



### STATE AND CITY SECTION.

A new number of our "State and City Section," revised to date, appears to-day, and all readers of the paper who are subscribers should receive a copy of it. As previously announced, this Supplement is now printed in two parts, Part One containing the New England, Central and Middle States, having been issued last June, while Part Two, embracing the rest of the country, appears to-day. The change is due to the fact that with the growth and multiplication of the municipalities of the United States the demand for additional space has become too heavy to satisfy within the limits of a single number.

### THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Call money rates have again been high, touching 15 and 18%. In part this has been due to preparations for the large first of January interest and dividend payments. In still larger part no doubt it has followed from the fact that the New York Clearing House institutions in their return for last Saturday again showed a deficit below the required legal reserves. There has been a steady weakening of the reserve position of the Clearing House banks in recent weeks. On Nov. 29 they held a surplus above the legal requirement in amount of \$71,333,170; on Dec. 6 the surplus was reduced to \$53,283,030; on Dec. 13 it fell to \$28,223,060, while last Saturday (Dec. 20) it was converted into a deficiency of \$12,320,830. This dwindling of reserves is of less significance than might be supposed, standing by itself. Nevertheless an actual deficiency in the reserve requirements always affects sentiment adversely, and on the present occasion it seems to have led to earlier preparations than usual for the January interest and dividend payments.

When we say that the Clearing House deficit of reserves is of less significance than would appear on its face, we mean simply that the deficit must be considered in connection with the surrounding circumstances and particularly the status of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The latter has been endeavoring to improve *its* reserve position and with that view has compelled the Clearing House banks to reduce their borrowings at the Federal Reserve Bank. Owing to this diminution in borrowing at the Reserve Bank, the reserves of the Clearing House banks (which under the law must consist exclusively of deposits or credits at the Federal Reserve Bank) have been heavily reduced and the impairment of the reserve position of the Clearing House banks has followed as a matter of course. In other words, as has happened intermittently in recent weeks, the Reserve Bank has again gained at the expense of the Clearing House institutions. The Clearing House banks have for some weeks been pretty well "loaned up" while the Federal Reserve Bank on its part has been running very close to *its* reserve requirements and with the interdependence of the two so close, whenever one gains the other loses, and vice versa. Last Saturday's deficit of the Clearing House institutions is without special significance because what the Clearing House lost the Federal Reserve Bank gained.

The bill holdings of the Federal Reserve Bank fell last week from \$946,356,000 to \$837,954,000. That this large reduction reflects diminished borrowings by the Clearing House institutions is plainly evident from the fact that the Clearing House return showed

for the same week a reduction in the item of "bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities," from \$1,010,381,000 to \$867,856,000. A large increase in Government deposits in the Clearing House banks—the total rising from \$99,611,000 to \$246,438,000—would have served to offset this loss entirely except that the Clearing House institutions, after having curtailed loans to customers almost uninterruptedly between the first of November and December 6 (the loan item during this period was reduced from \$5,364,812,000 to \$5,105,303,000), the last two weeks again heavily enlarged the accommodations extended to customers. In the week to December 13, the expansion in loans was \$37,905,000 and last week there was a further expansion of \$46,301,000. In these circumstances a decrease of \$41,447,000 in the reserves held by member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank was inevitable, and this in turn caused the deficiency in Clearing House reserves.

Though the reserve position of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been improved, there is nevertheless a decidedly weak point in its armament, namely, it put out \$28,445,000 more of Reserve notes. In the five weeks from Nov. 14 to Dec. 19, the total of Reserve notes in actual circulation was raised from \$755,745,000 to \$806,615,000, being an increase of roughly \$51,000,000. The same weak point is observable, but in greatly intensified form, when the results for the Federal Reserve system as a whole are considered. New note issues are being put out galore. Last week, the twelve Reserve banks combined emitted new notes in amount of \$81,500,000, while in the period from Nov. 14 to Dec. 19 the increase was over \$180,438,000—the total of Federal Reserve notes in circulation in this period rising from \$2,808,456,000 to \$2,988,894,000.

It is difficult to understand why the Federal Reserve Board, so strongly committed to the policy of correcting inflation and curing speculation, should permit this steady expansion in Reserve note issues on the part of the twelve Federal Reserve banks to go on unchecked. It is all well enough to raise discount rates, and the process is sound and healthy, but so long as there is constant expansion in the volume of outstanding notes marking up discount rates will most assuredly prove ineffective. Credit inflation and price inflation will both continue ad infinitum so long as new note issues are permitted to go on. For the same reason efforts to reduce the high cost of living must prove in large part futile.

The Reserve Board speaks of last week's \$81,500,000 addition to the volume of Federal Reserve note issues as "the usual Christmas expansion of Federal Reserve note circulation," and it is well known that the members of the Reserve Board entertain the beautiful theory that no more notes can be forced into circulation than the channels of trade require, but that is all fol-de-rol. If the Reserve banks are to grapple with the inflation evil in dead earnest they must put an end to new note issues, and it is well to begin at once. It somehow happens that whenever a new lot of certificates of indebtedness is offered for subscription by the Secretary of the Treasury the total of Federal Reserve note issues immediately runs up, in response to new borrowing on "war obligations," but it also happens that as borrowing on these "war obligations" is reduced, through the retirement of the certificates, no corre-

sponding reduction—in fact no reduction at all—occurs in the volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation. In other words, the notes when once put out, stay out.

If inflationary tendencies are to be checked, the evil must be attacked at its source. In times like these idle persiflage is a poor reliance and even the moral effect of occasional advances in discount rates must prove of little avail. An actual prohibition must be put on new note issues. If the effect is to advance money rates to still higher figures, all the better. High money rates are the true and proper corrective. An injection of more note issues when the country is already flooded with them can only serve to delay the day of reckoning—not to avert it.

The foreign export trade of the United States for November 1919, as represented by value, was of decidedly full volume, exceeding by a very substantial amount the outward movement during October or the November figures of any earlier year, but falling considerably under the high record total set up in June, to which, however, it stands second. The increase compared with 1918 extends pretty well over the list of important commodities we export, but in one item alone—cotton—the gain is no less than 122 million dollars, due not so much to higher prices as to the greater quantitative shipments, the total having been much the heaviest of any month since March 1915.

The value of the merchandise exports for November was \$740,921,163; for the five months since July 1 the total reached nearly 3,200 millions and for the eleven months of the calendar year \$7,242,045,798—the last two high marks by a very large margin. In fact comparison is with \$522,236,594 and 2,609 millions and \$5,583,201,433 respectively in 1918, and 487 1-3 millions, 2,345 millions and 5,633 millions in 1917, while in 1913, the year prior to the breaking out of the war in Europe, the aggregates were only 245 millions, 1,085 millions and 2,251 millions. It will be observed, therefore, that in the short interval of six years our exports have increased three-fold. In the exports for the elapsed portion of the current year the most notable gains over 1918 are to be found in cotton, provisions, breadstuffs, leather and manufactures, tobacco, sugar, cotton manufactures, fruits and vegetable oils, and the mentionable declines in explosives, copper, chemicals and iron and steel manufactures.

Imports for the month were, with the exception of those for September, from which a slight loss is indicated, the heaviest ever reported, reaching \$429,211,077 against \$251,008,037 in 1918 and \$220,534,550 in 1917, with the five months' aggregates 1,917 millions, 1,274 millions and 1,172 millions, and those for the eleven months 3,528 millions, 2,820 millions and 2,725 millions. Expansion this year is discernible in the great majority of the leading articles and the increases are especially noteworthy in hides and skins, sugar, coffee, raw silk, diamonds and other precious stones, India rubber and furs.

The net balance of exports of \$311,710,086 for November 1919 is 40½ million dollars larger than in the same month a year ago and compares with only 198 millions in 1916. The five months' export balance is 1,283 millions against 1,335 millions a year ago, but for the eleven months at \$3,713,913,-489 the balance is 951 millions over that for the period in 1918.

The gold exports for the month were quite free although considerably under the aggregate for the preceding June. The outflow reached \$51,857,796 and the inflow \$2,396,770 (from England and Russia mainly) leaving a net loss of \$49,461,026, and increasing to \$258,308,299 the net exports of the metal since January 1. This contrasts with import balances of \$20,787,234 for the eleven months of last year, \$168,042,752 in 1917 and \$399,550,345 in 1916. Silver exports exhibited expansion during November, reaching \$19,052,177. The imports were \$7,018,621, leaving net exports of \$12,033,556 and increasing to \$128,701,054 the net export for the eleven months of 1919. This compares with 137½ millions in 1918.

Canada's foreign trade in November shows a moderate gain over October as well as contrasted with November a year ago. The growth was entirely in the imports, the exports running behind either 1918 or 1917. Exports were \$122,995,987 against \$124,-153,105 in 1918 and 195 millions in 1917, and for eleven months reached \$1,148,409,055 against \$1,151,803,031 and \$1,439,018,936 one and two years ago. Imports for the months, on the other hand, were \$92,718,270 against \$73,390,048 and for the period since January 1, aggregated \$846,005,249 against \$833,329,139 and \$943,499,567. The favorable, or export, balance for the month this year is \$30,277,717 against \$50,763,057 in 1918 and \$114,-607,076 in 1918 and the respective results for the eleven months are \$302,403,806 and \$318,473,892 and \$495,519,369. Explanatory of the decrease in exports this year it is to be stated that marked increases in wood, paper, agricultural products and animals and their products, have been much more than offset by contraction in miscellaneous articles, the latter including last year's vast quantities of war materials and supplies.

The dividend record of the Fall River cotton-manufacturing corporations for the year 1919, reflecting the notable prosperity experienced during the period covered, is a very favorable one even though the amount paid falls below the banner distribution of 1918. It has been quite generally known that despite the phenomenally high cost of raw material, labor and the various supplies incidental to cotton manufacturing, the mills of the country in general have been obtaining such high prices for their product that the margin of profit has been much above the average. This is substantiated as to Fall River at least by the recently issued annual statements of various corporations, which show that earnings have been so heavy as not only to warrant returns better than usual to shareholders, but permit considerable fortifying of surplus accounts. Almost without exception there have been heavy additions to that account. We have not at hand the annual statements of all the corporations but from the reports of thirteen representative ones we have made a compilation which should serve to depict quite clearly the general situation. Those thirteen establishments, after allowing for dividends averaging approximately 14% on the capital invested, closed their fiscal years with aggregate net surplus of \$7,780,764 against \$5,934,352 in 1918, or an increase of \$1,846,412. The showing made by the Davis Mills is especially favorable, as after providing for the payment of 18% to stockholders, the net surplus ran up from \$410,-

127 to \$1,067,996, and the Luther Mills and Parker Mills nearly doubled their surplus accounts. Furthermore, these additions represent over 30% on the capital in the cases of the Davis and Luther.

Presumably recent dividend exhibits furnished the basis for the wage increase demand, lately made by the operatives and which were finally compromised by granting a raise of 12½%. This latest advance of 12½% follows several others of varying amounts within the last four years, making the new wage basis (to run for six months from Dec. 1) 44.67c for weaving a cut of 47½ yards of 64x64 28-inch printing cloth, and represents an increase of more than 100% over the pre-war scale.

It is perhaps interesting to note briefly the course of the goods market (as represented by printing cloths) during the year. When hostilities abroad ceased prices were tending downward and at the close of December, 1918, the quotation stood at 9.75c for standard (64x64 28-inch) printing cloths. The decline continued, after the opening of the new year, and in early March the price was down to 6¾c without there having been a concurrent commensurate decline in the raw material. An upturn set in shortly after the low point had been reached and with trade more active the advance continued without interruption, affording a better margin of profit and enabling manufacturers to concede in May the advance that earlier they had been forced to refuse. After reaching 13c in July, printing cloths eased off somewhat in sympathy with the decline in cotton, but began to rise in late September and by November 4 was again at the then record high mark of 14c; that point was passed, however, early in the current month, when 14½c became the ruling quotation. Cotton also has been moving up, middling upland standing at 40.20c at New York on Nov. 11, the highest point reached since Oct. 19 1866, and now ruling but little under that figure. To the above we can merely add that the outlook for the immediate future is very satisfactory, an active demand at high prices for the coming few months being confidently counted upon.

As regards the dividends declared in 1919, analysis of the statement for the final quarter of the year indicates that the shareholders in every corporation included in the compilation have already shared or will share in this latest distribution and that the aggregate amount involved is \$1,739,838, or 5.24% on the capital invested and, with the exception of the third and fourth quarters of 1918 much the heaviest on record. Of the thirty-eight corporations reporting, no less than thirty-two are making a heavier distribution than in the third quarter, and all but two are paying out more than regular rates. For the twelve months of 1919 the shareholders in the thirty-eight corporations are benefiting to the extent of \$4,833,019, or 14.55% on the capital paid in, this comparing with \$6,048,286, or 18.27% a year ago (the high record), and \$4,214,609 in 1917. The smallest return for a twelve-month period was in 1898—2.41%.

While Home Rule for Ireland is an old topic in European politics, it never fails to arouse keen interest whenever brought up afresh. Sponsors of the proposals have been particularly insistent in recent months that the British Government take definite action. Two weeks or so ago Premier Lloyd George promised the Home Rule enthusiasts in the House of

Commons that he would outline the Government's position and plan at an early date. The actual presentation of the measure was delayed about a week by the coming of Premier Clemenceau and others for the so-called London conference regarding matters of special interest to the Allies. Apparently the attack upon the life of Viscount French influenced the Premier to come forward with his plan at an earlier date than he might otherwise have done. One London correspondent of a New York newspaper in commenting upon the prominence that was being given the measure in London, in advance of its presentation to Parliament, said: "The Home Rule Bill now looms as the biggest political event of the year and all parties are awaiting eagerly the pronouncement to-morrow" (Monday). "In some quarters," the correspondent added, "it is suggested that Ireland will form the main issue of the coming general election." (Several correspondents of New York newspapers have insisted in recent dispatches that a general election was practically certain, but Government representatives have been quoted as saying that rumors to that effect were started by the Laborites and were untrue.) The general trend of the English press as to the motive for the attack upon Viscount French's life was that "the outrage was perpetrated in order to provoke a stern repression, which it was hoped would drive Ireland to open rebellion." The London "Times" last Sunday, commenting on the Irish question, said: "It will involve more than Ireland. It is scarcely possible in England to realize how much the political future of the world hinges upon the problem of handling Ireland." The understanding in London political circles was that "the bill will provide for granting the fullest possible freedom to the two Irish factions, admitting them into affairs with powers similar to those held by the States in America." The plan was said to provide also that "when questions affecting the Empire arise they will come under the consideration of the Imperial Parliament, in which Ireland would have a voice."

The Premier did not disappoint the friends of Home Rule by keeping them waiting longer than last Monday to know the Government plan. He presented it in the House of Commons that afternoon "as a business proposition," according to a London correspondent of the New York "Times." The attendance in the House was said to have been large, "but the absence of the small Nationalist contingent was noticeable." Mr. Lloyd George began his address by referring to the familiar Home Rule controversy as "an old family quarrel which has degenerated many times into a bloody feud." Suggesting that "it was necessary for the Cabinet to propose the plan it thought right, regardless of public opinion," the Premier added: "I can think of nothing which would in the least be acceptable to British opinion, which Ireland would accept. We must take the responsibility and propose what we think fair and just." Referring to Ulster he declared that "it would be an outrage to the principle of self government to place her under alien rule," and added that "Ulster's case is too little understood in the United States." He made clear the British Government's attitude toward attempts at secession when he said that "any attempt at secession will be fought with the same determination, the same resource and the same resolves as were shown by the Northern States of America."

It developed that the forecasts of the Government proposals were notably accurate. The following are the chief features of the bill: There is to be an Irish council "elected by the two legislatures to undertake services common to the whole country." The bill provides also for the "establishment of a single Irish Parliament, without further legislation, whenever the Irish themselves may desire it." Still another provision stipulates that "42 Irish members would still sit at Westminster." Imperial authorities are to appoint judges, "but the police would pass under Irish control." Regarding finances it appears that "after three years Ireland must assume her fair share of the war debt and the Commission would decide what she should pay for the Imperial service. The customs would be under Imperial control until she adopted a single Parliament, when the question might be reconsidered."

