly similar in the respective industries, with, however, a somewhat wider range.

The eight industries included were metal, cotton, wool, silk, boot and shoe, paper, rubber, and chemical manufacturing. The average results are based on payroll data for one week, usually the third week of September, for the years 1914 to 1918, and for the first week of March 1919.

A noteworthy feature of the results is that the highest percentage increases in earnings often were recorded in cases where the absolute earnings were relatively low, or vice versa. Thus hourly earnings of male workers in cotton manufacturing increased over 100% as against an increase of about 70% for male workers in the metal manufacturing industries. Actual hourly earnings of the latter, however, were 50.2 cents in March 1919, as compared with 38.9 cents for male cotton operatives. In the case of male workers in the rubber manufacturing industry, a high actual hourly average was accompanied by a high percentage rate of increase.

The increases shown were in most cases greater than the corresponding percentage increase in cost of living, which was placed by a previous report of the board at 61.3% for the period from July 1914 to March 1919. "This fact indicates," says the report, "that these workers were in general able to maintain and even to improve their standard of living prevailing in 1914." The report emphasizes, however, that "comparisons of relative values afford no means whereby the adequacy of wages or living standards prevailing in either period can be determined. The comparisons simply afford an approximate idea of the extent to which the relationship between wages and living costs existing at the opening of the war was maintained or changed during the succeeding 4 1/2 years." The report does not purport to discuss the question whether or to what extent wages should vary with changes in the cost of living.

Actual earnings of men were consistently greater than those of women. The report points out, however, that this fact does not afford conclusive evidence as to how far the principle of "equal pay for equal work" was applied, since the tasks at which men and women were engaged in any given industry, while often broadly similar, were not necessarily identical.

In the main, the percentage increases in earnings of pieceworkers were greater than in those of timeworkers. Actual earnings of pieceworkers were in a majority of cases likewise greater than those of timeworkers in the same occupational group, but the exceptions to this rule were rather numerous.

A summary of results by industries is given in Tables 1 and 2 below, F which are based on total payroll data for the specified periods.

TABLE 1.
Aver. Hourly Earnings—One Week in Percentage Increases.
Sept. 1914, Sept. 1918, Mar. 1919. Sept. 1914- Sept. 1918, Mar. 1919.

Industries—	Male Workers.			Female Workers.		
	Sept. 1914.	Sept. 1918.	Mar. 1919.	Sept. 1914.	Sept. 1918.	Mar. 1919.
Metal	\$.289	\$.495	\$.502	71	74	106
Cotton .....	.189	.385	.389	104	106	106
Wool .....	.215	.424	.405	97	88	88
Silk .....	.230	.431	.453	85	97	97
Boots & Shoes .....	.292	.489	.539	67	85	85
Paper .....	.239	.448	.450	88	89	89
Rubber .....	.288	.575	.612	100	112	112
Chemical ...	.232	.445	.490	92	111	111
Female Workers.						
Metal .....	.149	.309	.314	107	111	111
Cotton .....	.152	.304	.312	100	105	105
Wool .....	.167	.329	.328	97	96	96
Silk .....	.156	.285	.312	83	100	100
Boots & Shoes .....	.192	.298	.308	55	60	60
Paper .....	.177	.294	.297	66	68	68
Rubber .....	.174	.247	.292	42	68	68

TABLE 2.
Aver. Weekly Earnings—One Week in Percentage Increases.
Sept. 1914, Sept. 1918, Mar. 1919. Sept. 1914- Sept. 1918, Mar. 1919.

Industries—	Male Workers.			Female Workers.		
	Sept. 1914.	Sept. 1918.	Mar. 1919.	Sept. 1914.	Sept. 1918.	Mar. 1919.
Metal	\$13.18	\$26.80	\$24.75	103	88	88
Cotton	10.00	20.00	17.10	106	71	71
Wool	11.52	23.21	18.61	102	62	62
Silk	11.77	21.64	23.69	83	93	93
Boots & Shoes	14.70	24.04	25.90	64	76	76
Paper	12.73	22.40	22.40	76	76	76
Rubber	14.00	28.60	29.35	104	110	110
Chemical ...	12.85	26.80	26.20	109	104	104
Female Workers.						
Metal	6.45	14.35	14.50	122	125	125
Cotton	7.70	15.37	12.75	109	66	66
Wool	8.70	16.42	13.46	89	55	55
Silk	7.49	14.06	15.10	88	102	102
Boots & Shoes	9.18	14.24	14.69	55	60	60
Paper	7.47	13.95	12.24	87	64	64
Rubber	9.25	12.94	14.90	40	61	61

This comparison shows that the largest percentage increases in hourly earnings of male workers occurred in the cotton and rubber manufacturing industries; the smallest in metal and boot and shoe manufacturing.

Percentages of increase in hourly earnings of female workers were highest in the metal and cotton manufacturing industries, and smallest in the boot and shoe and rubber industries.

The most pronounced increases in weekly earnings of males up to Sept. 1918 were recorded in the chemical, metal, rubber, cotton and wool manufacturing industries.

The highest average of hourly earnings of males for any of the eight industries was 61.2 cents, in rubber manufacturing; the lowest 38.9 cents, in cotton manufacturing.

In the case of female workers, the highest average weekly earnings were \$15 10, in silk manufacturing; the lowest \$12 24, in the paper industry.

In addition to the data for entire industries the report also presents averages for 83 occupational groups of male workers, and for 30 groups of female workers in these industries.

There was a consistent increase in the number of women employed in the various industries during the entire 4 1/2-year period. The number of men increased in most cases up to Sept. 1918, but frequently fell off sharply during the ensuing six months.

Owing to the fact that conditions were unsettled at the time the data were gathered, the averages are in some cases based on a comparatively small number of employees.

The report contains a large number of charts setting forth its salient features in graphic form.

TABLE 3.

Table with 4 columns: Occupations, Average Hourly Earnings (1914, Sept. 1918, March 1919), and values for 62 different occupations.

Note.—Tw., Timeworkers, Pw., Pieceworkers.

TABLE 4.

Table with 4 columns: Occupations, Average Hourly Earnings (Sept. 1914, Sept. 1918, March 1919), and values for 30 different occupations.

Note.—Tw., Timeworkers, Pw., Pieceworkers.

AVERAGE COST PER FAMILY PER YEAR OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD FOR 1913 AND IN 1918 AND FOR JUNE 1919.

The U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics in August gave out a tabular statement, showing the average cost per family per year of 22 principal articles of food for the years 1913 and 1918 and also for June 1919 in 39 cities.

AVERAGE COST PER FAMILY PER YEAR OF 22 PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD FOR THE YEARS 1913 AND 1918, AND FOR JUNE, 1919, IN 39 CITIES.

Table with 5 columns: City, Average cost per family per year for 22 articles of food in specified cities, based on prices in 1913 to 1919, and Percent of increase from 1913 to 1919.

The articles upon which the above costs are based, weighted according to quantity used, are: Sirloin steak, round steak, rib roast, chuck roast, plate boiling beef, pork chops, bacon, ham, hens, fresh milk, butter, cheese, lard, eggs, bread, flour, cornmeal, rice, potatoes, sugar, tea and coffee.

INQUIRY INTO INCREASED PRICE OF SHOES—MANUFACTURER'S STATEMENT AS TO HIGHER PRICES.

As announced in our issue of Aug. 2 (page 433) a resolution calling upon the Federal Trade Commission to inquire into the cause and necessity of the proposed increase in the price of shoes was reported to the House on Aug. 1 by the House Committee on Inter-State Commerce.

The shoe manufacturers of the United States deplore the unprecedented advances which have taken place in hides, leather and shoes during the last six months, and it is the sense of this meeting that each one of us should do his utmost to curb and check the advancing market and discourage all buying of a speculative character, both among manufacturers and merchants. The present prices of raw material are nearly double the prices current six months ago, are wholly beyond wartime or any other experience and have now made necessary prices for shoes far above any with which the trade is yet acquainted. We know of nothing which can quickly relieve the present temporary scarcity of materials or bring about lower prices for shoes for the coming fall trade. Shoes sold in the spring of 1920 must bring still higher prices, based on the present established prices of leather and labor. These are both excessive, far beyond any past experience.

The cause of this situation is easily to be discovered. The stocks on the shelves of the merchants have been depleted by the lessened production made necessary by wartime conditions. All classes of the people continue well supplied with funds and eager to obtain their usual supplies. The increased price so far established has not checked in any way the steadily increasing demand from the consumer.

Shoe manufacturers struggling to meet the increasingly large requirements of their trade have suddenly found themselves in competition with leather buyers from Europe, seeking supplies for countries closed for several years by the war. The actual and legitimate shortage of supplies has led to the bidding up of prices by these competitive buyers to the present unheard of and unprecedented level.

This situation can only exist so long as the unusual export demand persists and this country's prosperous condition continues. Any further upheaval abroad, a serious crop failure or widespread labor or political disturbance in our country would cause an immediate and serious reaction. Extreme conservatism is, therefore, demanded from all branches of the trade. Tanners, manufacturers and dealers alike recognize the situation as dangerous and unfortunate.

We see no reason to doubt that all the world's legitimate requirements for leather can be fully supplied from usual sources, and that the equilibrium of the market can be restored if manufacturers and merchants generally will follow the dictates of common sense, but all purchases far in advance of actual needs or buying in quantities in excess of those actually needed for reasonable goods must stop.

This policy may bring about some reduction in the volume of business for the next few months, stocks may be depleted to a point lower than ordinarily considered advisable, and factory production may be in some cases necessarily reduced, but we are convinced that the losses so resulting will be insignificant as compared with those likely to follow any other course of action.

While this or any other policy may not reduce the cost of shoes for the next six months, there is no warrant for the assumption that the tide now so rapidly rising will not ebb or that relief in some form will not come during the latter part of 1920.

HOWARD ELLIOTT DECLARES EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION MACHINE A NATIONAL NECESSITY.

At the thirteenth annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents in New York on Dec. 4, Howard Elliott, President of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, took the ground that the country cannot have an efficient transportation machine, nor can the investments in railroad securities by the life insurance companies be protected unless the railroads are given adequate rates, rates sufficient to maintain the railroads efficiently for the benefit of all the people. Mr. Elliott pointed out that such is not now the case and he called attention to the fact that the railroads must be prepared for the great and growing future of the country. The inadequacy of present revenues was dealt with at length by Mr. Elliott in his address before the Academy of Political Science on Nov. 21, and a part of what he had to say at that time was given in our issue of Nov. 22, page 1957. In his discourse this week Mr. Elliott said in part:

Safe, adequate and satisfactory transportation must be furnished to the American people either by private owners as a business enterprise under suitable Governmental regulation and protection, or be furnished by the Government itself. The public seem to have settled in their own minds that they prefer to have the transportation furnished by the owners rather than under Governmental control or Government ownership.

The Association of Railway Executives recently sent out a questionnaire to some 6,000 editors throughout the country asking them to express their opinion as to Government ownership and control; 83% answered that their communities were in favor of the return of the roads to the owners.

Most of the bills introduced into Congress reflect this sentiment with varying degrees of Governmental regulation and protection.

Those interested in life insurance, both the insurer and the insured, are vitally interested in the proper answer of the question.

Figures furnished show that in 1918 there were 53,923,734 life insurance policies in force with the legal reserve companies. Among the assets securing these policies are nearly \$2,000,000,000 of railway securities, and a failure to protect those securities affects directly the holders of these policies and the beneficiaries thereof. In addition, these policy holders, in common with the balance of the 105,000,000 people in the country, need continuous development of the transportation machine for the purpose of increasing the food and fuel supply and the production of those articles that are necessary for clothing, shelter, and our modern American life. If this is not done, the standard of living must decline and the cost of living, instead of being reduced, will be increased. This general development will be checked if the transportation machine of the country is not sufficient and adequate. Even to-day, in the months of heaviest business, that great machine is doing about all it can and there is a very small margin of safety.

In order to consider the question we must state briefly the salient facts of this transportation machine, its growth during the last 18 years, what it represents in the property of the nation, the work that it does for the people, and what should be done to keep it efficient for future needs.

The transportation machine consists of 260,000 miles of railroad, and about 404,000 miles track—a growth from 1900 of 192,560 miles of railroad and 258,784 miles of track. Over these tracks are operated about 66,000 engines, nearly 2,400,000 freight cars and about 56,000 passenger train cars—an increase of nearly 30,000 locomotives, 1,000,000 freight cars and 22,000 passenger train cars since 1900.

It is interesting to note here the very slight growth since 1914 in the number of units of equipment in service. The number of locomotives is substantially the same as in 1914, although they are of a heavier type. The number of freight cars is substantially the same as in 1915, although of larger capacity, and the increase in passenger train cars is only about 1,500. The reason the people have received the transportation they have without more of an increase in units of rolling stock is the increased efficiency displayed in handling the equipment, but now we are faced with the absolute necessity of expansion.

This great transportation machine is maintained and operated by an industrial army of approximately 2,000,000, earning an average in 1918 of \$1,400 a year. In 1900 there were about 1,000,000 men, earning an average of \$567 a year. And it is furnishing transportation to the people of the United States equivalent to hauling every day in the year for each man, woman and child 20,000 pounds of freight one mile—and giving each one of them also each year a trip of 411 miles—an increase in service rendered of over 100% since 1900.

The total book value of the machine in 1918 was about \$19,000,000,000, or nearly \$79,000 per mile of road.

The capital in the hands of the public representing this great machine at the end of 1917 was about \$16,500,000,000.

The stock outstanding in the hands of the public at the end of 1917 was \$9,045,000,000, held by 647,689 stockholders, with an average holding of \$13,966. No accurate figures as the number of bondholders are available, but it is thought that there are about as many bondholders as stockholders, so that there are probably 1,250,000 owners of this great machine.

The stocks and bonds of American road companies are in the hands of the public—are owned by insurance companies, savings banks, guardians, trustees, and by hundreds of thousands of individual investors, representing every trade and calling. The once more or less prevalent idea that the railroads are owned by a few great financiers is, of course, very erroneous. Everybody knows that the securities of our railroads are scattered all over the country as the prime investment of the people. The Bureau of Railway Economics in a recent statement announced that the ownership equities of American railroads are really in the hands of more than 50,000,000 people.

It seems to be forgotten by some that a great many hundred millions are needed to-day for expansions and improvements. Where are these millions to come from? No one can be compelled to furnish them and everyone who is requested to do so, if he is ordinarily prudent, should realize fully the conditions under which he does it. If he puts his money into manufacturing or business he knows that his return will be subject to the natural laws of commerce only; that if the cost of the material he uses increases, or if the wages go up he is at liberty to put up the price of his commodity correspondingly. In no other way can business be successfully carried on or capital receive a just return. Wages and the cost of all materials has risen very much and the cost of their combined resulting products has arisen correspondingly and as a matter of course. The commodity the railroads furnish is transportation. The cost of providing it has risen enormously. Correspondingly the railroads should receive higher freight and passenger rates.

The Government's measure of the net earnings of the railroads of the country for the three years ending June 30 1917, generally known as the "standard return," was approximately \$935,000,000. The authorities at Washington from the very start of Government control of operations found that the revenues to be received from existing rates were not sufficient to meet the growing expenses. This fact received the careful consideration of the Director-General, and as a result the Director-General, on June 10 1918, made passenger rates 3 cents a mile instead of 2 cents and 2½ cents and on June 25 1918 increased freight rates about 25%.

The net operating income for the first year of Government operation failed to meet the standard return by approximately \$235,000,000. This was in spite of the very earnest, sincere and hard work of the Director-General and all of his assistants. In that first year the new rates were not effective for the entire period. There was a very serious winter in parts of the country, and war conditions were most onerous and difficult so that the Federal Administration had unusual conditions to deal with. It is, therefore, fair to say that 1918 should not be taken as a measure of the results under the new rates inaugurated by the Government and under the wage scales that it was necessary to pay because of these conditions.

Figures are now ready for part of 1919, and a fair estimate can be made for the balance of the year. The Director-General had hoped that income would be sufficient to meet all outgo, but the results are disappointing. The figures for the 9 months, for Class 1 roads (earning \$1,000,000 or over) show that the proportion of the standard return for that period has not been met by \$245,000,000. During the months of July, August and September the roads have just about earned the standard return, and possibly in October they may be the same, but there is every indication that the year will end with a substantial deficit, perhaps \$350,000,000 for all railroad operations.

These deficits must be considered in any forecast of future requirements, and, in addition, there are other elements to be taken into account.

The money necessary to bring the condition of the present properties to a higher standard that must be spent in the next few years is an element in considering the revenue needs of the railroads. This amount cannot to-day be stated exactly, but it will be several hundred millions of dollars.

Again, there are some increases in expenses to be met in 1920 which were not effective for the full year 1919, such as the recent change in rates of wages and rules of men working in shops, estimated at about \$50,000,000 a year. Other increases in wages may have to be made, and these will be an important element in the problem.

There is also the probability that as a result of the recent coal strike fuel will cost more in 1920 than it did in 1919. The railroads' coal bill to-day is running at the rate of at least \$500,000,000 a year, and prior to the war was about \$225,000,000.

Then the world-wide demand for steel, lumber and all materials for reconstruction work for doing work that has been postponed or suspended since 1914 means that there will probably be no decrease in the prices of these important elements in the railroad expense account, and there may be an increase.

Additional payments must also be made for new capital to be used for increasing the capacity of the roads to serve the public. For 5 years to the war the expansion of the roads was not rapid enough to meet the needs of the country, and during the war period even less has been accomplished.

It is not too much to say that for new equipment, with the necessary shops and tools to keep it in order, there should be spent within the next few years \$3,000,000,000, and, no doubt, an equal amount for tracks, terminals, electrification and other facilities to make the transportation machine equal to the demands of the country if growth is to continue.

The increased expenses of States, counties and municipalities, because of higher wages, is being reflected in a constantly increased tax rate, and this also must be taken into account when considering the revenue needs of the railroads.

In 1910 the taxes paid by the railroads of the United States were \$103,000,000, and for 1919 the total taxes will be approximately \$250,000,000.

Without an increase in rates a very large number of railroad companies will face bankruptcy, and very few of those who escape this unfortunate plight can pay any return to the shareholders.

The people cannot survive without the railroads and our railroads cannot survive without our people. They go hand in hand either for good or ill. With your complete knowledge of our people, with your avenues of information, with your channels for the dissemination of the truth—you are perfectly aware that the power of public opinion is omnipotent. This public opinion should be directed toward a complete knowledge of railroad conditions, their effect upon the securities you hold as against the millions on millions of policies you have issued for the protection of the family; and all should understand that our railroads cannot serve the people, cannot serve the country without adequate rates, and it is quite apparent that our rates at the present time are not adequate; are not sufficient to maintain the railroads on that highly efficient plane which our people demand. There can be no higher function at the present moment, let me add, than for the great life insurance companies of our country to make it plain to all the people that our railroads must not be crippled, but on the contrary they must be kept abreast of the times and be prepared to serve the great and growing future of the country.

WILLIAM O. JENKINS, AMERICAN CONSULAR AGENT, RELEASED FROM MEXICAN PENITENTIARY.

William O. Jenkins, American Consular Agent at Puebla, Mexico, was released from the penitentiary at Puebla on Dec. 4; where he had been confined for several days, pending trial on charges of giving false information regarding his abduction by Mexican bandits in October. His release was in compliance with the request of the United States Government. The State Department at Washington made the following announcement Dec. 5:

The release of William O. Jenkins, American Consular Agent at Puebla, Mexico, was reported late this afternoon from the American Embassy at Mexico City. The Secretary of State announced that a dispatch from the Embassy stated that Third Secretary Hanna of the Embassy, who was sent to Puebla in connection with the Department's repeated representations for the immediate release of Jenkins, had reported that Jenkins was released from the penitentiary last night.

Having failed to obtain definite action by the Mexican Government looking toward the liberation of William O. Jenkins, Secretary of State Lansing on Nov. 29 sent a note to Mexico requesting "the immediate release of Consular Agent Jenkins from further imprisonment." The note was a reply to one from the Mexican Government under date of Nov. 26, which in turn was called forth by a note sent to that Government by the United States on Nov. 20 demanding "the immediate liberation of Mr. Jenkins." The American Consular Agent had been abducted by Mexican bandits, and then been released after the payment in part of a ransom; he was subsequently arrested on alleged connivance with the bandits by whom he had been abducted; after being again released he was finally rearrested and imprisoned in the penitentiary at Puebla. The note sent by the United States to Mexico on Nov. 29 was peremptory in tone, stating at the outset that "the Government of the United States declines to be drawn into a juridical discussion of irrelevant matters or unimportant incidents brought forward in connection with this case." It had been alleged by the Mexican Government in justification of the rearrest of the American Consular Agent that he was supposed "to be responsible for the crime of rendering false judicial testimony." This the United States Government pointed out was "merely an expression of opinion on the part of the Mexican Government, as it is entirely unsupported by evidence."

The note said the United States regards Mexico's plea of judicial reasons for not releasing Jenkins as "mere excuses." The attitude of the Carranza Government in the matter, the note said, has been to "assume a willful indifference to the feelings of the American people" and the conclusion drawn by the Government is that Mexico sought to divert the attention of the American people and the Mexican people as well from the fact that Puebla, second largest city in Mexico, is overrun by bandits, while the civil authorities are negligent.

This Government does not admit, the note said, that it was necessary to keep Jenkins in jail while his case is being investigated, and this Government "fails to discern" that the "intricacies of the Mexican penal law" have been applied with impartial effect to Jenkins.

The full text of the note sent by the United States Government on Nov. 29, as transmitted by George T. Summerlin, American Charge d'Affairs at Mexico City, and made public by the State Department at Washington on Dec 1 was as follows:

I have not failed to transmit to my Government the note of Mexican Government dated Nov. 26 1919 with reference to the case of William O. Jenkins, American Consular Agent at Puebla, and I am now in receipt of a reply from the Government of the United States which I am instructed immediately to transmit to you.

The Government of the United States declined to be drawn into a juridical discussion of irrelevant matters or unimportant incidents brought forward in connection with this case. The Mexican Government cannot be misled

as it intimates, by the citation by the United States, "of no principle or precedent of international law and not even a reason" for Jenkin's release; for obviously no such citation is necessary for the enlightenment of a government of the present day.

The Mexican Government believes, and rightly so, that the American request for Jenkins's release is not based on "solely the strength of the country which makes it," for it knows the request is founded on the justice of the right of an American citizen and United States Consular Officer to fair treatment while residing and discharging his duties within Mexican jurisdiction with the knowledge and approval of the Mexican Government.

The Mexican Government may contend that the imprisonment of the victim is necessary for the investigation by a judge under the "constant vigilance of public opinion" of the truth regarding his abduction and that a right of release on bail is a palliative for such wrongful imprisonment, but the United States is constrained to the opinion that such arguments are mere excuses.

The Government of the United States invites and desires the fullest possible examination and investigation of this case, but it cannot admit that it is necessary in order to ascertain the facts that Mr. Jenkins should be retained in prison even with the privilege of applying for bail.

My Government will not and is satisfied that Mr. Jenkins will not place any obstacle in the way of a complete and full examination of himself or his witnesses, or of the events leading up to and connected with his abduction. The Mexican Government prefers to attribute the American note to an imperfect knowledge of the Mexican penal laws and proceeds to explain with refinement the intricacies of Mexican penal proceedings.

But the Government of the United States fails to discern in their application to this case at the hands of Mexican authorities any approximation to impartial treatment of Jenkins and the Mexican Government knows the absence of such treatment is the reason for the American request.

The Mexican Government maintains that it cannot grant the request of the United States for Jenkins's release for the reason that under international law no diplomatic intervention is appropriate unless a denial of justice has occurred and because the Mexican Government is not in a position to demand Jenkins's release in view of the separation of the executive and judicial powers under the Mexican form of government and the independence of the State courts, by one of which Jenkins is held.

The succinct answer to this contention is, as every one knows, that a denial of justice has already taken place, and also because the Mexican Constitution specifically gives the Federal tribunals jurisdiction of "all cases concerning diplomatic agents and consular officers."

The United States is not to be driven by such subtle arguments into a defense of its request for the release of Mr. Jenkins. It is for Mexico to show cause for his detention, not for the United States to plead for his liberation. Stripped of extraneous matter, with which the Mexican note of November 26 endeavors to clothe it, the naked case of Jenkins stands forth:

Jenkins, a United States Consular Agent, accredited to the Government of Mexico, is imprisoned for "rendering false judicial testimony" in connection with the abduction of which he was the victim.

This is the substance of the Mexican note. My Government is pleased to learn that the imprisonment of Jenkins stands on this single and well defined ground, and that the reported statement that Mexican authorities had caused the imprisonment of Jenkins because of collusion with his abductors and rebellion against the State are not seriously regarded by your Government.

In whose interest then is the charge of false swearing brought against Jenkins? His abductors? He is in equity the complainant in the case of his abduction, not the defendant as the Mexican Government now makes him out to be. The Mexican Government is prosecuting the victim instead of the perpetrators of the crime.

While the outlaws who endangered his life and took away a large part of his fortune enjoy their freedom, the Mexican authorities now deprive Jenkins of his liberty.

Moreover, the ground expressed for the imprisonment of Jenkins, namely, that he is supposed "to be responsible for the crime of rendering false judicial testimony," must be taken—and my Government directs special attention to this point—as merely an expression of opinion on the part of the Mexican Government, as it is entirely unsupported by evidence.

There is not produced any of the testimony rendered by him, or any extracts from such testimony tending to show the correctness of this opinion. The Mexican Government cannot expect the United States to accept in the grave circumstances of this case such a bare unsupported statement as a valid excuse for the imprisonment of an American Consular Officer, particularly in view of the fact that the investigation of the case by the representatives of the United States in Mexico, so far as it has proceeded, falls utterly to support this opinion of your Government.

On the contrary, the investigation gives the Government of the United States every reason to believe that Mr. Jenkins has not knowingly given any false testimony in respect of vital points in his case, although he has been harassed by Mexican authorities to give such testimony, even while lying in the hospital too weak and exhausted to make them as a result of his treatment by the abductors, and while he knew evidence was being obtained against him through intimidation of witnesses.

So stands the single, unsupported and, my Government believes, unfounded ground alleged for Jenkins's imprisonment.

What conclusion is to be drawn from such a reply of the Mexican Government other than there has been a studied effort on the part of Mexican authorities to ensnare Jenkins in the intricacies of legal proceedings by alleging the commission of technical offenses, and by bringing unsupported charges against him, for a purpose?

In the first place, to divert the attention of the American public and the American Government, and indeed of Mexicans themselves, from the actual situation, namely, that Puebla, the capital of the State of Puebla, and perhaps the second largest city in Mexico, is without adequate protection from outlaws who infest the immediate neighborhood, and who were accustomed openly and freely to visit the city without hindrance, that by the failure to furnish adequate protection in this district the Mexican authorities have, through their negligence, made possible the abduction of Jenkins, and that in harmony with such an attitude on the part of the Mexican authorities they have failed to carry out the duty and obligation incumbent upon them to apprehend and punish the bandits concerned in the crime of which Jenkins was the victim.

And in the second place it appears to have been the purpose of the Mexican Government to assume a willful indifference to the feelings of the American people that have been aroused to the point of indignation by the exposure, hardships and physical suffering endured by Jenkins during this abduction and his subsequent treatment at the hands of Mexican authorities.

In view of the considerations which have been set forth and in view particularly of the belief of my Government that the charge against Jenkins of deliberate false swearing is unfounded, the Government of the United States must renew its request for the immediate release of Consular Agent Jenkins from further imprisonment.

(Signed) LANSING.

Commenting on the above Washington advices of Dec. 1 to the New York "Sun" said "it is understood to be the last word to Mexico in this case short of a bellicose announcement." The advices added:

It is pointed out that the terms of the communication, when analyzed, show that the United States flatly declines to be led into any further controversy; that the statements of the Mexican Government are not to be accepted; that the charge of false swearing against Jenkins is unfounded and that the Mexican reply to the first note was made to divert attention from the actual situation of disorder in Mexico.

It is plainly evident in Washington that a series of communications over the Jenkins case is not only not to be expected, but will not be tolerated.

The note of the Mexican Government to which the above note was a reply, was made public at Washington on Nov. 27, as follows:

Mexico, November 26.

Mr. George L. Summerlin, Acting Charge d'Affaires for the United States of America:

I am instructed by the President of the Republic to answer herewith your note of Nov. 20, which you addressed to the Mexican Government on instructions from the State Department of the United States.

You will no doubt realize the fact that no legal foundation principle or precedent of international right, or even of reason, is invoked in the demand for the immediate liberation of Mr. Jenkins, who, as you know is a present under the jurisdiction of a Judge of the City of Puebla.

The Mexican Government cannot see what the foundation for such a demand might be. It believes that it can be only the power of the country that makes it, although the United States has expressed the desire on various occasions that right and justice should be the basis of its diplomacy and respect for weak countries the basis of its international relations on the continent.

The terms of a note which I am answering are attributed by my Government to an imperfect understanding of our penal laws. The imprisonment is neither unjust nor arbitrary, as your notes states, since Mr. Jenkins himself has signed contradictory statements regarding the kidnapping of which he was a victim. The Judge has had ample foundation to suppose that he was guilty of the crime of falsifying judicial declaration, and this has caused his imprisonment.

Nevertheless, this imprisonment does not of itself signify that Mr. Jenkins is guilty, because such a fact can be established only by a definite judgment.

Your Excellency knows that the criminal proceedings in Mexico involves three classes of imprisonment—preventive, when it is suspected that a person has criminal complicity in an act; formal, when against the accused there is sufficient evidence, in the judgment of the magistrate, to suppose that the accused is guilty of the crime; and ordinary imprisonment, which involves a definitive sentence as the penalty provided for the crime and the guilt of the accused duly proved.

The two first classes of imprisonment are not legal penalties, but restrictions to the liberty of the accused, pending investigation. The judgment may also declare the innocence of the accused.

Mr. Jenkins has undergone a preventive detention, first, and then a formal imprisonment of seventy-two hours. It is because of this that he was rearrested, and this is a fact that seems to be considered by the Government of the United States as persecution or a series of injuries that are inflicted unjustly on the Consul.

In the course of the trial, at any time, the accused may ask and obtain his liberty on bail. The Mexican law is very liberal about this, since all that is necessary is a request and the production of the sum fixed by the Judge. Mr. Jenkins's refusal to exercise this right, notwithstanding that he was asked to do so several times, and the fact that the Judge has fixed for him as bond the sum of 1,000 pesos (\$500) cannot permit him strictly to call himself the victim of injuries which he has brought upon himself.