Premier Lloyd George concluded his address "with an impassioned appeal that a malignant fate should not again be permitted to drive the sister countries apart." In the same breath he contended that "England could not by force be compelled to concede anything she thought unjust, as the history of the last five years proved." London dispatches Tuesday afternoon made it clear that, with the exception of a few radical publications, the British press had received the Home Rule plan "kindly," but that it was skeptical as to its success. The Irish newspapers, on the other hand, were reported as being strongly opposed to the measure, some of them branding it as "impracticable" and "unworkable." In a London cablegram last evening a Government official, said to be close to Premier Lloyd George, was quoted as having declared that "the Premier is prepared to force acceptance of his Home Rule Bill." The official was even said to have asserted that "its passage by Parliament was assured before the measure was submitted."

On Wednesday King George issued a proclamation "giving India a large degree of self-government." The measure calls for "the determination of the people and the officials to work together for the common purpose of making the new plan of Government a success."

The same day the King prorogued the House of Commons until Feb. 10. In beginning his speech it was noted that, because of the presence of Lady Astor, the King varied his salutation from the usual form of "My Lords and Gentlemen of the House of Commons," by using these words: "My Lords and Members of the House of Commons." The King referred to "the ratification of the peace treaties that have passed the final stages and expressed the hope that others would soon be concluded." He voiced "regret over the conditions in Russia" and alluded to "the friendliness of the relations among the Allied and Associated Powers." The speech foreshadowed a reduction in the national debt. It reviewed "the gravity of the economic situation in Europe" and dealt with "the question of domestic legislation."

A Paris cablegram Monday afternoon stated that "the Supreme Council is making every effort to reach an agreement with Germany on the question of reparation for the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow, so that the protocol may be signed and the ratifications of the Treaty of Versailles exchanged before Christmas." No decision was reached at the

session of the Council during the day and another was called for the evening in Premier Clemenceau's rooms at the War Office. It was stated that if an agreement were reached at that time it was expected that a note would be handed to Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German Mission, during the evening. Subsequent dispatches stated that an agreement was reached and that the Supreme Council "framed the final note to the Berlin Government, inviting it to sign the protocol and deposit its ratifications of the Versailles Treaty." Premier Clemenceau was quoted as expressing the hope that "the treaty would be put into effect on Christmas eve." A correspondent of the New York "Times" observed that "while the Allied diplomats have the greatest confidence in M. Clemenceau's ability to get things done, all of them are not so confident as he that Christmas Day will see the dawn of a state of peace in Europe." In an Associated Press dispatch from Paris the same day it was stated that "the text of the reply to the last German note concerning clauses in the armistice is firm in tone and makes known to Germany precisely what the Allies will require of her." It was to be presented the following day. This was done by Paul Dutasta, General Secretary of the Peace Conference. Baron Kurt von Lersner, who received it, informed Secretary Dutasta that "owing to the difficulties of communications and the importance of the document, he felt obliged to consult Berlin." He added that he would leave "with all his experts, for the German capital that night." In French official circles the opinion was said to prevail that "an exchange of ratifications of the German Peace Treaty before the end of the year is considered impossible." The members of the German Mission suddenly changed their minds and decided not to go to Berlin with the Allied reply, but to remain in Paris. No reason was given for the decision. A later dispatch from Paris stated that "only the German naval mission returned to Berlin." It was noted that "immediately after the German delegates had announced their intention of returning to Berlin, Premier Clemenceau called Marshal Foch into conference." Dispatches stated also that "what they discussed was not disclosed, and whether Von Lersner received intimations from the French Premier or had other reasons for changing his plans is now the subject of much comment." In a Paris cablegram yesterday morning Baron von Lersner was quoted as denying that in his original intention to return to Berlin with the reply, he had any idea of attempting to delay the negotiations, but rather wished to expedite them. Secretary Dutasta was understood to have informed the Chairman of the German delegation when he handed him the reply that "if proof were given that errors had been made in the estimate of the floating material now in possession of Germany, upon which the Allies based their demands for reparation for the sinking of the ships at Scapa Flow, the demands would be reduced proportionately." According to Paris advices received yesterday morning it is believed there that at least two weeks will be required to make the necessary investigation and inventory of the floating material of the Germans coming under the terms of the treaty. A cablegram from Berlin last evening stated that "the Allied reply to the latest German note regarding the Peace Treaty protocol was published here to-day" (yesterday). Announcement was made in Paris that "conferences will begin here early next week between Allied and German

delegates on measures preparatory to putting the Peace Treaty into effect. The Supreme Council did not hold a session yesterday, but one is scheduled for to-day.

It became known here about the middle of the week, through a cablegram from London, that the American Chamber of Commerce in that city, composed of representatives of all the leading American bankers, merchants and firms doing business in Great Britain, had "addressed identical messages to United States Senators Lodge and Hitchcock on the subject of ratification of the Peace Treaty." It was asserted with much emphasis in the note, which was made public in London, that "the international machinery started by the Peace Conference is falling to pieces," and that "all actual progress toward peace is choked, and peoples are drifting slowly toward famine and anarchy, which can be remedied if the United States will decide quickly and assume her responsibilities." The framers of the note concluded as follows: "We therefore urge you to use your utmost endeavors to secure ratification of the treaty, with such reservations as may have to be made to break the present deadlock."

The proposed plebiscite to decide whether Gabriele d'Annunzio should leave Fiume was not held last week. Disturbed political conditions were given as the reason for postponing it. A Fiume cablegram said that the voting probably would take place last Sunday. The "Morning Post" of London printed a dispatch from Agram, Italy, stating that "the Fiume Municipal Council has voted 44 to 4 against continued occupation of Fiume by d'Annunzio," who, it was stated, refused to accept the decision. In other advices he was quoted as declaring that "he would himself remain in command of the city." The plebiscite actually was held last Sunday and according to the officials who had charge of the affair, the vote was 85% in favor of occupation by the regular Italian forces." D'Annunzio was quoted also as having charged that irregularity had been found, which he considered invalidated the vote." Paris heard via Rome on Monday that he had actually "abandoned command of Fiume," while from Trieste came the report that Signor Pedrazzi, head of d'Annunzio's press bureau, "had tendered his resignation because the poet failed to accept the decision." Scores of d'Annunzio's followers were said to have left Fiume. Subsequent advices stated that the newspapers of Rome claimed that the agreement provides among other things that "the Italian Government will keep in its possession the whole of the armistice line, reaffirming the right of Fiume to decide its new fate." According to those advices also "Fiume will receive financial assistance, so that it may be able to re-establish its life and to resume its activities under the regime of a free port. During the transition period the Italian Government will not exercise its sovereign rights over Fiume, the independence of which shall in no way be diminished or violated."

The Italian Chamber of Deputies, at its session last Sunday, adopted "an order of the day expressing confidence in the Government." The margin in its favor was small, as the ballot stood 242 to 216. Signor Scialoja, the Foreign Minister, who was present at the recent London conference, made a long

address in which he referred to the Allied memorandum regarding the Adriatic question which had been handed him by Lloyd George at the conference. He also observed that "our allies are disposed to discuss a solution of the question which does not coincide entirely with the last American proposals." He was of the opinion, however, that "compelled by an agreement of the great Allied Powers, based on the common advantage of Europe, President Wilson is sure to modify his scheme." According to subsequent advices from Rome the opinion prevailed there that "the small majority obtained by the Government in the Chamber of Deputies on the vote of confidence will not cause the Nitti Cabinet to resign." It was thought, however, that the "narrowness of his margin will cause the Premier to make changes in his Cabinet." He delivered an address in the course of which he announced that at the convening of the Chamber after the Christmas recess he would present a bill providing that "only Parliament shall have the power to declare war." Heretofore and at the present time the King possesses this power. The accounts of that particular session of the Chamber stated that "the entire Chamber, including the Socialists, rose and applauded." Political observers were quoted as saying that "Premier Nitti achieved one of the greatest triumphs attained by any Premier during the last 25 years." He has gone to Paris for a conference with Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau.

Votes of confidence in the Governments of Europe, even of Great Britain and France, appear to be necessary at frequent intervals these days. At any rate they are sought and so far have been given, but not always by large margins, as was true in the case of Premier Nitti of Italy this week. Last Tuesday the French Chamber of Deputies gave Premier Clemenceau a decisive vote of confidence, the ballots standing in his favor at the rate of 458 to 70. In reply to questions from members in the Chamber of Deputies the Premier declared that "there were no serious objections to the military agreements proposed as between Great Britain, the United States and France." Speaking hopefully regarding an early settlement of the Fiume situation, he remarked, "and then only can we breathe freely." Going into greater detail he said: "The Fiume question has been agonizing. Italy promised Fiume to the Jugoslavs, but went back on her promise. France, England and the United States have sought a solution and the latest indications are that it will finally be reached." In closing M. Clemenceau "appealed to the Chamber to work hard and talk little." Referring to the approaching resignation of his Cabinet he added "it will not be an exit by one door to enter by another." According to dispatches from Paris last evening it is generally believed there that Premier Clemenceau will be the next President of France, and that "he will be elected virtually without opposition."

The people of Great Britain and France, like those of the United States, appear to be indulging in a riot of gross extravagance. In the following cablegram from London received here a few days ago, a picture is drawn that is distressing to thrifty people, but has its counterpart in the United States. In part it reads as follows:

Throughout the last week there has been an unprecedented crush in the shops and stores and a more lavish expendi-

ture for Christmas gifts than ever before experienced. Contrasted with last Christmas, when the streets were full of khaki-clad men on leave from the front, an officer or soldier to-day is rather a rarity. There is greater evidence than ever of the newly made wealth, and the most expensive of luxuries, in the shape of furs, jewelry, and costly articles of every kind, find ready purchasers. Every other person on the streets to-night is carrying a load of parcels. The rail-ways are ready for a record rush of people to the country, and the hotels are preparing to provide their customary dances and other festivities.

And here is a similar account of what is said to have been going on in Paris this week. The date of the cablegram is Dec. 22.

The little stalls that line the boulevards every Christmas and sell candies and small objects suitable for presents appear to find plenty of business this year, in spite of the fact that prices are running four and five times those in pre-war days. Mistletoe costs \$4 and \$5 and holly from \$1 to \$2 a bunch. The lowest price for Christmas trees is about \$4. No extravagance seems to great for those wishing to celebrate the season, reports from restaurants showing that all seats have been booked. Apparently the higher the price the less chance remains of finding places to eat the Christmas dinner. Even the popular restaurants, the principal trade of which is in serving business lunches and dinners, are going to serve Christmas suppers for the first time on record.

The British Treasury statement for the week ended Dec. 20, indicated another, though small, deficit, income having again fallen below outgo. The week's expenses totaled £34,497,000, as against £32,919,000 for the week ending Dec. 13, while the total outflow, including Treasury bills repaid, other debt and advances repaid, &c., was £235,713,000, in comparison with £91,982,000 a week ago. Receipts from all sources amounted to £235,659,000, which compares with £91,740,000 last week. Of this total, revenues yielded £20,827,000, against £29,659,000. Savings certificates contributed £1,300,000, against £1,500,000 and other debt £11,627,000, against £11,023,000, while advances brought in the huge sum of £165,012,000, against £4,500,000. From the new funding loan the sum of £300,000 was received, against £800,000 last week, though victory bonds failed to bring in anything. The previous week £7,100,000 was received from this source. New issues of Treasury bills equaled £36,542,000, against £37,158,000 the week before. This was in excess of the amount repaid, so that the volume of Treasury bills outstanding was again augmented and now stands at £1,121,620,000, which compares with £1,111,022,000 in the week preceding. There was, however, a reduction in net temporary advances of £6,693,000, owing to the repayment of £171,707,000 of advances, to £225,087,000. The Exchequer balance in hand aggregates £3,773,000, against £3,827,000, a loss for the week of £54,000.

Owing to the Christmas holidays, the weekly statement of the Bank of England will not be issued until Monday, Dec. 29. The Bank's official minimum discount rate, however, is reported as unchanged at 6%.

Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 5% in Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Spain and Copenhagen; 5½% in Switzerland, 6% in London, Sweden, Norway and Petrograd, and 4½% in Holland. In London the private bank rate has been raised from 5½% for sixty-day and ninety-day bills to 5¾%. Call money in London is now reported at 3¾%. Cable advices recently have shown some variation, last week indicating a range of 2¾@4½%. So far as can be ascertained, no

reports have been received by cable of open market discount rates at other centres.

In its statement, issued as of Dec. 15, the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes: A reduction of 1,934,000 marks in total coin and bullion, 683,000 marks in gold and 2,358,000 marks in investments. Other securities were also curtailed 50,992,000 marks. Increases were shown, however, in all of the following: Treasury notes an expansion of 168,428,000 marks; notes of other banks, 837,000 marks; advances, 1,517,000 marks, and liabilities, 33,995,000 marks. Bills discounted registered a heavy increase, viz., 1,598,750,000 marks, and deposits 1,264,973,000 marks. Note circulation was augmented by 415,280,000 marks. The Bank's gold holdings are now reported at 1,089,613,000 marks, as against 2,304,480,000 marks in 1918, and note circulation 32,875,621,000 marks, in comparison with 20,005,800,000 marks last year.

The deficit in last Saturday's bank statement and the high rates for call money this week were a surprise to some observers in the financial district who had been predicting easier monetary conditions at this centre, in spite of the close approach of the large Jan. 1 disbursements. Apparently the higher rates for day-to-day accommodation and the reported refusal to renew maturing time loans, except in special instances, were further evidence of the determination of the managers of our leading financial institutions to strengthen their own position. Federal Reserve authorities have issued frequent warnings against further extensions of credit, particularly for speculative purposes. The requirements of stock brokers this week for new money were not excessive, because of the quiet and professional character of the stock market. Borrowers of money on Stock Exchange collateral were compelled, however, to cover maturing time loans with call money. This naturally resulted in an active bidding for the latter, and, some observers claimed, undue anxiety. The latter tendency was believed to have accounted to some extent for the extremely high rates that prevailed every afternoon. Because of the low percentage reserve of the Federal Reserve banks as a whole and of the apparent necessity of the local institutions of still further strengthening their position, it would not be at all surprising if high rates for call money prevailed again next week. Practically no time money is being offered. With the signing of the Edge Bill it is expected that more will be heard relative to financing European needs. In important banking circles it is doubted that anything of a definite character will be done until the Peace Treaty is put into effect.

Dealing with specific rates for money, call loans this week ranged between 7 and 18%, which compares with 5@9% last week. On Monday the maximum was 15%, with 7% the low and ruling rate. Tuesday there was an advance to 18%, while the low was 10% and renewals 12%. The range on Wednesday was 10@15%, and renewals negotiated at 10%, Thursday was a holiday (Christmas Day). On Friday 15% was the highest; the minimum was 10%, and this was also the renewal basis. The figures here given apply to both mixed collateral and all-industrials alike. For fixed maturities a slightly firmer tone was noted, and available funds were exceedingly scarce; so much so that some borrowers were com

pelled to resort to call loans for accommodation, which would explain the flurry in the latter. Saturday's poor bank statement was held mainly responsible for the flurry. Nominally fixed date funds are now quoted at 7% for all periods from sixty days to six months, against 6@7% last week. All-industrial money is now at 7½@8%, against 7@7½%. Very little business, however, in either class of collateral was put through, and the market was practically at a standstill.

Commercial paper rates remain at 5¾@6% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with most of the business done at 6%. Names less well known require 6%. A good inquiry was reported for the best names, though transactions in the aggregate were of moderate proportions.