Mr. Jenkins, finding himself, then, involved in a trial that is being conducted according to law, under the jurisdiction of a Judge whose proceedings are open and are constantly under the vigilance of public opinion, which is interested in learning the truth of the affair, the Mexican Government finds itself under the necessity of not being able to accede to the demand for liberation contained in the note to which I am replying, and it has so decided for these strong reasons, founded on the rights of peoples and considerations of constitutional character.

As to the first rights, the Government believes no other government can make diplomatic claims for one of its subjects abroad save in the case where justice is denied or where the sentence is notoriously excessive, which is also in international law a denial of justice, and that the practice which has been invariably observed has been that of waiting for the tribunals having cognizance of a case involving a foreigner to pronounce a judgment that, as I have said, if it were notoriously unjust, would be the only basis for a claim.

As to the constitutional viewpoint, our political constitution establishes as a fundamental principle the separation of the executive power from that of the judicial, and by virtue of this the Executive does not have the power to interfere in the business of the latter.

Likewise, the autonomy of the various States is guaranteed in our Constitution, and by virtue of the federative structure of the Mexican Republic the Federal power cannot intervene in affairs which, like that of Mr. Jenkins, belongs properly and exclusively to the authorities of the State of Puebla. For this reason the Executive could not order the Judge having jurisdiction of the case to free Mr. Jenkins, because this latter functionary could with reason refuse to obey such an order. The Executive would thus be lacking in the first duty of all government—a duty that he has always tried to observe—that of respecting the laws of the country and causing them to be respected.

Therefore, such a line of conduct, in the opinion of the Mexican Government, cannot unfavorably affect the relations of friendship which fortunately exist between it and the United States—especially since the matter is so simple a one—in which, by simple request, Mr. Jenkins could be at liberty, for never should there be cause for friction in the fact that the laws of each are applied equally to citizens and foreigners.

In the United States, at times, Mexican consuls have suffered imprisonment for acts involving the law of the United States. Although, in the opinion of the Mexican Government, such imprisonment was not justifiable, never has it asked that the application of the laws of the United States be not made in each case, for the Mexican Government always observes respect for foreign laws and does not claim that Mexicans abroad should occupy, because they are Mexicans, a position of exception or privilege.

Neither in the United States nor in Mexico can a citizen on trial be freed by an Executive order, and it would be strange if an American citizen in Mexico should have more rights than he would have in his own country.

The Government of Mexico likewise cannot concede to American citizens more rights than Mexicans enjoy in the United States.

The American Government seems to labor under the conviction of the absolute innocence of Mr. Jenkins, in spite of the fact that the case is in progress of investigation. The Mexican Government, without trying to claim that Mr. Jenkins is guilty, confines itself to submitting the foregoing considerations to the United States, permitting itself to hope that the Department of State will postpone its judgment until the courts have handed, down their decisions, with the assurance that in the bosoms of Mexican Judges there does not lie the desire to injure or persecute Mr. Jenkins, but rather that they are possessed of a genuine desire to proceed according to justice.

I take the occasion, &c.

HILARIO MEDINA.

Following is a retranslation of the Spanish version of the note sent to Mexico by the State Department on Nov. 20 made public by Andres G. Garcia, Consul-General at El Paso, Texas, on Nov. 27:

AMERICAN EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY.

November 20 1919.

To Hilario Medina, Sub-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mexico City.

Sir:—Referring to previous communications in the case of the consular agent of the United States at Puebla, William O. Jenkins, I have the honor of informing you that I have received telegraphic instructions to notify the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico that in connection with the losses and injuries already suffered by Mr. Jenkins as the result of his being kidnapped—occasioned by the inability of the Mexican Government to give due protection—and his first arrest by Mexican authorities, the Government of the United States of America is surprised and exasperated to learn that Mr. Jenkins again has been arrested.

His new arrest seems to my Government, according to the evidence before it, entirely unjustified and an arbitrary exercise of public authority.

The Government orders me to add that the persistent persecution and subsequent harrasing of Mr. Jenkins cannot but have a very serious effect on the relations between the two countries, for which the Mexican Government will be solely responsible.

Therefore I am ordered to demand the immediate liberation of Mr. Jenkins.

Accept, sir, &c.

GEORGE L. SUMMERLIN,

Charge d'Affaires.

The text of the above, as well as the reply made by the Mexican Government, was received from Mexico City by the Consulate-General at El Paso, with instructions, it was stated, to give both documents publicity.

After a conference with Secretary Lansing on the Mexican situation, Chairman Porter of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, on Dec. 1, expressed the opinion that "the State Department means business this time." The Chairman indicated that he was in thorough accord with the Government's present policy in dealing with the Mexican situation.

He was quoted in Washington press dispatches of Dec. 1 as follows:

The danger to the United States of this condition of continual unrest and feeling of hostility toward us in Mexico lies in the fact that it provides a fertile field for anti-American propaganda and even for a base for attack upon the United States by any foreign country that effected a combination with Mexico. By this the spirit, if not the letter, of the Monroe Doctrine would be violated.

Property rights have been violated and the Mexican courts have declared constitutional the confiscatory provisions of the Mexican fundamental law against which we have taken a strong stand. I have a copy of the Mexican court's decision in this matter. If we permit the property rights of our nationals in Mexico to be thus violated where can we stop? Suppose Brazil and Argentina and Germany and other nations adopt such a confiscatory law; our interests abroad would be wiped out.

For three years or more I have been firmly convinced that either amicable or forceful intervention in Mexico by the United States is inevitable. I have heard nothing here that leads me to change my mind.

And I wish to say that I am convinced that the State Department means business this time. I also believe that when the State Department's firm stand is put before Congress we shall give it our strongest support.

A statement relative to the abduction of Consular Agent Jenkins was given out by the State Department at Washington on Nov. 1. It read as follows:

The American Embassy at Mexico City has been authorized by the Department of State to give out the following statement to-day regarding the case of William O. Jenkins, the American Consular Agent at Puebla.

American Consular Agent Jenkins, who was abducted from his house in Puebla on the evening of Oct. 19 after his abductors had taken approximately 50,000 pesos in gold from his safes, was released Sunday afternoon last near the hacienda Acheverra, several miles south of Puebla, and two hours later was placed under the care of physicians in the Latin American hospital in Puebla.

Jenkins was abducted and held by a band of rebels under the command of Federico Cordoba, with whom negotiations for Jenkins's release were opened Oct. 24. The negotiations, conducted partly in writing and partly in personal conference with Cordoba, or with his agents, were terminated last Sunday night and arrangements were then made for the release of the captive the following day.

Release was effected by agreement of Jenkins to pay Cordoba 300,000 pesos in addition to the 50,000 stolen on the 19th. On Oct. 28 a first payment was made consisting of 34,000 pesos cash and two drafts of \$5,000 American currency each. A total of approximately 51,000 pesos.

The Embassy is informed that subsequent payments are to be made as rapidly as Jenkins can secure the funds until the prescribed total is paid. The fulfillment of this agreement was to be guaranteed in writing, and was so guaranteed by five responsible citizens of Puebla and Mexico City.

When released, Jenkins was suffering from rheumatism, physical and nervous exhaustion and other effects of the deprivation and exposure to which he was subjected, but he is improving rapidly under physicians' care.

The State Department on Nov. 21 made public the full report dealing with the abduction of the American Consular Agent, as received from Mrs. Jenkins. This report confirmed, it was stated, the reports that had reached Washington several days before that it was likewise the purpose of the bandits who kidnapped Mr. Jenkins to kidnap also the

British Vice-Consul at Puebla. This part of the plot failed because the British Vice-Consul was not in Puebla at the time.

Full information about the abduction of the American Consular Agent at Puebla was requested in a resolution adopted unanimously on Nov. 11 by the Senate. Senator King, Utah, was the author of the resolution.

The State Department announced on Nov. 28 that James Wallace, American employee of an oil company in Mexico, had been killed by a Mexican soldier. The announcement said:

James Wallace, an American employee of an oil company near Tampico, was murdered by a Mexican Federal soldier at Potrero del Llano on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

The Department's information is that the murder was unwarranted.

The murderer was not taken into custody. According to the Department's advices, the officer in charge of the troops camped in the vicinity claimed that Wallace provoked the murder.

The Department has been informed, as the result of investigation, that a mule on which Wallace was riding to his place of employment shied at a machine gun which it was passing, overturning the gun. The soldier immediately shot Wallace, the bullet striking him in the neck and killing him instantly.

The list of American dead in Mexico since July 22 was announced by the State Department on Nov. 28:

July 31, R. A. Cunningham, at Matamoros.

August 28, Adam Schaeffer, at Pinos.

August 30, H. S. McGill, at Coapa.

Sept. 2, A. P. Hennessy, at La Colorado.

Sept. 21, Lieut. C. H. Connelly, U. S. A., at Bahla; Lieut. F. B. Waterhouse, U. S. A., at Bahla.

Nov. 14, E. K. Lack, at Mexicali.

COL. FARNSWORTH ON NEED OF STABILIZING SOCIETY AGAINST BOLSHEVISM.

Declaring that "this is no time for narrowness of view or provincialism of spirit." Fred E. Farnsworth, Secretary of the American Bankers' Association in addressing the American Institute of Banking at its annual convention held at New Orleans on Oct. 7 said that, rather, "it is a time for the assimilation of broad ideas, of inspiring ideas, of ideas that will stabilize society against the menace of Bolshevism and of anarchy." "Great as the war achievements have been," said Col. Farnsworth, "it also is increasingly recognized that they are but a prelude to what must be carried out in the tremendous process of world reconstruction and rehabilitation." Pointing out that it is evident that now more than ever before bankers must be students of international problems and relations, Col. Farnsworth said:

One of the fortunate results of the war is that the nations of the world now have an understanding, more clear than has ever been the case previously, of their interconnections and their mutual dependence, or, rather, interdependence, in the best sense of the word. This means, to put it plainly, that we all realize at present how essential to the well-being and prosperity of each of us, the well-being and prosperity of all of us are. We must extend the helping hand, never with the idea of giving a gratuity or making others feel unduly obligated to us, but with the broad view of the general well-being of civilization.

I would therefore advise that the students of banking, and this means bankers of all ages, should make a special effort to comprehend intelligently world affairs and their own responsibilities in connection with those affairs. Let the opinions of leaders in finance, many of whom, it may be remembered, are themselves institute graduates, be considered and weighed, so that the benefit of their wisdom and their foresight can be shared, as it should be shared.

Col. Farnsworth also said:

It is asserted that there is nothing more powerful than ideas, but I may be permitted to add that the full truth of this assertion is to be found in the statement that there is nothing more powerful than ideas carried into appropriate action. The bankers of the country have now an unusual opportunity for the development and guidance of correct thinking with respect to society at large, and I hope and believe that you will realize this opportunity to the fullest extent.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

No bank or trust company stocks were sold this week at the Stock Exchange or at auction. Extensive tables reporting bid and asked quotations, deposits, surplus, &c., of banks and trust companies in all important cities in the United States are published monthly in the "Bank and Quotation" Section, the December issue of which accompanies to-day's "Chronicle." Bid and asked quotations for all New York City bank and trust company stocks are also published weekly in another department of this paper, and will be found to-day on page 2162.

Three New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week, the considerations being \$100,000, \$95,000 and \$98,000, respectively. The last preceding transaction was reported at \$100,000.

George Willetts Davison was elected President and Chairman of the Board of the Central Union Trust Company of this city on Dec. 2, succeeding James N. Wallace, who died on Oct. 11. Mr. Davison entered the Central Trust Com-

pany as Vice-President in 1912, prior to which time he had played an important part in the reorganization of the Third Avenue Railroad Co. Mr. Davison was born in Rockville Centre, L. I., in 1872. He took an active part in the Liberty Loan campaigns in 1917, serving for a time as Acting Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank in charge of the organization of the redeposit of Government funds in the banks of the New York Reserve District.

At a meeting of the directors of the Mercantile Bank of the Americas of New York on Dec. 4, George Willetts Davison, President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Central Union Trust Company was elected a director. Mr. Davison takes the place on the board of the Mercantile Bank of the Americas, left vacant by the recent death of James N. Wallace.

At their annual meeting in January the stockholders of the Corn Exchange Bank of this city are to act on the question of increasing the capital from \$4,200,000 to \$4,620,000. It is proposed to issue 4,200 additional shares which are to be offered to existing stockholders at par, in proportion to their present holdings.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of directors of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York on Nov. 24 John Watts was appointed Assistant Secretary and Benjamin Fairbanks, Peter Solari and Louis P. Imer, assistant managers of the foreign department.

The plans to increase the capital of the Bankers' Trust Company of this city from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000, referred to in our issue of Nov. 22, were ratified by the stockholders on Dec. 3. Stockholders of record Dec. 4 are given the right to subscribe for the new stock at \$100 per share on the basis of one share of new stock for every three shares now held. The right to subscribe thereto expires Dec. 29.

C. P. Hunt, Vice-President and Cashier of the Bank of New York, N.B.A., of this city, has been elected Vice-President of the Chemical National Bank. The directors of the Bank of New York have elected Robert E. Miller, Vice-President, succeeding Mr. Hunt, and Frederick C. Metz, Jr. has been appointed Cashier.

The organization on the part of some of the larger banking institutions of strong financial corporations designed to facilitate the transaction of foreign business, is an important development of the past year. The Shawmut Corporation of Boston, which on Dec. 1 opened a New York branch office at 65 Broadway, is an example of this development in the banking field. The Shawmut Corporation, which is under the supervision of the Federal Reserve Board, will finance export and import shipments, deal in acceptances, drafts and bills of exchange, and will, in addition, conduct a general banking business for foreign commercial transactions. An important feature of the service which it plans to develop will be in furnishing expert trade information covering the various phases of foreign business. A number of strong New England financial interests are represented in the Corporation: The National Shawmut Bank of Boston being majority stockholder. The corporate interest of the latter institution in the Mercantile Bank of the Americas and the Asia Banking Corporation, and its affiliation with leading banking institutions of Europe, will be at the disposal of the Shawmut Corporation.

Stuart G. Nelson, one of the organizers of the Seaboard National Bank of this city and formerly identified with its management, died on the 1st inst. Mr. Nelson was made Cashier of the bank at the time of its formation in 1883, and later became its Vice-President. He retired from active participation in the management in 1917, but continued as a director of the institution until the close of that year. Mr. Nelson was sixty-six years of age.

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Francis S. Smithers, formerly head of the banking firm of F. S. Smithers & Co., died on Nov. 28 1919. Mr. Smithers was born in 1849. He was a son of the late Charles Francis Smithers, at one time President of the Bank of

Montreal. Mr. Smithers came to New York in 1865 and entered the foreign exchange business, later becoming a member of the firm of Charles Unger & Co., which afterwards was changed to Unger, Smithers & Co. and subsequently to F. S. Smithers & Co. He retired in 1909, but retained his directorships in the American Bank Note Co., the North American Co., the Detroit Edison Co. and United Railways of San Francisco.

With a view to forming better banking connections in western Massachusetts, interests connected with the Metropolitan Trust Co. of Boston recently purchased a substantial interest in the Commercial Trust Co. of Springfield, Mass., and as a consequence William H. Stickney, Vice-President and Treasurer, and Wilbert S. Bartlett, a director of the Metropolitan Trust Co., have been elected directors of the Springfield institution. B. Devereaux Barker, a law partner of Chandler M. Wood, the President of the Metropolitan Trust Co., has also been elected a director of the Springfield bank. The Commercial Trust Co. was founded five years ago. It has a capital of \$350,000, surplus of \$105,000 and resources of approximately \$3,500,000.

Samuel W. Bridges, President of the S. W. Bridges Co., Inc., has been elected a director of the Massachusetts Trust Co. of Boston.

A consolidation of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Rochester and the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Co., which has been under consideration for some time, was arranged on Nov. 18 when the stockholders of both companies gave their approval to the plan. The new organization, which is to continue the title of the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Co., will have a capital of \$1,000,000, consisting of 10,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each, and will occupy the present building of the Rochester Trust Co., which is to be altered extensively to meet the requirements of the enlarged institution. The merger will go into effect, we understand, about the first of the year.

John W. Thompson, who has been Trust Officer of the Fidelity Title & Trust Co., of Pittsburgh, was elected also a Vice-President of that company, at the recent annual election.

The directors of the Union Commerce National Bank of Cleveland have elected Eugene R. Grasselli a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alvah S. Chisholm. They have also named Ralph H. Sharpe and Michael B. Koeliker Assistant Cashiers, and appointed William F. Lynch, Auditor, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Mr. Sharpe.

Banks of Detroit Clearing House Association in the call for statements of their conditions as of November 17th, reveal the thriftiness of Detroiters, and the energy and industry of bank managers in encouraging the movement and finding lodgment for the funds thus accumulated. The total savings deposits of the Detroit banks are put at \$182,115,000 or a gain of \$40,885,000 in approximately twelve months. The combined savings and commercial deposits have nearly reached the half billion mark. The Peoples State Bank, the largest institution in Detroit and incidentally the largest State Bank outside of New York and Chicago, shows a gain in 66 days of \$3,754,297. John W. Staley is President of the Peoples State Bank. A statement of the savings and commercial deposits of the Detroit institutions in comparison with the corresponding month last year as given by the "Detroit Journal," follows:

	Nov. 1-18.	Nov. 17-19.	Increase.
The Peoples State	\$76,166,000	\$105,598,000	\$29,432,000
First & Old Detroit National	60,799,000	78,225,000	17,446,000
Wayne County & Home Savings	52,094,000	69,406,000	17,312,000
National Bank of Commerce	22,366,000	35,841,000	13,475,000
Peninsular State	23,905,000	34,366,000	10,461,000
Bank of Detroit	10,889,000	19,285,000	8,396,000
Detroit Savings	18,022,000	24,530,000	6,508,000
The American State	7,375,000	12,743,000	5,368,000
Merchants National	10,257,000	14,880,000	4,623,000
Central Savings	12,083,000	16,603,000	4,520,000
Commonwealth Federal Savings	5,189,000	9,708,000	4,519,000
Dime Savings	29,894,000	34,044,000	4,150,000
First State	8,152,000	12,205,000	4,053,000
The United Savings	4,910,000	5,779,000	869,000
Totals	\$342,081,000	\$473,213,000	\$131,132,000

It will be seen from the foregoing that the combined increase in the savings and commercial deposits in a little over twelve months has been \$131,132,000 or about 38%. Of this increase \$29,432,000 has been contributed by the Peoples State Bank, \$17,446,000 by the First & Old Detroit National Bank, \$17,312,000 by the Wayne County & Home

Savings Bank, \$13,475,000 by the National Bank of Commerce, \$10,461,000 by the Peninsular State Bank, and \$8,396,000 by the Bank of Detroit.

Robert R. Forgan has resigned as Vice-President of the National City Bank, of Chicago, effective Dec. 31. Mr. Forgan will remain a director of the bank, but wished to be relieved of the duties of an active Vice-President in order to give more of his time to other enterprises in which he is interested.

During two months just past the National Bank of the Republic, of Chicago, has gained over a thousand new savings customers with initial deposits averaging nearly \$100 each, simply by displaying in the lobby a "home" savings bank which is furnished to those opening an account with one dollar or more. The bank has the following to say in the matter:

Often a savings campaign means elaborate planning and considerable expense. The experience of this bank indicates that accounts may be obtained inexpensively in large numbers by a proper method of appeal to the people regularly visiting the bank. The officers of the Republic first decided that an attractive gift bank was essential to the success of their savings campaign. They therefore chose a unique and handsome book-like banks suitable for the mantel or library table. A young woman then was selected to explain the plan to inquirers and to give out the banks to new customers. A card in the entranceway called their attention to the display. The response was far in excess of expectations and demonstrated the possibilities to be realized from simple plans for obtaining new savings accounts.

"We have been surprised over the way these accounts have flowed in," said W. T. Fenton, First Vice-President and Manager. "We are continuing the plan and have arranged to furnish the banks in special Christmas boxes during the holidays."

TREASURY CASH AND CURRENT LIABILITIES.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Nov. 29 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the U. S. Treasury for Nov. 29.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.			
GOLD.			
ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.		
Gold coin.....	\$ 579,732,017 39	Gold cert. outstanding.....	\$ 648,940,361 00
Gold bullion.....	1,724,506,231 38	Gold settlement fund.....	1,268,914,598 10
		Fed'l Reserve Board.....	152,979,025 63
		Avail. gold in gen. fund.....	233,404,864 04
Total.....	2,304,238,848 77	Total.....	2,304,238,848 77
Note.—Reserved against \$346,981,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,702,266 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.			
SILVER DOLLARS.			
ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.		
Silver dollars.....	\$ 225,729,476 00	Silver cert. outstanding.....	\$ 157,643,692 00
		Treas. notes of 1890 out.....	1,702,266 00
		Available silver dollars in general fund.....	66,384,518 00
Total.....	225,729,476 00	Total.....	225,729,476 00
GENERAL FUND.			
ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.		
Avail. gold (see above).....	\$ 233,404,864 04	Treasurer's checks outstanding.....	\$ 1,124,784 51
Available silver dollars (see above).....	66,384,518 00	Deposits of Government officers:	
United States notes.....	19,192,220 00	P. O. Department.....	25,589,943 74
Federal Reserve notes.....	39,546,740 50	Board of trustees, Postal Savings System (5% reserve).....	7,678,429 45
Fed'l Reserve bank notes.....	57,552,255 50	Comptroller of the Currency, agent for creditors of insolvent banks.....	1,235,091 02
National bank notes.....	44,327,373 89	Postmasters, clerks of courts, etc.....	24,489,862 64
Cert. checks on banks.....	308,147 02	Deposits for:	
Minor coin.....	4,589,320 54	Redemption of Fed'l Reserve notes (5% fund).....	216,887,416 23
Subsidiary silver coin.....	784,780 69	Redemption of Fed'l Reserve bank notes (5% fund).....	8,469,510 00
Silver bullion.....	13,654,761 13	Redemption of national bank notes (5% fund).....	16,715,489 61
Unclassified (unsorted currency, etc.).....	43,959,657 33	Retirement of additional circulating notes, Act May 30 1908.....	202,580 00
Deposits in Federal Reserve banks.....	161,235,258 02	Exchanges of currency, coin, etc.....	25,290,599 91
Deposits in special depositaries account of sales of certificates of indebtedness and Victory notes.....	242,651,000 00	*Net balance.....	666,107,971 59
Deposits in foreign depositaries:		Total.....	993,779,358 66
To credit Treas., U. S.....	19,805,778 47		
Deposits in nat. banks:			
To credit Treas., U. S.....	32,987,821 10		
To credit of other Government officers.....	10,159,605 04		
Deposits in Philippine Treasury:			
To credit Treas., U. S.....	302,910 49		
To credit of other Government officers.....	3,102,346 90		
Total.....	993,779,358 66		

* The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$1,541,611,739 30. Book credits for which obligations of foreign Governments are held by the United States amount to \$158,236,629 05.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913 deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made under the Acts mentioned a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$32,831,064 60.

a The available cash in Federal Reserve banks, in accordance with telegraphic reports received, was \$103,432,000. The difference is due to net disbursements in transit and in process of examination.

TREASURY CURRENCY HOLDINGS.—The following compilation, made up from the daily Government statements, shows the currency holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of September, October, November and December 1919:

Holdings in Sub-Treasuries. Table with columns for Sept. 1 1919, Oct. 1 1919, Nov. 1 1919, Dec. 1 1919. Rows include Net gold coin and bullion, Net silver coin and bullion, Net United States notes, etc.

* Includes Dec. 1 \$13,684,761 13 silver billion and \$45,052,685 04 minor coin &c., not included in statement "Stock of Money."

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

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

Table of weekly closing quotations for securities at London. Columns: Week ending Dec. 5, London, Nos. 29, Dec. 1, Dec. 2, Dec. 3, Dec. 4, Dec. 5. Rows: Silver, per oz., Consols, 2 1/2 per cents, British, 4 1/2 per cents, etc.

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

Table showing the price of silver in New York. Row: Silver in N. Y., per oz. Columns: 120, 120 1/2, 130 1/2, 130 3/4, 131 1/2, 131.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings of the Canadian banks for the month of November 1919 show an increase over the same month of 1918 of 20.9%, and for the eleven months the gain reaches 21.1%.

Table of Canadian Bank Clearings. Columns: Clearings at—, 1919, 1918, Inc. or Dec., 1919, 1918, Inc. or Dec. Rows: Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa, Calgary, Quebec, Hamilton, Regina, Halifax, Edmonton, London, St. John, St. John, Victoria, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Windsor, Brantford, Sherbrooke, Brandon, Fort William, Peterborough, Kitchener, New Westminster, Medicine Hat, Total Canada.

* Not included in total; comparison incomplete.

The clearings for the week ending Nov. 27 in comparison with the same week of 1918 show an increase in the aggregate of 13.7%.

Table of Canadian Bank Clearings for the week ending November 27. Columns: Clearings at—, 1919, 1918, Inc. or Dec., 1917, 1916. Rows: Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa, Quebec, Halifax, Calgary, St. John, Hamilton, London, Victoria, Edmonton, Regina, Brandon, Lethbridge, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Brantford, Fort William, New Westminster, Medicine Hat, Peterborough, Sherbrooke, Kitchener, Windsor, Prince Albert, Total Canada.

Other Western and Southern Clearings brought forward from first page.

Table of Clearings at— for Month of November and Eleven Months. Columns: Clearings at—, Month of November (1919, 1918, Inc. or Dec.), Eleven Months (1919, 1918, Inc. or Dec.). Rows: Kansas City, Omaha, Minneapolis, Denver, St. Paul, Duluth, St. Joseph, Des Moines, Wichita, Sioux City, Lincoln, Fargo, Topeka, Helena, Cedar Rapids, Cedar Falls, Leavenworth, Joplin, Waterloo, Billings, Aberdeen, Colorado Sp'gs, Pueblo, Lewistown, Fremont, Hastings, Oshkosh, Kan. City, Kan., Iowa City, Lawrence, Tot. oth. West, St. Louis, Atlanta, Richmond, New Orleans, Dallas, Memphis, Louisville, Houston, Nashville, Fort Worth, Birmingham, Oklahoma, Norfolk, Savannah, Tulsa, Little Rock, Jacksonville, Galveston, Chattanooga, Augusta, Charleston, Austin, Shreveport, Muskogee, Macon, Columbia, Knoxville, Montgomery, Tampa, Beaumont, Newport News, El Paso, Raleigh, Wilmington, N.C., Mobile, Texarkana, Columbus, Ga., Jackson, Vicksburg, Waco, Tot. South.

Table of Clearings at— for Week ending November 27. Columns: Clearings at—, 1919, 1918, Inc. or Dec., 1917, 1916. Rows: Kansas City, Omaha, Minneapolis, Denver, St. Paul, Duluth, St. Joseph, Des Moines, Wichita, Sioux City, Lincoln, Fargo, Topeka, Helena, Cedar Rapids, Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Billings, Aberdeen, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Fort Worth, Fremont, Hastings, Total oth. West, St. Louis, Atlanta, Richmond, New Orleans, Dallas, Memphis, Louisville, Houston, Nashville, Fort Worth, Birmingham, Oklahoma, Norfolk, Savannah, Tulsa, Little Rock, Jacksonville, Galveston, Chattanooga, Augusta, Charleston, Austin, Shreveport, Muskogee, Macon, Knoxville, Mobile, Vicksburg, Total Southern.

Clearings by Telegraph—Sales of Stocks, Bonds, &c.—The subjoined table, covering clearings for the current week, usually appears on the first page of each issue, but on account of the length of the other tables is crowded out once a month. The figures are received by telegraph from other leading cities.

Table with columns: Clearings—Returns by Telegraph, Week ending December 6, 1919, 1918, Per Cent. Rows include New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Kansas City, St. Louis, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Baltimore, New Orleans, and various regional cities.

*Partly estimated.

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for the eleven months of 1919 and 1918 are given below:

Table comparing transactions for Eleven Months 1919 and Eleven Months 1918. Columns: Description, Par Value or Quantity, Actual Value, Aver. Price, and corresponding 1918 values.

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange each month since Jan. 1 in 1919 and 1918 is indicated in the following:

SALES OF STOCKS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Table showing monthly sales of stocks from Jan. to Nov. for 1919 and 1918. Columns: Month, Number of Shares, Values (Par, Actual), and corresponding 1918 values.

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 1919 and 1918:

MONTHLY CLEARINGS.

Table showing monthly clearings for 1919 and 1918. Columns: Month, Clearings Total All (1919, 1918, %), Clearings Outside New York (1919, 1918, %).

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of November and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statements:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

Table showing bank clearings at leading cities from 1919 to 1916. Columns: City, 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916, and Jan. 1 to Nov. 30 for 1918 and 1917.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

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:

Extensive list of auctioned securities including shares of various companies (e.g., 31 1/2 Southampton Real Est. Assn., 200 U. S. Chile Co. com. stock) and bonds (e.g., \$2,000 Kings Co. Lighting Co. 1st. 5s, 1951).

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

List of securities sold by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, including shares of Manchester & Lawrence RR., Plymouth Cordage, and bonds like \$5,000 Internat. Traction coll. tr.

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

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Per cent.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, Per cent., and Bonds.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table listing applications for charter for various national banks, including details like organization, capital, and correspondents.

EXTENSIONS OF CHARTER. The First National Bank of Norman, Okla. Charter extended until close of business Nov. 23 1939.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table listing original organizations and conversions of state banks, including names, presidents, and capital amounts.

RE-EXTENSIONS OF CHARTER. The National Bank of Ogdensburg, N. Y. Charter re-extended until close of business Dec. 2 1939.

Table listing increases of capital for various banks, including bank names and capital amounts.

CHANGES OF TITLE. The Powder River National Bank of Broadus, Mont., to "The First National Bank of Broadus."

CONSOLIDATIONS. The First National Bank of Wolf Point, Mont., and the Citizens National Bank of Wolf Point, Mont., under the charter and corporate title of "The First National Bank of Wolf Point."

Table listing voluntary liquidations of various banks, including bank names, liquidating agents, and capital amounts.

DIVIDENDS.

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

Table listing dividends announced this week, including company names, percentages, when payable, and books closed dates.

STATEMENTS OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES

Table with columns: Averages, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve Banks, State banks, Trust companies, and weekly totals from Nov. 29 to Nov. 8.

Table with columns: Actual Figures, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve Banks, State banks, Trust companies, and weekly totals from Nov. 29 to Nov. 8.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.
a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies...
b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies...

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. Figures furnished by State Banking Department. Table with columns: Loans and Investments, Specie, Currency and bank notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Total deposits, etc.

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 from June 7 to Nov. 29.

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

New York City State Banks and Trust Companies.—In addition to the returns of "State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House," furnished by the State Banking Department, the Department also presents a statement covering all the institutions of this class in the City of New York.

For definitions and rules under which the various items are made up, see "Chronicle," V. 98, p. 1661.
The provisions of the law governing the reserve requirements of State banking institutions as amended May 22 1917 were published in the "Chronicle" May 19 1917 (V. 104, p. 1975). The regulations relating to calculating the amount of deposits and what deductions are permitted in the computation of the reserves were given in the "Chronicle" April 4 1914 (V. 98, p. 1045).

STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN NEW YORK CITY

Table with columns: Week ended Nov. 29, State Banks, Trust Companies. Sub-columns: Nov. 29 1919, Differences from previous week. Rows include Capital as of June 30, Surplus as of June 30, Loans & Investments, Specie, 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, 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 (Battery Park Nat., Mutual Bank, etc.) and Trust Companies (Hamilton Tr. Bk., etc.).

* U. S. deposits deducted, \$1,086,000.
Bills payable, re-bounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$9,089,000.
Excess reserve, \$200,800 decrease.
† 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: Nov. 29 1919, Changes from previous week, Nov. 22 1919, Nov. 15 1919. Rows include Circulation, Loans, Investments, Individual deposits, 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.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending Nov. 29 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 depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

Table with columns: Week ending Nov. 29 1919, Members of F.R. System, Trust Cos., Totals, Nov. 22 1919, Nov. 15 1919. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, Investments, 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 depositaries, Cash in vaults, 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. 21 1919

Further reductions of 66.7 millions in loans secured by stocks and bonds and of 20.9 millions in the holdings of Government securities; a moderate increase in war paper, and a decrease of 32.7 millions in all other loans and investments are indicated by the Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement of condition on Nov. 21 1919 of 791 member banks in leading cities. United States bonds on hand declined by 0.7 million, Victory notes by 5.7 millions, and Treasury certificates by 14.5 millions. Of the total reduction in loans secured by stocks and bonds 39.1 millions constituted the amount of net liquidation at the New York City member banks. Total loans and investments are shown 111.7 millions less than the week before, the New York banks reporting a decrease of \$2.8 millions under this head. Aggregate holdings of war securities and war paper are given as 2,805.1 millions, compared with 2,817.5 millions the week before than constitute,

just as the week before, 18.1% of total loans and investments of all reporting banks. In harmony with the reduction in loans all classes of deposits show substantial decreases, Government deposits declining by 56.7 millions, other demand deposits (net) by 95.1 millions, and time deposits by 5.2 millions. Reserve balances with Federal Reserve banks went down 19.3 millions, while cash in vault shows a gain of 1.8 millions. Accommodation at the Federal Reserve banks, as measured by the total of the reporting banks' own collateral notes and of customers' paper rediscounted likewise shows a moderate reduction of 11.4 millions. It may be noted that while changes in the amounts of the member banks' own collateral notes do not affect the amounts of loans and discounts carried among their assets the amounts of rediscounted customers' bills are deducted from the aggregate loans and discounts shown among the assets of these banks.

1. Data for all reporting banks in each district. Three figures (000) omitted.

Table with 13 columns: Boston, New York, Philad., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include: Number of reporting banks, U. S. bonds to secure circulation, Other U. S. bonds, U. S. Victory notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness, Total U. S. securities, Loans secured by U. S. bonds, etc., All other loans and investments, Reserve balances with F. R. bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable with F. R. bank, Bills rediscounted with F. R. bank.

2. Data for Banks in Federal Reserve Bank and Branch Cities and All Other Reporting Banks.

Table with 13 columns: New York, Chicago, All P. R. Bank Cities, P. R. Branch Cities, All Other Reporting Banks, Total. Rows include: Number of reporting banks, U. S. bonds to secure circulation, Other U. S. bonds, U. S. Victory notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness, Total U. S. securities, Loans secured by U. S. bonds, etc., All other loans and investments, Reserve balances with F. R. bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable with F. R. bank, Bills rediscounted with F. R. bank, Ratio of U. S. war secur. and war paper, total loans & invest., %

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Nov. 28:

Increased loan activity of the Federal Reserve banks, through the discount of war paper and ordinary commercial bills, accompanied by a further reduction in gold reserves and substantial addition to note circulation, is indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as of close of business on Nov. 28 1919.

War paper on hand went up 62.1 millions, other discounts 27.4 millions, and acceptances—15.6 millions. Total discounts held by the Chicago and St. Louis banks include 23.5 millions of paper discounted for other Federal Reserve banks, as compared with 20.4 millions the week before, while the total acceptance holdings of 7 banks were inclusive of 136.9 millions of acceptances purchased from New York and Boston Reserve banks. Treasury certificates on hand went up 2.7 millions and total earnings assets are shown 107.8 millions larger than the week before.

Government deposits show a decrease of 4.6 millions for the week, while members' reserve deposits went up 6.9 millions; all other deposits, including foreign Government credits, increased 3.3 millions and the "float" carried by the banks was about 37 millions less than last week's figure. Net deposits accordingly figure out 42.6 millions larger than for the preceding week.

A reduction of 25.7 millions in gold reserves is noted, 6.5 millions of the total decrease representing sales of gold held with the Bank of England. Total cash reserves declined 27.3 millions. Federal Reserve note circulation shows an expansion for the week of 35.1 millions. As a result of the increases in deposit and note liabilities and the decrease in reserves, the banks' reserve ratio shows a decline for the week from 46.9 to 45.5%.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 28 1919.

Large table with 10 columns: Nov. 28 1919, Nov. 21 1919, Nov. 14 1919, Nov. 7 1919, Oct. 31 1919, Oct. 24 1919, Oct. 17 1919, Oct. 10 1919, Nov. 29 1918. Rows include: RESOURCES: Gold coin and certificates, Gold settlement fund, F. R. Board, Gold with foreign agencies, Total gold held by banks, Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, Total gold reserves, Legal tender notes, silver, &c., Total reserves, Bills discounted, Secured by Govt. war obligations, All other, Bills bought in open market, Total bills on hand, U. S. Government bonds, U. S. Victory Notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness, All other earning assets, Total earning assets, Bank premises, Gold in transit or in custody in foreign countries, Uncollected items and other deductions from gross deposits, 5% redemp fund agst. F. R. bank notes, All other resources, Total resources, LIABILITIES: Capital paid in, Surplus, Government deposits, Due to members, reserve account, Deferred availability items, Other deposits, incl. for. Govt. credits, Total gross deposits, F. R. notes in actual circulation, F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab., All other liabilities, Total liabilities.

* Includes One-Year Treasury Notes.

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Wall Street, Friday Night, Dec. 5 1919.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—Notwithstanding the fact that the Federal Reserve Bank's statement showed the smallest percentage of reserve yet reported by that institution—that the President's message to Congress was generally disappointing—that the Mexican situation seems to have steadily grown more acute—and that the coal strike shows no sign of a settlement, sentiment in Wall Street has been almost wholly of a cheerful, hopeful type, if one may take the trend of prices at the Stock Exchange as a criterion. The lowest prices of the week were in practically every case recorded on Monday, since which they have day by day reached a little higher level.

In to-day's market Southern Pacific shares were the conspicuous feature. At the opening they sold nearly 14 points above yesterday's closing price, an official announcement that the Government has discontinued its action against the Company for recovery of a part of the oil lands involved in the litigation. Sympathetically Texas & Pacific advanced nearly 2 points, all the active railway issues were strong and the list as a whole has advanced an average of about 3 points within the week.

Many industrial stocks have, however, covered a wider range, including General Motor's 21 points, Mex. Pet.'s 20, Cruc. Steel's 23, Am. Tobacco's 11 1/2 and At. Gulf & W. I. and U. S. Ind. Alcohol 10. U. S. Steel closes 3 1/2 points higher than it sold on Monday.

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

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending Dec. 5, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest), and \$ per share.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table with columns: Week ending Dec. 5 1919, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad, State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds, Unlisted State Bonds, Sales at New York Stock Exchange (1919, 1918, 1910, 1918).

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns: Week ending Dec. 5 1919, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales).

State and Railroad Bonds.—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week.

The market for railway and industrial bonds has been overshadowed by the enormously heavy movement of Liberty Loan issues. The former have been very irregular. Southern Pacifics advanced to-day over 7 points in sympathy with the shares. The local tractions have been in demand and decidedly strong on reports that maturing interest will be taken care of. Athisons', Union Pacifics, Rubbers and Steels have been strong, while Burlingtons, St. Pauls, Balt. & Ohio and New York Centrals have shown a tendency to weakness.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to unusually heavy transactions in the various Liberty Loans, some of which have sold down to new low records.

Table with columns: Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices, Nov. 29, Dec. 1, Dec. 2, Dec. 3, Dec. 4, Dec. 5, and various bond types like First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, etc.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange suffered another heavy break in rates this week and new low records were again established.

Table with columns: The range for exchange for the week follows, Sterling Actual, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15¢ @ 25¢, par. \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$50 @ 75¢ par \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

Outside Market.—A firm tone prevailed throughout the week in "ourb" trading and prices of many issues moved to higher levels. The volume of business, however, was not large. General Asphalt com. led the list with an advance from 101 1/2 to 124 1/2, though it finally reacted to 121 1/2. A. T. Securities, after early weakness from 61 to 59 1/2, moved up to 64 1/2, the close to-day being at 63 1/2. General Motors com. "w. i." rose from 34 to 36 during the week, and to-day jumped to 39, but reacted to 35 1/2 finally. Tobacco Products Exports, after a gain of two points to 28 during the week, sold up to-day to 32 and closed at 31. Vanadium Steel advanced from 52 to 62 and ends the week at 60 1/2. Loft, Inc., was firm, advancing from 21 1/2 to 25 1/2, the close to-day being at 24 1/2. Oil shares were especially prominent in the upturn. Among the most active, Shell Transp. & Trading improved from 77 to 80 3/8 and finished to-day at 78. Simms Petroleum, another active feature, rose from 50 to 58 1/2, but reacted finally to 55 1/2. Heavy transactions in White Oil advanced the price from 35 to 43 3/4, the close to-day being at 42. Internat. Petrol improved from 53 to 60 3/4, the final figure to-day being 60. Houston Oil com. advanced from 145 to 178. Midwest Refining sold up from 157 to 162 and at 161 finally. In bonds Interboro R. T. 7s, on renewed activity, rose from 57 1/2 to 71 1/2. Russian Govt. bonds were weak, the 5 1/2s dropping from 31 to 28 1/2 and the 6 1/2s from 32 to 26. The close was at 29 for both issues.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Dec. 29, Monday Dec. 1, Tuesday Dec. 2, Wednesday Dec. 3, Thursday Dec. 4, Friday Dec. 5, Sales for the Week); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range or Previous Year 1918 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Atch Topeka & Santa Fe, Chicago & North Western, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ Ex-dividend. * Full paid.

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

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* Bid and asked prices. no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-div. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ Ex-div. †† For fluctuations in rights see p. 2151.

Main table containing two sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'. Each section lists bond titles, interest periods, prices (Friday, Dec. 5), and weekly ranges. The table is organized into columns for bid/ask/low/high prices and range of sales, with a final column for range of sales from Jan. 1 to Dec. 5.

* No price Friday, latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan b Due Feb c Due June d Due July e Due Sept f Due Oct g Option sale.

Table with multiple columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Dec. 5, Interest Period, Price Friday Dec. 5, Week's Range of Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and Bond Description.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. † Due Jan. ‡ Due Feb. § Due June. ¶ Due July. ** Due Aug. †† Due Nov. ‡‡ Due Dec. ‡‡‡ Option sale.

BONDS N Y STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Dec. 5				BONDS N Y STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Dec. 5									
Instrument	Maturity	Price		Bonds Sold	Range	Jan. 1	Instrument	Maturity	Price		Bonds Sold	Range	Jan. 1
		Friday	Dec. 5						Friday	Dec. 5			
Virginia 1st 5s series A.....	1932	M	N	81 1/2	Sale	81	84	95	81 1/2	94 1/2	21	55	82
Wabash 1st gold 5s.....	1933	M	N	89 1/2	Sale	91	89 1/2	87	87 1/2	89	20	35	85
2d gold 5s.....	1933	F	A	81	Sale	83 1/2	81	8	79	89	17 1/2	35	85
Debuture 5s B.....	1932	J	J	90	Aug 18	90	90	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	71	82	88 1/2
1st lien equip 4 1/2 5s.....	1932	M	S	97 1/2	July 19	97 1/2	97 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	70	82	88 1/2
1st lien 50-yr g term 4s.....	1934	J	J	70 1/2	Nov 19	70 1/2	70 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	81	82	88 1/2
Det & Ch Ext 1st 5s.....	1931	J	J	90	Feb 19	88 1/2	88 1/2	67	67	67	67	67	67
Des Moines Div 1st 4s.....	1930	J	J	75 1/2	Aug 12	80	80	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Om Div 1st 3 1/2 5s.....	1941	A	O	65	Feb 19	65	65	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2
Tol & Ch Div 4s.....	1941	M	S	72	Oct 19	72	72	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2
Wash Term 1st gu 3 1/2 5s.....	1915	F	A	74 1/2	7 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2
1st 40-yr guar 4s.....	1915	F	A	51 1/2	Sale	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
West Maryland 1st 4s.....	1924	A	O	91	93	93	93	100	100	100	100	100	100
West N Y & Pa 1st 4s.....	1937	J	J	62	65 1/2	70	70	92	92	92	92	92	92
Gen gold 4s.....	1943	A	O	62	65 1/2	70	70	92	92	92	92	92	92
Income 5s.....	1943	Nov	A	7 1/2	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Western Pac 1st ser A 5s.....	1926	M	S	7 1/2	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Wheeling & L E 1st 5s.....	1926	A	O	91 1/2	94	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95
Wisc Div 1st gold 5s.....	1928	J	J	95	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Exten & Imp 1st gold 5s.....	1930	F	A	50 1/2	53	58	58	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Refunding 4 1/2 5s series A.....	1935	M	S	52	55	51	51	7	7	7	7	7	7
RR 1st conv 4s.....	1940	M	S	67 1/2	67	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Winston-Salem S B 1st 4s.....	1940	J	J	67 1/2	67	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Wis Cent 50-yr 1st 4s.....	1949	J	J	67 1/2	65	65	65	6	6	6	6	6	6
Sup & Dal Div & term 1st 4s 3/8	1930	M	N	67 1/2	73	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2

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

SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES.

Table with columns for Saturday Nov. 29, Monday Dec. 1, Tuesday Dec. 2, Wednesday Dec. 3, Thursday Dec. 4, Friday Dec. 5. Contains stock price data for various companies.

Sales for the Week, Shares.

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Range Since Jan. 1.

Range for Previous Year 1918.

Main table listing various stocks under categories: Railroads, Miscellaneous, Mining. Includes columns for stock name, price, and range since Jan 1 and previous year.

* Bid and asked prices * B - Book dividend * Bc - Dividend and rights * Assessment paid * Bc - Rights * Bc - Dividend * Half-paid

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Nov. 29 to Dec. 5, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various bond types like U.S. Lib Loan, Am Tel & Tel, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Nov. 29 to Dec. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Alabama Coal, Arundel Corp, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Nov. 29 to Dec. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like American Gas, Am Iron & Steel, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Phila & Western pref, Reading, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Nov. 29 to Dec. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like American Radiator, Amer Shipbuilding, etc.

(*) No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Nov. 29 to Dec. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Amer Vitriol Products, Am Wind Glass Mach, etc.

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from Nov. 29 to Dec. 5, 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, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Acme Coal, Aetna Explosives, Air Reduction, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Snow's Fount Hold Corp, Solar Light Corp, Spicer Mfg, etc.

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of the electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

Main table with columns: ROADS, Latest Gross Earnings (Week of Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists various railroads and their earnings data.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns: *Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %), *Monthly Summaries (Mileage, 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 third week of November. The table covers 12 roads and shows 10.44% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Third Week of November, 1919, 1918, Increase, Decrease. Lists various roads and their earnings for the week of Nov 11-13, 1919, compared to Nov 11-13, 1918.

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:

Large table with 5 columns: Roads, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Lists 120+ roads and their monthly earnings from Jan 1 to Oct 31 for 1919 and 1918.

Table with 5 columns: Roads, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Lists 120+ roads and their monthly earnings from Jan 1 to Oct 31 for 1919 and 1918.

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include various railroads like N Y Chicago & St L, N Y New Hav & Hart, etc.

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include Ulster & Delaware, Union Pacific, Ore Short Line, etc.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fleet Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include N Y Chicago & St L RR, 10 mos, etc.

Table with columns: American Ry. Express Co., Total from transportation, Express privileges, Revenue from transport, Oper. other than transport, Total operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net oper. revenue (deficit), Uncollect. rev. from transport, Express taxes, Operating income (deficit).

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Table with columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include Adirondack El Pow Co, Alabama Power Co, Atlantic Shore Ry, etc.

New Orleans & Northeastern Railroad Company. (35th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1918.)

President Fairfax Harrison, New Orleans, La., Oct. 1 1919, said in substance:

The company's railroad property was operated during the entire year by the United States Government. The operating statistics in this report show the results of such operation.

The Act of Congress approved March 21 1918 entitled "An Act to provide for the operation of transportation systems while under Federal control, for the just compensation of their owners, and for other purposes," which was set out at length in the 34th annual report, authorized contracts with railroad companies to provide for the payment to them by the Government of annual compensation not exceeding a sum equivalent to the average annual railway operating income for the three years ended June 30 1917, with other provision.

Standard Return.—The average annual railway operating income for the three year period ended June 30 1917 has been certified by the Interstate Commerce Commission, pursuant to the Act of Congress, to be \$1,204,992. The stockholders have authorized the board of directors to conclude a contract on this basis but the execution of the contract has been and still is postponed pending negotiations as to details.

Dividend.—A dividend of 6% on the capital stock was declared during the year.

Accounts with U. S. Government.—There appear on the balance sheet certain accounts which are subject to adjustment in the final settlement between the Government and the company, viz.: (a) "U. S. Government deferred assets, \$2,941,028" and (b) "U. S. Government unadjusted debits, \$877,075," while on the other side are (a) "U. S. Government deferred liabilities, \$1,703,361"; (b) "U. S. Government unadjusted credits, \$761,238." [The balance sheet also shows among assets "U. S. Government accrued compensation (balance as of Dec. 31 1918), \$1,181,692"—Ed.]

OPERATIONS AND FISCAL RESULTS (214 MILES.)

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1918, 1917, 1916, 1915) and June 30 Yr. (1916-17). Rows include Operations (Passengers carried, Revenue, etc.) and Earnings (Passenger, Freight, Mail, etc.).

CORPORATE INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1918, 1917, and Increase. Rows include Standard return, Operating income (revised), Miscellaneous income, Total corporate income, Interest, &c., War taxes, etc.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1918 and 1917. Rows include Assets (Road & equipment, Misc. phys. prop, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Funded debt, etc.).

Chicago Elevated Rys. Collateral Trust.

(Report for the Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1918.)

Table with columns for 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915. Rows include CHIC. ELEV. RYS. COLL. TRUST—INCOME ACCT. FOR CAL. YEARS. (Income—Dividends, Interest, Gross income, etc.)

CHIC. EL. RYS. COLLATERAL TRUST BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1918 and 1917. Rows include Assets (Capital stock, bonds, Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Secured Notes, debentures, etc.).

x These are the assets pledged under \$14,000,000 Secured Gold Notes, viz.: Stocks & Bonds (Par Val) — Pledged. Metropolitan W. S. Elev. Ry., pref. \$3,707,500; Common, 7,462,800; Northw. Elev. RR., pref., 4,944,400; Common, 4,946,400; First Mortgage 5s., 12,500,000; South Side Elev. RR. stock, 10,231,400.

* Being in each case the entire outstanding amount. The underlying securities in the hands of the public include chiefly (a) Metropolitan W. S. Elevated Ry.

First Mortgage 4s., \$10,000,000, and J Extension Mize. 4s., \$5,000,000 (except \$567,000 held in the custody of the Chicago Elevated C.M. Trust); (b) South Side Elevated RR. First Mize. 4 1/2s., \$5,000,000; (c) Union Elevated RR. First Mize. 4s., \$4,472,000; (d) Chicago Junction RR. First Mize. 4s., \$2,237,000 (the \$33,000 stock is held by the South Side Elevated RR.); (e) Northwestern Elevated RR. First Mize. 6s., \$12,500,000; (f) Union Consolidated Elevated RR. Guaranty 1 5/8s., \$423,000; (g) Chicago & Oak Park Elevated RR. First Mize. 5s., \$1,812,000; equipment notes, \$172,000; real estate mize., \$5,362. Equipment trust of Aug. 1 1914, issue jointly and severally by Metropolitan, Northwestern and South Side companies, 5% equip. notes payable 1917 to 1929, auth., \$2,600,000, outstanding \$1,985,000—Ed.

COMBINED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30. (Incl. Met. W. S. Elev. Ry., Northwest. Elev. RR. & So. Side Elev. R.R.)

Table with columns for 1918-19, 1917-18, 1916-17, 1915-16. Rows include Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Taxes, &c., Operating income, Non-operating income, Interest and rents, Dividends, Surplus.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with columns for 1919 and 1918. Rows include Assets (Road and equip., Other investments, Current assets, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Preferred debt, etc.).

—Total, p. 1461.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co., New York.

(Report of Experts Dated Nov. 1 1919—Second Installment.)

Reports of Day & Zimmermann, Inc., engineers, Philadelphia and New York, relative to the business of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co., as disclosed by their investigation, started in Feb. 1919, as to operating, financial and statistical data, are further summarized (see last week's "Chronicle," page 2070 under date of Nov. 1) substantially as follows:

Organization.—The company was not incorporated until after commencement of work on the first subway, which was placed in operation on Oct. 27 1904; in addition to this property it operates the Manhattan Ry., which it leased Jan. 1 1903. Except for an investment in the N. Y. & Queens County Ry. and two other small companies (all operating surface cars in the Borough of Queens), its activities have been confined to the operation of the original subway and the elevated system of the Manhattan Ry. Co. and their respective extensions, working at all times subject to the supervision of the P. S. Commission and the authorities of the City of New York as provided for in the various contracts and leases.

Brief References to These Subway Contracts.

Contract No. 1.—On Feb. 21 1900 the city awarded to John B. MacDonnell Contract No. 1, which provided for the construction, equipment and operation of the first section of the subway from the intersection of Park Row and Broadway, north on the east side of the city to 42d St., west to Times Sq., and again north on the west side to Van Cortlandt Park, with a branch through Harlem to Bronx Park. The city paid the cost of building the subway proper and the contractor paid for the equipment. The lease was for a term of 50 years, with an extension privilege of 25 years; it granted the right to the contractor to operate for a 5-cent fare and imposed as a prior charge a rental equal to the interest and sinking fund on the bonds issued by the city to provide the construction funds. The city agreed to buy the property furnished by the contractor at the expiration of the lease at a valuation to be agreed upon. This section of the subway, in part, was put in operation on Oct. 27 1904. The rights of the contractor under this contract were acquired by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co.

Contract No. 2.—On July 21 1902 the first extension of the foregoing system was provided for in Contract No. 2 between the city and the Rapid Transit Subway Construction Co. It comprised the Battery Tunnel under the East River, with its connection to the existing system in Manhattan, and the subway to Flatbush and Atlantic avenues, Brooklyn. The contract provided for the operation of this extension as a part of the older system and in general embraced conditions similar to Contract No. 1. Its term was for 35 years with the right of renewal for 25 years. As in the case of Contract No. 1, the rights of the contractor were acquired by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co.

Contract No. 3.—On March 19 1913 the construction of all remaining lines was provided for in Contract No. 3 between the city and the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. They comprise the 7th Ave. and Lexington Ave. lines, together with extensions in the Bronx, a line through 42d St. and under the East River extending to Astoria and Corona in Queens, as well as important extensions in Brooklyn. The Interborough Rapid Transit Co. agreed to contribute not exceeding \$58,000,000 toward the cost of the subway proper, to provide all necessary equipment, to be estimated to cost \$22,000,000, and, under the terms of the lease, to operate the entire system covered by Contracts Nos. 1, 2 and 3 for a fare of 5 cents.

It is also provided that the respective operating leases under each of these contracts shall terminate contemporaneously on Dec. 31 1965, subject however, to extension in event of delay in completion of work and subject also to earlier termination by the city through acquisition by the city upon the fulfillment of certain clearly defined conditions. The contract sets forth in detail the disposition that the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. shall make of its gross receipts in connection with the operation of the combined subway system as explained below.

New York City's Investment.—The payments by the city to the Rapid Transit Subway Construction Co. for work provided under Contract No. 1 will aggregate \$46,700,000 and \$3,700,000 under Contract No. 2, a total of \$50,400,000. The city also paid for easements, rights of way and other construction costs under the two contracts, approximately \$3,600,000, making a total investment by the city of \$54,000,000. Under Contract No. 3 the city had expected to invest \$65,000,000, but as the result of changes in construction as well as the high costs brought about by the war, this total outlay will be in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000.

Therefore, the City of New York will have invested by the early summer of 1920, when the system will be substantially completed, approximately \$139,000,000 in the subway property operated by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. under its lease expiring Dec. 31 1965.

Company's Investment.—The Interborough Rapid Transit Company's expenditures on the subway, for real estate, equipment, &c., which it was required to provide under Contracts Nos. 1 and 2, including the cost of the Steinway Tunnel, are now represented by \$52,615,000 of the 5% bonds and the proceeds from the sale of stock of the company. Under Contract No. 3 the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. had expected to expend the proceeds from \$80,000,000 of the 5% bonds only, but this sum has been increased, owing to conditions stated in the preceding paragraph, to approximately \$100,000,000 of bonds and notes.

Consequently, the investment of the company in the subway system is represented by its 5% bonds and 7% notes, amounting to about \$153,000,000, to which amount should be added the proceeds of the capital stock invested in equipment under Contract No. 1.

Manhattan Railway Co.

Manhattan Lease.—On Jan. 1 1903 the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. leased the property of the Manhattan Railway Co. for a period of 999 years from the year in which the Manhattan Railway Co. was organized, namely, 1875. The terms of the lease provide that the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. shall pay all interest on the bonds of the Manhattan Co., an annual dividend of 2% on outstanding stock of the Manhattan Co. (now \$60,000,000) and \$35,000 annually for organization expenses.

Manhattan Certificate.—On March 19 1913 the P. S. Commission granted to the Manhattan Railway Co. the "Manhattan Certificate" authorizing

to construct additional tracks on its 2d Ave., 3d Ave. and 9th Ave. lines. The compensation payable to the city by the Manhattan Co. for this authorization is based upon any increase in gross receipts over the year 1911 from stations served by express trains.

Interborough Certificate.—On the same date the P. S. Commission granted to the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. the "Interborough Certificate" authorizing that company to construct certain short extensions to the Manhattan Railway, and to operate the same in connection with the Manhattan Railway for a 5 cent fare.

Expenditures on Manhattan.—In the performance of the work called for by the Manhattan and Interborough certificates, the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. will have expended the proceeds of 5% bonds and 7% notes aggregating \$29,000,000 on the elevated railway property of the Manhattan Railway Co. and \$18,000,000 upon the extensions thereto, a total of \$47,000,000.

The lease of the Manhattan Ry. to the Interborough Rapid Transit Co., as supplemented by an agreement dated March 15 1913, in effect provides that upon the expiration or sooner termination of the lease for any cause, all property constructed or furnished under the Manhattan certificate by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. out of its own funds (including the \$29,000,000 as above stated) shall remain for use upon and shall become the property of the Manhattan Co. upon payment by the Manhattan Co. of the reasonable value thereof, such payment to be made within 18 months after notice by the Manhattan Co. of termination of the lease on account of any default by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. or upon the termination of the lease for a cause other than a default by that company.

Physical Property.

Subway Mileage.—The subway system built under Contracts Nos. 1 and 2 aggregated 25.7 route miles or an equivalent of 85 miles of single track. Contract No. 3 provided for additional construction of 48 route miles or an equivalent of 147 miles of single track. Upon the completion of the system, 232 miles of single track will be in operation so that the mileage will have been trebled by the early summer of 1920. At the present time about 195 miles are in regular operation.

Elevated Mileage.—The system of the Manhattan Ry. Co. aggregated 37.7 route miles prior to the commencement of work under the Manhattan Certificate, or an equivalent of 118 miles of single track. Upon completion of all the work now under construction, the system will comprise 41.9 route miles, or an equivalent of 140.5 miles of single track. Of this total there remains to be completed but 1.74 miles of road.

Physical Condition.—The physical property of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. is in good condition throughout, having been well maintained in spite of the difficulties which the management has encountered through and subsequent to the war.

Magnitude of Operation.—The Interborough Rapid Transit Co. now operates over 4,000 cars of all descriptions, approximately 2,200 on the Elevated Division and 1,800 on the Subway Division, and dispatches more than 10,000 trains daily. During the fiscal year 1919 the entire system carried approximately 809,000,000 passengers and during the year ended June 30 1917 approximately 764,000,000, as compared to about 96,000,000 passengers carried on the lines directly operated by the Pennsylvania RR. Co. for the calendar year 1917 (4,500 miles of road). This comparison clearly sets forth the magnitude of the company's operations. It is obvious that this result could not have been achieved, with the unparalleled record of safety to the traveling public, but for the highly efficient organization which the company has created and maintained throughout the period of its activities.

5% Bonds and 7% Notes Outstanding Nov. 1 1919.

We give below a statement showing the outstanding First and Refunding Mts., 5% Gold Bonds, and the Three-Year 7% Secured Convertible Gold Notes of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. and the division of these securities as between amounts issued for work done on the subway system and the Manhattan elevated system, respectively.

APPLICATION OF BONDS AND NOTES BY DIVISIONS.