Announcement was made on Wednesday that the New York Federal Reserve Bank had made a further advance in its open market purchase rates on bank acceptances—this time from ⅓ to ¼ on all classifications. Naturally this resulted in a corresponding advance by dealers in their rates on prime bills. Because of the tightness of call money and the holiday the market was not specially active. The following table gives the new quotations of dealers:

	Spot Delivery			Delivery within 30 Days.
	Ninety Days.	Sixty Days.	Thirty Days.	
Eligible bills of member banks.....	5¼@5	5¼@4¾	5 @4¾	5¼ bid
Eligible bills of non-member banks.....	5¼@5¼	5¼@5	5¼@4¾	5¼ bid
Ineligible bills.....	6 @5½	6 @5¼	6 @5¼	6 bid

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland did not raise its discount rates as did the other Federal Reserve banks during the past two weeks, its rates remaining unchanged from the schedule adopted Nov. 10. It is noted that the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco announces a rate of 4¾% on rediscounts (16 to 90 days) secured by U. S. Bonds or Victory Loan Notes, as compared with 4½% previously. In the following we show the prevailing rates, so far as our knowledge goes, for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

CLASSES OF DISCOUNTS AND LOANS.	RESERVE BANKS											
	Boston.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kansas City.	Dallas.	San Francisco.
<b>Discounts—</b>												
Within 15 days, incl member banks' collateral notes.....	4¼	4¼	4½	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	5	5	4¾
16 to 90 days' maturity.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	5	5	4¾
61 to 90 days' maturity.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	5	5	4¾
Agricultural and live stock paper, 91 to 180 days incl.....	5	5	5	5¼	5	5¼	5¼	5¼	5¼	5¼	5¼	5¼
Secured by 4¼% U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....												
Within 15 days, including member banks' collateral notes.....	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼
Secured by 4½% 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	4¼	4¼	4¼
16 to 90 days' maturity.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	5	5	4¾
Trade Acceptances—												
15 days' maturity.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	5	5	4¾
16 to 90 days' maturity.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	5	5	4¾

1 Rates for discounted bankers' acceptances, 4½%.  
 Note 1. Acceptances purchased in open market, minimum rate 4%.  
 Note 2. Rates on paper secured by War Finance Corporation bonds, 1% higher than on commercial paper of corresponding maturities.  
 Note 3. Whenever application is made by member banks for renewal of 15 day paper, the Federal Reserve banks may charge a rate not exceeding that for 90 day paper of the same class.  
 Rates for commodity paper have been merged with those for commercial paper of corresponding maturities.  
 (a) 4¼% for member banks' collateral notes within 15 days.  
 (b) Rate on 15-day advances secured by 4½% Certificates of Indebtedness, 4¼%.  
 (c) Rediscounts (16-90 days) secured by certificates of indebtedness, 4½%.  
 (d) Rediscounts (16-90 days) secured by certificates of indebtedness, 4½%.

Last Saturday's statement of New York associated banks and trust companies, which is given in greater detail on a subsequent page of this issue, was again a poor one. Loans increased \$46,301,000, while surplus reserves sustained a loss of over \$40,-

000,000, utterly wiping out that account and leaving in its stead a deficit of \$12,320,830. Net demand deposits declined \$2,488,000, to \$4,121,492,000 (Government deposits of \$246,438,000 deducted). Net time deposits, however, gained \$4,582,000, to \$254,769,000. There was a reduction of \$41,417,000 in the reserves of member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank, which, of course, was mainly responsible for the wiping out of surplus. The situation would have been more serious except for the increase in Government deposits during the week from \$99,611,000 to \$246,438,000. There were increases of \$2,683,000 in cash in own vaults (members of the Federal Reserve Bank), to \$106,333,000 (not counted as reserve). Aggregate reserves were reduced \$40,-692,000, to \$535,589,000. As shown above, surplus was eliminated, the reduction in that account being in exact figures \$40,543,890, which left a deficit of \$12,320,830. The figures here given for surplus are based on legal reserves of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve system, but do not include cash to the amount of \$106,333,000 held by these banks in their own vaults on Saturday last. Circulation is now \$37,191,000, an increase of \$299,000. The deficit in the surplus reserve item is the fourth to be reported this year, but, as previously pointed out, since the inauguration of the Federal Reserve system it is necessary always to consider the Clearing House return with that of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, where decided improvement occurred.

The sterling exchange market has shown a fair degree of activity this week, notwithstanding the interruption of the Christmas holidays, and transactions attained substantial proportions, at least during the opening days of the week. There was a firm undertone throughout and following the sharp rally which took place on Saturday of the week preceding, quotations rose steadily until 3 83¾ was reached, which is 12 cents above the low of last Friday. The close was slightly below this figure. Probably the most potent factors in sustaining rates have been Secretary Glass's letter to Chairman Fordney of the House Ways and Means Committee, urging the extension of credit to "save civilization," and also asking consent of Congress to a plan for supplying food on Government credit to starving European nations, as well as to the funding of interest payments now due on loans to the Allies for two to three years for the purpose of hastening their commercial rehabilitation, early in the week, and later the announcement that President Wilson had signed the Edge Bill.

That these are more or less sentimental influences is readily conceded by bankers and financiers, since it is felt that very little in the way of establishing foreign credits upon anything like an important scale is likely to be attempted until the Peace Treaty situation is clarified. A good deal of talk is being heard of the possibility of a compromise settlement being reached between the opposing factions in the Treaty wrangle, but nothing definite has as yet been accomplished in this direction; although the prospects for some sort of an agreement appear rather brighter than at one time seemed possible. In the opinion of most observers the foreign exchange market is likely to be subjected to frequent and violent fluctuations for some time to come, since until the present enormous excess of exports over imports has been corrected, any improvement is sure to be the signal



for a fresh outpouring of bills, which under present domestic and international conditions inevitably means immediate recessions in prices. The result is that large operators continue to show an indisposition to enter into extensive new commitments, though of late speculative interests have been more in evidence than for a very long period. It is alleged, however, that the bulk of the speculative transactions noted in recent weeks has been for account of "outsiders" attracted by the sensational gyrations in rates and not regular exchange traders.

Dealing with quotations more specifically, sterling exchange on Saturday of last week was strong and higher, mainly as a result of the favorable impression created by Secretary Glass's recommendations in the matter of foreign credits and indebtedness payments, and rates again bounded up, this time  $6\frac{1}{2}$ c. to  $3\ 80\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 82$  for demand,  $3\ 81\frac{1}{4}$ @ $3\ 83$  for cable transfers and  $3\ 75\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 77$  for sixty days. Monday's market showed renewed activity with irregular movements, though the range for demand was again  $3\ 80\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 82\frac{1}{4}$ , for cable transfers  $3\ 81\frac{1}{4}$ @ $3\ 83$ , and for sixty days  $3\ 75\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 77\frac{1}{4}$ . Firmness developed on Tuesday, when rates showed an additional gain of nearly 2c., bringing demand to  $3\ 82\frac{1}{4}$ @ $3\ 83\frac{3}{4}$ , cable transfers to  $3\ 83$ @ $3\ 84\frac{1}{2}$  and sixty days to  $3\ 77\frac{1}{4}$ @ $3\ 78\frac{3}{4}$ . On Wednesday trading was more or less of a pre-holiday character and rates were slightly easier. Demand ranged at  $3\ 81$ @ $3\ 83\frac{1}{4}$ , cable transfers at  $3\ 81\frac{3}{4}$ @ $3\ 84$  and sixty days at  $3\ 76$ @ $3\ 78\frac{1}{4}$ . Thursday was a holiday (Christmas Day). On Friday the market was very dull and slightly easier, with quotations fractionally lower, at  $3\ 80$ @ $3\ 81$  for demand,  $3\ 81$ @ $3\ 82$  for cable transfers and  $3\ 75$ @ $3\ 76$  for sixty days. Closing quotations were  $3\ 75\frac{1}{4}$  for sixty days,  $3\ 80\frac{1}{4}$  for demand and  $3\ 81$  for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at  $3\ 80$ , sixty days at  $3\ 73\frac{1}{2}$ , ninety days at  $3\ 71\frac{1}{2}$ , documents for payment (sixty days)  $3\ 70\frac{1}{2}$ , and seven-day grain bills  $3\ 79\frac{1}{4}$ . Cotton and grain for payment closed at  $3\ 80$ . The gold movement for the week was light, comprising only \$2,750,000 gold coin for shipment to South America. It is understood that this consignment is going to Argentina and is an exchange transaction, dollar exchange in Buenos Aires being below the gold import point and now quoted at 102.20 gold pesos per \$1 as against a par of 103.65. It will be remembered that \$10,000,000 gold was shipped recently by a group of New York banks in an attempt to stabilize Argentine exchange.

In Continental exchange general improvement was shown, especially in francs and lire, which apparently moved in sympathy with the better feeling in the sterling market. In the case of the former, there was a recovery of 80 points to 10.38, while lire sold up to 12.94, or 27 points above last week's close. Movements at other exchange centres, while tending upward, were relatively unimportant. Good buying by several large international banking houses was largely responsible for the rise. During the earlier part of the week trading was quite active, but with the resumption of business after the holiday (Christmas), dulness set in and the undertone was easier, with practical declines noted in nearly all currencies.

Advices from Washington, under date of Dec. 21, state that the American Attache in Rome has cabled the United States authorities that the Italian Government is attempting to meet the difficulties caused by the rise in exchange by requiring drafts payable in

dollars to accompany shipping papers as a condition for the release of exports to this country. In order to offset any hardship that might result from the application of the ruling where American importers have already financed the manufacturing of Italian products, a ruling has been issued that in such cases permission to export will be granted by the Ministry of the Treasury. Ample reasons, however, will have to be presented to the Treasury to justify deviation from the requirement that dollar drafts accompany the shipping papers of Italian goods exported to the United States.

The official London check rate in Paris finished at 40.15, compared with 41.50 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 10.61, against 11.02; cable transfers at 10.59, against 11.00; commercial sight at 10.64, against 11.05, and commercial sixty days at 10.72, against 11.13 last week. Belgian francs, which followed the course of French exchange, finished at 10.33 for checks and 10.30 for cable remittances, which compares with 10.55 and 10.53 a week ago. Reichmarks closed at 2.08 for checks and 2.10 for cable transfers, in comparison with 2.04 and 2.06 the preceding week. Closing rates for Austrian kronen were 00.59 for checks and 00.61 for cable transfers, against 00.60 and 00.62 the week before. Exchange on Czecho-Slovakia finished at 1.95, against 1.95; on Bucharest, at 3.50, against 3.45; on Poland, at 1.30, against 1.25, and on Finland at 3.20, against 2.95 last week. Greek exchange continues to be quoted at 6 55 for checks and 6 50 for cable remittances, without change. Lire closed at 13.04 for bankers' sight bills and 13.01 for cable transfers, against 13.27 and 13.25 a week ago.

Trading in the neutral exchanges was light and rate variations limited for the most part to fractions. Here also the trend was upward and guilders showed a firmer tendency, with Swiss francs steady and the Scandinavian exchanges reflecting considerable improvement. Spanish pesetas, however, were slightly easier. A development which is arousing some attention is the present rate of exchange from the Dutch East Indies to Holland, which is considerably against the mother country. It is understood that premiums of 5% for large remittances have been quoted by the banks and that their official list is still about 2% under par, though shipments of gold from Holland to Java can be made at a cost of not more than three-quarters of 1%. The explanation is that the Java Bank had undertaken to effect at par all remittances required by the Government to Holland and vice versa, which in turn guaranteed to give all such business to the Bank of Java. The standard of coinage was the same in both countries, so, although each had its own bank notes, the limits of the gold points were not determined by the price the bank of issue was willing to pay for gold, and private banks could ship Dutch currency. This has actually occurred and now there is a shortage of currency in Holland, which renders the above deterrent impracticable. The country's gold supply is controlled by the Bank of the Netherlands which is obliged to adopt an arbitrary course, as otherwise the banks would soon drain the country of its gold, and thus materially add to the difficulties of an already adverse financial situation.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at  $37\frac{1}{2}$ , against  $37\frac{1}{4}$ ; cable transfers at  $37\frac{5}{8}$ , against  $37\frac{3}{8}$ ; commercial sight at  $37\ 7-16$ , against  $36\ 15-16$ , and

commercial sixty days at 37 1-16, against 36 9-16 a week ago. Swiss francs closed at 5 54 for bankers' sight bills and 5 51 for cable transfers. This compares with 5 58 and 5 56 last week. Copenhagen checks finished at 18.85 and cable transfers at 19.00, against 18.10 and 18.25. Checks on Sweden closed at 21.50 and cable transfers 21.60, against 21.00 and 21.15, while checks on Norway finished at 20.50 and cable transfers 20.60, against 20.15 and 20.30 the week previous. Final quotations on Spanish pesetas were 19.25 for checks and 19.35 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 19.55 and 19.65.

With regard to South American quotations, very little change was noted and the check rate on Argentina remains at 43.00 and cable remittances at 43.15, the same as a week ago. For Brazil the rate for checks continues to be quoted at 27.25 and cable transfers at 27.40, unchanged. Chilian exchange remains as heretofore at 19 3/4 @ 20 and for Peru at 5 00 @ 5 05.

Far Eastern rates are as follows: Hong Kong, 96 @ 96 1/2, against 99 @ 99 1/4; Shanghai, 167 @ 168 1/2, against 163 @ 164 1/2; Yokohama, 50 1/2 @ 51 1/2, against 50 @ 50 1/4; Manila, 49 1/2 @ 50 1/4, against 49 @ 49 1/4; Singapore, 49 @ 49 1/2, against 50 @ 50 1/4; Bombay, 47 1/2 @ 48, against 45 @ 45 1/4, and Calcutta, 45 @ 45 1/4 a week ago.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$4,761,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Dec. 26. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$9,108,000, while the shipments have reached \$4,347,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and the gold exports, which together occasioned a loss of \$118,659,000, 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 \$113,898,000, as follows:

Week ending Dec. 26.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$9,108,000	\$4,347,000	Gain \$4,761,000
Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and gold exports.....	20,046,000	138,705,000	Loss 118,659,000
Total.....	\$29,154,000	\$142,052,000	Loss \$113,898,000

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

Banks of	Dec. 24 1919.			Dec. 26 1918.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England..	£ 91,498,847	£ -	£ 91,498,847	£ 79,110,764	£ -	£ 79,110,764
France a..	b143985875	b 10880000	b154865875	137,614,374	12,720,000	150,334,374
Germany..	54,514,800	1,115,100	55,629,900	113,131,450	1,006,700	114,138,150
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....	96,895,000	25,109,000	122,004,000	89,131,000	25,855,000	114,986,000
Italy....	32,200,000	3,006,000	35,206,000	38,439,000	3,200,000	41,639,000
Netherl'ds.	52,679,000	563,000	53,242,000	57,653,000	600,000	58,253,000
Nat. Bel. h	10,656,000	1,046,000	11,702,000	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000
Switz'land.	20,737,000	2,661,000	23,398,000	15,112,000	-----	15,112,000
Sweden...	16,155,000	-----	16,155,000	15,742,000	-----	15,742,000
Denmark..	11,787,000	190,000	11,977,000	10,424,000	130,000	10,554,000
Norway...	8,146,000	-----	8,146,000	6,726,000	-----	6,726,000
Total week	680,105,522	59,319,100	739,424,622	719,121,588	58,775,760	777,897,348
Prev. week	680,055,522	59,140,100	739,195,622	722,461,321	58,803,910	781,265,231

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £70,131,137 held abroad.  
 b Last week's figures.  
 \* No figures reported since October 29 1917.  
 c Figures for 1918 are those given by "British Board of Trade Journal" for Dec. 7 1917.  
 h Figures for 1915 are those of August 6 1914.

THE FIRST YEAR OF PEACE.

Whoever glances back with intelligent recollection at the forecasts and expectations which were current a year ago, in the political world as in business circles, is likely to admit that this first year of peace has been, on the whole, a year of disappointment.

Rejoicing over the termination of the war had led to glowing hopes, in the mind of the average citizen, of a reasonably quick return to normal activities of trade in Europe. The same feeling of reassurance over the ending of the political earthquake had encouraged at least the hope of return to something like stable economic conditions.

Except in a few special directions, where special influences prevailed, both expectations have been strikingly unfulfilled. It is true that Germany, whose speedy surrender to Russian Bolshevism was freely predicted a year ago to-day, has organized a stable government, stamped out the Spartacus revolt, and held orderly national elections. It is also true that the American industrial community, which at the end of last December, was looking for a precipitous fall of prices, has witnessed, after a brief period of hesitation, a forward movement of profitable prices and great commercial activity. But except for these two results, the story of the year has been one of political unrest, of economic confusion, and of disheartening slowness in belligerent Europe's economic recovery.

Yet, when the year's experiences are summed up as a whole, it will have to be admitted that they have followed closely the experiences of the first year after the termination of all other great wars. This has been notably true in political history. The Peace of Paris in 1815 led the way, not to one year only, but to a series of years of confusion in national legislatures and uprising of the people against established governments. The victory of the American Union in 1865, instead of being followed by a calm and statesmanlike program for political and economic reconstruction of the shattered Southern States, immediately introduced perhaps the most angry and violent quarrel between Congress and the Administration, of which our history has any record.

The philosophy of the case was that, in the Europe of 1815, as in the United States of 1865, the fountains of the great political deep had been broken up by a prolonged and terrific military conflict. Neither economically nor politically could the world be quite the same after that conflict as before it. The passionate adherents of new and revolutionary ideas believed that the hour of recognition and fulfillment had come. For some such ideas, indeed, it had come, and that fact only encouraged believers in the wildest political theories of the day to assume that the future belonged to them also. The turbulent parliamentary conflicts in Europe after 1815 undoubtedly surpassed in fury and acrimony anything that has been witnessed in the Europe of 1919.