	Manhattan.	Subway.	Total.
(1) I. R. T. Co. First & Ref. Mts. 5% Bonds in Hands of Public: For refunding bonds & notes issued on account of Contracts 1 and 2.....		\$52,615,000	\$52,615,000
For Contract No. 3 and related cfts. \$29,110,535	79,474,465		108,585,000
	\$29,110,535	\$132,089,465	\$161,200,000
(2) Three-Year 7% Notes: For Contract No. 3 and related cfts. 18,027,966		20,946,034	38,974,000

Total 5% bonds and 7% notes in hands of public.....\$47,138,501 \$153,035,499 \$200,174,000

I. R. T. Co. First & Ref. Mts. 5% Bonds Owned and Pledged as Collateral to Said Three-Year 7% Notes:
For Contract No. 3 and related cfts. \$28,190,452 \$32,751,548 \$60,942,000

RENTALS, INTEREST AND SINKING FUND CHARGES OF I. R. T. CO.

Subway Rental.—To city under contracts Nos. 1 and No. 2, \$470,000 quar. (Q. J.) and \$520,000 in December.....\$2,400,000

Rental to Manhattan Ry.—(a) Interest on its \$40,684,000 Consol. 4s, \$1,627,360; (b) interest on its \$4,523,000 2d M. 4s, \$180,920; (c) dividend at 7% p. a. on \$60,000,000 stock, \$4,200,000; (d) organization expense, \$35,000.....6,043,280

Bond Interest and Sinking Fund on First & Ref. Mts. 5% gold bonds in hands of public.—(a) account of subway, \$7,925,000; (b) account of Elevated, \$1,747,000.....9,672,000

Note Interest.—On Three-Year 7% Secured Convertible Gold Notes.—(a) On account of subway, \$1,466,000; (b) on account of elevated, \$1,262,000.....2,728,000

Bond Sinking Fund.—On 5% bonds used in retiring 7% notes for which the bonds are pledged as collateral: (a) on account of subway, \$327,000; (b) on account of elevated, \$282,000.....609,000

Total rentals and interest: (a) for subway, \$12,118,000; (b) for elevated, \$9,334,280.....\$21,452,280

All the foregoing sums are now chargeable against income except a portion of the charges on the 5% bonds and 7% notes pertaining to parts of the system which have not been put into operation. All such work will be practically completed by the summer of 1920 so that the income deductions that will accrue thereafter will be at least \$21,452,280.

Disposition of Earnings as Agreed upon with City.

Subway Division (Contract No. 3).—The first charge against the gross operating revenue of the subway system is the annual city rental of approximately \$2,400,000, being the interest and sinking fund on bonds issued by the city in connection with Contracts No. 1 and No. 2, payable by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. under the provisions of those contracts.

The Interborough Rapid Transit Co. must then (a) pay all taxes, operating expenses, maintenance charges and set aside the annual depreciation allowance, and thereafter (b) is authorized to retain certain sums (details below) which are available for interest and sinking fund on its 5% bonds and 7% notes or for other corporate purposes (see note).

Then there is to be deducted (c) for the city 8.76% on the city's contribution (of approximately \$100,000,000) under Contract No. 3; (d) a reserve allowance of 1% of the revenue. Any balance remaining is to be divided equally with the city.

Until realized, all the above sums (a) and (b), to which the company is entitled, continue to accrue for the benefit of the company and with compound interest constitute the so-called "unearned accrued preferentials." Such preferentials are payable to the company out of future earnings before the city becomes entitled to receive any return on its investment in Contract No. 3 which, as above stated, will amount to approximately \$100,000,000.

Elevated Division (Interborough Certificate).—From the gross operating revenue of the elevated system the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. must pay taxes, operating expenses, maintenance charges and depreciation allowance. After making the foregoing disbursements, the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. is to pay the elevated rentals of \$6,043,280 (stated above). After meeting the rentals, the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. is entitled to retain certain sums (stated in detail below) which are available for interest and sinking fund on its 5% bonds and 7% notes or for other corporate purposes. Any balance remaining is to be divided equally with the city.

Combined System—Lien of Bonds.—All the 5% bonds, including those pledged as security for the 7% notes, are equally secured by the First & Ref. Mts., irrespective of whether the proceeds from such bonds or notes were spent on the subway system or the elevated system. They have a

common and pro rata right of payment out of the company's earnings available for corporate purposes. The ultimate disbursement of such available earnings in so far as the 5% bonds and 7% notes are concerned, is in no wise affected by the part of the system (subway or elevated) upon which they are earned or the contractual clauses through which they become available to the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. They have arrived at in the following manner:

Sums Available, If Earned, for Interest and Sinking Fund of 5% Bonds and 7% Notes.

(1) Subway.—(a) A fixed sum called the Subway Preferential (the fixed sum which the company is permitted to earn on its investment prior to the execution of Contract No. 3, now represented by \$52,615,000 5% bonds and \$35,000,000 capital stock).....	\$6,335,000
(b) 6% on \$80,000,000 representing the investment under Contract No. 3 originally contemplated.....	4,800,000
(c) Cost of the money and 1% sinking fund for additional subway equipment; upon completion of construction work this sum will approximate 8% on \$21,000,000, or.....	1,680,000

Total.....\$12,815,000
This total of \$12,815,000 would be available under Contract No. 3, if earned, for interest and sinking fund on the 5% bonds and the 7% notes, or for other corporate purposes including the rental of the elevated roads to the extent that the elevated earnings continue insufficient to pay elevated rental (see note below).

(2) Elevated.—(a) A fixed sum called the elevated preferential, amounting to.....\$1,589,348

(b) 5% interest and 1% sinking fund on \$29,110,535 5% bonds, with the exception of sinking fund on bonds issued for power plant improvements (representing the investment originally contemplated); and the cost of money and 1% sinking fund on \$18,027,966 7% notes, with the exception of sinking fund on notes issued for power plant improvements (constituting additional investment), being the securities issued in connection with the Manhattan and Interborough certificates, or.....3,131,642

Total.....\$4,720,990
This sum of \$4,720,990 will be available under the Interborough certificate, if earned, for interest and sinking fund on the 5% bonds and the 7% notes (see note below).

Combined Available Earnings.—From the foregoing it will be seen that if the revenues to which the company has preference 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.

Note.—For the purpose of simplification in this computation we have excluded consideration of the miscellaneous earnings of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co., including revenue from the Subway Realty Co. These earnings for the fiscal year ended June 30 1919, after deducting certain disbursements occasioned by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co.'s interest in the surface lines of the Borough of Queens, none of which are provided for in Contract No. 3 nor in the Interborough Certificate, resulted in a net credit of approximately \$417,000.

Estimates.—Our estimates for the subway, exclusive of the elevated system, indicate that earnings applicable toward interest and sinking fund on the 5% bonds and 7% notes will amount to \$6,071,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30 1920, whereas the interest and sinking fund on the amount of bonds and notes in the hands of the public chargeable to income will be approximately \$11,900,000. This estimate is predicated upon the continuance of the 5-cent fare and the high costs of materials and supplies now prevailing as well as the wage scale that went into effect Aug. 17 1919.

The estimated sum in question should increase during subsequent years, the amount estimated for the 12 months ended June 30 1924 being \$9,771,000, whereas the estimated interest and sinking fund will then be about \$13,820,000. The estimated aggregate amount earned during the five years ending June 30 1924, applicable toward interest and sinking fund on the 5% bonds and 7% notes is \$29,455,000. As the foregoing relates to the subway alone, the charges incurred under the Manhattan lease, referred to in the estimates as rentals, are not taken into account.

If we consider the entire system, the estimated amount applicable to interest and sinking fund on the 5% bonds and 7% notes as indicated in our forecast would be \$3,037,000 in 1920, increasing to \$8,138,000 in 1924. The estimated total sum earned for the five-year period which will end June 30 1924 would be \$26,587,000. See also tabular estimates in V. 109, p. 2070.

Mergenthaler Linotype Company, New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Sept. 30 1919.)

Vice-President Norman Dodge, Nov. 18 1919, wrote in substance:

Results.—The net gain for the year, from all sources, and after making proper allowance for depreciation and taxes, was \$1,463,139.

The year has been one of great disturbance in all lines of business. During the summer a serious strike, lasting nine weeks, occurred in the Brooklyn factory, due to the interference of outsiders; and this notwithstanding the fact that the company has maintained its policy of paying the highest prevailing wages, observing the prevailing hours, and has continued the life insurance for each employee for an amount equal to one year's pay wholly at the company's expense.

There has been a steady increase in the rates of wages and in all expenses connected with the business; difficulties and interruptions in securing labor and material; and delays in making foreign shipments, due to the dislocation of transportation.

Business.—The character of the market for Linotypes has changed in the past few years, the large field for new business lying principally in the smaller offices, in replacements and additions to the larger offices, and in the foreign field. There is less profit per machine than in former years, so that profits must be secured through a larger production and sale of machines and supplies and closer contact with the printers at home and abroad. We have also continued to increase the range and versatility of the Linotype, and improve the typographical excellence of the product, to meet the varying demands of the printing industry.

Need of Large Working Capital.—To give the efficient service required by the printing industry the company must carry large stocks in its United States agencies and with its agents abroad.

Throughout the world the company sells its machines on deferred terms of payment extending over three years or more. The company does not discount its customers' notes or other evidences of indebtedness, but retains them in its possession until paid. It will be appreciated that this locks up a vast amount of capital in the business.

Foreign Business.—The Linotype is used in practically every civilized country, setting matter in about 40 different languages. Its use is well established even in such distant places as Manaus, Brazil, a thousand miles from the mouth of the Amazon River; Asuncion, Paraguay; 1,100 miles from the mouth of the Rio de La Plata; La Paz, Bolivia, 13,000 feet above sea level; throughout Siberia, from the Russian Border to Vladivostok; various cities in China, including one a thousand miles from the sea coast; throughout India; the Malay Peninsula; Fiji Islands; Alaska, Iceland, the Dutch East Indies, the Philippine Islands, the Hawaiian Islands, and in many cities in North and South Africa.

The company has large European interests and directly and indirectly is the owner of extensive credits given to purchasers in countries which were involved in the war, and in which conditions are still unsettled. What adjustments must be made, as a consequence of the world-wide disorganization, is not yet known. The full details of the condition of the German Company are now being studied.

The British Company throughout the war was engaged almost wholly in the manufacture of war material. This work has now ceased and the company has resumed the production of Linotype machines, printing presses, and other printers' machinery. The British Company's holdings are in good condition and the company has been managed skillfully and with due regard to the rights of the American holders at the same time giving marked assistance to the British Government throughout the war.

Bills Payable.—The bills payable shown in the Treasurer's report represent in large part the purchase of Liberty and Victory Bonds.

Lake of the Woods Milling Co., Ltd.—Rights, &c.—

The stockholders of record Dec. 1 are given the right to subscribe to \$700,800 capital stock at par (\$100) on the basis of one share of new for each three shares of old held.

In order to participate in the dividend for the quarter ending May 31 1920, the fully paid up certificates of subscription to be issued for the new stock must be sent to the Crown Trust Co., Montreal, for exchange for share certificates of the common stock of the company on or before that date.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.—Right to Purchase \$10,748,200 Common Stock "B" at Par to Be Offered to Common Stockholders of Record Feb. 10 1920.

At a special meeting of the stockholders held June 18 1918, the directors were empowered to issue \$21,496,400 of Common stock B with the same rights to divs. and upon liquidation as the present issued Common stock, but without voting power.

I now beg to advise you that the directors have resolved to issue \$10,748,200 of this Common stock B—one-half of which (\$5,374,100) will be issued as of March 1 1920 and the other half (\$5,374,100) will be issued as of June 1 1920.

The board of directors has decided to request the stockholders at the regular annual meetings to be held in March 1920 to empower it to set aside 5%—21,496 shares—of the total authorized Common and Common B share capital out of the remaining Common and Common B to be sold at par to such persons as are now or may hereafter be connected with the management and operation of the company.

Loew's Theatres Co.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 23.

Magor Car Corp.—Seeking Machine Tools.

The corporation, it is stated, is in the market for a considerable list of machine tools suitable for car work.

Maracaibo Oil Exploration Corp.—Develop'ts—All Sold.

W. F. Ladd & Co., N. Y. announce that they have closed the stock syndicate and that checks will be mailed shortly. It is stated that plans for the development of the properties in Venezuela are progressing due to the prompt deliveries of its drilling equipment.

W. F. Ladd & Co. announced Dec. 2 that the stock syndicate had been closed.

Marconi Wireless Tel. Co., Ltd., London.—Cap. Inc.

The company was to vote Nov. 13 on increasing the ordinary shares by 1,500,000 par £1 to rank pari passu with the existing 1,250,000 ordinary shares of £1 each.

Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc.—Earnings.

For the three months ended Sept. 30, net earnings after deducting \$112,792 for depreciation reserve are reported as \$86,594; estimated allowance U. S. income tax, \$11,000; adjustments applicable to prior period, \$12,232; Preferred dividends, \$53,816; surplus, \$9,516.

Meadow River Lumber Co.—Bonds Called.

Ten (\$10,000) First Mtge. 6% gold bonds, due June 1 1923 (Nos. 441-450, incl.) and 20 (\$20,000) bonds (Nos. 451-470, incl.) due Dec. 1 1923, have been called for payment Dec. 1 at 100% and int. at Citizens Trust Co., Clarion, Pa.

Mexican Eagle Oil Co.—New Stock, &c.

Sutro Bros. & Co., N. Y. are informed by cable from London that the company is about to announce subscription privilege of one new share of common stock for each two shares held, the new stock being offered at par, the par being about \$5.

The firm mentioned has also issued a circular setting forth the position and earnings of the company and calling special attention to the recent acquisition of control by the group of foreign interests that controls the Royal Dutch and the Shell Transport & Trading Co.

Mill Factors Corporation.—Dividend.

A dividend of 2% has been declared on the Class "A" stock, payable Jan. 2 1920 to holders of record Dec. 20. An initial dividend of 2% was paid on the Class "A" stock in Oct. last.

Mining Corporation of Canada.—Acquires Control.

It was recently stated that this corporation has bought control of the Buffalo Mines, Ltd., whose property adjoins their own at Cobalt, Ont.

Montgomery Ward & Co.—N. Y. Charter Surrendered.

The stockholders voted Dec. 2 to dissolve the New York corporation and organize under the laws of Illinois. A certificate of dissolution was filed with the Secretary of State.

The following have been elected directors of the new company: James B. Duke, J. C. Maddison, D. R. McLennan, Charles D. Norton, S. H. Strawn, Charles H. Thorne, G. H. Thorne, J. W. Thorne, and R. J. Thorne.

Press reports state sales for November show an increase of 35.9% over the same month last year, and sales for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 show a gain of 31% over the same period in 1918.

Mullins Body Corp.—Capital Increased.

The shareholders on Nov. 22 voted to increase the Capital stock from 70,000 shares to 100,000 shares, no par value. Stockholders of record Nov. 28 have the right to subscribe to the new stock up to Dec. 9 at \$44 per share on the basis of three new shares for each seven now held.

Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Co.—Pref Stock Offer.

Estabrook & Co., N. Y. & Co., recommend for investment at 100 and div. to yield 7%, this company's 7% Cumulative Pref. (a. & d.) stock. Par \$100. Divs. Q-J. 1. Redeemable all or part on any div. date at \$110 on 30 days' notice.

The company was incorporated in 1904 in Mass. Converts paper stock into gummed papers for labels, tags, binding tapes, box stays, &c., coated papers used by printers in lithograph work and glazed papers for paper box coverings, &c., and waxed papers for wrapping countless articles of universal consumption.

National Fuel Gas Co.—Obituary.

Vice-President H. M. Tilford died on Dec. 3.—V. 108, p. 2627.

National Oil Co. of N. J.—Bond Offering.

A. B. Leach & Co., N. Y., are offering, at prices ranging from 99 1/2 and int. to 98 and int., according to maturities, \$5,000,000 First

Lien 7% Serial Gold Bonds, dated Nov. 1 1919, due \$500,000 May 1 1922, \$1,000,000 1923 and 1924 and \$2,000,000 1925.

Interest payable M. & N. in New York. Denom. \$1,000 (*). Redeemable, all or part, on any int date on 30 days' notice at 104 and int. New York Trust Co., trustee.

Data from Letter of Pres. P. J. Reilly, Dated N. Y., Oct. 24 1919.

Company.—Incorp. in 1910 in N. J. Is engaged in producing, refining and transporting crude oil and in building wooden cargo boats and ocean-going bulk oil carriers. Leaseholds owned through subsidiaries, consist of ten large tracts of oil leases situated in the Panuco, Topila and Tampico oil districts of Mexico, aggregating 36,257 acres, and of 14,007 acres of oil and gas leases in the oil fields of Texas and Northern Louisiana.

Security.—Through the pledge of all of the stock (except qualifying shares) of the subsidiary companies, the bonds will be a first lien on all of the properties of the company.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to increase the company's drilling operations, to enlarge its refining facilities, construct a tidewater terminal at Tampico, to acquire additional properties, to complete the ships now building, and for additional working capital.

Earnings.—On the basis of present earnings, net earnings for the current year will be in excess of \$1,000,000, and after completing the projected additions and betterments, net earnings for 1920 (exclusive of any income from wells now nearing completion) are estimated at about \$1,500,000, and for 1921 at about \$2,000,000, after Federal taxes.—V. 108, p. 2465.

National Conduit & Cable Co.—Quarterly Report.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1919-3 Mos., 1918, 1919-9 Mos., 1918. Rows include Net sales, Manufacturing costs, Deficit, Other income, Taxes, Total deficit.

National Surety Co., N. Y.—To Increase Capital.

The stockholders will vote Dec. 12 on increasing the capital stock from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The present plan contemplates giving stockholders the right to subscribe to the new stock to the extent of 25% of their holdings at \$150 per share.

The gross premiums for the first 10 months of 1919 aggregate \$9,580,146 and the net premiums \$6,456,499, an increase of \$1,580,255, net over the same period of last year.

The entire proposed stock issue will be underwritten without any expense to the company.—V. 109, p. 2077.

The Nevada-California Electric Corporation.—Views and Description of Properties.

The company has issued a handsome 76 page pamphlet, with 140 photogravures, descriptive of its properties, &c. The foreword says in part (compare map p. 195 "Railway & Industrial Section"):

Location and Territory Served.—The electrical companies controlled by The Nevada-California Electric Corporation are public utilities engaged in generating hydro electric power on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and in transmitting such power over the longest transmission line in the world, extending throughout southwestern Nevada and the entire eastern section of California, from the middle of the State south to the Mexican line.

The territory served embraces (1) certain of the richest mining and agricultural sections in the United States, including the mining camps of Tonopah, Divide, Goldfield, Manhattan and Randsburg (2) the great Potash and soda developments on Owens Lake and Seaford Lake (3) the cement deposits, with their mills, at Victorville and Oro Grande, and (4) the rich agricultural lands of San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial Counties in Southern California, notably in San Bernardino County, Perris and San Jacinto Valleys, where alfalfa, citrus and deciduous fruits are grown in large quantities, and Coachella Valley, where alfalfa, cotton and dates are grown.

Plants.—Due to insistent demands year by year, additional hydro electric units and generating plants were added to the system, until in the year 1919, a total installed capacity of all generating plants on our system amounts to approximately 61,000 h. p. Bishop Creek in Inyo County was first developed; the water passing consecutively through five generating plants; thus a head of 3,559 feet is utilized, and in a few years, with the completion of No. 1 power plant near the head of the stream, the entire 5,240 feet of stream drop will be completely utilized.

For the delivery of this power to consumers located in California, Nevada, Arizona and Old Mexico, it requires about 2,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines, with substations located at the main towns and points of greatest demand.

Business.—The middle of the year 1919 shows a total connected load for the entire system consisting of 11,796 customers, with 65,284 h. p. Of this, the California load of 9,602 customers, 41,511 1/2 h. p. has been added to the system since the beginning of the operations of The Southern Sierras Power Company in 1912.

In addition to the electrical operating companies controlled by The Nevada-California Electric Corporation, the company also controls and operates the Imperial Ice & Development Co., operating four ice factories and having a total storage capacity of 22,400 tons of ice.—V. 109, p. 1077.

New England Investment & Sec. Co.—Sub. Co. Bonds.

The Mass. P. S. Commission has approved an issue of \$150,000 Worcester & Webster St. Ry. First M. 20-year bonds, bearing interest not to exceed 5%.

Northern Electric Co., Ltd.—New President.—Vice-President Paul P. Sise has been elected President to succeed Edward F. Sise, resigned.—V. 99, p. 52.

Northern Ohio Electric Corporation.—Earnings.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1919, 1918, Increase. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Gross income, Fixed charges, Dividend on preferred stock.

Balance surplus \$574,217 \$371,941 \$202,276 x Fixed charges include dividends on outstanding Preferred stocks of subsidiary companies in addition to taxes and interest.—V. 109, p. 888.

Northwestern Ohio Natural Gas Co.—Gas Rates.

The company has filed a new schedule of rates with the Ohio P. U. Commission increasing the natural gas rates in Toledo and vicinity beginning Dec. 18 to 75% per 1,000 cu. ft. The present rate is 35 cents per 1,000 cu. ft., with an added service charge of 35 cents a month.

Old Dominion Co. of Maine.—Production (lbs.).—November 1919 2,261,400 1918 2,101,000 1917 2,844,000. Eleven months 1919 25,366,400 1918 29,597,500 1917 27,506,000.—V. 109, p. 1798, 1871.

Pacific Mills.—Votes Stock Issue.

The stockholders Dec. 3 voted to increase the outstanding capital stock from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. The proceeds of the \$5,000,000 new stock will provide additional working capital due to increased business.

Reports and Documents.

PARISH & BINGHAM CORPORATION

(Organized under the laws of New York)

STATEMENT TO NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE LISTING OF ITS CAPITAL STOCK

(without nominal or par value)

(Certificates transferable in Boston, Cleveland and New York)

New York, October 17 1919.

Parish & Bingham Corporation (hereinafter called the Corporation) hereby makes application to have listed on the New York Stock Exchange temporary interchangeable certificates for 150,000 shares (total authorized issue) of its capital stock without nominal or par value, which are issued and outstanding, with authority to substitute permanent engraved interchangeable certificates on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding temporary certificates. All of said stock is full paid and non-assessable and no personal liability attaches to shareholders.

The Corporation was organized under the laws of the State of New York July 31st 1919 with 150,000 shares capital stock, without nominal or par value, to acquire and did acquire the entire capital stock outstanding of the Parish & Bingham Company and through that the assets and property of every character, whether tangible or intangible, and assumed the liabilities of the Parish & Bingham Company (hereinafter called the Company), an Ohio corporation.

The duration of the charter is perpetual. Charter filed with the Secretary of State of New York July 31 1919, filed with the County Clerk, County of New York, August 1 1919. The amount of declared capital with which the Corporation began business was \$750,000.

The Corporation has no funded debt.

The 150,000 shares of the Corporation have been issued for the exchange of \$832,300 par value capital stock of the Company, being all the outstanding stock of said Company of the par value of \$100 per share, and for \$1,600,000 in cash to provide operating capital for the Corporation.

In accordance with the terms of its charter, the Corporation is engaged in the business of manufacturing, buying, selling and generally dealing in automobile frames and automobile parts and all or any other articles consisting, or partly consisting, of stamped, cast, welded or otherwise worked or converted iron, steel or any other metal or material.

The principal business of the Corporation is the manufacture of automobile frames and other parts of automobiles, including brake drums, running boards, torque arms and step hangers.

The Corporation is successor to the Company organized under the laws of Ohio December 29 1911 with authorized issue of \$1,000,000 capital stock, par value \$100, of which \$244,000 was issued to the stockholders of the original company, a West Virginia corporation, for a like par value of stock of said company. The original business was established in September 1894, incorporated under laws of West Virginia, with an authorized capital of \$50,000; increased in 1901 to \$100,000; increased in 1904 to \$250,000. The company manufactured watch cases, rings and backs, metal type for printing and general die sinking work. About 1900 started manufacturing currycombs and in 1904 started manufacture of automobile frames and bicycle staffs. By 1907 bicycle business practically dropped and automobile frames became the chief product.

The plant of the Corporation is located at West 106th Street and Madison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, on the line of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. It owns in fee simple about eighteen and one-half acres. The plant consists of ten buildings, with a total floor space of 275,000 square feet, the two main buildings each being 900 feet long by 100 feet wide and one story high. All other buildings are two stories in height. All have been built since 1913 and are all concrete and steel construction, modern in equipment and protected throughout by sprinlder system.

OUTPUT OF AUTOMOBILE FRAMES FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

1914	312,567	1917	839,058
1915	415,348	1918	418,022
1916	664,144		

The estimated production for 1919, based on production of 577,045 frames to August 31, is 930,000 frames. Estimated sales for the year, based on sales of \$5,079,373 to August 31, are figured to be about \$7,500,000.

The Corporation employs at present about 1,400 men.

The earnings of the Company for the past five years have been as follows:

	Sales.	Net Profits.
12 months to December 31 1914	\$1,189,173	\$329,814
12 months to December 31 1915	1,772,908	585,849
12 months to December 31 1916	3,541,870	1,076,146
12 months to December 31 1917	5,309,749	764,908
12 months to December 31 1918	5,678,508	469,692

Cash dividends paid from inception to July 31 1919, and amount of stock outstanding:

Year	Dividend %	Amount	Year	Dividend %	Amount
1912	65%	\$244,000	1916	30%	\$900,000
1913	90%	244,000	1917	30%	958,300
	20%	244,000		15%	847,400
1914	28%	732,000	1918	5%	851,150
	10%	800,000		15%	832,300
1915	40%	825,000	1919	25%	832,300

In addition to the above, a stock dividend of 200% was declared in 1914.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31 1918.

Net Sales	\$5,678,508 29
Cost of Sales	4,417,344 13
Manufacturing Profit	\$1,261,164 16
General, Administrative and Selling Expenses	188,583 33
Operating Profit	\$1,072,580 83
Other Income:	
Interest Earned	\$14,115 99
Gas Produced	1,805 47
Profit on Steel Sold	62,304 12
Miscellaneous	2,053 35
	80,338 93
Other Charges:	
Interest Paid	\$45,887 93
Amortization of Buildings	72,339 64
	118,227 57
Federal Income, War and Excess Profit Taxes	\$1,034,692 19
	565,000 00
Net Profit	\$469,692 19
Cash Dividends Paid	167,402 50
To Surplus	\$302,289 69

SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31 1918.

Surplus January 1 1918	\$1,013,475 20
Add: Profit for above period (less dividends paid)	302,289 69
	\$1,315,764 89
Amount paid in excess of par value of capital stock returned to Company in settlement with employees	\$12,500 00
Provision for redemption of 151 shares held by former employee	\$28,690 00
For 5% dividend on same	755 00
	\$29,445 00
Less: Balance in reserve for contingencies from year 1916 transferred to this Reserve	699 19
	\$28,745 81
	41,245 81
Net Surplus	\$1,274,519 08

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DEC. 31 1918.

ASSETS.

Permanent:	
Real Estate	\$111,390 00
Buildings	724,173 89
Machinery and Equipment	692,303 70
Office Furniture and Fixtures	16,237 67
Betterments	27,092 28
	\$1,571,107 54
Less: Allowance to reduce to Depreciate Book Value December 31 1916	87,713 37
	\$1,483,394 17
Current:	
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$78,011 55
U. S. Liberty Bonds:	
Company	\$250,000 00
Employees—Net Balance due	24,502 50
Accrued Interest	4,533 00
	279,035 50
U. S. Thrift Stamps	1,873 25
Accounts Receivable:	
Customers	\$450,559 27
Less: Allowance for Doubtful	10,000 00
	440,559 27
U. S. Government Claim—subsequently paid	119,229 40
Inventory (at cost or less):	
Raw and In Process:	
Material on Hand	\$1,225,699 32
Material in Transit	4,789 20
	1,260,488 52
Other Assets:	
Personal and Miscellaneous and Accounts Receivable	\$18,131 60
Suspended Accounts Receivable	21,662 51
Claims against Common Carriers	43 78
	39,837 89
Deferred:	
Unexpired Insurance Premiums	\$15,440 77
Prepaid Interest on Notes Payable	6,500 00
Prepaid Corporation and Personal Taxes	7,077 76
	29,018 53
	\$3,731,508 08

LIABILITIES.

Capital:	
Authorized	\$1,000,000 00
Less: Unissued	\$41,700 00
In Treasury	110,900 00
	152,600 00
	\$847,400 00
Current:	
Accounts Payable	\$247,718 96
Notes Payable	700,000 00
Unpaid Pay-roll	51,247 62
Customers' Credit Balances	12,032 40
Local Taxes	4,145 02
	1,015,144 00
Reserves:	
Provision for estimated Federal Taxes and Reserve for Contingencies	\$565,000 00
Provision for redemption of stock in excess of par value together with accumulated 5% dividend in connection with redemption of 151 shares of employees' stock	29,445 00
	594,445 00
Surplus	1,274,519 08
	\$3,731,508 08

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR SEVEN MONTHS ENDING JULY 31 1919.

Sales	.....	\$4,277,073 73
Cost of Sales	.....	3,537,373 95
Manufacturing Profit	.....	\$739,699 78
Administrative, Selling and General Expenses	.....	85,865 07
Operating Profit	.....	\$653,834 71
Other Income:		
Profit on Steel Sold	.....	\$913 93
Interest Earned	.....	8,675 23
Miscellaneous	.....	1,023 55
		10,612 71
Other Charges:		
Bad Accounts Charged Off	.....	\$184 23
Interest Paid	.....	25,007 30
Amortization	.....	16,475 14
Loss on U. S. Liberty Bonds Sold	.....	17,859 50
		59,526 17
Provision for estimated Federal Taxes	.....	\$604,921 25
		200,000 00
Net Profit	.....	\$404,921 25
Cash dividends paid	.....	208,075 00
To Surplus	.....	\$196,846 25

SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDING JULY 31 1919.

Surplus as of December 31 1918	.....	\$1,274,519 08
Net Profit for above period (less dividends paid)	.....	196,846 25
		\$1,471,365 33
Less: Provision of Reserves for special contingencies	.....	\$100,000 00
Less: Transfer to this Reserve of Reserve previously carried on books to reduce the appraised sound value of permanent assets at December 31 1916 to the appreciated book value at that date	.....	87,713 37
		12,286 63
Net Surplus	.....	\$1,459,078 70

BALANCE SHEET AS OF JULY 31 1919.

ASSETS.