When the political disputes at Washington reached such a pitch that, less than three years after the end of the Civil War, Congress was attempting to impeach and remove from office a President who belonged to the same political party as the Congressional majority, it is surely not surprising, from the historical point of view, that the first year after the ending of the recent European war should have been marked by a bitter political quarrel between the Senate and a President who belonged to the opposite party from the Senate majority. So sure are such political results that there are not a few historians who deem it a kindly decree of fate to Mr. Lincoln's place in history that he should have passed from the political scene exactly when he did, and not have been left to nearly four years of an inevitable struggle with angry and irreconcilable factions of Congress.

From the economic point of view, the continued rise in cost of living and the exceedingly slow recuperation of financial, industrial and commercial Europe, would be stated by most people to-day as the disappointments of the year. The course of prices for commodities has, in fact, taken a turn this year which is unlike the traditional result in the first year after certain other great wars. The period from 1814 to 1816 is described by the economic historian of that epoch as having been marked by "a great and memorable fall in prices;" chiefly due to transition from war, which had "obstructed supply and increased the cost of production," to peace, which had "reduced the cost of production and extended the source of supply." There was a sharp decline in the general American average after the ending of our Civil War also; though this was slower in beginning and was unduly accentuated, so far as average prices were concerned, by the precipitous fall in cotton and textile manufactures, due to reopening of trade with the Southern cotton States.

The course of prices during the present year, after the first month or two of hesitation, has certainly been different. This month the average is considerably higher in the United States than its highest of the war, and in England it is far above the war-time maximum. But the reason for this seeming departure from historic precedent is not hard to understand. In no other war had the world's facilities for production been so long, so rigidly and so exclusively devoted to war purposes as in this one. In no other war had sources of production been destroyed on such a scale as in this. In no other war had labor cost been raised in many industries during and immediately after the war, by a greater ratio than the rise of prices. It might be added that in no other war has inflation of currency been pursued on such a scale, whether absolutely or relatively, in the most powerful nations of the world.

These facts, which the world is better able to understand to-day than it did a year ago, are also in great measure the explanation for the disappointingly slow economic recovery of Europe. But it will be a natural comment, at the end of 1919, that the ideas entertained in many quarters at the end of 1918 were in that regard scarcely reasonable. Even the lesson of history is in accord with actual results in the first year after the ending of this great war.

People are apt to refer to the economic prestige of England after the Napoleonic wars, and to the great financial prosperity of the Northern States after 1865, as a proof that such a war need not cause prolonged industrial prostration. But these comparisons wholly overlook the fact that England in 1815 occupied towards the rest of the world almost exactly the position, political and economic, which is occupied to-day by the United States; also that the economic fortunes of the Northern States, when the Civil War came to an end, were powerfully and fundamentally governed by the opening up of the Far West, the development of the railways and the consequent immense expansion of American farming area. It was long before the European continent got on its feet again after the downfall of Napoleon, or our own country after what we called our war of 1812. It was not until 1878 that the cotton production of the South again matched the pre-war production. In both of those instances, the process of economic recuperation came only as a result of return to political order, coupled first with patient and

persevering industry of the inhabitants and next with abundant lending of capital to the prostrate communities, by England a century ago and by the Northern States after the Civil War. But recuperation came nevertheless, and the end even of the second year after return of peace presented a very different and a far more encouraging situation than the termination of the first year.

#### THE SOVIET ARK NO MAYFLOWER.

The Soviet Ark, the old army transport Buford, got under way early on Sunday morning and is now making for some port which her captain learned when he opened his sealed orders. The unwilling departure of the 249 undersirables has, of course, attracted much attention. The rector of a city church which has for several years been prominent in conducting "forum" meetings that allowed very advanced social notions to be aired has seemingly let his sympathies overcome his judgment, for on Sunday night he said to his congregation: "deport the editors who deliberately suppress news, deport those who despise democracy and try to keep the people down, but do not deport our workmen." By invitation he is to appear before the House Immigration Committee to further explain his views.

Now it is unquestionably of the utmost public importance to have correct as well as vigorous thinking on this subject. For editors (whoever they are) who deliberately suppress or falsify news, and for any persons who really do "despise democracy and want to keep the people down" no well-ordered mind can have either tolerance or excuse; but whether the Buford did carry away any "workmen" of our own or any other nation is a plain question of fact and easily brought to proof. This clergyman also said to some press representatives over the telephone that "why, the Baptists of New England were regarded as anarchists in Colonial days and the Quakers were regarded as pacifists." It is historically true that our forefathers who fled to bleak New England to obtain religious freedom did go too far in denying it here to some others and that they did indulge in repressing to the degree of persecution certain persons who in their eyes were too far wrong to be able to justly claim liberty. We, their more or less worthy descendants, have not been in the habit of saying much about these defects, nor is it necessary to say much of them now; but when anybody attempts to liken the deported Reds to the pilgrims of three centuries ago and the Buford to the Mayflower he throws down a challenge at once bold and rash. It is true that reformers have often, it might almost be said always, been disapproved by their contemporaries, and in respect to being disapproved all the Reds are like Columbus and Galileo and Luther; one could even include Christ himself among those whom their time rejected. But with this one point in common all resemblance ends, and it is surely a wild step to argue that contemporary disapproval proves that the disapproved persons are really worthy and will be justified by time. All reformers are disliked and persecuted; these Reds are disliked and persecuted, therefore they are reformers just a little in advance of their time—this is too wild a syllogism for any sound mind to accept.

The spirit of the New England Society, at its annual dinner on Tuesday night, commemorative of the landing of the Pilgrims on Dec. 22 1620, was unmis-

takable. The keynote was Americanism, and the speakers pointed out clearly and emphatically that there is nothing anarchistic in it. These Reds are not "workmen," unless to be continually stirring up evil is to be working. The record of their acts in sabotage, attempted assassination, and placing and distributing bombs, is open. Their utterances are also open and unmistakable. Observe once more their declaration:

"We must mercilessly destroy all remains of governmental authority and class denomination, liberating prisoners, demolishing prisons and police offices, blow up the barracks, shoot the most prominent military and police officials. . . . We hate religion. . . . We are atheists. We may therefore formulate our tactics thus: by participating in the struggle of the working class, guiding it, and uninterruptedly widening and deepening that struggle, kindle and maintain the conflagration of civil war until we have torn up by the roots capitalism and government."

Now set over against this the Mayflower Compact signed by the men in the cabin of that vessel:

"We covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic for our better ordering and preservation, and by virtue hereof do enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws as shall from time to time be thought most mete and convenient for the general good of the colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience."

Can any likeness be discovered between a compact to frame just and equal laws and abide by them and a program of destruction for all law, all order, all government?

It is a continuing wonder how these Reds manage to exist. We have heard through the press of Emma Goldman's furs and other luxurious equipment, and somebody estimates or guesses that the Buford group carried with them an aggregate of a half-million cash. Who are the persons that finance anarchy? It is fundamental that as soon as any person acquires any property he or she begins to take an interest in the preservation of property and of good order; to find savings bank depositors joining a mob or attacking the social foundations would be as naturally impossible as that a mouse should make a nest and raise its brood in a cat's ear. Yet if we cannot discover how anarchy is sustained financially, we can make some guess as to some of its seeds. It is, of course, the excessive reaction from despotism, unable to perceive any distinction between liberty and license, autocracy and democracy; but we have also been breeding it ourselves, jointly by our public indifference and by letting our time-serving politicians cater to the socialistic and labor vote, the importance of which is always overestimated. Some of the speakers at the New England dinner recognized this and frankly declared it. For example, Governor Cornwall of West Virginia, after confessing that he had no cure-all nostrums to offer, said this:

"On the other hand, it is my firm belief that one of the ailments from which the country is suffering at present is that it has been gorged with undigested and indigestible political, social, and economic theories during the past few years. The people have been educated towards the notion that they can live by legislation rather than by work; that they can prosper on theories and statutes rather than on production."

He also cited the surrender to the railway brotherhoods in 1916, and denounced the closed shop and the Plumb plan of seizure. Governor Lowden of Illinois

and former Senator Beveridge of Indiana spoke in similar vein. The latter called the method of procuring the Adamson Law in 1916 as violently lawless as a highway robbery, and declared that the issue must be fought out some day and the day is swiftly approaching. "To the fact that Congress and President Wilson cringed under the lash of brute force in 1916," he said, "is largely due the trouble the country has experienced ever since, and the process of attempting to compromise disputes involving antagonistic principles still goes on."

This is indisputably correct, and it will always be (as it always has been) futile to try to arbitrate and compromise principles. One good, however, has been accomplished by the Reds: they have jarred the people of this country into a greater degree of wakefulness than has been known in twenty years. The people are at last beginning to realize that evil can be overcome only by real opposition and is strengthened by compromising surrender, and that we do not escape the dangerous forces in the land by refusing to see them or admit their existence. From every quarter come evidences of a new interest in constitutional government and a growing determination to find out what "Americanism" means and to stand firmly for it. Democracy is moving towards triumph, but it is the genuine sort, not the destructive or the sham.

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#### LOOKING BACKWARD—STRIKES AND LABOR UNREST.

To visualize a people in retrospect, spiritual as well as material progress must be placed in review. Either element of life would be incomplete without the other, and constitutes a reactionary influence. If our activities, as sometimes charged, are almost wholly in the physical, we shall be wanting in the spiritual, and this in itself would constitute a "state of mind." As we look over the intellectual movements of the year we find no great passionate endeavor instituted, save one, and that, as we write, has fallen into the shadowy domain of doubt. The attempt to ratify the Treaty of Peace and thus enter into a League of Nations, however, has been more a matter of routine governmental procedure than of an urgent and unified demand by the great body of the citizenry. There have been economic, social, and commercial requests for ratification, but even the President's tour in its behalf did not arouse the compelling interest of the people. A reasonable conclusion is that the popular mind, in the aftermath of world-war, was in a reflective state, measuring and weighing the results of victory, and naturally swinging backward to domestic national affairs and individual personal problems.

Sometimes there has seemed to be an apathy, an indifference to foreign affairs. It may have been the inevitable reaction to the following of a flaming ideal of "justice, liberty and humanity" into the "jaws of death" on far away battlefields. It may have been a slow-rising, almost sub-conscious, belief that while an ideal may be an irresistible incentive to war on a gigantic scale, even to the conquering of an ambitious oppressive autocracy, the actual realization of that ideal cannot and does not come in a day or a year and that ultimate and perpetual peace is even now the growth of centuries of loving and living peace and not the sudden reward of a heroic and unselfish sacrifice. But whatever the cause o

the condition, the enthusiasm for an immediate contractual peace between all nations by means of a League, was tame in the face of that throbbing patriotism which gladly, freely placed millions of men and billions of dollars at the command of the Government. And it remains so to-day. And if we read the temper of the people aright their chief wish at this hour is to return to the simple living and plain thinking of the pregnant years when men were conscious of serving others by serving and saving themselves.

It is to be remembered that though our part in the war was short, it was all-engrossing. Every man, and every interest in life that he had, felt its encroachments. And when it was actually over, though technically still in existence, the individual citizen could not but turn his thoughts upon his own fortunes and his own future. Stunned, it may be, by its appalling story, he was only too satisfied, as were the soldiers themselves on returning, to turn away from its horrors, its debts, and its denials, and seek by added industry, by more enlightened endeavor, and by more courageous initiative to meet the unfolding years with fortitude and calmness. And yet if one thing stands out more prominently than others as we attempt to look into the mind and heart it is that during the year we have not been and we are not now a contented people. If we look backward we do not find any new emprise taking the place of the old. No new crusade invites. We vision no new Utopia in place of the old that somehow has receded into the mists. Society, though it may have its parlor Bolsheviki, is engaged in no revolution in manners or morals. The Church, though it, sporadically, has sensed a mission to go forth and allay "unrest," offers no "saving grace" to which all may cling. The "State," beset as it has been by selfish interests and by political opportunism and interpretations, has not been changed in its essential character and protective power. No new "leader of men" during the year has risen to lead a bewildered and overwrought people into new fields of sacrifice and into new heavens of happiness. We come to know during the year passed that we are still ourselves working in the same walls of time and with the same divine endowment God has given us. Yet we are neither contented, nor confident. What is the trouble?

We must look away from things spiritual to things material. We are avid for peace, our good will runs out still to all the world, we would that harmony between the States and peoples come and come quickly. Though weighing, measuring, questioning results of world war in a secret unspoken way even in the listlessness that follows over-excitement, we have given ourselves wholly to the old works and to the old ways. We have had to set about the repair of our personal fortunes in sad disarray by our sacrifices at home and abroad. As we do so we are conscious of interference, of an undercurrent of protest, of a sinister demand in certain quarters for a change, for something better than we have had, for some magic transformation that is to bring a fabled equality and a magical justice. As a people we have been, despite our evidence of bewilderment, ardent to "resume" to "reconstruct" but have been met by obstruction. If we have turned in the year passed away from idealism to realism, from the spiritual flame to the physical fact, a something has been nagging at us all the way. We have

striven to use our strength and our possessions to bring back the old measure of prosperity. As we count over our endeavors now at the close there is a fourteen billion crop, a manufacturing output almost paralleling this in its own way, a foreign trade leaving such billions in our favor as almost to constitute a disaster measured by equability of exchange, ships we have builded to a tonnage never equaled before, our retail trade is uncomplaining large and profitable, wages have attained (and by large though not acknowledged voluntary advances as well as by undue force) to the highest level ever reached. And prices of products are so high as to fill the country with protest. This is our physical achievement. Yet there is "unrest" widespread and potential of evil.

We have descended, as we said, into a physical world. And it is from this that our national perturbation proceeds. We want to work to repair our loss and waste, and find our wishes and our wills impeded. And we have almost come to look upon our future with alarm. We "do not know what to think," we frequently say. Now Governor Francis traces our "unrest" to the infiltration of Bolshevism into our physical life. This may be one origin—but not the only one. Ex-President Taft, as we mentioned a few weeks ago, says sacrifice has reacted to selfishness. He too may be right. But selfishness we do have, and it is the selfishness of class seeking its own interests, though crying aloud its so-called rights—and all this in the face of the year's actual progress and prosperity as we have depicted it. Our physical world is an industrial world. And we may look here for the facts that influence our mental state and rob us of both courage and decision. All along the pathway of the year when most we would have resumed, reconstructed, rebuilt, and re-energized our industrial agencies of production and exchange, we have been stopped by the palsying power and unreasoning cupidity of strikes. According to tables compiled by "The Sun" these strikes, occurring in practically all the States, hundreds and hundreds in number, and affecting almost the entire range of our industries, have constituted a loss to labor of nearly three quarters of a billion dollars and a loss to capital of a little more than a billion and a quarter of dollars. Beyond all question they are the prolific cause of "unrest." Beyond all question they are promulgated by a class, and, as all know, a minority class of the workers of the country. And these strikes, called a "weapon" by some, have been advocated and defended by an organization known as the American Federation of Labor.

We say they are the outstanding product of the first full year after the war. We solemnly lay them at the door of the class-organization, the American Federation of Labor, that though it may say some of them were "unauthorized" and "unfortunate" in its last declaration of principles defends the right to strike as a sacred possession and demands through the coercion "the strike" brings to bear a "collective bargaining" with labor unions within its jurisdiction that are "outside the plant"; and with an independent organism which claims exemption from the law covering "restraint of trade" on the ground that it is for "service," not profit; an organization that does not "incorporate" and will not become voluntarily responsible for its acts in a monetary sense; and an organization that demands often by threat of "strikes" to set its own wage scales for its members.

Admitting many rightful benefits it has secured for mechanical workers in the past, we declare it as our deliberate belief that in its principles and practices in fostering and conducting "strikes" during the past year it has been the worst enemy the people at large have had, and has done more to retard our return to industrial peace and with that commercial confidence than any other agency now before the American people. And we further assert the belief that if the American people during the coming year suffer its dictation by means of "the strike" to continue, it will endanger the life of constitutional government and the perpetuity of the republic.

It would be pleasant to record the swelling tide of contentment, keeping time with the mounting consciousness that man must work if he would banish want, that he must live peace and love it if he would have the joy of rest and recuperation. But somewhere there is a cause for "unrest" in a people, homecoming from victory, and realizing the immeasurable power of our resources that await but the kindly touch of industry and trade. If these numerous and costly and disarranging strikes are not overt acts in industrial war, what are they? If they are not essentially conspiracies in restraint of trade, why are they not? And if they do not make the year one of fear and trembling, what else does?