Permanent:		
Land	.....	\$111,390 00
Building	.....	719,056 22
Machinery and Equipment	.....	771,560 84
Office Furniture and Fixtures	.....	17,052 26
Automobiles	.....	10,492 67
Betterments in Progress	.....	20,921 82
		\$1,650,473 81
Tracings	.....	5,000 00
		\$1,655,473 81
Current:		
Cash on Hand	.....	\$3,683 13
On Deposit	.....	143,250 26
		\$146,933 39
U. S. Government Securities:		
Liberty Bonds, 4th 4½s	.....	\$17,150 00
Thrill Stamps	.....	32 83
		17,182 83
Accounts Receivable:		
Customers	.....	\$523,974 43
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	.....	10,000 00
		513,974 43
Inventory (at cost or less):		
Raw Material:		
On Hand	.....	\$480,529 77
In Transit	.....	41,836 35
		\$522,366 12
Work in Process	.....	797,005 52
Factory Supplies	.....	88,811 62
		1,408,183 26
Other Assets:		
Personal and Miscellaneous Accounts	.....	\$18,023 53
Miscellaneous Notes Receivable	.....	13,456 50
		\$31,480 03
Suspended Accounts Receivable	.....	20,587 86
		52,067 89
Deferred:		
Unexpired Insurance Premiums	.....	\$19,464 45
Prepaid Interest on Notes Payable	.....	2,230 19
City Water Deposit	.....	1,162 00
Prepaid Capital Stock Tax (1920)	.....	2,783 92
Prepaid Expenses	.....	17,540 09
		43,180 65
		\$3,836,996 26

LIABILITIES.

Capital:		
Authorized	.....	\$1,000,000 00
Less: Unissued or in Treasury	.....	167,700 00
		\$832,300 00
Current:		
*Notes Payable for Money Borrowed from Banks	.....	\$425,000 00
Accounts Payable for Purchases and Expenses	.....	\$391,470 35
Unpaid Pay-roll	.....	95,331 80
Customers' Credit Balances	.....	14,746 47
Employees' Payments on Liberty Bonds	.....	18,321 00
		519,869 62
Accrued:		
Taxes—Real and Personal	.....	\$12,476 04
Taxes—Corporation	.....	359 37
Taxes—Capital Stock (1919)	.....	1,494 50
Water	.....	488 79
		14,818 70
Reserves:		
Provision for unpaid balance Federal Taxes 1918 and Reserve for Contingencies	.....	\$285,929 24
Provision for estimated Federal Taxes 1919	.....	200,000 00
		\$485,929 24
Reserve for Special Contingencies	.....	100,000 00
		585,929 24
Surplus	.....	1,459,078 70
		\$3,836,996 26

*Since paid by New Company.

INITIAL BALANCE SHEET (NEW CORPORATION).
As of August 7 1919, after giving effect to the acquisition by it of all of the Assets and the Assumption of all of the Liabilities of the old Company as of the close of business July 31 1919.

ASSETS.

Permanent:		
Land	.....	\$111,390 00
Buildings	.....	\$719,056 22
Machinery and Equipment	.....	771,560 84
Office Furniture and Fixtures	.....	17,052 26
Automobiles	.....	10,492 67
Patterns in progress	.....	20,921 82
		1,539,083 81
Tracings	.....	5,000 00
		\$1,655,473 81
Current:		
Cash: On Hand and on Deposit	.....	\$1,746,933 39
U. S. Government Securities:		
Liberty Bonds, Fourth 4½s	.....	\$17,150 00
Thrill Stamps	.....	32 83
		17,182 83
Accounts Receivable: Customers	.....	\$523,974 43
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts and discounts	.....	10,000 00
		513,974 43
Inventory (at cost or less):		
Raw Material		
on Hand	.....	\$480,529 77
In Transit	.....	41,836 35
		\$522,366 12
Work in Process	.....	797,005 52
Factory Supplies	.....	88,811 62
		1,408,183 26
Other Assets:		
Personal and Miscellaneous Accounts	.....	\$10,023 53
Miscellaneous Notes Receivable	.....	13,456 50
		\$23,480 03
Suspended Accounts Receivable	.....	20,587 86
		44,067 89
Deferred:		
Organization Expense—Unamortized	.....	\$57,589 84
Unexpired Insurance Premiums	.....	19,464 45
Prepaid Interest on Notes Payable	.....	2,230 19
City Water Deposit	.....	1,162 00
Prepaid Expenses	.....	20,324 01
		100,770 49
		\$5,486,586 10

LIABILITIES.

Capital:		
Declared in accordance with the Stock Corporation Laws of the State of New York:		
Represented by: An authorized and outstanding issue of 150,000 shares	.....	\$750,000 00
Current:		
*Notes Payable: For Money Borrowed—		
From Banks	.....	\$425,000 00
Accounts Payable:		
For Unpaid Purchases and Expenses	.....	\$408,560 19
Unpaid Pay-roll	.....	95,331 80
Customers' Credit Balances	.....	14,746 47
Employees' Payments on Liberty Bonds	.....	18,321 00
		536,959 46
Accrued:		
Taxes—Real and Personal	.....	\$12,476 04
Taxes—Corporation	.....	359 37
Taxes—Capital Stock (1919)	.....	1,494 50
Water	.....	488 79
		14,818 70
Reserves:		
Provisions for unpaid balance Federal Taxes 1918 and Reserve for Contingencies	.....	\$285,929 24
Provision for estimated Federal Taxes 1919	.....	200,000 00
		\$485,929 24
Reserve for Special Contingencies	.....	100,000 00
		585,929 24
Surplus	.....	3,173,878 70
		\$5,486,586 10

*Since paid.
Note.—The average rates of depreciation for the Corporation will be approximately the same as used by the Company, that is: Buildings 2%, Machinery 6 2-3%, Motors 10%, Automobiles 33 1-3%. Separate accounts for maintenance and repairs are kept and charged against the operating results of each year.

The fiscal year of the Corporation ends December 31. The annual meeting is held at the principal office of the Corporation, 27 Cedar Street, in the City of New York, State of New York, on the third Tuesday in March.

The directors elected annually are: S. J. Wainwright Jr., James Scott, James N. Cooke, Pittsburgh, Pa.; James A. Fayne, New York; Nathan A. Middleton, Boston, Mass.; James F. McLaughlin, North Redgerville, Ohio; Agnes D. Morse, Cleveland, Ohio.

The officers are: S. J. Wainwright Jr., Chairman of the Board; James Scott, President; Agnes D. Morse, Vice-President and Treasurer; James N. Cooke, Vice-President; H. C. Royal, Secretary.

Certificates of stock are interchangeable between New York, Boston and Cleveland.

Transfer Agents: The Guaranty Trust Company in New York; International Trust Company in Boston; The Citizens Savings & Trust Company in Cleveland.

Registrars: Central Union Trust Company in New York, the First National Bank of Boston, the First Trust & Savings Company of Cleveland.

PARISH & BINGHAM CORPORATION,
By AGNES D. MORSE, *Vice-President and Treasurer.*

This Committee recommends that the above described temporary interchangeable certificates for 150,000 shares of Capital Stock, without nominal or par value, be admitted to the list, with authority to substitute permanent engraved interchangeable certificates on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding temporary interchangeable certificates in accordance with the terms of this application.

Adopted by the Governing Committee Nov. 25 1919.

E. V. D. COX, Secretary. WM. W. HEATON, Chairman.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Dec. 5 1919.

Buying is still very brisk, despite the bituminous coal strike, which is being illegally continued in defiance of the Court. There is a sharp demand for goods, but naturally the supply dwindles with production hampered by a coal scarcity. The industrial situation is of course far from being satisfactory. In Eastern and the Central Western States many plants have had to close. The pinch of the coal scarcity is felt even in New York. There will be less coal used. Street cars and subway trains will not be heated. There are reports from Washington that the strike is losing ground. None the less the fact must be recognized that coal is scarce over a vast territory of this country and that manufacturers feel it. To make matters worse for the people the weather has been down to zero with heavy snows in such States as Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas, and the people are suffering from cold. Retail and jobbing trade has suffered in some sections from a reduction in the trading hours due to the coal scarcity. West of the Alleghenies the pinch is particularly felt. Steel mills, furnaces, factories and industrial plants of all sorts have in many cases had to close down. Non-essential industries are being frozen out for the time being. Naturally prices have been rising. Grain has risen from a fear that a shortage of coal on the railroads may interfere with the marketing of the crop. Food in general is higher. Prices of eggs are up sharply. Fancy beef cattle are higher at Chicago. Cotton goods are rising. There is a sharp advance in raw silk. Luxuries are naturally advancing in price. They include watches and silk goods.

On the other hand, the industries in the big section lying between the Alleghenies and the Atlantic coast are less affected by the soft coal scarcity, whatever may happen should this scarcity continue for any length of time, and supplies of anthracite be doled out with strict economy. And, as already intimated, buyers are keen to lay in additional supplies of goods. Premiums for prompt delivery are rising. The export trade, however, has naturally suffered from new low rates of exchange. Taking the situation as a whole, it is quite the reverse of unfavorable, aside from the one question of fuel. To all appearance, given plenty of fuel, the industries of this country would move ahead with big strides under the impulse of an extraordinary demand. A Washington dispatch quotes C. B. Ames, Assistant Attorney-General, as saying that the coal strike is breaking. He adds that the coal miners are gradually returning to their work. There are now about 50% of the miners at work, according to Judge Ames. This means that approximately 250,000 men are producing coal, and unless there is a change, officials believe that coal production figures will increase from now on. Attorney-General Palmer urges the American people to stand firm in the contest with the coal miners who refuse a raise in wages of 14%. He says that otherwise coal prices will be high for three years to come. Certainly it seems time to put some check on the rapacity of labor and to pay more heed to the general welfare.

It is estimated 8,000 plants, employing 300,000 workers in the Chicago district, and over 1,000,000 workers in the Northwest, may have to shut down for lack of coal. T. W. Proctor, regional coal director for the Northwest, says there are only 8,000 cars of coal available for 30,000,000 people and confiscation of supplies in schools and private stocks is non-essential classes may be necessary. Schools have been closed in Springfield, Ill., Cheyenne, Wyo., and other cities. Business hours in retail stores, except drug stores in the Southwest have been limited in some cases to half a day. Chicago has limited working hours, curtailing local and suburban transportation service, shut off display signs and has taken other drastic steps to save coal. The coal reserves of the Chicago gas and electric companies are sufficient for three to four weeks. The shortage of coal at the pumping station threatens the city with water famine.

Bunkering of all foreign ships in American ports is to be stopped at midnight to-night. This will hurt export trade. Passenger train service on railroads is to be curtailed, to conserve coal. Other restrictive measures are to be put into effect as rapidly as necessary to save the people from suffering. An order has been issued by the Fuel Administration for a stoppage of all non-essential uses of heat, light and power. Cotton for December delivery for various reasons sold on the 3rd instant at 40 cents per pound, the highest on record under the future delivery system. And memberships on the New York Cotton Exchange have risen to the high record price of \$26,000.

The secret of ruling high prices for everything is, of course, lessened production through shortened hours of labor, lessened efficiency of labor and sharp competition in buying to replenish a world depletion of supplies brought about by the war. Raising wages does no good; it sharpens the demand without increasing the supply. What is needed more than anything else is increased production through longer hours of labor and more efficient workmanship. Anything else only sets up the well-known vicious circle. Nothing but increased work will increase production and relieve society of its present perplexities and downright suffering in which labor inevitably shares through its own shortsighted folly.

The textile unions of Fall River and New Bedford voted to accept a 12½% wage increase instead of 25% demanded. The operatives at Fall River returned to work on the 2d inst. after a one-day strike. As an instance of the exorbitant wages paid labor in this city, the Building Trades Employers' Association and the New York Building Trade Council have signed a wage agreement for 1920 which provides for pay of eight hours ranging generally from \$6 to \$8 per day, the extremes being \$4.50 for mere electrical workers' helpers up to \$16 a day for hoisting engineers. These remarkable terms had to be agreed to by employers in order to secure uninterrupted production in 1920 and start up building long delayed. But building would be much more active than it is but for high costs of material and labor.

The proprietor of a large hotel at Chicago has made a sweeping reduction in prices for rooms and food as a "movement back toward reasonable profits." He adds "everybody knows that this is a day of extortion." "Get it while the getting is good seems to be everybody's motto. The hotels are the barometer of business. If the hotels start cutting prices other businesses will follow." The hotel prices in New York for rooms and food are certainly, in many cases, extraordinarily high.

STOCKS OF MERCHANDISE IN NEW YORK.

	Dec. 1 1919.	Nov. 1 1919.	Dec. 1 1918.
Coffee, Brazil.....	bags, 711,936	641,206	702,749
Coffee, Java.....	bags, 7,868	7,126	13,624
Coffee, other.....	bags, 364,639	345,589	374,925
Sugar.....	tons, 16,495	58,789	18,074
Hides.....	No. Not published during war		
Cotton.....	bales, 26,796	45,398	64,831
Flour.....	barrels, 5,800	6,800	16,200

LARD lower; prime Western, 24.35@24.45c.; refined to the Continent, 28c.; South America, 28.25c.; Brazil, in kegs, 29.25c. Futures have been irregular generally within narrow limits, rising only to react. It is noticeable, however, that the firmness of corn and hogs has had less effect than might have been expected. But foreign exchange has fallen to new low records. Packers have been selling. Exports last week were 6,326,000 lbs. The monthly stock statement was bullish. On Dec. 1, the supply of all kinds at Chicago was 19,667,400 lbs., against 27,292,072 lbs. on Nov. 1, and 39,724,282 on Dec. 1 last year. But while all this is bullish the fact remains that the cash demand has been slow. On all the bulges houses with stockyard connections have been sellers at Chicago. To-day prices declined and they end lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery.....	cts. 23.70	23.60	23.87	23.60	23.55	23.52

PORK steady; mess, \$47.50 nominal; family, \$52@53; short clear, \$44@51 January pork closed at \$35.15, a rise for the week. Beef unchanged; mess, \$22@23; packet, \$25@26; extra India mess, \$49@50; No. 1 canned roast beef, \$3.50; No. 2, \$7.25. Cut meats firmer; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 23½@24½c.; pickled bellies, 27@28c. Butter, creamery extras, 74@74½c.; other grades, 53@73½c. Cheese, flats, 25@33c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 90@92c.; first to extra first, 84@89c.

COFFEE.—On the spot has been quiet but firm; No. 7 Rio, 15½c.; No. 4 Santos, 25@26c.; fair to good Cucuta, 25½@26c. Futures have advanced. Consumption in this country is said to be increasing rapidly. And there are those who look for increased shipments from Brazil to Great Britain which, it appears, has just removed the embargo on coffee exports. Houses with Brazilian connections have been buying here. Both Rio and Santos quotations advanced, and New York has shown a readiness to respond to such a lead. Europe has bought to some extent. The Brazilian stock at New York on Dec. 1 was 711,936 bags against 702,749 last year; total in sight, 1,592,407 bags for the United States against 1,550,339 on Nov. 29 and 1,015,648 on Dec. 1 last year. How the coal scarcity at the West is going to affect business remains to be seen. It may not be very prolonged. To-day prices advanced 23 to 33 points and end higher for the week.

Dec.....	cts. 14.75@14.80	March.....	cts. 15.18@15.20	Sept.....	cts. 15.18@15.20
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		July..... <td>15.38@15.40</td> <td></td> <td></td>	15.38@15.40		

SUGAR still 7.28c. for centrifugal, 96 degrees test, Cuba and Porto Rico. Offerings of new crop raw sugar have been small. The first receipts of the new crop at Cuban ports were reported on the 2d inst. They were only about 3,200 tons, but they were the earliest arrivals on record. Eight mills are grinding against two a year ago. The number will increase rapidly. The weather in Cuba has been good for the growing crops. No sugar, however, is offered for December arrival. What is wanted is sugar that can be utilized in time for the Christmas trade. It is said that consumers are bidding all sorts of prices in Cuba, so great is the anxiety to obtain supplies. It appears that 8½ cents has been bid for the first half of February and 9¼ cents paid for the second half January, all f.o.b., Cuba. Second half of December loading 10½ cents. The War Trade Board now allows Cuban sugar to be imported on individual import license. Attorney-General Palmer has announced that Governmental control of distribution and sale of sugar will end on Dec. 31.

OILS—Linseed in good demand and higher. For forward to April delivery \$1.87 is quoted, and April-September \$1.62. Some crushers quote \$1.77 for ear lots. There has been an unusual demand in the paint trade for paints and oils due to the large amount of building throughout the

country. Lard, strained winter, steady at \$1.80; extra \$1.70. Cocoanut oil, Ceylon bbls. unchanged at 18@18 1/2c.; Cochin 19c. Olive \$2.50. Corn oil refined steady at 22c. Cod-Newfoundland \$1.12@1.14. Spirits of turpentine \$1.64. Common to good strained rosin \$1.70.

PETROLEUM active and firm; refined in barrels 19.75@20.75c.; bulk, New York, 12@13c.; cases, New York, 23.75@24.75c. Gasoline in good demand and steady; motor gasoline in steel barrels, 24 1/2c.; consumers, 26 1/2c.; gas machine, 41 1/2c. Oil drillers completed 2,509 new wells in the principal American fields during the month of November with an initial production of 449,083 barrels. The new production makes a new high record, according to the "Oil City Derrick," the previous record having been 448,006 barrels produced from new wells in September. The largest gain in new production was 94,790 barrels in the North Louisiana district. The Gulf Coast fields showed new production of 8,956 barrels. North Central Texas fell off 44,646 in initial production. In November last year 2,036 new wells were completed, or 473 less than last month. Rigs and wells being drilled in all the fields at the close of November 1919 numbered 9,649, an increase of 532 over October and a new high record for operations. The largest increase in activity was reported in the north central district of Texas.

Table listing prices for various petroleum products and regions like Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio, etc.

RUBBER has been firmer on plantation grades in response to strong Liverpool advices. But trade has been quiet. Para has been dull and fine weaker; up river fine 48c.; some sales reported lately at 48 1/2c. The lower grades of Para have been scarce, however, and comparatively steady; up river coarse 35c.; Caucho ball upper 35c. Smoked ribbed sheets 53 1/2c. on the spot and for forward delivery; later 51 1/2 @ 52c. spot and January to June arrival; Central dull; Guayule wet, 25@27c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS were firm early, but later became easier with business less active. The coal scarcity, however, is becoming serious. To-night at midnight, in fact, the bunkering of foreign ships at American ports is to be stopped. In the West coal scarcity is becoming acute. It hurts trade. Coal and grain at one time were shipped freely. It is regrettable that trade is now to be curtailed by the matter of coal. Later rates declined owing to the coal trouble and increased supply of tonnage, falling off in the demand and new low rates of exchange. Cotton to United Kingdom ports fell to 1.25 per 100 lbs., grain to 55c. Charters included coal from Atlantic range to Dakar at 90s. Dec.-Jan.; lumber from British-Columbia to Sydney, \$37.50; lumber from Columbia River to Alexandria, \$70; lumber from a Gulf port to Buenos Aires, \$47.50, option of Montevideo, \$48, Dec.-Jan.; lumber from a Gulf port to Montevideo or Buenos Aires, \$45, Dec.; lumber from a Gulf port to Spain, \$60; lumber from a Gulf port to Jamaica, \$23.50; lumber, two trips from a Gulf port to north side of Cuba, \$18; lumber from a Gulf port to north side of Cuba, \$18; option Cienfuegos, \$20; grain from St. John, N. B., or Halifax, N. S., to the United Kingdom, 28,000 quarters, 10s.; option flour 57s. 6d. per ton; option of Portland, Me., loading 9s. 3d., and 53s. 9d., respectively, prompt; timber from a Gulf port to Spain, \$50; lumber from Jacksonville to north side of Cuba, \$18.

TOBACCO has been in brisk demand and prices have been firm. The business is especially active in both domestic and in cigar leaf tobaccos and the feeling in the trade is generally cheerful after emerging from the tunnel, so to speak, of prolonged labor troubles into broad daylight. Factories are busy and the consumption is believed to be all the greater for the prohibition laws. Tobacco is at a high record price in Great Britain and is going higher according to cable advices, which add that heavy smokers of best quality tobacco pay \$5 a week for the luxury. The scarcity is increased by the growing number of women smokers, whose demands have more than doubled the price of cigarettes. This seems to be a sign of the times on both sides of the water.

COPPER has been fairly active but lower; at 18 1/4 @ 18 1/2c. for electrolytic. There has been some improvement in the domestic demand. Lead in small demand and easier at 6.77 1/2 @ 6.90c. spot New York and 6.57 1/2c. for St. Louis. Tin in fair demand and steady at 53 1/4 @ 54c.

PIG IRON.—Advanced \$2 to \$3 owing to coal scarcity and apprehensions of a decreased output of blast furnaces. It is feared that the outlook is rather serious unless the coal situation brightens. Southern iron has been selling at \$35 per ton for 1920. Consumers are in a hurry to buy. Supplies on the spot are small. The whole situation now and for the future hinges largely on the question of coal. As it is, there is sharp competition among buyers for the inadequate existing supplies. The pig iron production in November was 2,392,350 tons or 79,745 tons per day, against 1,863,558 tons in October or 65,115 tons per day. Unless coal can be had the Dec. output threatens to fall much below that of November.

STEEL is affected by the coal scarcity. The Bethlehem Steel Co. has banked 4 blast furnaces, the Illinois Steel Co. 5 and blown out 3. Bar iron and re-rolling mills in the Chi-

cago district and two iron mills at Cleveland have stopped. These are not all the cases of stoppage. Everything depends upon coal. The outlook causes great uneasiness. Still the majority of the plants, it is stated, are well enough supplied for the time being. After all, not very many plants are badly pinched just now. But what about the future? Meanwhile consumers show an anxiety to supply themselves with at least a portion of their wants for 1920. At Pittsburgh there has been a good deal of buying of sheets and iron bars, at much higher prices. Common iron bars have been quoted there at 3.25c.; soft steel bars, 2.60@3c. With the prospects for the coal supply so dubious not a few steel companies are offering very sparingly, if at all. The western Pennsylvania steel district reports operations at 100% capacity. The Cambria steel works at Johnstown and Lackawanna plants at Buffalo are increasing production as fast as possible. The coal situation, however, is now a disturbing factor.

COTTON

Friday Night, Dec. 5 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 256,804 bales, against 269,805 bales last week and 295,147 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1919 2,937,450 bales, against 2,210,400 bales for the same period of 1918, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1919 of 256,804 bales.

Table showing weekly cotton receipts for Galveston, Texas City, Port Arthur, etc., from Saturday to Friday, with a Total column.

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1919 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Table comparing weekly cotton receipts and stocks for 1919 and 1918, including a 'Stock' column for 1919 and 1918.

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

Table showing totals at leading ports for six seasons (1910-1914), with columns for Receipts at, 1910, 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915, and 1914.

Total this wk. 256,804 150,747 194,741 242,504 265,737 370,458

Since Aug. 1, 2,937,450 2,210,400 3,021,100 4,126,678 3,402,627 3,391,817

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.

Table titled 'On Shipboard, Not Cleared for' showing amounts for Dec. 5 at various ports like Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, etc., categorized by country/region and leaving stock.

* Estimated.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 160,673 bales, of which 40,528 were to Great Britain, 39,416 to France and 80,729 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1919 are as follows:

Table showing exports from various ports (Galveston, Texas City, Houston, etc.) categorized by destination (Great Britain, France, Other) and total, covering the week ending Dec. 5, 1919, and from Aug. 1, 1919, to Dec. 5, 1919.

* Figures adjusted to make comparison with this season approximately correct.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been fairly active at quite irregular prices. But, on the whole, the drift was upward. For spot markets have been firm, stocks have advanced and Liverpool, Japanese and American trade interests have been good buyers. Of late, too, the Liverpool spot sales which recently had fallen off sharply, have at times increased. The Fall River strike was settled by an advance in wages of 12 1/2%.

December on the 3rd instant touched 40 cents, the highest price on record. Only very few December notices have thus far been issued. The supply of certificated cotton here is only 9,562 bales. The coal output in some parts of the country is increasing. Many labor leaders have been arrested and are held in heavy bail, for contempt of court in connection with continued labor troubles in the soft coal districts.

On the other hand, however, there can be no ignoring the fact that there have been some distinct drawbacks. The coal situation for instance. It is now stated that the Southern mills will have to run on a 48-hour week. They have not been used to that. But the Regional Coal Committee says it must be done. That ends the matter. It is feared that mills in some other parts of the country may be affected if soft coal continues scarce.

Also there has been some talk about President Wilson's health. Despite optimistic reports given out by the physicians at Washington disturbing rumors have been in circulation.

Exports will be hit rather hard, it is believed, by the order which goes into effect at midnight to-night, laying an embargo on bunker coal for foreign steamers at American ports. And Secretary of the Treasury Glass is known to be adverse to Governmental measures looking to the supplying of credits to Europe for the purpose of facilitating purchases of commodities in America.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table showing official quotation for Middling uplands on Nov. 29 to Dec. 5, with prices for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS. Table showing historical price data for various years from 1919 back to 1912, categorized by year and price.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK. The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table showing market status (Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed) and daily sales (Spot, Cont'l, Total) from Saturday to Friday.

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

Table showing futures price ranges (High, Low, Close) for various months from December to October, covering the period from Nov. 29 to Dec. 5, 1919.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing New Orleans contract market closing quotations for various months from December to October, covering the period from Nov. 29 to Dec. 5, 1919.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Table showing cotton supply data by location (Liverpool, Manchester, Hamburg, etc.) and by type (American, East Indian, etc.) for Dec 5 and Dec 6, 1919.

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:

Table showing overland movement statistics for Dec 5, comparing 1919 and 1918 data for shipped and deducted amounts.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 41,117 bales, against 48,771 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 155,184 bales.

Table titled 'In Sight and Spinners' Takings' showing receipts at ports to Dec 5 and Southern consumption to Dec 5 for 1919 and 1918.

North spinners' takings to Dec 5 109,840 999,838 84,301 863,295
*Decrease during week. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Table titled 'Movement into sight in previous years:' showing weekly movement from Dec 7, 1917 to Dec 10, 1915.

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:

Table showing closing quotations for middling cotton on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at various locations like Galveston, New Orleans, etc.

* Estimated. Continental imports for past week have been 31,000 bales. The above figures for 1919 show an increase over last week of 189,886 bales, a gain of 1,201,297 bales over 1918, an excess of 1,261,764 bales over 1917 and a gain of 8,852 bales over 1916.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Table showing movement to Dec 5 1919 and Dec 6 1918 for various towns, including receipts, shipments, and stock Dec 6.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have increased during the week 51,955 bales and are to-night 5,286 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 97,317 bales more than the same week last year.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Our advices from the South this evening by telegraph denote that the rainfall has been moderate to light as a rule during the week. Picking is about completed in some portions of Texas.

Galveston, Tex.—Damp and cloudy weather with moderate showers prevailed a number of days of the week. Picking continued and in some localities is about completed. Open cotton in fields has been damaged by exposure to wet weather. We have had rain on three days during the week to the extent of eighty hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 62, ranging from 48 to 76.
Arlene, Tex.—There has been rain on five days during the week, the rainfall being seventeen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 22 to 68, averaging 45.
Brownsville, Tex.—We have had light rain on three days during the week, the precipitation reaching twenty-four hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 64, highest 86, lowest 42.
Dallas, Tex.—There has been rain on three days during the week, the rainfall being one inch and twenty-nine hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 28 to 64, averaging 46.
Palestine, Tex.—We have had rain on four days of the past week, the rainfall being fifty-two hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 49, ranging from 34 to 64.
San Antonio, Tex.—There has been rain on five days during the week, to the extent of one inch. The thermometer has ranged from 36 to 66, averaging 51.
New Orleans, La.—The week's rainfall has been twenty-four hundredths of an inch on one day. Average thermometer 61.
Shreveport, La.—We have had rain on two days the past week, the rainfall being one inch and sixty hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 39 to 66.
Vicksburg, Miss.—There has been no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 52, ranging from 37 to 72.
Mobile, Ala.—We have had rain on one day the past week, the rainfall being thirty-seven hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 45 to 79, averaging 59.
Selma, Ala.—Rain on one day of the week. The rainfall has been fifty hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 50, highest 73, lowest 30.

Savannah, Ga.—There has been rain on one day during the week to the extent of nineteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 42 to 76, averaging 58.

Charleston, S. C.—We have had rain on one day of the past week, the rainfall being eleven hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 62, ranging from 45 to 78.

Charlotte, N. C.—We have had rain on two days of the past week, the rainfall being fourteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 46, ranging from 31 to 60.

MEMPHIS COTTON EXCHANGE CROP ESTIMATE.—The estimate of the members of the Memphis Cotton Exchange as to the actual growth of cotton crop of 1919-20, linters not included: General average of 125 estimates, 10,556,724; highest estimate, 11,887,000; lowest estimate, 9,750,000; nearest estimate to general average, 10,570,245

EXPORTS OF COTTON GOODS FROM GREAT BRITAIN.—Below we give the exports of cotton yarn, goods, &c., from Great Britain for the month of October and since Aug. 1 in 1919 and 1918, as compiled by us from the British Board of Trade returns. It will be noticed that we have reduced the movement all to pounds.

000's omitted.	Yarn & Thread.		Cloth.				Total of All.	
	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
	lbs.	lbs.	yards.	yards.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
August	17,568	9,065	331,182	267,620	61,903	50,022	79,471	59,687
Sept.	14,741	5,176	277,793	247,790	51,924	48,316	66,065	54,492
October	16,130	3,717	393,346	229,110	73,504	42,264	89,643	50,951
Total	47,839	26,558	1,022,221	741,520	187,331	138,602	235,179	165,160
Stockings and socks							478	363
Sundry articles							15,794	13,930
Total exports of cotton manufactures							251,451	179,453

The foregoing shows that there was exported from the United Kingdom during the three months 251,451,000 pounds of manufactured cotton, against 179,453,000 pounds last year, an increase of 71,998,000 pounds.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1919.		1918.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Nov. 28	5,374,323		4,328,636	
Visible supply Aug. 1		4,792,018		3,027,450
American in sight to Dec. 5	422,876	5,131,636	260,795	4,910,387
Bombay receipts to Dec. 4	640,000	418,000	50,000	406,000
Other India shipments to Dec. 4	61,000	15,000		12,000
Alexandria receipts to Dec. 3	640,000	391,000	31,000	331,000
Other supply to Dec. 3	63,000	73,000	2,000	61,000
Total supply	5,881,199	10,820,654	4,672,431	8,747,837
Deduct				
Visible supply Dec. 5	5,564,209	5,564,209	4,362,912	4,362,912
Total takings to Dec. 5	316,990	5,256,445	309,519	4,384,925
Of which American	239,990	3,917,445	245,519	3,611,925
Of which other	77,000	1,339,000	64,000	773,000

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills 1,249,000 bales in 1919 and 1,439,000 bales in 1918—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners 4,027,445 bales in 1919 and 2,915,925 bales in 1918, of which 2,888,445 bales and 2,142,925 bales American. b Estimated.