We do not assert the path of peace can be made smooth, that we have not a legacy of burdens heavy to be borne. But we have accepted without convulsion the enactment of prohibition, we are not afraid of woman suffrage, the soldiers have been quickly reabsorbed in work. We only say that no considerable enterprise can function, resume, produce, while a foe with a "weapon" stands waiting at its doors.

#### SELLING SURPLUS WHEAT ON CREDIT.

Mr. Hoover in a statement at Washington on the 17th declares: "There can be no question that some 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 of people in the larger cities of Finland, Poland, Austria, and other portions of Central Europe outside Germany, are facing starvation unless some quick means can be discovered for their assistance." . . . "We have in the United States a great surplus of wheat and flour in the hands of the Government Grain Corporation over and above our own possibility of consumption. This surplus of wheat and flour, in the ordinary course, would be sold to foreign countries for cash." . . . "The question of the export of breadstuffs in this particular case does not influence the price or supply to the American people." . . . "The Government and Congress could arrange some means by which the Grain Corporation could extend these credits out of the capital it already possesses, and thus there would be no call for special appropriations by Congress for this purpose." These are very clear and succinct statements and we have no cause to question them.

Further than this we have no doubt that a means can be found under the Edge Bill recently passed and that this might be an acceptable method in that it would relieve Government of all difficulties and through the corporate machinery thus provided preserve the freedom and independence of credit directly to the people themselves. As the time is short in which to put this machinery into operation, and the need imperatively urgent, we need not, perhaps, consider Mr. Hoover's plan critically as to its effect upon a continuance of the general principle of govern-

mental control. The two large facts involved are: a business-like proffer of helpfulness to starving peoples and the magical power of the extension of credit to fulfill a dire need. Here is a case where trust supplants charity and where the transforming quality of credit fosters, even makes possible, legitimate trade. Nor need we dwell upon a possible "influence" on price consumers at home, since if Mr. Hoover's estimate of that be the true one there is no advantage can accrue save to the profiteer.

We have had occasion to refer before to the beneficence of credit. Ordinarily in its use we do not let it run at loose ends and extend it to those who do not satisfy us of ability to pay. When it comes to the consideration of large sums reaching into the decimated and desert places of earth we are required, if we would give to credit extension its peculiar potency, to consider potential rather than actual security. Mr. Hoover is quite within bounds in suggesting the selfish expediency of such a course. Many a bank has saved its own risk by carefully extending additional credit to an embarrassed customer who would certainly otherwise fail, but given time and means to tide over the worst, is enabled to pay principal in full and interest. But we need no more than allude to this. There is yet gratitude in the human heart. Faith evidenced by works is token of good will that seldom fails of response. And we might illustrate the nature of this risk by asking, will a man refuse to pay for bread he eats when life is at stake, once he regains the health and means to do so?

The machinery may give us pause, and yet it cannot fail if the sentiment involved can be put squarely before the individual. Complex it may be and yet the original proposition is simple. We may state it in this way: How can an interior farmer sell fifty bushels of wheat at say a hundred dollars and take therefor the obligation of a purchaser in a foreign land? It would be difficult, almost impossible, without the device of the corporation—one to buy and one to sell. If these can be co-ordinated the way is clear and it becomes thereby possible for a farmer to exchange his actual wheat for a bond bearing all the necessary sureties of payment. The credit power of individual buyers flows by means of the foreign debenture into the domestic debenture, transmitting this combined foreign power of buyers into the hands of the individual seller at home, strengthened by the diffusion of risk among all the sellers here. And it becomes possible, plausible, for the citizen wheat grower in the United States with a minimized risk to extend his personal helping hand to alleviate oversea starvation by buying a debenture.

And is not this the effective and safe process by which in coming years and calmer times we shall extend our trade to all the world? One may vision the course of certain "exploration and development" companies of the past with alarm. But even where these have honestly met disaster they have been hampered by distance, ignorance and expense. The ideal of real "development" is the direct exchange of goods for goods. Need meets need upon common ground to a mutual benefit. The exchange of an agricultural implement in a South American country for hides or wool is example. But development implies differing conditions and compels the element of time. In the same way the ideal extension of credit is the short-term. Based on exchange of commodities its settlement follows close upon

receipt and use. Here also conditions enter in to modify, and compel the creation of instrumentalities to safeguard use and widen its helpfulness. The whole world now is compelled in the wake of war to use long term credits.

This element of credit extension is one of its most benevolent or beneficent qualities. By providing time it really annihilates it, and enables the quick exchange of goods themselves, that it will grow from more to more, knitting peoples together, cannot be doubted. Debt is a very real and onerous burden when it does not carry with it its own means of payment. But credit is energy transformed into service, and that service devoted to the welfare of others. The whole history of banking is the history of the advancement of peoples in the uses of credit. And in this intangible creation now lies the hope of reconstruction after the calamity of world-war. And it is the talisman of every nation's prosperity. Because it is all these things it must be free, it must spring into being spontaneously, as the brook gushes by the wayside, flowing to the river, and the river to the sea that washes the shores of the world. Even Governments cannot make the seas flow back to water the desert lands.

We shall learn to realize, to revere, as the years go by, and the wonder-ways of foreign trade open to us, the imperial power of combined credit. But as we use it day by day in our personal transactions so we must know that it is one of the indefeasible rights we must preserve to ourselves if we would not sink into slavery. We must hold fast to our independent banks because they are ours. We must guard our foreign credit corporations with jealous care because by our own wills we create and use them, delegate them to represent us in our freedom to trade. We must preserve the fountain of credit at its source in the individual. Governments that can arbitrarily use it become or may become tyrannical. We voluntarily loaned our substance to our Government to use in war, and we will consent to taxation willingly to extinguish the debt. Not so much may be said of our loans to foreign Governments. And in order that we may preserve to ourselves and to posterity the mighty power and privilege of credit, that our increasing substance may be dedicated to the good of mankind, we must preserve our personal ownership of property.

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL PALMER'S PLAN FOR REDUCING COST OF LIVING.

In an address to a popular gathering in Chicago, Attorney-General Palmer has suggested a really practical and constructive plan for halting and finally bringing down the prices of necessaries. He would have in every county and town a "fair-price committee," with some official authority backing it; next, a voluntary organization of women, for the single end of restricting buying to actual necessities until some curative effect is produced upon prices; next, conservation and economy meetings everywhere, "under the auspices of civil bodies;" next, the influence of prosecuting authorities against industrial disturbances; lastly, rehabilitation of the "four-minute men" to deliver talks on working and saving, on every evening.

There may be room for doubt of the efficacy of the official authority as a backing in the first of these propositions, yet in general they are most excellent, and it is needless to offer to intelligent readers another

word in urgency of the inculcation of combined working and saving. The women of America, it is reasonable to say, could do the work of noticeably bringing down prices, if they would but take that up determinedly, seeking necessaries and cutting down luxurious indulgences, as well as always seeking the low price instead of almost joyfully accepting the high one. Further, the best thing in this latest Palmer plan is that it proposes voluntary action and does not need any legislation or depend very much upon any official action by its proposer.

There seems to be some promise of proper action by retailers, if we may judge from the report of a meeting here, on Wednesday, to talk the situation over with an assistant of Mr. Palmer and with a woman representative of the Department of Justice, the meeting being one of merchants in response to a call through the National Retail Drygoods Association. Not too much should be expected speedily of such a conference, or of the announcement that a committee representing several associations of retailers will meet and continue the talk; still, what there is of this lies in the right direction.

It is also in point and encouraging to note that the city of Lawrence shows great interest in the expressed intention of Mr. William N. Wood, head of the American Woolen Company, to take a hand in this subject himself unless the retailers there can do something about it very soon. When he came to Lawrence for a conference on the subject on Wednesday he had a large throng to greet him, and while the shouts and flag-waving by the mill employees do not go straight to relief in the case they do show that the company's "welfare" plans for employees (already mentioned) are appreciated by them. The leading retailers naturally defended themselves, and they declared he had been misinformed in saying that retail prices had followed every advance in wages at the mills, to which he replied by producing official figures to show a noticeably higher cost of living in Lawrence than in a number of other cities having mills. The spokesman for the storekeepers said they would gladly reduce prices if Mr. Wood would show them how, and the subject was left for a more complete investigation. Of course prices can be reduced only by somehow buying at lower figures, or by cutting off some expenses, or by accepting a lower rate of profit. The first of these seems to involve the problem of reduction back from the start, and so it does; yet perhaps the two others have something still possible without unreasonable sacrifice, and it is for Mr. Wood to show the "how" as well as to "show cause" for it. At least, it is much gained if the public turn away from grumbling—and particularly from careless and unthrifty buying—and determine that prices shall turn downward from their present peak and not from some higher one.

#### Current Events and Discussions

##### CONTINUED OFFERING OF FRENCH TREASURY BILLS.

Another block of the French Treasury bills which are being offered in the market up to an amount of \$50,000,000, as market conditions justify and on much the same scheme as the British Treasury bills, was disposed of by J. P. Morgan & Co. this week. The offering in any one week is limited to \$5,000,000. These French Treasury bills were again disposed of on a discount basis of 6%, the figure to which the rate was advanced some time ago. The bills in this week's offering are dated Dec. 26.

### 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. 22.

### PROCLAMATION REMOVING BRITISH BANK NOTE ACT.

According to London cablegrams a Royal Proclamation made public on Dec. 23 revokes, as from Jan. 1, the provisions of the Bank Note Act of 1914, which made bank notes issued by issuing banks of Scotland and Ireland legal tender to any amount. It is also stated that the proclamation restores these banks, as regards their note issues, to the pre-war status, except that they still will be permitted to repay in currency notes issued by the Bank of England instead of gold.

### FRENCH LOAN TO BE ISSUED IN ENGLAND.

There has recently been much discussion concerning a proposed French Loan to be issued in England. Associated Press advices from Paris, Dec. 16, are authority for the following:

The time of issue, the amount and the terms of the French loan, which is to be issued in England, have not yet been decided upon, but will be fixed by agreement between the French and British Governments, it was stated in a note issued to-day by Premier Clemenceau's office regarding the economic and financial agreements reached during his recent conferences in the British capital.

The conference held concerning the working of the Reparations Commission showed the identity of the views of the two Governments," says the note. "The economic and financial situation was examined in detail. With a view to remedying the lowering of exchange, detrimental to both nations, the British Government accepted the issue of a French loan in England. The date, the amount and the details will be fixed by agreement between the two Governments.

"Finally, it was decided that the system of licenses for the exportation of coal should be provisionally prolonged for some days to enable the question to be restudied."

### FRENCH BUDGET. FINANCIAL POSITION OF FRANCE

Concerning a budget calling for some 13,000,000,000 or 14,000,000,000 francs to meet the expenditures of France for the first three months of 1920, which was presented to the Chamber of Deputies on Dec. 18 by Louis Klotz, Minister of Finance, the New York "Times" in a copyright cablegram from Edwin L. James at Paris on Dec. 20 said:

Newspapers give much attention to-day to the request of M. Klotz, Minister of Finance, for 13,000,000,000 francs for the first four months of 1920. It should be borne in mind that practically half of this amount is to be devoted to reconstruction of the devastated regions, an expenditure which France expects in time to get back from Germany.

The French Government now owes 206,000,000,000 francs, of which 150,000,000,000 represent the national war debt.

All the financial experts urge increased production, exportation and development of new trade as the only way out of the difficulty. To get into this work, of course, France hopes for the betterment of exchange. In other words, she hopes for the end of what the French call "the arrogance of the dollar."

In discussing what Europe regards as the slowness of America in making an exchange arrangement, the Petit Parisien to-day gives prominence to an interview with M. Poincaré, Secretary of the French Economic Commission, which recently visited the United States, in which he says that, if Europe will only wait until America begins to feel more keenly the need of European markets, America will wake up to the fact that she needs Europe as much as Europe needs her, and that then America will come to financial terms which will result in better exchange for European money.

### TAX RECEIPTS IN FRANCE.

As to receipts of the French Government from taxes, we quote the following press advices from Paris, Dec. 12:

The tax receipts of the Government for November, as shown by figures just made public, total 737,825,000 francs, a sum 41% greater than forecast by the budget and causing the receipts for eleven months of the year to reach a total nearly 1,250,000,000 francs in excess of the estimates. The registration duties supply the greatest part of this increase, those on the sales of buildings bringing in receipts three times those of the pre-war level. The customs receipts are in excess of the budget estimates by 30%.

The receipts for the eleven months show an increase of 2,665,000,000 francs as compared with the corresponding eleven months of 1918.

### EUGENE SCHNEIDER ON CREDITS IN U. S. IN BEHALF OF FRANCE.

With regard to financial aid which is expected to be obtained by France in the United States, Eugene Schneider, one of the members of the French mission which took part in the recent deliberations at Washington of the International Trade Conference, had something to say upon his return to Paris, the press cablegrams from that center Dec. 15, recording his views as follows:

Some 3,000,000,000 francs is the amount that France will have to spend in the United States during the coming year on wheat, cotton, oats, coal and machinery, according to Eugene Schneider, who has just returned from a mission on behalf of the Government to the United States, in an interview in "Le Journal."

"The American State, as a Government, M. Schneider is quoted as having said, "cannot and will not advance this sum. The day of State loans to a State is over. It is essentially a war measure, and its continuation would paralyze private initiative.

"Furthermore, the situation among our overseas allies is far from being as brilliant as people might think. Unforeseen strikes have surprised public opinion, and President Wilson's illness is impeding the whole of the machinery of Government. And there are the discussions of the Peace Treaty. Those discussions should be regarded in their true light—that is, that the opposition reported is not solely political. For the Senate Republicans the League of Nations represents a breach in the Constitution.

"This does not mean that the American Government will not help us. It will support every effort we make to obtain credit by private issue. It may subscribe an important part thereof itself and place at our disposition the machinery which floated its Liberty Loan."

Questioned on the subject of exchange, M. Schneider said:

"American commerce and industry are not responsible for the exchange rate. They are upset by conditions which threaten the stopping of all business. This unjustified rise continues to cost France millions and benefits nobody.

"I think the words of Carter Glass, the American Secretary of the Treasury, have been interpreted here in a more pessimistic spirit than he meant them. The excess of evil will quicken the remedy, and the financial committee we left over there under the protection of American bankers for the purpose of aiding Europe, of which I am a member, should be able to find a speedy solution of the troubles the war has provoked in the United States.

"Our allies have conquered new markets in Africa, South America and Europe and intend to keep them. We are portrayed to these as egotistic idlers, determined henceforth to live solely on our military glory. This legend must be destroyed. It will be sufficient to show that the France of to-morrow remains the France of yesterday, which everywhere always gave a good example to the world."

With regard to the above, Washington dispatches to the daily papers Dec. 15, said:

Officials of the Treasury were at a loss to-day to understand exactly what Eugene Schneider of the French Financial Mission meant in a statement in Paris on his return from America, that the United States Government probably would undertake to provide machinery whereby the French Government might float loans here and also that the United States might participate in such loans.

It was suggested that perhaps the French financier referred to the Edge bill, which is pending in Congress and which has the sanction of the Federal Reserve Board, whereby national banks would be permitted to subscribe to the capital stock of corporations formed to promote foreign trade and financing.

### CHINESE CONSORTIUM.

The failure of the proposed Chinese consortium, unless either the United States or Japan yields ground, is forecast in special Washington advices to the New York "Times" of Dec. 20, which said:

The deadlock between the American and Japanese Governments over the question of Japan's special position in South Manchuria and Eastern Inner Mongolia, in which territories Japan has acquired peculiar rights through treaties with China, has prevented the formation of the consortium which the United States proposed more than a year ago.

The American Government is understood to be prepared to lend diplomatic support to private American financial interests if the latter should elect to enter the Chinese loan field independently of financial groups of other countries. International competition, however, it is feared, would defeat one of the objects of the consortium, the removal of temptations to the powers to obtain, through finance, special privileges and new spheres in China.

The British Government is said to be using its good offices, as an ally, with the Japanese Government, looking toward an agreement with America. The tone of the Japanese press and the sense of statements published by prominent persons in Japan indicate, on the other hand, that Japan feels she cannot admit South Manchuria to enter into the purview of the consortium. It was recalled to-day that Secretary of State Knox's proposal for the neutralization of the Manchurian railways bears some semblance to the proposal to apply the consortium to South Manchuria. The Knox proposal was defeated by the Russian and Japanese Governments primarily, Great Britain upholding Japan and France supporting Russia.