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay for the week ending Nov. 13 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

November 13, Receipts at—	1919.		1918.		1917.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	43,000	316,000	15,000	289,000	12,000	213,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1919	19,000	8,000	27,000		15,000	106,000	381,000	502,000
1918	8,000		8,000		54,000	53,000	107,000	
1917	11,000	8,000	35,000	54,000	8,200	14,900	480,000	576,000
Other India								
1919					6,250	5,950		12,200
1918								
1917								
Total all—								
1919	19,000	8,000	27,000		21,250	111,950	381,000	514,200
1918	8,000		8,000			54,000	53,000	107,000
1917	11,000	8,000	35,000	54,000	82,000	14,000	480,000	576,000

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS OF COTTON.—The following are the receipts and shipments for the week ending Nov. 12 and for the corresponding week of the two previous years:

Alexandria, Egypt, Nov. 12.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	300,000	306,554	277,251
Since Aug. 1	2,063,854	1,748,598	1,975,862

Export (bales)—	1919.		1918.		1917.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	11,500	120,813		56,762	19,205	57,870
To Manchester, &c.	13,000	51,868	4,834	33,404	5,036	20,738
To Continent and India	3,750	32,260		29,529	2,630	31,824
To America	13,750	48,854		11,792		
Total exports	42,000	253,795	4,834	131,477	26,871	110,432

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs.

EGYPTIAN COTTON CROP.—The Alexandria Cotton Co., Ltd., have the following by mail from Alexandria under date of Nov. 8:

Since our last report, local labor difficulties have been settled, at least temporarily, and the markets have reopened. There is now very little to say about the crop, picking being almost completed; nearly all ginning factories are overflowing with cotton and are working day and night. Transport facilities are almost normal.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that demand is good but retarded delivery is restricting the turnover. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1919.				1918.			
	32's Cop	32's Cop	32's Cop	32's Cop	32's Cop	32's Cop	32's Cop	32's Cop
Oct. 10	41½	@ 45¼	27 1½ @ 32 0	20.74 55	@ 57	30 0 @ 38 6		22.02
17	42½	@ 46	27 3 @ 32 3	22.17 54½	@ 56	30 0 @ 38 6		22.10
24	45	@ 49¼	27 9 @ 32 9	22.88 54	@ 55½	30 0 @ 38 6		21.83
31	45	@ 50	27 10 @ 32 10½	24.25 52	@ 55½	29 3 @ 37 9		21.26
Nov. 7	46	@ 52	30 0 @ 34 6	25.50 51½	@ 54	29 3 @ 37 9		21.34
14	48½	@ 52	30 6 @ 35 0	24.93 50	@ 53	29 9 @ 37 3		19.96
21	47½	@ 54½	30 6 @ 35 6	23.75 48	@ 50	28 3 @ 36 9		20.60
28	48½	@ 55½	30 6 @ 35 6	24.58 43	@ 46	27 0 @ 36 0		20.50
Dec. 5	49½	@ 57	31 0 @ 36 0	25.47 41	@ 44	25 9 @ 34 6		20.16

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

				Bales.
NEW YORK—To Manchester—Dec. 2—Bovic, 46 Porto Rican				46
To Havre—Dec. 2—Lieut. Jean Laurent, 1,200				Dec. 3—Si-
beria Prince, 3,709				4,909
To Hamburg—Nov. 27—Monasses, 227				Dec. 4—Talisman, 200
To Genoa—Dec. 3—West Grama, 709				700
To Piraeus—Nov. 27—River Orontes, 350				350
To Japan—Nov. 27—Gothic Prince, 771				771
GALVESTON—To Japan—Dec. 1—Kinkasan Maru, 5,000				5,000
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Dec. 4—Gladiator, 12,850				12,850
To Belfast—Nov. 28—Rathla Head, 1,547				1,547
To Dunkirk—Nov. 28—Kermanshah, 4,000				4,000
To Copenhagen—Dec. 1—Federal Bridge, 194				194
To Bremen—Nov. 28—Saccarappa, 26,707				26,707
To Rotterdam—Dec. 1—Poeldijk, 2,786				2,786
To Antwerp—Dec. 3—Vittorio Emmanuole III., 5,263				5,263
To Genoa—Nov. 28—Montello, 5,000				Dec. 5—Nyanza, 13,205
MOBILE—To Liverpool—Nov. 28—Eastern Cross, 8,511				8,511
To Havre—Dec. 2—West Crossy, 14,085				14,085
JACKSONVILLE—To Liverpool—Dec. 4—Cohasset, 924				924
SAVANNAH—To Havre—Nov. 29—Afoi, 16,422				16,422
To Japan—Nov. 28—Kaisho Maru, 1,498				Dec. 2—Coyton Maru, 10,000
CHARLESTON—To Liverpool—Nov. 29—Lehigh, 16,650				16,650
WILMINGTON—To Continent—Nov. 28				3,060
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Nov. 24—Koyo Maru, 3,060				3,000
West Cajoot, 1,275				Nov. 29—West Conob, 1,386
To China—Nov. 24—West Cajoot, 100				100
PORT NOGALEZ—To Mexico by rail, 75				75
Total				160,673

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Europe.	Mexico.	Japan.	Total.
New York	46	4,909	427		1,050	771	7,203
Galveston						5,000	5,000
New Orleans	14,307	4,000	26,707	8,243	18,295		71,642
Mobile	8,511	14,085					22,596
Jacksonville	924						924
Savannah		16,422				11,498	27,920
Charleston							16,650
Wilmington							3,000
San Francisco				3,000			3,000
Port Nogalez						75	75
Total	40,528	39,416	27,134	11,243	19,345	75	22,932

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Liverpool, 1.50c.	Stockholm, 2.75c.	Shanghai, 1.75c.
Manchester, 1.50c.	Trieste, 2.60c.	Bombay, 1.50c.
Antwerp, 1.65c.	Fiume, 2.60c.	Madras, 1.75c.
Ghent via Antwerp, 1.80c.	Lisbon, 1.75c.	Godtensburg, 2.25c.
Havre, 1.75c.	Oporto, 1.75c.	Bremen, 2.00c.
Rotterdam, 1.75c.	Barcelona direct, 2.00c.	Itamburg, 2.00c.
Genoa, 1.75c.	Japan, 1.75c.	Danzig, 2.50c. asked.
Christiania, 2.25c.		Venice, 2.60c.

LIVERPOOL.—Sales, stocks, &c., for past week:

	Nos. 14.	Nos. 21.	Nos. 28.	Dec. 5.
Sales of the week	45,000	35,000	34,000	50,000
Of which speculators took				
Of which exporters took				
Sales, American	25,000	10,000	22,000	23,000
Actual export	5,000	28,000	7,000	14,000
Forwarded	81,000	84,000	82,000	85,000
Total stock	658,000	654,000	590,000	665,000
Of which American	455,000	445,000	401,000	474,000
Total imports of the week	94,000	87,000	37,000	183,000
Of which American	58,000	62,000	13,000	148,000
Amount afloat	333,000	467,000	618,000	
Of which American	272,000	403,000	519,000	

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.		Quiet	Fair business doing	More demand	Good demand	6 1/2 cents demand.	
Mid-Up'ds		24.38	24.46	25.23	25.52	25.47	
Sales		HOLIDAY.	6,000	10,000	10,000	14,000	7,000
Futures. Market opened		Quiet.	Quiet.	Steady.	Quiet, 4 pts. decline to 11	Steady, 1 1/2 pts. adv.	
Market, 4 P. M.		Irregular.	Firm.	Unsettled.	Irregular.	Steady, 3 pts. adv. to 53 pts. dec.	
		18 pts. dec. to 31 pts. adv.	44 @ 53 pts. to advance	20 pts. dec. to 39 pts. adv.	24 pts. dec. to 49 pts. adv.		

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Nov. 29 to Dec. 5.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/2	4	12 1/2	4	12 1/2	4	12 1/2	4	12 1/2	4	12 1/2	4
	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.
December.....	d.	e.	d.	e.	d.	e.	d.	e.	d.	e.	d.	e.
January.....												
February.....												
March.....												
April.....												
May.....												
June.....												
July.....												
August.....												
September.....												
October.....												
November.....												

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Dec. 5 1919.

Flour has been quiet and more or less unsettled. The Government is trying to bring about a wider distribution of soft winter-wheat straights flour, especially at retail. It remains to be seen whether consumers will respond generally and readily to these overtures or not. Argentina flour has been offered here on a moderate scale at about \$2 per barrel under the price asked for American flour of similar grade. This has attracted considerable attention. It may be the prelude of larger offerings. Nobody knows. It is said, however, that Argentina wheat compares not unfavorably with our Southwestern hard wheat. If the present parity or profitable difference is maintained in American prices, it may easily happen that quite a little Argentina flour will come to this country. Meanwhile hard wheat flour has been stronger, with hard wheat grain. Soft winter-wheat flour has been generally steady, but has met with only a moderate sale at best. Bakers are not much inclined to take soft flour but it is believed that they will be if hard wheat flour continues to advance. The Grain Corporation will supply retail packages within the next two weeks, and asks the co-operation of householders throughout the United States. Purchases of flour by the Grain Corporation on last week's bid aggregated 560,000 barrels, and the average price paid was \$10.29 per barrel.

Wheat stocks decreased last week 3,168,000 bushels, as against a decrease in the same week last year of 5,991,000 bushels. This makes the visible supply 89,737,000 bushels, against 121,561,000 a year ago. In Australia the harvest outlook has not improved, but reserves of wheat there are quite liberal. Premier Hughes of Australia, has promised the restoration of the open wheat market. Shipments from there this week were 2,296,000 bushels, of which 1,976,000 were for Great Britain and 320,000 for the Continent. Wheat, including flour exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending Dec. 4 aggregate 8,534,143 bushels, against 5,554,681 bushels last week and 11,116,136 bushels in the same week last year. For the 23 weeks ending Dec. 4, exports are 147,041,580 bushels, against 163,783,816 bushels in 1918. Due to the drought in Australia, that country will not ship any more flour to the Orient, and buyers there have been asked to try the Argentine and American markets for supplies. Clement Curtis & Co. made the condition of winter wheat 86.9%, against 98.6 last year, and put the acreage at 38,933,000, a decrease of 10,300,000 from that of last year. The "Modern Miller" says "important winter wheat States report wheat deteriorated and scattered sections show prospects less favorable compared with last year. Kansas has spotted wheat stands with late seeding and lack of moisture. Growth is rank and too much rain in scattered sections. Oklahoma promise is spotted. Texas prospects especially in the Panhandle district are good. Snow covering is inadequate." The Cincinnati "Price Current" says that the growing wheat crop is not promising by any means. "Ravages by the Hessian fly in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois are far greater than in many previous fly years," when losses from this source attracted attention. The acreage continues to shrink in all private report coming in."

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red.....	cts.	237 1/2	237 1/2	237 1/2	237 1/2	237 1/2
No. 1 spring.....	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2

Indian corn advanced on small receipts, a fear that the coal strike will make them still smaller through a possible railroad embargo, and finally covering of shorts. The shortage of coal, which has been closing up mills and factories in various trades and even schools, theatres and churches in parts of the West has at times thoroughly alarmed the grain trade. The Western plants of the Corn Products Co. have closed, it is stated, for an indefinite period. The country offers sparingly, owing to the scarcity of both coal and cars. Sample prices have been rising. With one day's receipts at Chicago estimated at 90 cars the cash situation has been stronger. Some industries have been buying more freely, supposedly to keep their plants going as long as they have coal with which to operate them. But it is pointed out that one of the striking signs of the times in the West is that at numerous interior points stores will be open only one-half of each day. When things come to such a pass the situation is evidently serious. And, although the visible supply last week increased 217,000 bushels, against a decrease last year of 678,000 bushels, the total is still only 1,377,000 bushels, against 2,611,000 bushels a year ago. So that the supply is anything but liberal. It

has naturally had a tendency to restrict short selling. A Washington dispatch says that the Edge Bill may become law within a week and adds "numerous large corporations, including cotton men, cattle men, and grain interests are being organized to do business in the foreign markets under it." The bill has been tinkered at it appears until it is a much more effective measure than it was originally.

On the other hand, however, the technical position has undoubtedly been weakened. For with the news so bullish there has naturally been a tendency to increase the long interest. It is natural also to suppose that the energetic and enterprising West will make herculean efforts to get coal. It is said that the output is being increased in Wyoming, Kansas and West Virginia and is likely to be before very long in Nebraska. Also it is pointed out that the shortage of coal will cause a material decrease in the consumption of corn by the industries. This may have a detrimental effect upon the statistical position later on. Certainly that is conceivable. Country elevators are said to be full of corn. Recently too the weather has been favorable for moving the crop. If circumstances improve it is believed that the crop movement will increase greatly. Judging from what Secretary of the Treasury Glass says, the U. S. Government will not finance general exports, i. e.: provide credits. This may cause selling. Later prices broke on "long" selling and reports that the coal strike would soon be settled, that the seaboard was reselling rye and that exporters were trying to cancel purchases of oats. Some reports indicate that the percentage of corn now husked in Chicago is 60%, in Indiana 65%; Illinois 75%; Iowa 75%; Nebraska 70%; Kansas 50% and Oklahoma 50%. To-day prices fell but they end higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow.....	cts.	170 1/2	171 1/2	171 1/2	174 1/2	172 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator.....	cts.	135 1/2	138 1/2	141 1/2	139 1/2	138 1/2
May delivery in elevator.....	130 1/2	132 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2	134 1/2	132 1/2

Oats have advanced with corn. The rise has also been assisted by export business. Early in the week, it is stated, that exporters took about 1,500,000 bushels. This business was confined to Government agencies. They are in a position to finance the operations and also to secure tonnage. Grain freights from here to the United Kingdom have dropped 55c., against \$1 earlier in the season. And although sterling exchange had fallen early in the week to 3.87 1/2 this fact was no bar to special business. Receipts have been moderate. Cash markets have been strong. And the visible supply in the U. S. fell off last week 372,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 4,024,000 bushels. So that the present total is 16,922,000 bushels, against 29,143,000 bushels a year ago. Later there were rumors that exporters were trying to cancel purchases; also that the seaboard was reselling rye. The reports of an effort to resell or cancel foreign purchases had a rather depressing effect. It was found too that No. 3 white delivered on December contracts offered for sale at 1c under December did not sell readily. To-day prices declined but ended higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 1 white.....	cts.	85	86 1/2	89 1/2	89	89
No. 2 white.....	84 1/2	86	88 1/2	89 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator.....	73 1/2	75 1/2	77 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
May delivery in elevator.....	76 1/2	77 1/2	80	78 1/2	79 1/2	79

The following are closing quotations:

FLOUR.		Barley goods—Portage barley:	
Spring patents.....	\$13.50 @ \$14.50	No. 1.....	\$7.25
Winter straights, soft.....	10.25 @ 10.60	Nos. 2, 3 and 4, pearl.....	6.50
Kansas straights.....	12.75 @ 13.50	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0.....	7.25 @ 7.40
Rye flour.....	7.75 @ 8.50	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0.....	7.50
Corn goods, 100 lbs.—		Oats goods—Carload.....	8.40
White grain.....	\$3.80 @ 3.85	spot delivery.....	8.40
Yellow grain.....	3.75 @ 3.80		
Oats flour.....	3.75 @ 3.85		
GRAIN.			
Wheat—		Oats—	
No. 2 red.....	\$2.37 1/2	No. 1.....	88 1/2
No. 1 spring.....	2.40 1/2	No. 2 white.....	87 1/2 @ 88
Corn—		No. 3 white.....	87
No. 2 yellow.....	1.72 1/2	Barley—	
Rye.....		Feeding.....	1.51
No. 2.....	1.70 1/2	Maltting.....	1.60 @ 1.65

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.	56 lbs.	bush.	56 lbs.
Chicago.....	266,000	826,000	1,488,000	1,154,000	276,000	33,000
Minneapolis.....	2,517,000	267,000	245,000	273,000	163,000	163,000
Duluth.....	263,000	.....	13,000	20,000	177,000	.....
Milwaukee.....	14,000	101,000	303,000	317,000	150,000	30,000
Toledo.....	.....	77,000	50,000	24,000	.....	.....
Trotter.....	.....	12,000	36,000	48,000	.....	.....
St. Louis.....	121,000	689,000	455,000	506,000	11,000	1,000
Pecan.....	91,000	11,000	321,000	234,000	14,000	5,000
Kansas City.....	.....	2,635,000	325,000	264,000	.....	.....
Omaha.....	.....	582,000	426,000	218,000	.....	.....
Indianapolis.....	.....	50,000	528,000	111,000	.....	.....
Total wk. '19.....	492,000	7,762,000	4,399,000	3,334,000	744,000	434,000
Same wk. '18.....	303,000	10,071,000	2,607,000	6,620,000	2,372,000	1,578,000
Same wk. '17.....	331,000	5,398,000	3,500,000	6,009,000	1,722,000	641,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1919.....	8,261,000	241,399,000	54,759,000	93,341,000	33,960,000	13,770,000
1918.....	6,147,000	253,422,000	79,520,000	135,302,000	27,650,000	16,004,000
1917.....	5,550,000	105,837,000	43,844,000	142,572,000	42,470,000	13,172,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Nov. 29 1919 follow:

Table with columns: Receipts at, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, N'port News, Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, St. John, and weekly totals for 1919 and 1918.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on the week ends of being.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Nov. 29 are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, Feas. Rows include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, and weekly totals for 1919 and 1918.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1919 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Colonies, Other Countries, and weekly totals for 1919 and 1918.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Nov. 29 1919 and since July 1 1919 and 1918 are shown in the following:

Table with columns: Exports, Wheat, Corn. Rows include North Amer., Russia, Danube, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countries, and weekly totals for 1919 and 1918.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Nov. 29 1919 was as follows:

Table with columns: GRAIN STOCKS, United States, Canadian, American, Canadian. Rows list various locations like New York, Boston, Philadelphia, etc., with weekly totals for Nov. 29 1919, Nov. 22 1919, and Nov. 30 1918.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Dec. 5 1919.

In the face of all sorts of disturbing news the market for dry goods has continued firm and active during the past

week. Merchandise is still wanted throughout the country by jobbers and converters and the desire to place orders for fall seems unabated. Several reports from retail centres indicate good buying of a holiday character. The threats of a general strike in New England mills did not have the usual effect upon the market. Strikes and threats of strikes have become so common that there is no longer the response that would take place in normal times. Besides in this case the strike lasted only a day and then a settlement was reached. There is now talk of impending coal crisis but fuel restrictions apparently have not disturbed the merchandise markets. A restriction of production from either cause would seem to be a bullish argument for prices but it has been clearly pointed out that restriction would extend to the employment of labor and in turn greatly affect the purchasing power of the country. Conservatively inclined traders find much in the situation to move them to expressions of doubt. Both financial and political conditions at home and abroad seem most unsettled. The existing demand for merchandise and the scarcity of production is admitted, but the fear cannot be dispelled that something is bound to give way if the pushing of prices still higher continues at the present pace. Notwithstanding this cautious attitude the opinion is held in all quarters of the trade that the tendency of prices is toward a higher level until the point is reached where profits will again overtop wages and other increasing factors in the cost of production. This seems inevitable as the merchandise is wanted by those who evidently have the power to pay and as the demand grows there is but one way for prices to move. Consumers are not restricting their purchases to any noticeable degree and retail merchants say they can sell anything that comes to hand. In their opinion the fall and holiday trade will be the largest ever experienced. It is well, however, to reiterate the fact that disturbing conditions become more evident as the year draws to an end. While the demand continues fairly active in the export division of the market there have been no new stimulating factors of late. The further decline in exchange rates being noticeable to some extent in European inquiry but South American trade has been the mainstay in this branch of the market for some time so no real slump has resulted.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Although trading was momentarily halted early in the week the market for cotton goods has been very firm with prices rising. Some houses that represent mills withdrew all goods from sale on the plea that it could not be said definitely to what extent deliveries could be made in face of the new coal restrictions. In jobbing houses, however, demand continued as it has been for some time. With the increase in wages in the New England mills, traders were inclined to believe that the price of goods would rise proportionately. Inasmuch as this has been the custom of late, buyers were in no hurry to help matters along by making bids. On the other hand those who had merchandise would not sell as freely as they would a week ago, although higher prices were bid by some buyers who needed the goods. Mills also were reluctant sellers in the face of top-notch prices. This attitude seemed to have the effect of stimulating the demand. Print cloths went to the highest levels yet reached and bids on brown sheetings were refused by some houses. In fine goods and fancy lines buyers raised their own bids if mills would accept tenders. The coal strike that would ordinarily cause hesitation has been turned into an excuse for further buying due to the possibility of curtailed production. Orders placed for fall on wide flannels, gingham, twills and drills continue to feature immediate business with mills. Some mills will not allot more than half of what buyers are seeking. Gray goods were strong during the last days of the week and 38½-inch standards are listed at 21 cents.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The market for worsted and woolsens has been without marked developments during the week and it appears that sellers are taking their time. Progress toward the fall of 1920 is slow but steady and some houses are expected to take action before the end of this year. Buyers seem ready to take up allotments as rapidly as they are arranged and it is certain that most of the fall business will be on a strict allotment basis. Manufacturers are running on a good scale of production, but many complaints are voiced regarding the scarcity of efficient labor. Jobbers and clothiers are evincing a keen interest in serges and while the field for their distribution shows a marked expansion, production is better than many figured would be the case two months ago.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—With retailers preparing for their January white sales the market for linens continues very active. Large lots are being taken in for these sales and it is believed they will be very successful. A fair current of business is still filtering through to Belfast and Scotland, although sellers are unable to make any definite statement regarding delivery. Information on the prospective flax supply is very vague, but no promises for marked improvement are held out for the coming year. Mills on the other side are finding it possible to run more satisfactorily now that the cold weather has set in and operatives have become more willing to settle down to work. Burlaps have been less active during the week with a general slump in prices. Lightweights are quoted at 12.50 cents and heavyweights at 17.25 cents.

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State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN NOVEMBER.

The amount of long-term municipal bonds disposed of in the United States during the month of November this year was \$42,861,846, which compares with \$27,783,332 in the same month last year when war restrictions were still applied. In October 1919 the amount of sales consummated was \$61,998,293. For the first eleven months of 1919, according to our compilations, no less than \$608,434,541 bonds were sold—an increase of over 100% over the figures of 1918 which were \$273,572,372.

The largest undertaking in the way of municipal financing in November of the present year was the sale by the county of San Diego, Calif., of \$2,300,000 5% bonds at 100.347. Other important issues disposed of in November were: Washington County, Texas, \$1,500,000 at 102.50; State of New Hampshire, \$1,500,000 4½s at 100.71; Ada County, Ida., \$1,000,000 5s at 100.33; State of California, \$1,000,000 4s at 100; and Syracuse, N. Y. (2 issues), \$830,000 4½s at 101.21.

Temporary loans or short-term securities placed in November aggregated \$22,139,600, including \$20,061,900 temporary securities (revenue bonds and bills, corporate stock notes and tax notes) issued by the City of New York.

In Canada borrowing last month reached a total of \$659,154,200, the greater portion of which, however, is represented by the subscriptions to the Victory Loan, which amounted to \$673,199,790, of which it is expected about \$650,000,000 will be accepted.

Below we furnish a comparison of all various forms of obligations put out in November during the last five years:

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Permanent loans (U.S.)	\$42,861,846	\$27,783,332	\$15,890,626	\$18,813,239	\$28,815,595
*Temporary lns (U.S.)	\$22,139,600	\$42,913,900	\$10,393,900	\$11,728,617	\$14,569,879
Canada'n lns (perm't)	\$659,154,200	\$50,206,395	\$41,250	\$9,166,526	\$109,865,549
Gen fund bds. (N.Y.C.)	None	\$23,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$12,500,000	\$5,500,000
Bds. of U. S. possess'ns	None	\$500,000	None	\$4,700,000	None
Total.....	\$724,155,646	\$744,903,627	\$30,225,776	\$56,908,282	\$161,751,023

* Includes temporary securities issued by New York City, \$20,061,900 in 1919, \$39,418,000 in 1918, \$6,414,900 in 1917, \$9,504,900 in 1916 and \$11,503,677 in 1915.

† Includes \$650,000,000 "Victory Loan" bonds; the subscriptions aggregated \$676,057,867.

‡ Includes \$650,000,000 "Victory Loan" bonds; the subscriptions aggregated \$673,199,790, but it is not expected that over \$650,000,000 will be accepted.

§ Includes \$100,000,000 loan made by Dominion Government.

The number of municipalities emitting bonds and the number of separate issues made during November 1919 were 334 and 414, respectively. This contrasts with 410 and 551 for October 1919, and with 92 and 122 for November 1918.

For comparative purposes, we add the following table showing the aggregate of permanent loans for November and the eleven months for a series of years:

Year	Month	For the	Year	Month	For the
	November	11 Months		November	11 Months
1919.....	\$42,861,846	\$608,434,541	1905.....	\$25,883,207	\$174,825,430
1918.....	27,783,332	273,572,372	1904.....	32,597,509	240,819,161
1917.....	15,890,626	418,719,565	1903.....	14,846,375	138,789,253
1916.....	18,813,239	421,361,571	1902.....	13,728,493	136,895,732
1915.....	28,815,595	463,644,631	1901.....	6,989,144	116,092,342
1914.....	21,091,126	444,862,916	1900.....	9,956,685	123,572,311
1913.....	30,708,685	358,811,490	1899.....	8,790,489	113,131,780
1912.....	13,021,909	353,893,919	1898.....	7,721,254	95,778,450
1911.....	19,738,613	360,830,804	1897.....	6,868,775	120,128,531
1910.....	24,456,351	283,414,600	1896.....	34,913,894	95,831,771
1909.....	18,906,565	307,673,542	1895.....	6,524,901	105,478,829
1908.....	28,427,304	285,747,250	1894.....	4,549,580	103,689,851
1907.....	4,408,381	213,924,703	1893.....	7,300,770	60,114,709
1906.....	12,511,550	180,483,172	1892.....	5,176,012	80,526,268

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

NEWS ITEMS

Montana (State of).—Bond Election Proposed.—News-papers state that it is proposed to vote upon \$15,000,000 road bonds at the next general election.

North Dakota.—Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment Ratified by Legislature in Special Session.—At the special session of the Legislature which convened on Nov. 25, the Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment was ratified. The Senate endorsed the amendment on Nov. 26 by a vote of 43 for to 5 against. On Dec. 1 the House voted in favor of ratification by a vote of 102 for to 6 against.

States which have ratified the Suffrage Amendment now total 20. They are: Wisconsin, New York, Ohio, Kansas, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Texas, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Montana, Nebraska, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Utah, California, Maine and North Dakota.

Philadelphia, Pa.—City Unable to Pay Warrants.—According to the Philadelphia Press the city of Philadelphia, for the first time in the memory of its financiers, is unable to pay its legitimate debts. The Press says:

Warrants, or checks, issued by Director William S. Twining, of the Department of City Transit, to half a dozen high speed transit line contractors in payment for work done for the city by these contractors and aggregating in the neighborhood of \$100,000, were on Nov. 25, refused payment and returned by Controller John M. Walton with the statement that there were "no funds." Director Twining, on receiving back the warrants, pigeonholed them with the notice "No funds to pay City Transit Department warrants," and "no credit in the consolidated loan fund to the account of the Finance Department."

"I am informed," said Director Twining, "that the City Controller is compelled to refuse my warrants because the Supreme Court applied the new charter so as to destroy the city's \$90,000,000 loans. We had already drawn \$1,500,000 more from the Consolidated Loan Fund than had been borrowed on account of transit loans and when the Supreme Court stopped all power to borrow, it stopped our power to pay. The contractors need their money to pay their workmen and their bills. All I can do is to send them to the City Solicitor and City Controller to make what arrangements they can. They want some sort of orders which they can assign as collateral to aid them in borrowing from banks."

The clamorous contractors, half a dozen or more, consulted Solicitor Connely and Controller Walton and it was announced that they were given orders for the warrants, which orders they could assign to the banks.

Fears were expressed yesterday of some factional opposition that might defeat or delay the procedure for enacting new loans of \$89,500,000.

BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS

Bolivia (Republic of).—Bond Call.—Senor Jose Manuel Gutierrez, representative of the Republic of Bolivia, is advertising that bonds numbered 402, 403, 447, 518, 519, 578, 579, 583, 766, 778, 885, 886, 952, 994, 1003, 1044, 1267, 1268, 1292, 1355, 1369, 1501, 1581, 1583, 1701, 1710, 1745, 1792, 1881, 1882, 1895, 1911, 1953, 1955, 1996, 2030, 2085, 2110, 2160, 2265, 2273, 2361 and 2500 of the Republic of Bolivia external 6% sterling loan of £500,000 have been called and will be paid upon presentation on or after Jan. 1 1920 at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. in New York City or at the office of Morgan, Grenfell & Co. in London. Interest on these bonds ceases after Jan. 1 1920.

California.—Bond Call.—Friend Wm. Richardson, State Treasurer, has given notice that, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 211 of the Statutes of 1903, 115 San Francisco seawall bonds, dated Jan. 2 1905, of the par value of \$1,000 each, numbers 2, 45, 78, 91, 281, 319, 323, 367, 389, 401, 402, 419, 439, 449, 462, 484, 488, 490, 536, 547, 550, 554, 555, 557, 558, 576, 588, 594, 595, 607, 609, 615, 648, 649, 673, 678, 693, 694, 707, 732, 741, 758, 761, 775, 785, 802, 806, 826, 827, 829, 838, 864, 870, 876, 879, 890, 906, 914, 944, 1117, 1124, 1153, 1157, 1163, 1191, 1194, 1226, 1240, 1267, 1275, 1322, 1349, 1354, 1362, 1370, 1402, 1415, 1419, 1429, 1432, 1478, 1507, 1517, 1519, 1522, 1530, 1543, 1556, 1573, 1593, 1600, 1616, 1633, 1640, 1641, 1662, 1680, 1682, 1691, 1711, 1714, 1717, 1767, 1846, 1882, 1887, 1903, 1915, 1919, 1926, 1946, 1947, 1966, 1983 and 1984 have been called and will be redeemed upon presentation at the office of the Treasurer at Sacramento, Calif., on Jan. 2 1920 after which time interest on these bonds will cease.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

ALBANY, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 1 the following 6 issues of 4½% tax-free registered bonds, offered on that date—V. 109, p. 2003—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, of New York, at 102.07: \$150,000 river front extension bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 1959. \$180,000 river front extension bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 1959. \$150,000 school construction bonds. Denom. 140 for \$1,000, 20 for \$500. Due \$7,500 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1939, incl. \$80,000 public park bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$4,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1939, incl. \$75,000 Western Ave. grading and paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1934, incl. \$60,000 Broadway impt. bonds. Denom. 60 for \$1,000, 15 for \$600. Due \$4,600 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1934, incl. At the same time the following 4½% tax-free registered bonds were purchased by the City Comptroller for the Sinking Fund: \$18,000 Lawn Street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,200. Due \$1,200 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1934, incl. \$15,000 Rensselaer Ave. impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1934, incl. \$4,500 Ninth Ward Park bonds. Denom. \$450. Due \$450 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1929, incl.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburgh), Pa.—NO BONDS OFFERED.—In answer to an inquiry, County Controller John P. Moore states that the report that his county was calling for bids for \$1,000,000 road bonds is erroneous—V. 109, p. 1908. He further declares that no bond issue is contemplated at the present time, but that after the first of the year bonds may be issued for the new "Liberty" Tunnel.

ASBURY PARK, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 2 the issue of 1-20-year serial memorial playground and golf course bonds (V. 109, p. 2090), were awarded to the Asbury Park & Ocean Grove Bank, of Asbury Park, at par for \$50,000 4½s.

AUBURN SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Auburn), De Kalb County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 19 by J. E. Graham, Secretary of school board, for \$70,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, to suit purchaser. Date, day of sale, interest annual. Due 25 years from date, subject to call in 10 years. Certified check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BAKER, Baker County, Ore.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$135,000 manufacturing and park impt. and \$20,000 street impt. 5% 10-20 year (opt.) bonds reported sold to local bank in V. 109, p. 2091 was 100.852 and interest. Other bidders were:
Ladd & Tilton.....\$155,131 50
Seattle Nat'l Bank.....\$155,000 00
Keeler Bros.....155,000 00
All the above bankers offered accrued interest.

BANGOR, Penobscot County, Me.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 1 the \$90,000 4 1/2% 1-12-yr. ser. comp. tax-free school house bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 2090—were awarded, it is stated, to the Eastern Trust & Banking Co., of Bangor, at 99.46.

BEACH CITY, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. B. Ward, Village Clerk, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 24 for \$3,000 6% water-works electric pump bonds. Auth. Sec. 3939 Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1927, incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BEAVER COUNTY (P. O. Beaver), Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 1 the \$975,000 4 1/2% 1-30 year serial tax-free road bonds, offered on that date—V. 109, p. 2093—were awarded to Graham, Parsons & Co., of Philadelphia, at 101.63. Int. J. & D.

BENT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 45 (P. O. Haaty), Colo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$4,000 6% 10-20 year (opt.) bonds has been sold to local investors.

BETHLEHEM SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bethlehem), Northampton County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Dec. 29 by P. J. Wilt, District Secretary-Manager, for \$725,000 4 1/2% tax-free school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$36,000 1930 to 1941, inclusive, and \$37,000 1945 to 1949, inclusive. Certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the "School District of Bethlehem," required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP, Stokes County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk Board of County Commissioners (P. O. Danbury) will receive bids until Dec. 20, it is stated, for \$35,000 road bonds.

BISHOP UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Inyo County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Dec. 10 by D. E. Williams, Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Independence), for the \$150,000 5% 6-30 year serial school bonds authorized by a vote of 620 to 64 at the election held Oct. 15—V. 109, p. 1811. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 10 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Official advertisement states that there has been no default in the payment of principal or interest and that there is no controversy or litigation pending or threatened affecting the corporate existence or the boundaries of said municipality, or the title of its present officials to their respective offices, or the validity of its bonds. Total bonded debt (including this issue) \$158,050; sinking fund, \$506. Assessed value, real and personal property 1919, \$4,433,016. Actual value (est.) \$6,000,000. Population 1919 (est.), 3,500.

BLAINE COUNTY (P. O. Chinook), Mont.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—No sale has yet been made of the \$100,000 5 1/4% 15-30 year (opt.) road bonds mentioned in V. 109, p. 1811.

BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. Taunton), Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 9 a. m. Dec. 9 by the County Treasurer. It is reported, for \$25,000 5% hospital notes, dated Dec. 10 1919 and maturing June 10 1920.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—During November the following 4% bonds were purchased by the Sinking Fund:
\$5,000 00 water refunding bonds. Date Nov. 1 1919. Due Nov. 1 1944.
21,120 29 monthly local work bonds. Date Nov. 15 1919. Due Nov. 15 1920.

BUTTE, Silver Bow County, Mont.—WARRANT SALE.—On Oct. 29 F. W. Anderson Mortgage & Investment Co., of Spokane was awarded an issue of \$700,000 5 1/4% funding warrants at 100.23. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. J. & J. Due \$140,000 yearly beginning Dec. 1 1935.

CALCASIEU PARISH (P. O. Lake Charles), La.—BOND OFFERING.—The Secretary of the Police Jury, will receive bids until Dec. 11 for \$125,000 road bonds, it is stated.

CALHOUN COUNTY (P. O. Hardin), Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—The people recently voted the issuance of \$200,000 road bonds, it is reported.

CAMARGO TOWNSHIP (P. O. Camargo), Douglas County, Ill.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—A petition is being circulated asking that a special election be called to vote on a \$50,000 bond issue to be used in building three miles of hard roads. The petition is to be filed with the township clerk, who will then call a special election.

CAPE GIRARDEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cape Girardeau), Cape Girardeau County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—The following two propositions carried at the election held Nov. 25—V. 109, p. 1908.
\$55,000 bonds. Vote 920 to 97.
28,000 bonds. Vote 904 to 110.

CARBONDALE, Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 1 the \$30,000 4% coupon street-improvement and comfort-station bonds, described in V. 109, p. 1097, were purchased by the First National Bank of Carbonate at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Interest semi-annual. Due 1934.

CHATTANOOGA, Hamilton County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$25,703 82 street-improvement bonds has been sold, it is reported, to Durfee, Niles & Co., of Toledo.

CHAVES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12, N. Mex.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$3,500 6% building bonds recently awarded to Bosworth, Chanute & Co., of Denver—V. 109, p. 2090—are described as follows: Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at Koutz Bros., N. Y. at option of holder. Due July 1 1919. Optional July 1 1929.

Financial Statement.

Actual valuation of taxable property, estimated.....	\$2,000,000
Assessed valuation, 1919, estimated.....	1,150,000
Assessed valuation, 1918.....	934,865
Total debt, including this issue.....	5,500
School census.....	114
Population, estimated.....	600

CHICO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Butte County, Calif.—BIDS.—The following bids were also received for the \$440,000 5% 1-20 year serial coupon school bonds awarded on Nov. 24 as reported in V. 109, p. 2090.
Butte City Savings Bank.....
R. H. Moulton & Co.....\$445,468
Cyrus Pierce & Co.....\$446,057
Butte County Nat'l Bank.....445,852
Blyth, Witter & Co.....444,394
Girvin & Miller.....
Citizens Nat'l Bank.....441,166
Ryone-Gregg & Co.....445,541

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. P. Carroll, City Auditor, will receive proposals until 12 m. Jan. 5 for the following 5% bonds:
\$600,000 rapid transit railway bonds, being part of a \$6,000,000 issue authorized in 1915 by Act of the General Assembly. Date Jan. 2 1917. Due 50 years after date, optional in 25 years.
178,500 public landing improvement bonds. Date Nov. 15 1919. Due 40 years after date, optional in 20 years.
Denom. \$500. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the American Exchange National Bank of New York. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Auditor, required. Bids must be on blanks furnished by the City Auditor. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CLARK, Clark County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 5% 10-year Assessment Sewer District No. 1 bonds offered on Nov. 25—V. 109, p. 2004—were awarded on that day to three local banks. There were no other bidders.

CLEVELAND, Pawnee County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports an issue of \$175,000 6% water, gas and sewer bonds has been sold to Geo. W. & J. E. Piersol of Oklahoma City 102.

CLERMONT COUNTY (P. O. Batavia), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. C. Reed, County Auditor, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 20 for \$25,000 5% bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1941; \$2,000, 1942 to 1946, incl. Cert. check for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest, and furnish, at his own expense, the printed bonds.

COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$435,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds, offered without success on Nov. 15—V. 109, p. 2005—have been accepted by the Sinking Fund Commissioners, who advertised for proposals for them on Dec. 2. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 15 1919. Int. M. & N. Due \$60,000, Nov. 15 1933, and \$125,000 on Nov. 15 in 1934, 1935 and 1936.

CONCORD, Cabarrus County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Recently \$84,000 school bonds were sold to the American Trust Co. of Charlotte, it is stated, at 102.14.

CONTINENTAL, Putnam County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 1 the \$4,250 5 1/4% 2-10-year serial street-improvement (village's portion) bonds (V. 109, p. 1908) were awarded to Tucker, Robison & Co., of Toledo, for \$4,257 (100.163) and interest.

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Barberton R. F. D. No. 34), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—S. P. Marsh, Clerk Board of Education, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 15 for \$50,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$2,000. Date day of sale. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable in Akron. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1920 to 1944, incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CRESWELL, Lane County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Dec. 8 by the Village Clerk, for \$5,000 6% water plant purchase bonds, authorized by a vote of 53 to 8 as an election held Nov. 20. Due on or before 15 years.

CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Carmichaels), Greene County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 30 by Thomas H. Hawkins, Secretary, for \$40,000 5% coupon tax-free school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Due in from one to twelve years from date. Cert. check for \$500, payable to the "School District," required. Assessed value, \$5,621,222.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

CUYAHOCA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. G. Krause, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive proposals until 11 a. m. Dec. 17 for the following 5% coupon Pleasant Valley Road No. 2 Impt. bonds:
\$5,272 special assessment bonds. Denom. 1 for \$272 and 10 for \$500. Due yearly on Apr. 1 as follows: \$272, 1921; \$500, 1922 to 1927, incl., and \$1,000, 1928 and 1929.
15,816 (county's share) bonds. Denom. 1 for \$16 and 15 for \$1,000. Due \$16 Apr. 1 1921, and \$1,000 each six months from Oct. 1 1921 to 1928, incl.

Auth. Sec. 6929 Gen. Code. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Cert. check on some bank other than the one making the bid, for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

DANBURY, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 1 the \$95,000 4 1/2% 30-year refunding bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920 (V. 109, p. 2091) were awarded to the W. F. Griggs Co., of Waterbury, at 100.26. Int. J. & J.

DAWSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 130, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The State of Montana was awarded at par on June 10 \$2,500 6% school bonds. Denoms. 12 for \$200 and 1 for \$100. Date May 17 1919. Int. M. & N. Due May 17, 1939, subject to call any interest month.

DE FUNIAK SPRINGS, Walton County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. Dec. 23 by Duncan Gibbs, City Clerk, for the following 6% bonds:
\$25,000 sewerage bonds.
10,000 water-main-extension bonds.
20,000 general street and park improvement bonds.
5,000 cemetery chapel and equipment bonds.
5,000 cemetery fence and interior road bonds.

On Jan. 1 1920, Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer and at such other place as may be mutually agreed upon by the purchaser and the City Council. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1925, \$5,000 1930, \$5,000 1935, \$5,000 1940, \$10,000 1945, \$10,000 1950, \$10,000 1955 and \$15,000 1960, or at such other serial dates as may be mutually agreed upon by the City Council and the purchaser. Certified check on one of the local banks, or other bank, for \$1,000 required.

DELTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Delta), Colo.—BOND ELECTION AND SALE.—Subject to Dec. 30 election \$100,000 5 1/4% 10-20 year (opt.) school bonds have been sold to E. H. Rollins & Sons. Dated Jan. 1 1920. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. New York payment.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation 1918.....	\$4,688,670
Total debt (this issue incl.).....	138,900
Population (est.).....	3,500

DEMAREST, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—An issue of 5% 1-8-year serial fire apparatus bonds amounting to \$4,000 was recently awarded to the Closter National Bank.

DENNISON, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 27 by Harvey J. Andrews, Village Clerk, for \$8,000 5 1/2% coupon deficiency bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due \$500 each six months from June 1 1921 to Dec. 1 1926, incl., and \$1,000 June 1 and Dec. 1 1927. 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.

DEPEW, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 1 the 3 issues of 8-year coupon street impt. bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919, aggregating \$92,880—V. 109, p. 2091—were awarded to O'Brien, Potter & Co. of Buffalo at 100.255 for 6s.

DUKE TOWNSHIP, Harnett County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 28 the \$30,000 6% 20-29-year serial road bonds, dated Nov. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 1924—were awarded to Prudden & Co., of Toledo for \$31,460, equal to 104.80.

DUVAL COUNTY (P. O. Jacksonville), Fla.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$700,000 5% coupon St. Johns River Bridge bonds offered on Nov. 25—V. 109, p. 1909—were rejected.

EAST VIEW (P. O. Warrensville R. F. D.), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. M. True, Village Clerk, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 20 for \$20,000 6% coupon Kinsman Rd Impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 15 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Citizens Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland. Due Oct. 1 1924. Cert. check on a solvent bank, located in Cuyahoga County, for 5% of amount bid, required. Bids must be made on blanks furnished by the above Village Clerk.

EAST YOUNGSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Youngstown), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BIDS REJECTED.—The following 2 bids for \$45,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on Nov. 26 were rejected:
W. L. Slayton & Co., Tol.....\$45,724 50
Srizer Rorick & Co., Tol.....45,731 00
The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1919 are in the denomination of \$1,000, and mature \$3,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1921 to 1935, incl. Int. M. & N.

EL PASO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Colorado Springs), Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The issuance of

\$495,000 5% 20-year school bonds was defeated by a vote of 605 "for" to 1367 "against," at the election held Nov. 28—V. 109, p. 1720.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The Cape Ann National Bank, of Gloucester, was on Nov. 28 awarded an issue of \$25,000 bridge notes on a 4.65% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1. Date Dec. 1 1919. Due April 1 1920. Other bidders were:

	Disc.		Disc.
Estate of T. A. Griffin	4.70%	S. N. Bond & Co., Boston	4.95%
Harris, Forbes & Co., Boston	4.85%		

FAIRVIEW, Major County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$90,000 6% water and sewer bonds has been sold. It is stated.

FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that the City Treasurer will receive bids until 10:30 a. m. Dec. 9 for \$145,000 4½% 1-20-year bonds.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Vernon), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$500,000 road bonds recently voted has been signed by the county officials, and the same have been approved by the Attorney General. \$71,500 are serial 5½% for the purchase of road district and the balance \$428,500 5¼% serials for road improvement.

FRAZEYSBURG, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,700 5¼% 10 1-3 year (aver.) street impt. bonds, offered on Nov. 5—V. 109, p. 1720—were awarded to Durfee, Niles & Co., of Toledo.

FREDERICKSBURG, Spotsylvania County, Va.—BOND SALE.—Reports state that \$50,000 5½% school bonds have been sold to the Planters' National Bank, the Farmers' & Merchants State Bank and the Commercial State Bank, jointly.

GALVESTON COUNTY (P. O. Galveston), Tex.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$100,000 5% causeway bonds offered on Dec. 1—V. 109, p. 2091—were rejected.

GEARLDINE, Chouteau County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$15,000 6% funding bonds has been voted.

GILLESPIE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Fredericksburg), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Dec. 8 by the County Judge, for \$182,000 5% road bonds, being part of the \$200,000 issue voted on May 20—V. 108, p. 2357—Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 15 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer, or at the First National Bank, St. Louis, or at the Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago, or at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y., at the option of holder. Cert. check for \$5,000 required. Total assessed value 1919 \$4,031,675. Actual value (est.) \$20,000,000.

GLOUSTER, Athens County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 22 by Reuben Wagner, Village Clerk, for \$2,400 5% coupon deficiency bonds. Denom. \$400. Date Dec. 15 1919. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.), payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Due \$1,200 on Dec. 15 in 1923 and 1927. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

GLYNDON, Clay County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 1 the \$10,000 6% public electric light plant bonds—V. 109, p. 2005—were awarded to John F. Sinclair & Co., of Minneapolis at 102 and interest.

GREENVILLE, Washington County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 1 the following 5½% bonds, aggregating \$200,000—V. 109, p. 2091—were awarded to the First National Bank of Greenville, it is stated, for \$296,625, equal to 102.28:

\$100,000 street bonds. Due \$5,000 yrly. on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1940, incl.
75,000 sewer bonds. Due yrly. on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1921 to 1925, incl.; and \$4,000, 1926 to 1940, incl.
50,000 city hall bonds. Due \$2,500 yrly. on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1940, incl.
65,000 5½% sewer refunding bonds. Date Jan. 1 1920. Due yrly. on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1940, incl.

GRISWOLD, New London County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 26 the \$111,000 1-31-yr. serial bonds—V. 109, p. 2005—were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. of New York at 100.25 for 5s.

GROTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Groton), Tompkins County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—B. S. Whitman, Clerk Board of Education, will receive proposals until 11 a. m. Dec. 10 for \$142,500 5% registered school bonds. Denom. 142 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the First National Bank of Groton, in New York exchange. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1920 to 1924, \$3,000 1925 to 1927, \$4,000 1928 to 1937, \$5,000 1938 to 1941, \$5,500 1942, \$7,000 1943 and 1944, \$8,000 1945 and 1946, \$9,000 1947 and 1948, and \$10,000 1949. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

HALFMOON & STILLWATER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Mechanicville), Saratoga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—L. B. Blakeman, Secretary of the Board of Education will receive proposals until 8 p. m. Dec. 16 for \$246,000 4½% school building bonds, which were voted on May 27. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Manufacturers National Bank of Mechanicville, in New York Exchange. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$8,000 1921 to 1924, incl., and \$9,000 1945 to 1950, incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Bonded debt \$163,350. Assessed valuation, over \$4,400,000.

HALLS, Lauderdale County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 1 p. m. Dec. 15, bids will be received by C. W. Scott, Town Recorder, for \$50,000 6% 1-10-year serial street-improvement bonds. Denom. to suit purchaser. Interest semi-annual.

HAMDEN, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—H. C. Warren & Co., of New Haven, have been awarded the \$100,000 5% impt. bonds recently offered—V. 109, p. 1292. Date Oct. 15 1919. Due \$25,000 in 1923, 1925, 1928 and 1931.

HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 27 by Ernst E. Erk, City Auditor, for \$18,745 Lane St., \$11,826 Milliken St., \$10,602 Sixth St., and \$7,458 Seventh St. 5% 1-10-year serial special assessment improvement bonds, Date Oct. 1 1919. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the City Treasurer's office. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Dean O. Jones, County Auditor, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 8 for \$12,200 5% Johnson Pike bonds. Auth. Sec. 6929 Gen. Code. Denom. 11 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$1,200. Date day of sale. Int. J. & D. Due yearly on Dec. 8 as follows: \$3,000 1920, 1921 and 1922, and \$3,300 1923. Cert. check for \$500 required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 15 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

HASTINGS, Adams County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Hastings offering 100.07 and bonds for 5s, was awarded the \$50,000 5-20 year (opt.) paying bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919, offered on Nov. 24—V. 109, p. 2006. The following bankers also submitted bids: Bolger, Mosser & Willaman, White-Phillips Co., Bosworth, Chanute & Co., Bankers Bond & Mtge. Guar. Co., Nebraska National Bank, Keeler Bros. and James T. Wachob.

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 6% 1-5-year serial tax-free road bonds, dated Nov. 1 1919, offered on Oct. 27 (V. 109, p. 1025), have been sold, according to reports, to Baker, Watts & Co., of Baltimore.

HIGHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Hillsboro), Ohio.—NO BIDS.—No bids were submitted for the \$7,500 5% 1-5-year serial road bonds offered on Dec. 1 (V. 109, p. 2092).

HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Highland Park), Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that the voters on Dec. 1 gave their approval to the \$180,000 school-completion bond issue mentioned in V. 109, p. 2092.

HINDSBORO, Douglas County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election an \$8,500 electric-light bond issue carried by a large majority. It is reported.

HOLMES COUNTY (P. O. Millersburg), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,000 Millersburg-Canal Dover Road and \$18,345 53 Millersburg-Wooster Road 5% 1-5-year serial coupon inter-county highway improvement bonds,

dated June 1 1919, offered unsuccessfully on Oct. 6 (V. 109, p. 1481), have been purchased, it is stated, by the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Millersburg.

HOMING, Osage County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Dec. 23 to vote on a proposition to issue the \$125,000 6% 1-25 year bonds mentioned in V. 109, p. 2006.

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Tiffin), Seneca County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—The township has voted to issue \$75,000 school-bldg. bonds. It is reported.

HURON COUNTY (P. O. Norwalk), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 5% 2-5-year serial bridge bonds, which were offered unsuccessfully on Nov. 17 (V. 109, p. 2092) have been purchased by the Citizens National Bank, of Norwalk.

IBERIA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. New Iberia), La.—BOND OFFERING.—L. R. Tilly, Superintendent of Parish School Board, will receive proposals until Jan. 20 for \$200,000 5% 30-year school bonds.

INGLEWOOD, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—E. H. Rollins & Sons and the William R. Staats Co., bidding jointly, were awarded the \$217,000 5½% water system bonds, offered on Nov. 24—V. 109, p. 2006—for \$228,672 (105.332) and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. J. & D. Due yearly from 1924 to 1959, incl.

JEANNETTE, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4½% tax-free improvement bonds offered on Dec. 1 (V. 109, p. 1909) were on that date awarded to the Mellon National Bank, of Pittsburgh, for \$150,965 (100.643) and interest. Due \$30,000 on Nov. 1 in 1924, 1929, 1934, 1939 and 1944. Lyon, Singer & Co., of Pittsburgh, bid \$200 premium.

JENNINGS COUNTY (P. O. Vernon), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—An issue of \$2,000 4½% G. F. Huber et al Vernon Twp. road bonds, offered on Nov. 15 was not sold.

JERSEY CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—An issue of \$2,036,619 25 registered temporary water pipe line bonds, offered on Nov. 28, was not sold, the bids being rejected. Denom. \$25,000 and multiples (1 for \$36,619 25). Date Dec. 1 1919. Due Apr. 1 1920.

JERSEY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pataskala R. D. 4), Licking County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—No bids were submitted for the \$5,250 5% coupon school bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 109, p. 1813.

KANE COUNTY (P. O. Kanab), Utah.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$35,000 5½% serial court-house and jail bonds has been sold to Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co., of Denver. Due \$3,500 annually for ten years after the tenth year.

Financial Statement.	
Assessed valuation	\$2,056,078
Total bonded debt	35,000
Population (estimated)	2,500.

KING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Wash.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made of an issue of \$6,500 school bonds, offered on Nov. 24.

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,770 4½% 1-20 yr. serial road bonds, offered on Oct. 27—V. 109, p. 1626 have been sold at par to M. A. Cushman.

LEBANON SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Lebanon), Laclede County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$100,000 was voted Nov. 25 by 594 "for" to 106 "against."

LEOLA, McPherson County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$25,000 water bonds was recently sold to the Wells-Dickey Co., of Minneapolis, at 91. Denom. \$200. Int. semi-ann.

LEWIS COUNTY (P. O. Chehalis), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids are asked for \$138,523 98 road bonds not to exceed 6% interest and due \$9,000 annually, beginning June 1 1919.

LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.—BIDS.—The following bids were received for the 16 issues of 5½% 1-7 yr. serial special assessment paving refunding bonds aggregating \$200,000, dated July 1 1919, offered on Nov. 28—V. 109, p. 1910:

R. E. DeWesse & Co., Dayton, and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chicago,	\$201,050 80; Well, Loth & Co., Sensozood & Mayer and Wm. R. Compton	Co., \$200,250; A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo, \$200,881 00; Stacy & Braun,
Toledo, \$200,822 86; Sidney Spitzer & Co., Toledo, \$200,006.		

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Eureka), Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 27 the voters will decide whether they are in favor of issuing \$50,000 bonds.

LOGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (P. O. Fleming), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$15,000 school bonds was authorized at a recent election. These bonds have been sold as reported in V. 109, p. 1722.

LODI, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,999 90 2-21 year serial street impt. bonds, dated Nov. 3 1919 offered on Nov. 24—V. 109, p. 2006—were awarded on that day to Clark and Honey Construction Co., for \$8,000 02 (100.001) and interest. A bid of par and interest was also received from Dinmond Steacy of Lodi.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 24 the National City Co. was awarded at 101.81, according to reports, the \$546,000 5% bonds (V. 109, p. 2007). Date July 1 1918. Due \$14,090 yearly on July 1 from 1920 to 1958, inclusive.

LUCAS, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$4,000 6% electric-light bonds has been awarded to the City National Bank of Mansfield at 102.53.

LYCOMING COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of County Commissioners will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Dec. 30 for \$150,000 4½% tax-free coupon bonds. Date Dec. 15 1919. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due Dec. 15 1939, optional after Dec. 15 1924. Certified check for 2% of amount of bid required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonded debt (excluding this issue), \$116,100. Assessed value, \$26,106,950.

LYNN, Essex County, Mass.—NO BIDS.—There were no bidders for \$51,000 4½% bonds offered on Dec. 3.

MCDONALD, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$4,484 10 5½% street impt. bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 109, p. 1813—were not sold.

MCDOWELL COUNTY (P. O. Marion), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo, bidding 103.113, were awarded the \$100,000 5½% highway bonds offered on Dec. 1—V. 109, p. 2007.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. E. Rhoads, City Auditor, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 12, for \$6,600 5½% water-main extension bonds. Auth. Sec. 3939 Gen. Code. Denom. 3 for \$200, 2 for \$500 and 5 for \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$200, 1921 to 1923, incl.; \$500, 1924 and 1925; and \$1,000, 1926 to 1930, incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. A like amount of bonds was reported as sold in V. 109, p. 1910.

MARION, Williamson County, Ill.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a recent meeting the City Council, according to reports, voted in favor of the issuance of \$14,000 bonds, the last of which shall mature in 1935.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the 3 issues of 4½% 2-11 year serial road bonds offered without success on Nov. 10—V. 109, p. 1722 and 2007—the \$69,000 Oscar Lee et al Center Twp. bonds have been sold to the Meyer-Kiser Bank, of Indianapolis, at par and interest. The remaining 2 issues are yet unsold.

MARION TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Washington), Fayette County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 1 the Commercial Bank of Washington was awarded at par and interest the \$7,500 5% 1-8-year serial coupon deficiency bonds, offered on that day—V. 109, p. 2007. Date Oct. 6 1919.

MARYSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marysville), Yuba County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—An issue of \$394,000 school bonds was defeated at an election held Nov. 25.

MEDFORD, Grant County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 11 \$100,000 water, \$50,000 sewers and \$25,000 fire equipment bonds are to be voted upon.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Peru), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Peru has purchased the \$50,000 4½% tax-free coupon bonds offered on June 5 last—V. 108, p. 1849. Due yearly, on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1920 to 1934 incl.; \$4,000, 1935 to 1939 incl.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (P. O. Cambridge), Mass.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$66,000 4½% registered tuberculosis hospital notes, offered on Nov. 28, has been awarded. It is stated, to Harris, Forbes & Co., of Boston, at 99.52. Date Dec. 1 1919. Due Dec. 1 1920.

MIDDLE TAYLOR TOWNSHIP (P. O. Johnstown), Cambria County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 5% bonds, offered on Aug. 22—V. 109, p. 701—were awarded on that date to Martin & Co. of Philadelphia at 109.875. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1919. Int. P. & A. Due \$10,000 on Aug. 1 in 1924, 1929, 1934 & 1939, and \$5,000 on Aug. 1 1944.

MIDDLETON, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Clayton Bailey, City Auditor, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 19 for \$20,000 5% sewer bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Semi-annual interest payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. Due \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1939, inclusive. Certified check for \$200 required.

MISSOULA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40, Mont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$19,000 5½% 10-20 year (opt.) school building and furnishing bonds was awarded on Nov. 22 to Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane, at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann.

MITCHELL, Davison County, S. Dak.—BIDS.—The other bids received for the \$100,000 auditorium and \$25,000 fire station 10-20 year (opt.) bonds awarded on Nov. 24 to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, at 100.40 and interest for 58—V. 109, p. 2093—were:

	Amount.	Plus Premium.	Less Expenses.
First Trust & Savings Bank	\$125,000	\$330 00	
Bankers Mtge. Co.	125,000		\$1,000 00
Com'l Trust & Savings Bank	125,000		1,687 50
Mitchell Nat'l Bank	125,000		1,800 00
Halsey, Stuart & Co.	125,000		1,115 00

MOHAVE COUNTY (P. O. Kingman), Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 2 the voters will have submitted to them the question of issuing \$300,000 road and \$80,000 hospital 6% 10-30-year (opt.) bonds mentioned in V. 109, p. 1910.

MONTICELLO TOWNSHIP (P. O. Monticello), Piatt County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters of this township have voted to issue \$200,000 bonds for a community high school.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Aberdeen), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The William R. Compton Co. of St. Louis has purchased, according to reports, \$24,000 5½% Road District No. 3 bonds at 100.50.

MORRISTOWN, Hamblen County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—I. B. Throatt & Co. of Jacksonville were awarded on Nov. 28 the \$100,000 5% 20-year assessment and \$100,000 6% 1-10-year serial street paving bonds—V. 109, p. 2007—at par, less \$6,000. Bids were also received from Caldwell & Co., J. O. Mayer & Co., Stacy & Braun and C. N. Malone & Co.

MOULTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Wapakcheta), Auclair County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 25 \$42,800 5% road bonds were awarded to the Peoples National Bank, of Wapakcheta, at par and interest. Denoms. \$480, \$1800, \$650, \$750 and \$700. Date Sept. 6 1919. Int. M. & S. Due in 5 years from date.

MT. VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 20 the \$2,000 4½% registered 7-year police and fire department bonds (V. 109, p. 2007) were taken by the Trustees of the Police Pension Fund at par.

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 1 the \$320,000 5½% paving, water and sewer bonds, maturing in 1954—V. 109, p. 2007—were awarded to Keane, Higbie & Co. of Detroit at par for 4½%.

NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Spanish Forks), Utah County, Utah.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held Nov. 20—V. 109, p. 1814—the issuance of \$450,000 5% serial school bonds was defeated, by a vote of 232 "for" to 324 "against."