Reference to the reported disagreement between the United States and Japan in the matter was made in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 22 (page 1931); details of the attitude of this Government were given as follows in advices from Washington appearing in the "Times" of Nov. 30:

A construction of the American Government's understanding of the Lansing-Ishii agreement between this country and Japan has been given by the State Department to the British Government in a communication sent in connection with negotiations relating to the proposed international consortium for financing China. The project for this consortium was sponsored by the United States Government, but the project has not yet gone through because the Japanese Government has been opposed to including certain portions of Manchuria and Mongolia within the purview of the loans made under the consortium project.

In the construction that has been given by this Government to the British Government, it is contended that any claim that may be set up to the effect that the recognition of special interests by the United States in the Lansing-Ishii agreement was intended to imply a monopoly or a priority of economic or industrial rights is negated by the concluding paragraphs of the agreement which explicitly and without limitation, the State Department maintains, preserve the principle of equality of commercial and industrial opportunity.

This construction of the agreement has been given as a result of Japan's action in contending for a reservation of her asserted rights in South Manchuria and Eastern Inner Mongolia, and by an inquiry from the British Foreign Office as to whether the reservation affecting South Manchuria would be accepted by the United States Government.

It is understood that in its note the State Department declares that his re-assertion of the "open door" was understood to imply no restriction in the particular case of Manchuria, and that this is made plain by the fact that the agreement assumed the existence of earlier treaty arrangements on the subject one of the most concrete of which is declared to be the Portsmouth treaty of peace between Japan and Russia, by which the contracting parties declared that they had not in Manchuria any "territorial advantages or preferential or exclusive concessions in impairment of Chinese sovereignty



or inconsistent with the principal of equal opportunity," and engaged "not to obstruct any general measures common to all countries which China may take for the development of the commerce and industry of Manchuria."

In connection with the formation of the old consortium for the Chinese currency loan in 1912, the State Department points out, the Japanese and Russian groups, having made reservations regarding non-application of restrictions upon their independent action in Northern China, Manchuria and Mongolia maintained the right to withdraw from participation in any such business which their respective Governments might consider "contrary to the interests of Russia or Japan."

Even the position sought to be established at that time by the Japanese and Russian groups, the department contends, did not contemplate any such exclusive right as is now claimed by the Japanese Government, but confined itself to a right of protest against undertakings deemed positively harmful to the national interests of the two countries.

In May, 1915, furthermore, the department's communication continues, during the negotiations between Japan and China, which led to the so-called agreements of May 25, involving certain special political and economic advantages in favor of Japan in Manchuria and Mongolia the United States Government found it necessary to advise both interested Governments that "it cannot recognize any agreement or undertaking which has been entered into, or which may be entered into, between the Governments of China and Japan impairing the treaty rights of the United States and its citizens in China, the political or territorial integrity of the Republic of China, or the international policy relative to China, commonly known as the open-door policy."

The reservation thus made in behalf of the United States Government, the communication asserts, has never been withdrawn and must be regarded as a part of the Res Gestae to be considered in construing the position of the United States in reference to the question now at issue.

The Department asserts that it finds itself, therefore, unable to concur in the suggestion that a solution of the deadlock in the consortium negotiations, occasioned by Japan's insistence upon reservations, might be found in accepting the Japanese reservation regarding South Manchuria. It adds that if the adoption of the consortium were to carry with it the recognition of a doctrine of spheres of interest more advanced and far-reaching than was ever applied to Chinese territory even when the dissolution of the Chinese Empire seemed imminent, it would be a calamity.

The telegram to the British Foreign Office concluded by saying it was to be doubted whether the Japanese Government would find it feasible to persist in its present pretensions or to maintain a policy of financial rivalry if confronted with the alternative of co-operation or competition with those whose desire is to relieve the Chinese situation without taking advantage of it to seek special benefits, and that the attitude hitherto taken by the Japanese bankers seemed clearly to indicate their appreciation of the impracticability of separate action. Ambassador Davis, at London, was instructed to urge upon the British Government the particular importance attached by the United States to this question.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 11 had the following to say regarding the loan:

China to obtain loan of \$25,000,000 from consortium composed of England, France, United States and Japan to prevent collapse of Government because of financial condition. Further definite program will be adopted after settlement of Japanese claims under Peace Treaty.

#### PROPOSAL OF SUPREME COUNCIL THAT U. S. EXTEND AUSTRIA CREDIT OF \$70,000,000 OR \$100,000,000

A proposal that the United States extend a loan of \$100,000,000 to Austria in order to save the country from famine and bankruptcy has come from the Supreme Council at Paris. The urgency of the Allies' supplying Austria with a long-term credit of \$100,000,000 with which to procure food until the end of October 1920, and further credits for raw materials and for the re-establishment of its economic life, was pointed out by Chancellor Karl Renner, of the Austrian Republic, in a statement to the Associated Press on Dec. 11, in explaining his presence in Paris, where he had gone to present to the Supreme Council the situation which he declared faced his country. The Associated Press gave his statement as follows:

"When I left Vienna we had only 9,000 tons of flour for six and three-quarter millions of people, a supply for six days only," said Dr. Renner. "Children are dying of hunger and cold in Vienna and 85% of those between nine months and three years of age are suffering with rickets. The loss of weight on the part of nursing mothers is serious, resulting in diminution of the nursing capacity."

"For these reasons it is of utmost importance that supplies go forward at once, even while we are in Paris awaiting the result of the negotiations for credits, because weeks must pass before supplies ordered even now can reach Austria."

"By help I mean such assistance as will facilitate our task of keeping our nation alive and at the same time of fulfilling our obligations to the Allied Powers."

"We are now paying thirty prices for everything we buy. That is to say, the crown has depreciated to one-thirtieth of its normal value. At the same time we have exhausted our resources in securities and we have nothing left but the resources which, according to Article 197 of the Treaty of St. Germain, are mortgaged to the Allies for payment of reparations."

"I am going to ask the Supreme Council to release from that mortgage a sufficient amount of our national wealth to form the basis of security for loans that are absolutely needed to insure the feeding of our people. What we need first is a long-term credit abroad of a hundred million dollars with which to procure food until the end of October 1920."

"In the second place, we need further credit for providing raw materials, and, thirdly, exemption from mortgage of our national wealth, provided for by Article 197, that will enable us to furnish a basis for credits absolutely requisite to the re-establishment of our economic life—and that re-establishment, it should be noted, is primordial and essential to the payment by Austria of reparation to which she has agreed."

"We are not seeking to escape any responsibility. Of course, we who are in close touch with the trials and needs of our own people, with an infant mortality of 60% in Vienna, are confronted by an immediate object-lesson which we cannot overlook."

"Relief now is the only thing that can alleviate the present distress, and credit alone can deliver us from the menace of general famine and make it possible for us eventually to pay our debts."

"Humanitarianism and moral principles, apart from the interest of the Allies, demand that a people indebted to them be safe from catastrophe, their future assured and their fortune saved from dilapidation. The crown, now worth one-thirtieth of its value, will not remain at this point, and it would be rank injustice to expect Austria to pay its debts on this basis, while permitting others to make immense profits out of the fluctuation of exchange."

"Our existence and working capacity must be assured by co-operation from those to whom we are obligated, at least for several months in advance, if we are to save the situation. We have sold all our foreign securities, have pledged everything available and have tried every way to keep afloat since last August, with the result that there has been an enormous impoverishment of our resources and a most alarming depreciation of our currency."

Dr. Renner pointed out that the Austrian home supply would take care of only one-third of the needs of the nation, and that the countries on which Austria naturally depended, Hungary and Czecho-Slovakia, had been unable to come to the aid of the Austrians because of transportation difficulties and other obstacles.

"There is no district in Austria to-day," he said, "that has more than a few days of provisions, flour and bread, and our requirements represent an expenditure of five and one-half million dollars monthly for grain, a million dollars for meat, three million dollars for fats, and three hundred thousand dollars for condensed milk."

Chancellor Renner, who made a favorable impression by his cheerful manner when he arrived to sign the treaty of St. Germain, maintained his geniality. It was tempered, however, by an apparent consciousness of the responsibility which rests upon him in gaining succor for his nation. He expressed his appreciation of the willingness of the Allies to hear his case.

The proposition that the United States advance Austria \$100,000,000 is detailed as follows by Edwin L. James in a copyright cable to the New York "Times" from Paris Dec. 16:

The Allies decided to-day to feed Austria. The Supreme Council, after hearing Chancellor Renner, voted to assume responsibility for saving 7,000,000 Austrians from starvation. A formal request was made to America to finance an undertaking involving \$100,000,000, and Ambassador Wallace has forwarded this request to Washington. Should Washington not agree to give this aid, England, France and Italy will shoulder the burden.

There are three steps in the program adopted by the Council. First, the Allies undertake to effect the transportation of the food purchased by Austria, but unavailable because of lack of transportation, which will supply rations until Jan. 21. Second, the Allies agree to turn over certain food-stuffs which they own in Europe, of quantity sufficient for Austria's needs until the last of April. Third, they promise to obtain food for Austria from that date until harvest time. It is in effecting the last-named undertaking that America's aid is sought.

#### Renner's Eloquent Plea.

After the Council had disposed of the German note Chancellor Renner was received. He had previously laid Austria's case before the diplomats of the Allied countries after his arrival in Paris last Thursday. For an hour to-day he made a powerful address, painting the plight of his countrymen. His plea was for aid for starving Austria. The political advantages accruing to the Allies from the preservation of the republic were subordinated in his argument. For all the Allied diplomats were deeply stirred. Ambassador Wallace was especially impressed by his comparison of the size of Vienna school children to-day, compared with what it was before the war. Dr. Renner was equipped with exhaustive statistics of the suffering of his country, and he used them with telling effect.

When he had finished, with tears in his eyes, he left the Council room. The diplomats of England, France, America and Italy agreed that something must be done for Austria, and that quickly. It is said that the Japanese Ambassador took no part in the discussion.

Forthwith the diplomats considered how Austria could be aided. Even at the low value of the crown the Austrian Government had succeeded in contracting for food to last until Jan. 21. Dr. Renner had explained that this food, which had been paid for, was held in Hungary, Czecho-Slovakia and other countries because the Austrians could not get cars to move it. It was decided that the Allies should undertake this work.

It was then pointed out that in Trieste there were 30,000 tons of cereals as well as other Allied supplies in Eastern Europe. It was voted to turn these over. Dr. Renner had insisted that to care for the Austrians for two or three months would not save them and would not enable the present Government to stand. Therefore the Allies took up the matter of supplying the Austrians until harvest.

It was reported that Austria could not at the present value of the crown—7 centimes—pay cash for the food needed, but that there were certain Austrian properties on which, under the terms of the treaty, the Allies had a first lien which could be released to permit sale to meet this situation in part. It was decided to let Austria dispose of such properties.

It was then estimated that a \$100,000,000 loan was needed by the Austrians to save themselves, and the United States Government was asked to consider this matter and express its opinion on its ability to handle it. It was stated that England and France stood ready, as a last resort, to support this loan, but that it would be harder for them to do so than for America.

The official French statement said: "After examining the financial situation of Austria the Council declared the financial aid of the United States indispensable to save Austria."

However, the action of the Council means that Austria will be fed if the Allies are able to do it.

On the 17th inst. it was stated in Paris cablegrams that after further consideration of Austrian requirements to meet the food conditions, it had been decided by the Supreme Council that it would be necessary to furnish relief to the amount of \$70,000,000 at the least, the relief to go forward at the rate of \$9,500,000 monthly. The cablegrams to the daily press from Paris also said:

The Council to-day, presided over by Jules Cambon, and with Ambassador Wallace representing the United States, heard a report from Louis Loucheur, the French Minister of Reconstruction, with regard to Austria's needs. It was stated afterward that measures had been agreed upon for the remedying of the situation. The execution of these measures, it was added, entailed the participation of the United States, whose adherence to the agreement was awaited.

It has become known that the representatives of the Allied and Associated Powers have insisted further upon the necessity of American co-operation in the relief of Austria. Ambassador Wallace was unable to enter into any undertaking for the United States without instructions from his Government, but he has cabled to Washington setting forth urgently the need of taking measures in Austria's behalf.

*THE POINT AT ISSUE IN THE QUESTION OF  
GERMAN IMPORT DUTIES.*

We reprint from the New York "Times" of Dec. 18, the following copyright cablegram from Edwin L. James, at Paris, Dec. 17:

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The representatives of the Governments of England, France, Italy and Belgium have agreed that after the Versailles Treaty becomes effective no effort shall be made to interfere with the German Government's collection of import duties in gold.

This is a matter of supreme importance to American commerce. It is a question of the utmost delicacy, which has been the subject of negotiations for the past two weeks. Its settlement is most favorable to American interests. It should be borne in mind that English commercial interests happened to be in the same position as the American, and it was England which stood out strongly for the settlement finally approved this morning. This settlement marks the defeat of powerful French and Belgian business interests.

The question of the payment of German imports is a complicated one and difficult to explain in the limits of a newspaper cable dispatch. Briefly, its features are these: It was exacted of Germany by the Allies that for a number of years the duties on imports could not be advanced, nor could they be imposed upon Allied imports in a manner to discriminate against them. Despite the provisions of the armistice, which appeared to forbid it, at the beginning of last February, French, British, and Belgian commercial agents went in large numbers into Germany at a time when the American military authorities, placing their own construction on the armistice conditions, refused that privilege to American business agents. Later American business men were admitted, but only after the Allied agents had had four months' start.

Last spring France and Belgium began to flood Germany with goods which were shipped by thousands of tons. These goods, which paid import duties in paper, which had sunk to a small fraction of its pre-war value, came into the German markets in competition with German goods.

In July the German Government issued a decree that all import duties must be paid in gold, or, if in paper money, with due regard for the depreciation of the mark. The French military authorities at once issued an order stating that at the Rhine gate into Germany at Mainz import duties would be paid in German legal tender, which was the paper mark. The Belgian Army followed suit, and so did the British, a new line between London and Cologne by way of the Rhine being opened. Soon afterward Marshal Foch issued a ruling that at all Rhine gateways import duties could be paid in paper marks.

The Americans officially protested that this was unfair to American trade with Germany, which had to pass through seaports where the Allies, under the armistice terms, had no jurisdiction. This meant that American imports—and most English imports—into Germany, paying duties in gold, were taxed from eight to ten times as much as French and Belgian imports, since the natural channel into Germany for the latter was across the Rhine.

Last August, when the Americans made their complaint, the German authorities stated that if the Allies persisted in their military ruling a new customs boundary would be established east of the Rhine.

The matter hung fire until two weeks ago, when the German Government did what it had threatened to do—established a series of control posts on the important railways east of the Rhine and held up French and Belgian as well as English goods coming from occupied territory, on the ground that they must pay duties in gold. This caused a storm of protest in French commercial circles. French business interests brought pressure to bear upon the French Government to force Germany to let in French goods under armistice conditions, which had proved so profitable.

The matter went to the Reparation Commission, on which America had no representative, and in turn to the Supreme Council, on which Ambassador Wallace has only limited powers. It is understood that the British representative yesterday took the stand that the Allies after the state of peace began had no power under the treaty to rule as to the payment of custom duties. Of course, most of England's shipments into Germany go by way of seaports, as the American shipments do.

It was announced this afternoon that at the meeting of the Supreme Council this morning it was formally decided that Germany could collect her import duties in gold. Thus her new artificial customs boundary is rendered unnecessary, and American business with Germany will pay no more duties than that of France and Belgium.

*INDEMNITY TO BE PAID BY HUNGARY UNDER  
PEACE TREATY.*

It was announced on Dec. 12 in Paris cablegrams that the Hungarian peace treaty will be presented in January. It will, it is said, fix the indemnity to be paid by Hungary to the Allies within 75 years at 18,000,000,000 crowns. One-fifth of the debt of the former Dual Monarchy will also, it is said, be attributed to Hungary. It is further stated that the latter's future government will be determined by a plebiscite, but the return of the Hapsburgs will be prohibited.

*TRADING AND INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES  
OFFERED BY CHINA.*

In an article appearing in the Dec. 10 issue of "The Street," Robert A. Shaw, Secretary of the Asia Banking Corporation of New York, points out the trade opportunities in China. He says that "while the United States has not quite isolated itself, yet it has failed to grasp the full significance of the trading and investment possibilities that China offers."

He mentions the rich deposits of iron ore, oil, coal, gold, zinc, platinum and tin, and reminds us of the tremendous resources of the Chinese field—"a field without a peer in richness and virtually without limit in its potential resources."

Speaking of the development of American interests in China, Dr. C. F. Wang, Vice-President of the Senate of the Republic, recently said: "Of all nations China specially

welcomes the investment of American capital. She trusts America. She knows America has no ambition for land grabbing, no 'sphere of influence' to maintain, no 'special rights' to claim. China welcomes the investment of American talent. There is a natural fondness of our people for the Yankees. Ask the American business men, teachers, travelers, public men and missionaries who have been in China and they will tell you, one and all, that the Chinese have most easily become the best friends with Americans."

"American merchants and manufacturers could easily secure their rightful share of China's business, if they gave to it only a small part of the study and attention that they lavish on 'faster' markets, but markets not nearly so potentially rich," says Mr. Shaw as he goes on to indicate the Chinese needs of industrial machinery and equipment and the various avenues for investment in the Far Eastern field.

The article then enters into quite a lengthy discourse on the prevailing business methods of the Chinese and on the nature and extent of their present foreign commerce.

*PRICE ADVANCES IN FRANCE WITH DECLINE IN  
EXCHANGE.*

The Associated Press had the following to say in Paris dispatches of Dec. 15:

Prices of all commodities in France are mounting steadily under the low rate of foreign exchange. Grocers are warning their customers that they would be wise to buy coffee, chocolate and all goods containing sugar because heavy increases over the present prices are coming "because of exchange." Other traders have joined the grocers in this admonition.

In fact, the rate of exchange has become the excuse for any sort of advance in prices, and this has brought the question of exchange to the attention of thousands who never before gave the subject any thought. The public is told by the press that exchange depends upon whether exports exceed imports. However, France's exports to Switzerland and Belgium are now exceeding her imports without improving the value of French francs in those countries, and the people, therefore, are being prepared to accept the explanation that the present crisis is not due to the commercial balance, but is a question of confidence, which will be restored only by the reduction of paper money in circulation.

The Cabinet, which met yesterday to consider the question of exchange, continued its discussion of the subject to-day. The draft of the new loan which will reduce paper currency is almost ready and will be laid on the table of the Chamber before the end of the month.

It is understood that Louis Loucheur, Minister of Reconstruction, at the Cabinet meeting advocated the principal of importing goods from Germany and other countries where France has favorable exchange as soon as the Peace Treaty is put into effect without further formalities except those arising from existing customs.

M. Loucheur is also quoted in an interview in the "Echo de Paris" as stating that it is necessary, before all, for France to balance her budget, as all economic questions are closely connected with the rate of exchange. In the discussion of problems bearing on exchange, among the Council of Ministers at Paris Dec. 11, M. Boucheur is said to have advised that merchandise be imported from all countries with which the exchange situation is favorable, this plan including Germany, as soon as the Peace Treaty comes into effect.

*REMOVAL OF WAR TIME RESTRICTIONS IN CANADA  
—SILVER COINAGE AND GOLD EXPORT  
BAN CONTINUES.*

Canada will return to a peace basis on Jan. 1, when the war-time restrictions imposed by Orders-in-Council and the War Measures Act, will, with a few exceptions be removed. In the case of the exceptions, the Orders-in-Council terminate at the end of the next session of Parliament. The Montreal "Gazette," in Canadian press advices from Ottawa, Dec. 31, had the following to say regarding the removal of the restrictions:

The war-time restrictions which will cease to be operative on Jan. 1 include those of race-track betting and on importation, manufacture and inter-provincial trade in alcoholic liquors. The Orders-in-Council remaining in force include: Pulp and paper control; coal and sugar control; silver coinage; trading with the enemy; exportation of gold; internment operations; greater production on Indian reserves; censorship.

Removal of the restrictions imposed by Order-in-Council on the liquor trade ends a phase of Federal action which opened nearly two years ago. Within a few weeks of the Union Government coming into power, the use of grain for distillation of potable liquors was forbidden. From the last day of December 1917 importation of liquor containing more than 2½% proof spirits was forbidden. Three months later, there was a further Order-in-Council prohibiting manufacture and inter-provincial trade. These Orders-in-Council are to terminate with the close of the present year. In rescinding these and other Orders-in-Council passed as war measures, the Government takes the view that, although no proclamation has yet been issued declaring that war no longer exists, actual war conditions long ago ceased in fact. "Consequently, the rescinding orders read: 'Existence of war can no longer be urged as a reason for maintaining these extraordinary regulations as necessary nor admissible for the security, defence, peace, order and welfare of Canada.'

"The armistice which concluded hostilities became effective Nov. 11 1918. The expeditionary force has since been withdrawn and demobilized and the country generally is devoting its energies to re-establishment of the ordinary avocations of peace.

"In these circumstances, it is considered that the time has arrived when the emergency Government legislation should cease to operate."

Abrogation of the Federal Orders-in-Council does not, of course, affect restrictions on sale imposed by the various provincial legislatures. In

all the provinces, except Quebec, prohibitory legislation is in force and in Quebec the legislation permits merely the sale of light wines and beer. There is, further, a Federal statute in existence which prohibits importation for sale, of liquor into a province where sale in such province is prohibited. But, with the close of the present year, there will apparently be no restrictions on importations for personal use. Under enabling legislation passed by the Dominion Parliament last session, however, it will be within the competence of a province to have all importations into its territory prohibited. The Act of last session provides that on the request of any provincial legislature, the Dominion Government can hold a provincial referendum on the question whether or not importations are to be prohibited so far as that particular province is concerned. If the referendum goes in the affirmative, the Dominion Government will then issue a proclamation forbidding importation into the province in question.

#### APPROPRIATION ASKED OF ARGENTINE CONGRESS FOR PURCHASE OF FOOD FOR VIENNA.

President Irigoyen of Argentine sent a message to Congress on Dec. 13 recommending the appropriation of 2,200,000 pesos, gold, for the purchase of food and clothing to be sent to relieve the starving population of Vienna. This information was contained in Buenos Aires advices to the daily press, Dec. 13, which added:

This information was contained in Buenos Aires advices to the daily press, Dec. 13, which added: The Austrian Government would be given the privilege of repaying the loan at its convenience.

The President urges that a naval vessel be provided to transport the supplies, if it were found that the transportation would be facilitated by such action. The Government will also appoint a committee to obtain popular subscriptions for the same object.

#### HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO RESUME INTEREST PAYMENTS JANUARY 1.

London advices in "Financial America," Dec. 16, state that a wireless despatch from Germany states that the Hungarian Government will resume interest payments on the State debt in January.

#### DANISH CONTROL OF IMPORTS TO CORRECT DISPARITY OF EXCHANGE.

Commerce Reports (published by the Department of Commerce) in its issue of Dec. 18, said:

Commercial Attache Anderson has cabled from Copenhagen that an announcement was made by the Danish Ministry of Commerce on Dec. 13, that owing to the very unfavorable balance of trade against Denmark, and the consequent great disparity of Danish exchange against dollars and pounds sterling, a Danish Exchange Council is to be established to regulate imports and to influence banks to refuse exchange for imports not absolutely necessary. No compulsory legislation measures have been passed, the matter having been placed on purely voluntary basis. It is reported that Norway also is discussing similar restrictive measures.

#### M. B. WELLBORN ON "FINANCING EXPORTS THROUGH SOUTHERN PORTS." ACCEPTANCE CREDITS.

In observing that "we hear a great deal these days in reference to the purchasing power of the dollar—the inflow or outflow of gold and the expansion of credits," M. B. Wellborn, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta in an address before the Southern Commercial Congress at Savannah on Dec. 9 noted that "in the final analysis these are but the outcome of the law of supply and demand." While admitting that "there is a certain amount of expansion of credit due to speculative—somewhat curbed in the past few weeks," Mr. Wellborn contended that "the great expansion of business, and almost unending demands being made on the financial and commercial resources of this country presents a more healthy condition of expansion of credit than in former days." Mr. Wellborn's topic was "Financing Exports Through Southern Ports," and we take the following from his remarks.

Our ports have made and are constantly making great forward strides in warehousing facilities and dock equipment, so that vessels are gaining a better "turnover" thereby saving largely in dockage fees and reducing their overhead expenses, all of which go to make out sea towns ports of value. Yet, as we all know, there is room for vast improvement at many of the port towns in the southern States; and, if we are to develop the foreign trade I know of no more important work for the Southern Commercial Congress than the rapid promotion of better harbors and the most improved port facilities. While ships seek "any port in a storm"—the controlling influences of good harbors and improved docks guide them when in the peaceful pursuit of trade.

We must ever keep in mind the fact that during the great war, the demands of the war made us the greatest merchant nation of all times and the productive capacities of our mills and factories grew in enormous proportions, but with the diminished requirements for war materials, we are liable to face serious conditions unless we maintain an equivalent production of the things of peace and find a ready market for our output which has grown far greater than our consumption. Reduction in output means lower wages, closed shops, and I say with no thought of alarm or attempt at sensation, that we can at this time afford to have business or labor disturbances. The war has created new theories, new ideals, which we hope for good—but which may result in evil unless we strive for a contented people, and steady work at remunerative wages is the greatest enemy of bolshevism.

In order to produce greater quantities, maintain our present ratio of production, greater credits are necessary; and, it is vastly more important at this time that we increase our business relations with the Central and

South American countries and the Orient as fields for cash and short term credits, in order to turn into a credit trade balance that which at this time is a debit against us, due to the excess of our imports over exports, and thus not only relieve ourselves of the necessity of expecting gold to pay our debts, but put ourselves in a position where we will receive gold and add strength to the basis of the long-term credits that our Country will have to provide, if we are to continue to supply devastated Europe with the necessities for reconstruction.

The question, therefore, gentlemen, that is presented to this portion of the Country—which your wonderful organization has done so much to promote—is, "Shall we sit idly by while opportunity knocks at our door?" As a boy, I was told that opportunity knocked but once—but in these days, I am compelled to disagree with my old school-professor, for it is calling every day at the door of the South, and the motto of our manufacturers, our merchants and our farmers, should be "Go after Foreign Trade—Don't wait for it."

Prior to 1914, the average business man of the South having exportable products, went out for business only in those places where he was sure to receive dollars in payment for the goods he sold, and this limited export business arose from goods that he sold to local buyers for foreign interests who were compelled to have certain of our products. This was a condition brought about by the fact that dollar exchange was almost unknown quantity in many foreign countries; whereas, a Sterling draft on London, at that time the recognized financial center of the world, was the known medium of exchange the world over. The term "foreign exchange" was regarded by our merchants as representing something intricate and ominous, and unless they could get dollars for their goods, without first going through the process of converting a sterling draft into dollars, they were luke-warm about going out actively for foreign business. However, since the outbreak of the European war "dollar exchange" has become a familiar phrase in all sections of the globe, and the foreign buyers, who need not only those products of the South that they cannot obtain elsewhere but, as well, those goods that the sellers in other countries are actively engaged in selling to them and which our merchants can furnish, can now provide themselves with "dollar exchange" and pay for such purchases, if the South will only engage in active competition for the business. Another element that contributed towards permitting London to be recognized as the financial centre of the world before the great war was the limited ability of the financial institutions in this country to grant acceptance credits and the lack of a broad, open market for the absorption of acceptances; whereas, on the other hand, the banking institutions and acceptance houses in London were not only able to respond to the needs of commerce for acceptance credits, but there existed a broad open market with an insatiable appetite for acceptances, which, in their character of prime paper and liquidity, constitute an unsurpassed secondary reserve. However, with the birth of the Federal Reserve System, carrying with it the acceptance privilege to member banks, National and State, the reservoir of acceptance credits in this country was greatly enlarged and permitted our financial structure to challenge London's claim for supremacy in the financial field. The member banks of the Federal Reserve System are now permitted to grant acceptance credits up to fifty per cent of their unimpaired capital and surplus, in connection with domestic or foreign transactions, and, if the demands of their foreign business are such that they need additional leeway, they can file application with the Federal Reserve Board for the power to accept up to one hundred per cent. of their unimpaired capital and surplus. Upon approval of the application, the additional privilege can be utilized only in connection with foreign transactions. If the bank has availed of only a part of the fifty per cent. limitation on domestic acceptances, the remainder can be used for foreign acceptances. In addition to this, member banks have the privilege of accepting up to fifty per cent. of their capital and surplus bills drawn for the purpose of creating "dollar exchange," most commonly known as "finance bills."

While these acceptance privileges granted to member banks have greatly strengthened our position as a financial center of the world, we must not delude ourselves in believing that they are sufficient to entitle us to first place in the financial field. We need additional acceptance facilities, and these can best be provided for by the establishment of export operations having the power to execute acceptances. The bankers and investors of the South have been slow to realize the value of acceptances as a secondary reserve, or what might better be called a second line of defense, and while other sections of the country have taken cognizance of their value for the purpose stated, thereby creating a broad open market for them, we have little or no market in the South. Therefore, if the South is to take its place in the export business of the country, our bankers and investors must educate themselves to the value of this prime class of paper and create a local open market and not look to other sections of the country to absorb the bills that arise from our export transactions.

Recently, under a very wise legislative act, Congress made possible the formation of large corporations principally engaged in export business, so that we now have at hand the power to compete with the large commercial and industrial corporations of the world—and, gentlemen, if we are to develop foreign trade, the formation of these large export corporations are absolutely essential. For by no method or means of financing can we hope for enlarged exports of the products of our factories and fields, unless we provide those agencies that make financing possible; and this particular feature does not appear to impress our Southern business men as being one of the necessary links in building up our foreign trade. In addition to providing for the formation of such corporations by individuals, Congress went so far as to permit national banks to subscribe for stock in such corporations, and if I mistake not nearly all of the States in our section of the country permit State Banks to make such subscriptions.

Congress has rendered valuable assistance in the enactment of the Warehouse Act providing for a system of licensed warehouses, bounded under the Act, insuring proper safeguards as to storage and records and the issuance of a negotiable receipt showing the classification and grade of the product stored. These warehouses can be utilized as a chain of feeder for export trade; and more especially does this pertain to cotton so stored, which has been classified and graded under Government supervision and is ready for assembling direct at ports of shipment.

The financing of exports is not a difficult or involved proceeding and does not differ very materially from the financing necessary in connection with domestic transactions. In your domestic transactions you will sell goods and the buyer will either discount the bill or you will allow him thirty, sixty or ninety days credit. If the buyer discounts your bill, he no doubt discounts his purchases from others, and to finance himself, he borrows from his bank for a stated period during which the goods purchased will be in his hands for sale and turn-over into funds which will permit him to liquidate his indebtedness to his bank when due. If, on the other hand, you allow the buyer ninety days credit and similar credit to other buyers, in order to finance yourself you borrow from your bank with the expectations of receiving payments on your open accounts during the life of your borrowing, which you can apply in payment of your indebtedness to the bank. Credit information with respect to foreign buyers is not so easily obtainable, and, besides the time consumed in shipment of goods

and the additional time that a foreign buyer would need in order to turn the goods purchased into money would necessitate the extension of long time credit. Therefore, all things considered, you would not feel warranted in taking on business that would tie up your capital for a long time, and unless you could sell the foreign buyers on a cash basis, you do not want his business. The foreign buyer is not unmindful of these factors, and they need not be obstacles in your path; for with acceptance credit facilities of our financial institutions and with the additional facilities opened by the formation of the export corporations to which I have made reference the financing can be arranged so that so far as you are concerned your sales will be made on a cash basis. For purpose of illustration, we will say that Doe & Co., of Savannah, through their representative in Buenos Aires has sold cotton to the Garcia Company in Buenos Aires. Garcia Company will go to their bank in Buenos Aires and inform them that they have purchased this cotton and desire to arrange for its payments. The bank in Buenos Aires would then cable its correspondent in the United States (and that correspondent could as well be located in Savannah as in New York or Boston) either a banking institution acceptance house or export corporation to issue a letter of credit to Doe & Co., giving them authority to draw for the purchase price of the cotton, payable a given number of days after date. Doe & Co. would then make shipment of goods, draw on the bank for the agreed amount in dollars, and forward the bill of exchange either direct to the bank issuing the letter of credit, or through some other bank, to be presented for acceptance. The bank issuing the letter of credit then accepts the bill and detaches shipping documents, returning the accepted bill to the drawer, who can then discount the bill either with his own bank, the accepting bank, or in the open market, wherever he can obtain the most favorable rate of discount. Thus, so far as the shipper is concerned, he has received payment in cash. The accepting institution then forwards the shipping documents to the bank in Buenos Aires, which makes its own private arrangement with Garcia & Co. as to their surrender. At the maturity of the acceptance the accepting bank will be provided with funds by the Buenos Aires bank with which to pay the bill, which closes the transaction so far as the United States is concerned.