NEWBERRY, Newberry County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 25 an issue of \$74,000 5% 20 year fire equipment, funding and refunding bonds was awarded to R. M. Marshall & Bro. of Charleston, at 100.03. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1919. Int. J. & J.

NEWELL, Butte County, So. Dak.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$35,000 5% 15-year (aver.) water works bonds recently awarded to the Wells-Dickey Co., of Minneapolis at par—V. 109, p. 2093—are in denom. of \$1,000 and are dated July 1 1919. Int. J. & J.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—A. G. Ricks, Commissioner of Public Finances, will receive bids until 11 a. m. Dec. 29 for \$1,600,000 4½% paving certificates. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Int. J. & J. Due \$160,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1931, incl. Cert. check on some chartered bank in New Orleans for 3% of the amount bid, payable to the above Commissioner of Public Finances required. The approving opinion of Wood & Oakley of Chicago as to the validity of these certificates will be furnished the successful bidder.

NEW ROCHELLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Dec. 12 by Harry A. Archibald, City Comptroller, for the following 4½% registered bonds: \$73,676 90 school bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on May 1 from 1926 to 1939, incl. \$3,676 May 1 1920. 306,997 75 municipal impt. bonds. Due \$40,000 yearly on May 1 from 1922 to 1928, incl., and \$26,997 75 May 1 1929.

Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the City Treasurer's office. Interest by mail in New York exchange, if requested by registered holder. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the "City of New Rochelle" required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Delivery, 11 a. m. Dec. 19 at U. S. Mfg. & Trust Co., New York.

NEWTON (P. O. West Newton), Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Francis Newhall, City Treasurer, will receive proposals until 2 p. m. Dec. 8 for the following 4½% coupon tax-free bonds: \$30,000 street-improvement bonds. Date Oct. 1 1919. Due \$6,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1920 to 1924, inclusive. 10,000 street-improvement bonds. Date Nov. 1 1919. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1920 to 1929, inclusive. 295,000 school bonds. Date Dec. 1 1919. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$15,000 1920 to 1934, inclusive, and \$14,000 1935 to 1939, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Interest semi-annual. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Neosho), Mo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—On Nov. 18 an issue of \$750,000 bonds was defeated.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—During November an issue of \$500,000 3½% assessment bonds, due on or after Jan. 2 1920 was awarded on Nov. 24 to the City Sinking Fund at par.

TEMPORARY LOANS.—During the month of November, this city issued the following short term securities, consisting of revenue bonds and bills, tax notes and corporate stock notes, aggregating \$20,061,900.

Revenue Bills 1919, Aggregating \$7,000,000.			
Amount.	Int. Rate.	Maturity.	Date Sold.
\$5,000,000	4.55%		Nov. 10
2,000,000	4.55%		Nov. 12
Special Revenue Bonds, 1919, Aggregating \$4,900.			
4,900	4.40%	Nov. 5 1919	Nov. 7
Tax Notes, Aggregating \$250,000.			
		(On or after)	
	4%	Jan. 2 1920	Nov. 21
Corporate Stock Notes, Aggregating \$12,807,000.			
Various Municipal Purposes.			
600,000	4%	On demand	Nov. 21
250,000	4.60%	Feb. 27 1920	Nov. 28
		Water.	
150,000	4.60%	Feb. 27 1920	Nov. 28

Rapid Transit.			
Amount.	Int. Rate.	Date Sold.	Date
10,000	4½%	On demand	Nov. 10
1,250,000	4.55%	Feb. 20 1920	Nov. 20
750,000	4.55%	Feb. 20 1920	Nov. 20
1,000,000	4.55%	Feb. 24 1920	Nov. 21
1,000,000	4.55%	Feb. 24 1920	Nov. 21
2,000	4½%	On demand	Nov. 21
145,000	4½%	On demand	Nov. 21
3,450,000	4.60%	Feb. 27 1920	Nov. 28
3,800,000	4.60%	Feb. 27 1920	Nov. 28
Dock.			
50,000	4%	On demand	Nov. 21
250,000	4.60%	Feb. 27 1920	Nov. 28

* Purchased by the City Sinking Fund.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—NOTE SALE.—Harris, Forbes & Co., of Boston, bidding 100.14, were awarded the \$250,000 5% coupon tax-free bridge notes, offered on Nov. 25—V. 109, p. 2007, Date Dec. 1 1919. Due Dec. 1 1920.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY (P. O. Easton), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Dec. 12 by R. D. Walters, County Comptroller, for \$500,000 4½% coupon or registered funding and impt. bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due Dec. 1 1949. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Comptroller required.

NORTON, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 4½% 1-20 year serial street railway bonds, dated Nov. 15 1919, offered on Nov. 25—V. 109, p. 2007—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co., of Boston, at 100.17.

OVERLIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oberlin), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. E. Barnard, Clerk Board of Education, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Dec. 20 for \$50,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date day of sale. Interest semi-annual. Due \$5,000 yearly on Dec. 20 from 1920 to 1929, inclusive.

OKECHOBEE, Okeechobee County, Fla.—BIDS REJECTED—BONDS RE-ADVERTISED.—All bids received for the two issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$125,000 offered on Nov. 15—V. 109, p. 1911—were rejected.

We are further advised that the above bonds will be re-advertised for sale on Jan. 14.

OKLAHOMA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Okla.—BIDS REJECTED—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 9 an election will be held to vote on the issuance of \$820,000 5% coupon high school building bonds.

OKLAHOMA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oklahoma City), Oklahoma County, Okla.—BIDS REJECTED.—The bids received for the \$344,000 5% school building bonds offered on Nov. 17—V. 109, p. 1911—were rejected.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$125,000 water works bonds has been purchased. It is stated, by the American National Bank of Oklahoma City.

OLEAN, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 2 Field, Richards & Co. of New York, were awarded at 100.11 the \$60,000 4½% water works bonds offered on that date—V. 109, p. 2093. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. J. & D. Due from 1921 to 1935, incl.

NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received on Dec. 2 for the \$36,500 4½% bonds offered on that date—V. 109, p. 1911. These issues will probably be re-advertised in the near future.

OMAHA, Douglas County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 9 p. m. Dec. 16 by W. G. Ure, Superintendent of Accounts and Finance for the following 5% coupon bonds: \$100,000 20-year police station bonds. Series 1920. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

224,000 1-9 year street impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Prin. and ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

Date Jan. 1 1920. Cert. or cashier's check on a national bank for \$5,000, payable at the "City of Omaha," required. Official circular states that no default has ever been made in payment of principal or interest and that there is no litigation pending or threatened affecting the validity of these bonds or any other.

PARIS, Bourbon County, Ky.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held Dec. 27 \$35,000 school bonds will be voted upon, it is reported.

PAWNEE COUNTY (P. O. Pawnee City), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 5½% 5-20 year (opt.) funding bonds offered on Nov. 25—V. 109, p. 2007—have been sold, it was stated, to the Bankers' Bond and Mortgage Guarantee Company of Fort Dodge.

No report has yet been received as to the disposition of the \$50,000 bridge bonds offered on the same date.

PERRY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cory), Clay County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 29 the Brazil Trust Co. & Savings Bank of Brazil, bidding \$11,050 (109.453) and interest, was awarded \$11,000 5% coupon school-house bonds. Denom. \$500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Citizens Bank of Cory. Due \$1,000 each six months from July 15 1922 to July 15 1927, incl.

PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP (P. O. Ferrysburg), Wood County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Dec. 20 by S. T. Phillips, Township Clerk, for \$7,000 5½% coupon cemetery bonds. Denom. \$700. Date day of sale. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Township Treasurer's office. Due \$700 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1921 to 1930, incl. Cert. check on a local bank for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Township Treasurer, required.

PIERCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On April 5 the two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$57,000 were awarded to the Scandinavian-American Bank of Tacoma as follows: \$7,000 bonds for \$7,050, equal to 100.714. Denom. \$1,000. 50,000 bonds at 100.80. Denoms. 250 for \$100 and 50 for \$500. Date May 1 1919. Int. M. & N. Due May 1 1939 optional May 1 1929.

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pittsburgh), Crawford County, Kans.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$275,000 4¾% high school bonds awarded on Nov. 17 to the Guarantee Title & Trust Co. of Wichita for \$275,276 (100.1003) and interest—V. 109, p. 2093—are in denom. of \$1,000 and are dated Sept. 2 1919. Interest J. & J.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—It is reported that the City Treasurer will receive proposals until 11 a. m. Dec. 9 for the purchase on a discount basis, of a temporary loan of \$200,000, dated Dec. 9 1919 and maturing June 9 1920.

PORTLAND, Middlesex County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 12 the \$40,000 4½% 20-year tax-free sewer bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 1827—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York.

PORTLAND, Ore.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that the \$46,000 5% 3-20-yr. serial fire equipment bonds dated Dec. 1 1919, offered on Nov. 28—V. 109, p. 2008—have been sold to Ladd & Tilton at 101.55. Other bids were: E. H. Rollins & Sons, 101.44, and E. L. Doveaux & Co., 101.32.

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY (P. O. Tecumseh), Okla.—BOND SALE.—Reports say that \$500,000 6% 25-year road impt. bonds have been sold.

POWER COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1, Ida.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 16 E. L. Devereaux & Co., of Portland, were awarded \$150,000 5½% highway construction bonds at 101.229. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1919. Int. M. & S. Due \$15,000 yearly from 1930 to 1939, incl.

PRAGUE, Saunders County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Dec. 20 by Anton Kaspar, Village Clerk. It is stated, for the \$12,000 5% 5-20-year (opt.) coupon electric light bonds recently voted—V. 109, p. 2093. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 2 1920. Prin. and ann. int., payable in Omaha. Cert. check for 5% required.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Crawford County, Wisc.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$30,000 5% coupon high school bonds has been sold to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$1,000 1920 to 1929, incl., and \$2,000 1930 to 1939, inclusive.

RED WILLOW COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. McCook), Neb.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—Further details are at hand relative to the sale of \$30,000 5 1/2% bonds recently sold to Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due Nov. 1 1929.

Financial Statement. Assessor's valuation, 1919... Total bonded debt, this issue only... Population (estimated)...

RENO, Washoe County, Nev.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that the City Council will on Dec. 8 at 8 p. m. sell \$200,000 5 1/2% 5-15-year general impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

RICHLAND, Baker County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$35,000 water bonds has been sold.

ROANOKE, Va.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held Nov. 24—V. 109, p. 1911—the following 4 1/2% coupon bonds were voted: \$500,000 street bonds. Vote 471 to 287. \$250,000 sewer and drainage bonds. Vote 463 to 290. \$200,000 school bonds. Vote 573 to 182. P. H. Tucker is City Clerk.

ROCKY FORD, Otero County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 5 1/2% serial refunding bonds has been sold to Benwill, Phillips, Estes & Co. of Denver at par. Due \$10,000 annually Jan. 1 1921 to 1925 incl. Date Jan. 1 1920. Denom. \$1,000.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation... Total debt (including this issue)... Population (estimated)...

SALAMANCA, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 11 the \$10,000 5% 1-10-year serial bonds dated Jan. 1 1920—V. 109, p. 2008—were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York at 101.19.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY (P. O. San Diego), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The San Francisco "Chronicle" of Nov. 28 states that the \$2,300,000 5% serial road bonds recently voted—V. 109, p. 2008—were awarded to the Bank of Italy and the Southern Trust & Commerce Bank jointly for \$2,308,000, equal to 100.347.

SANTA ANA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Ana), Orange County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—On Jan. 13 an election will be held to vote upon issuing \$110,000 5% school bonds. Due 1943.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 3, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 20 by H. W. Thompson, Clerk (P. O. Milton), for \$160,000 6% 30-year bonds. Date Sept. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. Cert. check for \$500 required.

SAPULPA, Creek County, Okla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—Newspapers state that \$75,000 water and \$60,000 city hospital bonds remained unsold on Nov. 24.

MANDAMUS SUIT.—The city has brought a mandamus suit to compel the Attorney-General to approve \$10,000 cemetery bonds. Atty. Gen. has declared them illegal, it is reported, as not being under the head of public utilities.

SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Gate City), Va.—BOND OFFERING.—P. A. Richmond, Deputy Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Gate City), will sell at public auction 1 p. m. Dec. 22 \$50,000 coupon Floyd Magisterial District bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Denoms. not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000. Int. annually. Due in not more than 40 years, optional after 10 years. Cert. check for \$500 required. Purchaser to furnish blank bonds free of cost to the county.

SHADYSIDE, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—D. D. Schramm, Village Clerk, will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 12 for \$1,800 6% land-purchase bonds. Denom. \$600. Date Jan. 1 1920. Interest semi-annual. Due \$600 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1924, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

SPANISH FORK, Utah County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co. of Denver have purchased \$15,000 paving and \$9,500 water 5 1/2% 20-year special bonds. Semi-annual int. N. Y. payment.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation, 1918... Total debt (including this issue)... Population...

SUMMERVILLE, Dorchester County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Dec. 15 by the Commissioners of Public Works for \$40,000 5% coupon 20-40-year (opt.) electric plant and lighting bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. (J. & J.), payable in New York City, N. Y. Purchasers to furnish bonds and opinion of bond attorneys if desired.

SUPERIOR, Nuckolls County, Neb.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—Further details are at hand relative to the sale of \$15,000 5 1/2% municipal park bonds recently awarded to Bosworth, Chanute & Co., of Denver—V. 109, p. 1912. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and ann. int. (Dec. 1) payable at the office of the County treasurer. Due Dec. 1 1929.

Financial Statement. Assessor's valuation, 1919... Total bonded debt including this issue... Population, estimated...

SUTTER COUNTY (P. O. Yuba City), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$730,000 5% 9-28 year serial gold road bonds, dated Sept. 1 1919, offered on Nov. 22—V. 109, p. 2008—have been sold, it is stated, to the Bank of Italy.

SWEETWATER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Superior), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$11,000 6% 15-20 year (opt.) school bonds has been sold to Sweet, Causey, Foster Co. of Denver. Int. semi-annual N. Y. payment.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation... Total bonded debt... Population (est.)...

TARENTUM, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Dec. 22 (date changed from Dec. 1)—V. 109, p. 1912 by W. G. Robinson, Borough Secretary, for \$35,000 4 1/2% park bonds. Date Dec. 1 1919. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1939 and 1944; and \$15,000, 1949.

TERRA BELLA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Terra Bella), Tulare County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that proposals will be received until Dec. 11 by the President Board of Directors for \$50,000 bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

TITUSVILLE, Crawford County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,000 4 1/2% 5-24-year (opt.) tax-free city bonds, dated July 1 1919, which were offered on June 2—V. 108, p. 2056—have been sold to a local investor at par.

TONAWANDA, Erie County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—On Dec. 2 the vote on the question of issuing \$200,000 filtration-plant bonds resulted in the authorization of the bonds, 386 votes being cast "for" as to 186 "against."

TRENTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Trenton), Grundy County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$135,000 bonds was recently voted by 1,218 "for" to 88 "against."

TRIADDELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Triadelphia), Ohio County, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that George W. Goods, Secretary Board of Education, will receive bids until 12 m. Dec. 20 for \$60,000 5% 5-20-year (opt.) school bonds. Interest semi-annual.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Monroe), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 1 the \$100,000 5 1/2% 2-26 year serial road and bridge bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 1912—were awarded to A. T. Bell & Co., of Toledo, at 101.131.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. La Grande), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 3 p. m. Dec. 22 by C. K. McCormick, Clerk, for \$400,000 5% gold road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the Fiscal Agency of the State of Oregon in New York City, N. Y. Due yearly on Jan. 15 as follows: \$30,000 1925 to 1927, incl., \$45,000 1928 to 1933, incl., and \$40,000 1934.

Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, required. The approving legal opinion of J. S. Hodgins, District Attorney, and of Teal Minor and Winfree of Portland, will be furnished to the successful bidders. Assessed value of taxable property, \$24,973,696.

VINTON COUNTY (P. O. McArthur), Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The County Auditor advises us that the \$20,000 5% 1-10-yr. serial road bonds, which were to have been sold last summer—V. 109, p. 804—have not yet been disposed of.

WAHKIAKUM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20, Wash.—BOND SALE.—Marcus Gilbertson of Westport, offering par, was recently awarded, it is stated, \$22,000 6% school bonds.

WARWOOD, Ohio County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—Howard Hazlett & Son of Wheeling, offering 102.06 were awarded the two issues of 6% 1-10-year (opt.) street impt. bonds aggregating \$150,000, dated Nov. 1 1919, offered on Dec. 2—V. 109, p. 2009.

WASHINGTONVILLE, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that \$5,000 5% 1-10-yr. serial street bonds were recently awarded to O'Brien, Potter & Co. of Buffalo at 100.370.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—The Treasurer will receive bids, it is stated, until 3:30 p. m. Dec. 11 for the purchase at discount of a temporary loan of \$50,000, maturing April 16 1920.

WATERVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Waterville) Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. Dec. 20 by Frank M. Farnsworth, Clerk Board of Education, for \$20,000 5% coupon school bonds. Auth. Sec. 7625-7627, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date, day of sale. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on March 15 from 1920 to 1939, inclusive. Certified check on a bank located in Lucas County for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within five days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WAUKESHA, Waukesha County, Wisc.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 2 the \$100,000 5% 1-20-year serial school bonds dated Nov. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 1912—were awarded to the Second Ward Savings Bank of Milwaukee at 101.391.

WAUSEON, Fulton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,420 5 1/2% 1-10-year serial street impt. bonds dated Sept. 1 1919, offered on Nov. 24—V. 109, p. 1815—were awarded to the Peoples State Bank of Wauseon at par and interest.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Ault), Colo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$7,000 5 1/2% 10-20 year (opt.) school bonds has been sold to Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co., of Denver. Int. semi-annual N. Y. payment.

Assessed valuation, 1918... Total debt (with this issue)... Population...

WELLSTON, Jackson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,500 5% 2-10-yr. serial water bonds, dated Jan. 1 1919, offered unsuccessfully on June 4 last—V. 108, p. 2458—have been purchased at par by a local investor.

WEST SENECA (P. O. Gardenville), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sherwood & Merrifield of New York, bidding 101.125, were awarded the \$12,600 5% 2-14-year serial bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919, offered on Dec. 3—V. 109, p. 2000.

WEST SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Tracy), San Joaquin County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 13 to 0 the issuance of \$150,000 6% bonds, carried, at the election held Nov. 18.—V. 109, p. 1913.

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following 3 issues of 4 1/2% tax free coupon bonds have been purchased by Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston at par. \$30,000 1-10-year serial pavement bonds.

\$40,000 1-20-year serial sewer bonds. \$20,000 1-20-year serial school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston.

WHITLEY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia City), Ind.—BOND SALE.—Four issues of 4 1/2% 1-10-yr. serial road bonds aggregating \$45,978, being the remainder of 5 issues of bonds offered on June 4—V. 108, p. 2161 and 2560—have been disposed of.

WICHITA COUNTY (P. O. Wichita Falls), Tex.—BIDS REJECTED.—All the bids submitted for the \$1,500,000 5% road bonds offered on Nov. 24—V. 109, p. 2009—were rejected.

WILKES COUNTY (P. O. Northwilkeshoro), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On April 12 \$275,000 5 1/2% road bonds were awarded to Prudden & Co. at 102.17 and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 12 1919. Int. A. & O. Due yearly from 1934 to 1958, inclusive.

WINNETT, Fergus County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Nick Langshausen, Town Clerk, will sell at public auction 10 a. m. March 1 6% 15-20-year (opt.) water bonds not to exceed \$35,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. (J. & D.), payable at the office of the Town Treasurer or the option of holder, at some bank in New York City to be designated by the Town Treasurer. Due Dec. 1 1939, optional Dec. 1 1934. Cert. check on some responsible bank for \$3,500, payable to the Town Treasurer required.

WOODVILLE, Sandusky County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Woodville Savings Bank of Woodville has purchased at par the \$7,678.60 5% 1-10-yr. serial coupon street impt. bonds offered on June 2—V. 108, p. 2056.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The Mechanics National Bank of Worcester on Dec. 4 awarded on a 4-40% discount basis, plus a premium of \$3, \$150,000 revenue notes, dated Dec. 5 1919 and maturing Mar. 31 1920.

YORBA LINDA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Orange County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Dec. 9 by J. M. Backs, County Clerk (P. O. Santa Ana) for \$10,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1934 incl. Cert. or cashier's check for 3% of amount of sold bonds or of the portion thereof bid for, payable to the Chairman Board of County Supervisors, required. Total assessed value of taxable property 1919, \$670,265.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ADMIRAL, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that this village has been authorized to issue \$1,500 debentures.

CORNWALLIS, Man.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—On Dec. 16 the electors will vote on a by-law to issue \$100,000 road impt. debentures. It is stated.

CUT KNIFE, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The Local Government Board has granted this village authority to issue \$2,500 debentures.

DINSMORE, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—W. L. McKinnon & Co. of Regina have purchased, according to reports, \$11,000 debentures of this village.

DUNDAS, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The Council on Nov. 18 passed a by-law to issue \$3,500 bridge debentures. It is stated.

EDAM ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The Local Government Board has granted, the district authority to issue \$4,000 debentures.

EYEBROW, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—An issue of \$2,000 debentures has been authorized by the Local Government Board. It is reported.

FITZROY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Kinburn), Ont.—DEBENTURES NOT SOLD.—An issue of \$3,000 6% 15-year installment school house completion debentures offered on Oct. 24, was not sold.

FLAXCOMBE, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The Local Government Board has, according to reports, given this village permission to issue \$1,000 debentures.

GOVAN, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—According to reports, this town has been authorized by the Local Government Board to issue \$12,000 debentures.

HALFWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that \$3,700 school debentures have been authorized.

HALTON COUNTY, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Brent, Noxon & Co. of Toronto have been awarded an issue of \$30,000 bridge debentures, it is stated.

LONDON, Ont.—DEBENTURES SOLD OVER THE COUNTER.—The City Treasurer advises us that \$25,000 5¼% electric light debentures were sold "over the counter" to local purchasers during September. Denom. 5 for \$1,000 and 4 for \$5,000. Date Aug. 1 1919. Int. F. & A. Due Aug. 1 1929.

NEW BRUNSWICK (Province of)—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Nov. 27 the \$2,282,000 5½% 10-year gold coupon (with privilege of registration) refunding debentures, dated Dec. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 1914—were awarded to the Bank of Nova Scotia at 96.11 and interest. A syndicate composed of J. M. Robinson & Sons A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., Dominion Securities Corp., and the Eastern Securities Co., bid 95.34. Another combine, consisting of Harris, Forbes & Co., National City Co. and the United Financial Corp., Ltd., offered 95.80.

ONTARIO (Province of)—DEBENTURE SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., A. E. Ames & Co. and Wood, Gundy & Co. has purchased and is now offering to investors at a price to yield 5¼% \$4,000,000 5¼% coupon (with privilege of registration) gold debentures. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 23 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Provincial Treasurer's office or at the agency of the Bank of Montreal in New York. Due Sept. 23 1929.

PORT COLBORNE, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Dave Alair, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed tenders until Dec. 15 for \$40,000 school and \$40,000 hydro-electric 5½% 20-year installment debentures. Int. payable annually on Nov. 15.

PROGRESS RURAL MUNICIPALITY, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$3,000 15-year installment hospital debentures recently authorized—V. 109, p. 1486—have been purchased by the Regina Sinking Fund Trustees.

ST. THOMAS, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED AND SOLD.—At the election held Dec. 1 the by-law to issue \$25,000 5¼% 10-year installment debentures carried by a vote of 475 to 39. The City Clerk advises us that these debentures have been sold.

SANDWICH, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that the Council recently adopted several by-laws, providing for the issuance of debentures, amounting to approximately \$140,000.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALES.—The following, according to the "Financial Post," is a list of debentures, aggregating \$12,500, reported sold from Nov. 8 to 15:

Lewiswyn, \$5,000; Hardscrabble, \$2,400; and Brancepeth, \$4,000; Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina; Kimball, \$1,100; Peter Abrams.

The following debentures, aggregating \$110,730, were reported sold from Aug. 2 to Sept. 1:

Central Park, \$3,600. Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina; North End, \$600, Allan, Gordon & Gordon, Regina; Sunny Plain, \$11,000, Harris, Read Co., Regina; Garvin, \$3,500, Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina; Heron, \$600, Canada Landed & National Invest., Winnipeg; Little Boggy, \$900, Wood, Gundy & Co., Saskatoon; Rugby, \$900, C. M. Grompton, St. Catharines; Linden Valley, \$1,200, Harris, Read & Co., Regina; Rozlee, \$630, Wood, Gundy & Co., Saskatoon; Ashford, \$3,000, Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina; Turtleford, \$1,500, C. M. Grompton, St. Catharines; Big Arm, \$3,500, Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina; Katerwe, \$5,700, Great West Life Assur. Co., Winnipeg; Cambrai, \$2,500, Wood, Gundy & Co., Saskatoon; Alexandria, \$1,800, Great West Life Assur. Co., Winnipeg; Buffalo Hill, \$300, J. H. Kern, Moose Jaw; Silver Craig, \$26,000, Harris, Read & Co., Regina; Parkside, \$10,000, Great West Life Assur. Co., Winnipeg; Glen Curren, \$500, Allan, Gordon & Gordon, Regina; Rosebriar, \$2,500, Great West Life Assur. Co., Winnipeg; Shannon Lake, \$2,500, locally; Dunleath, \$1,500, Great West Life Assur. Co., Winnipeg; Southey, \$12,500, Goldman & Co., Regina; Glen Hill, \$13,000, Western Trust Co., Regina.

DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The following is a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board from Nov. 1 to Nov. 7:

xSplon Kopp, \$1,400; Vimy Ridge, \$1,200; xMount Murray, \$400; xGreenmount, \$600; Allenberger, \$600; xRonde, \$1,150; Mundie, \$3,500; Clashmount, \$3,700; Uxbridge, \$3,500.

TRAFALGAR TOWNSHIP (P. O. Trafalgar), Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Dec. 15 by S. H. Albertson, Township Clerk, for the \$82,014 23 6% 20-year debentures, which were offered unsuccessfully on Oct. 27—V. 109, p. 1630.

WALKERVILLE, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—A. E. Cock, Town Clerk (P. O. Walkerville, Box 329), will receive proposals until Dec. 8 for \$13,343 66 8% local-impt. and \$50,000 5¼% 30-installment public-school coupon debentures. Prin. and interest payable at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Walkerville.

WAPELLA, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that the issuance of \$9,091 25 debentures has been authorized.

WEYBURN, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that the city has been given permission to issue \$12,000 debentures.

WILLOWDALE, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The issue of \$5,500 10-year debentures, authorized last May—V. 108, p. 2264—has been purchased by Harris, Read & Co. of Regina.

WINDSOR, Ont.—BIDS REJECTED.—All tenders received for the several issues of 5¼% coupon debentures, aggregating \$235,502 67, offered on Nov. 24—V. 109, p. 2010—were rejected. The debentures will be re-advertised.

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THOMAS H. HAWKINS, Secretary,
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Mutual Insurance Company

New York, January 24th, 1919.

The Trustees, in conformity with the Charter of the Company, submit the following statement of its affairs on the 31st of December, 1918.

Premiums on Marine and Inland Transportation Insurance from the 1st January, 1918, to the 31st December, 1918.	\$5,694,491.55
Premiums on Policies not terminated 1st January, 1918.	1,073,550.96
Total Premiums	\$7,757,442.51
Premiums marked off as terminated from 1st January, 1918, to 31st December, 1918.	\$6,755,508.18
Interest on the Investments of the Company received during the year \$418,106.66	
Interest on Deposits in Banks, Trust Companies, etc.	129,010.84
Rent received less Taxes and Expenses	97,834.51
Losses paid during the year	\$ 635,753.01
Less: Salvages	\$219,146.51
Re-insurances	1,947,733.08
	\$2,136,919.59
Re-insurance Premiums and Returns of Premiums	\$1,919,054.05
Expenses, including compensation of officers and clerks, taxes, stationery, advertisements, etc.	\$1,756,937.61
	\$ 600,019.93

A dividend of interest of Six per cent, on the outstanding certificates of profits will be paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the fourth of February next. The outstanding certificates of the issue of 1917 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the fourth of February next, from which date all interest thereon will cease. This certificate to be produced at the time of payment and cancelled. A dividend of Forty-five per cent, is declared on the earned premiums of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1918, which are entitled to participate in dividend, for which, upon application, certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday the sixth of May next.

By order of the Board, G. STANTON FLOYD-JONES, Secretary.

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ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
United States and State of New York Bonds \$ 3,463,000.00	Estimated Losses and Losses Unsettled in process of Adjustment \$ 4,557,029.00
Stock of the City of New York and Stocks of Trust Companies & Banks 1,385,500.00	Premiums on Unterminated Risks 1,000,934.33
Stocks and Bonds of Railroads 3,069,879.85	Certificates of Profits and Interest Unpaid 316,702.75
Other Securities 285,410.00	Return Premiums Unpaid 129,017.66
Special Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies 1,000,000.00	Taxes Unpaid 400,000.00
Real Estate cor. Wall Street, William Street and Exchange Place 3,900,000.00	Re-insurance Premiums on Terminated Risks 288,508.92
Real Estate on Staten Island (held under provisions of Chapter 481, Laws of 1887) 75,000.00	Claims not settled, including Compensation, etc. 139,296.10
Premium Notes 993,439.32	Certificates of Profits Ordered Redeemed, Withheld for Unpaid Premiums 22,592.54
Bills Receivable 715,783.36	Income Tax Withheld at the Source 3,739.93
Cash in hands of European Bankers to pay losses under policies payable in foreign countries 280,904.00	Certificates of Profits Outstanding 6,140,100.00
Cash in Bank and in Office 1,072,809.61	Balance 3,825,570.11
Secretary Deposit with the State of Queensland, Australia 4,765.00	
\$16,823,491.34	\$16,823,491.34

Balance brought down	\$3,825,570.11
Accrued Interest on the 31st day of December, 1918, amounted to	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 company authorized in New York, on the 31st day of December, 1918, amounted to	462,184.31
Note: The Insurance Department has estimated the value of the Real Estate on Staten Island in excess of the Book Value given above, at	63,700.00
The Insurance Department's valuation of Stocks, Bonds and other Securities exceeds the Company's valuation by	2,411,384.11
On the basis of these increased valuations the balance would be	\$6,881,835.38

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