In conclusion, gentlemen, the field is wide and we should lose no time in perfecting our organizations so that we may secure our full share of export business, bearing in mind that while our Southern financial institutions can go a long way in assisting, additional facilities must be provided through the formation of export corporations, the development of a broad acceptance market in the South, the improvement of our warehousing facilities along the lines presented in the United States Warehouse Act and the appointment of additional Consuls both here and abroad.

#### A. C. MILLER ON "THRIFT AND FINANCIAL SITUATION"—THE INFLUENCE OF CREDIT EXPANSION.

An article on "Thrift and Financial Situation," prepared by A. C. Miller, of the Federal Reserve Board, for the forthcoming Jan. 1920 number of the "Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science," Mr. Miller points out that the great outstanding facts in a summary view of our financial situation, pertinent to the question as to what is disclosed therein which makes the practice of thrift and saving a matter of very great national urgency at the present time are:

1. The prodigious scale of our public expenditures;
2. The unprecedented weight of our direct tax levies; and
3. The excessive volume of our Governmental borrowing.

Mr. Miller also says in part:

Extraordinary expenditures occasioned by the war thus far amount to over thirty billions of dollars with the prospect that the figure will be raised to thirty-five billions by the end of the current fiscal year. Direct tax levies on individual incomes and the earnings of industry are running at the rate of about six billion dollars a year. The money borrowed by the Treasury to finance the public requirements, since the beginning of the war, amounts to twenty-five billions of dollars.

These are stupendous figures. Events and conditions since the armistice are beginning to bring home to many of us for the first time the economic meaning to the nation and to the life of the average citizen of the financial situation thus developed by the war and left after its close.

During the war much, if not most, of our customary industrial expansion was suspended, despite the fact that there was a notable increase in the individual savings of the American people. All of the new savings and most of the normal savings during the period of the war were absorbed by the Government and were used directly or indirectly in furtherance of war production. No doubt much of the new industrial equipment called forth by war production will, also, be found useful for peace-time production and, to that extent, be not altogether lost to the capital account of the country. Nevertheless, most of the savings appropriated for public use in the time of our war emergency represents something which, from the point of view of the nation's peace-time economy, must be regarded as unproductive expenditure and economic waste. There is, therefore, a shortage in the capital equipment of the country due to the diversion of the bulk of the country's savings during the war from the production of peace-time facilities which must somehow or other be made good if American industry is to maintain its normal productivity. There is but one known economic method by which this result can be accomplished and that is the method of saving.

How is saving related to the all-important matter of restoring and improving and increasing the industrial equipment or capital of the country?

To most people saving is thought of as laying aside money, or as giving up something which has customarily been consumed or which might be consumed. This is, however, merely the first step of the saving process, as a brief illustration will disclose. Perhaps I am on the point of buying an automobile. Heeding the injunction to save, I decide to give up my purchase of an automobile, at any rate for the present, and until the present national and world emergency is measurably over. What does my action in foregoing the purchase and use of an automobile do to help industry; specifically, how does it result in an addition to the industrial capital of the country and thus help to make industry more productive? So far as I can trace my action all that I save is the dollars which the automobile would have cost and which the gasoline, tires and other requisites for the operation of the automobile would cost. What do my saved dollars do to improve the economic situation—to repair or build factories and otherwise expand production facilities? I can see what my saved dollars do to give me dollars against the contingencies of a rainy day sometime in the future by assuring me of something in the bank with which to buy food and clothing, but I have still to be shown how my refraining now, for example from the purchase of an automobile, increases the productivity of industry, makes goods more

abundant, and thus helps to bring down prices and improves the financial situation generally.

When you save dollars, Mr. Reader, you save what dollars will buy. In the case in question, your going without an automobile either saves that automobile for some more important use than your pleasure or, what is more likely, supposing that others are doing as you are doing, it saves industry the necessity of devoting as much labor and material and machinery to the production of automobiles as would otherwise be necessary and thus releases that labor and material and machinery for something else, which, in the existing circumstances of the country and the world, is more necessary. In brief, when you save money by cutting down your current consumption, you save more than dollars and you save more than the goods that you go without. You save the labor that it costs to produce those goods and you liberate the labor and productive power thus saved for the production of other things, such as machinery, buildings and other much needed requisites of production—which it is most urgent the country and the world should have more of at the present time.

The need of a great increase in individual savings, in order to provide the requisite capital for expansion of our industries, gets much additional emphasis from the circumstances that a large part of the tax revenues, now being collected by the Government under the new methods and the high levels of taxation which were developed with the war, are undoubtedly eating into the current savings and, therefore, the current capital accumulations of a very important section of the nation's saving class. The tax revenues, which it is estimated will be collected by the Government for the fiscal year 1920, aggregate six and a half billions of dollars. The great bulk of this revenue comes from sur-taxes on the higher grades of income and from excess profits taxes on business. Large incomes and the earnings of business are, also, the source from which has hitherto come a principal, if not the principal, part of the savings of the country and the new capital, which from year to year became available for the use of industry. Receivers of large incomes for the most part do not spend all their income for current consumption but invest a considerable proportion, probably the greatest portion, in industrial undertakings. The stream of saved income that flowed from this source into industry, supplying it with new capital, now flows, to a large extent, into the public treasury, supplying it with the means of meeting its current disbursements. The current expenditures of the Government are not to any appreciable extent to be regarded as economic expenditures. It is only indirectly, as the income of the Government is used in liquidating war contracts, &c., and thus flows back into the channels of business, that any considerable portion of it will be saved and accrue to the capital account of the country.

While it is impossible to estimate the extent to which the diminution in the flow of savings from the incomes of those who bear the main burden of high taxation is thus offset, it does not seem likely to be sufficient to invalidate the proposition that the extremely high direct taxes, which are being levied by the Government of the United States, are eating into the current capital accumulations of the country to a degree that is considerable. The effects will be serious unless the loss thus arising is made good by increased savings on the part of all those in the community whose ability to save has not been impaired as a result of the financial situation occasioned by war. This means, to put the matter briefly, that the increased savings of the many must make up for the diminished savings of the few, as long as the financial needs of the Government, or other conditions, or considerations of social policy, make it necessary to keep direct taxes at their present high levels.

Saving will not only bring down prices by increasing the production and supply of goods but will bring down prices by reducing the supply of money. The most troublesome feature of our financial situation is the high and rising level of prices. Recent events are showing that high and rising prices present more than a financial difficulty. They are the cause of our acute cost of living problem and the industrial unrest and general unsettlement of mind and the financial instability which invariably attend great price disturbances. Reasonable stability of value in the monetary standard is necessary to a good state of mind in a highly organized industrial community. Instability inevitably breeds unrest and unsettlement. Until the upward movement of prices is arrested and the dollar begins to recover its lost value, we may expect to have an unsatisfactory and troublesome financial situation with the evil economic and social consequences, which such a situation invariably entails. To correct the existing financial and price situation is, therefore, tantamount to taking the most important step toward the correction of our current social and industrial unrest. People are everywhere uneasy and apprehensive because of the declining value of the dollar. To restore the dollar to something more nearly approaching its normal value and to reduce prices may, therefore, be said to be the most important financial problem before the country.

That there is no way of handling the problem that does not involve the practice of thrift and saving by all sections and classes of the country upon an intensive scale becomes clear on examination of the financial factors that have helped to bring prices to their present levels.

Speaking in broad terms, changes in prices proceed from changes in the relation of the volume of purchasing media (what, in common speech, is called money) and the volume of goods offered for sale. When people generally, have more money in their pockets, or more credit at their banks with which to buy, than there are goods on the shelves of shop-keepers, which can be bought, goods get dear and money gets cheap. In other words, when there is more money seeking to buy goods than there are goods seeking to buy money, prices rise and their rise will go on as long as the increase in the supply of purchasing media or money proceeds at a faster rate than the increase in the supply of purchasable goods.

That excessive supply of credit and currency has been one of the principal influences in putting up and keeping up prices in the United States is incontestable. That excessive borrowing by the Government has been the main occasion of the excessive increase in the volume of purchasing media seems pretty clear, if, by *excessive* borrowing be understood, not borrowing in excess of what the Government has required to defray its expenditures, but borrowing in excess of the current savings of the country.

The Treasury of the United States has borrowed, during the past two years and a half, over \$25,000,000,000. Of this amount about \$21,500,000,000 have been borrowed by the issue of bonds. The remaining three and a half billions have been borrowed by the issue of short-dated certificates of indebtedness. Twenty-five billions in the course of two years and a half is an extraordinary amount of money to raise, even for a country as rich as the United States. It averages about \$1,250 for every American family. It is an average of \$500 per year for each such family. That such an amount could be taken out of the average income of the American people, except as they greatly reduced consumption and greatly increased savings, needs no demonstration. People of moderate means who did their full duty in subscribing to the loans of the Government by actually cutting down their current expenditures and paying for their bonds in dollars actually saved out of their incomes know from their own experience that there is no method by which such vast loans can be taken up and paid for except by the practice of severe economy. It was because all of the people did not practice economy to the requisite degree that the savings of the country were not ade-

quate to taking up the securities issued by the Treasury as genuine "savings loans." To the extent that the borrowings of the Government were in excess of what were paid for by savings, the loans became "credit loans" and, as such, resulted in a great increase in the volume of the country's circulating credit and its currency.

The following table shows for selected dates, under the heading of "Deposits," the increase which has taken place in the volume of credit extended by the banks (national and state banks and trust companies) and, under the headings "Loans and Discounts" and "Investments," the operations against which the newly created credit was extended. The dates selected are (1) the eve of our entry into the war; (2) the armistice; and (3) the most recent date for which data are available:

Date	Gross Deposits (In Millions of Dollars.)	Loans & Discounts.	Investments.
March 1917	24,863	17,020	4,955
November 1 1918	28,862	19,792	8,909
October 1919	33,159	22,275	9,751

The above figures, which are partly official and partly estimated show that, between March 1917 and November 1 1918, 3,999 millions of new banking credit in the shape of so-called deposits were created—an increase of 16.1%. Similar comparison for the item "Loans and Discounts" shows that between the same two dates there was an increase of 2,772 millions—an increase of 16.3%; and, for the item "Investments" for the same dates, there was an increase of 3,954 millions—or 79.8%.

It will be noted that the most striking increase of percentage is found in the item "Investment" between the dates of March, 1917, and November, 1918, when an increase of close to four billions of dollars is shown in the investment holdings of the banks. This was the period when the Government's great bond-issuing operations were at their height. The banks were under pressure to make heavy investments of their credit in subscribing for Government loans; they were also extending credit accommodation on liberal terms to their customers for the like purpose. This was also the period when the total currency in circulation was increasing most rapidly—the increase between March, 1917, and November, 1918, amounting to over one billion and a quarter.

But the expansion of banking credit did not come to a stop with the armistice. Figures given in the table above show that expansion has continued at an alarming rate since then. And the end is not yet assuredly in sight. Between the dates Nov. 1 1918, and October, 1919, 4,297 millions of dollars of new credit have been created; loans have increased 2,483 millions of dollars, and investments 842 millions of dollars.

It thus appears that for the whole period, March, 1917, to October, 1919, 8,296 millions of dollars of new banking credit have been created, most of which was undoubtedly occasioned by the exigencies of Government financing.

It has recently been estimated (Federal Reserve Bulletin for October, 1919, page 942) that the banks of the country hold among their investments over four billions of dollars of Government war securities (Liberty Bonds, Victory Notes or Certificates of Indebtedness) and, among their loans and discounts, two and a half billions or more representing loans made to customers secured by Government obligations and made, presumably, for the most part, in aid of customers' subscriptions to Government loans. Altogether then, it appears that the banks are carrying, directly or indirectly, between six and seven billions of Government war obligations against which has been extended newly created credit in the form of deposits or currency.

This newly created credit, like the new currency, constitutes an addition to the supply of the country's purchasing media. It is for all practical purposes to be regarded as money. It is acceptable as a means of purchase and payment. It acts on prices substantially the same as money. It is the new and large addition to the country's circulating media, resulting from the placement of so large a portion of the Government's loans in the form of "credit loans"—that is, in excess of what the current savings of the people would support—that is largely responsible for that feature of our financial situation which has resulted in the continuing high prices, of which there is so much complaint.

The best way to improve our price situation is to improve our credit situation. Indeed, no great improvement in the price situation need be looked for until the credit situation is materially improved. The banking and credit situation will improve as the large amount of war loan paper and investments now carried by the banks is liquidated. There is only one way to liquidate them and that is out of the proceeds of savings. Those who are debtor to the banks for credit accommodation in aid of subscriptions to Government loans must be made to take up their obligations to the banks out of their individual savings, if it is at all possible for them to do so. If they can not do it, or, rather, to the extent that they can not do it, others must in effect do it for them; others must save and out of their savings buy Liberty Bonds in the market. Thus will the market for Government bonds be improved and thus will it be made possible for the bank to liquidate by selling in the market bonds, which they have bought on credit, and their customers, the bonds which the banks are holding as collateral. Such liquidation will at once reduce the loan and investment accounts of the banks on the one side and their deposit liabilities on the other, and it will, in addition, bring a return flow of currency to the banks. It is thus that there will result from the process of saving reduction in the volume of purchasing and decline of prices.

If everyone had done his full duty during the war by voluntarily rationing himself and saving to the requisite degree, most of the expansion of credit and currency and inflation of prices, from which we are suffering, would have been avoided. Because there were financial slackers who did not do their duty, expansion of credit and currency was carried to the point of inflation. The evils of inflation, of which the President warned the nation in his War Message of April 1, 1917, are now upon us in the shape of high cost of living, profiteering, speculation, reckless extravagance and industrial unrest and strife. These evils are to be reckoned as a part of the cost of the war. They are the cost of inflation. That cost must now be met. Until it is met, those evils will remain to plague us. Indeed, there is danger that they will grow worse through postponement or through national self-delusion that they can be escaped. Recent months have given dramatic evidence that the appetite for inflation, like most other appetites, grows by what it feeds upon. Inflation is breeding inflation. A halt must be called. Saving must again become the order of the day. We have too much credit and too much money outstanding in the United States—above all, too much unproductive credit. Its volume must be reduced. There is but one sure method; that is saving.

**PRESIDENT WILSON SIGNS EDGE BILL CREATING FOREIGN BANKING CORPORATIONS.**

President Wilson on Dec. 24 signed the Edge bill, providing for the creation of banking corporations to engage in foreign banking business. The bill as agreed on in conference and passed by the House Dec. 2 and the Senate on

Dec. 16, was published in our issue of Saturday last, page 2310. On Dec. 18 both the House and Senate agreed to a concurrent resolution designed to correct three or four clerical errors contained in the conference report. The resolution which authorized the Secretary of the Senate to make the necessary corrections, reads as follows in the form in which it was approved by both branches of Congress:

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to enroll the bill (S. 2472) "to amend an Act approved December 23, 1913, known as the Federal Reserve Act," as follows:*

*Insert the matter proposed by the House amendment No. 15, and after "herein" on page 5, line 8, of the engrossed bill insert "Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Federal Reserve Board under its power to prescribe rules and regulations from limiting the aggregate amount of liabilities of any or all classes incurred by the corporation and outstanding at any one time."*

*On page 5, line 24, of the engrossed bill strike out the word "not."*

*On page 5, line 25, of the engrossed bill, after "transacting," insert the word "any."*

*On page 5, line 25, of the engrossed bill, after "United States," strike out the comma.*

*On page 6, line 5, of the engrossed bill restore the matter proposed to be stricken out by amendment No. 21 and insert the matter proposed by said amendment.*

One of the errors corrected in the above strikes out a superfluous "not" contained in the paragraph (c) on page 2312 of the bill as published in these columns of a week ago.

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK ADVANCES ITS ACCEPTANCE RATE.**

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has the present week been buying acceptances at higher rates. The New York "Times" of Dec. 24 had the following to say with reference to the matter:

The Federal Reserve Bank yesterday advanced the rate at which it is willing to buy acceptances. The former rates were 4½% for 30-day paper; 4¾% for 60-day paper, and 4¾% for 90-day bills. The new rates are ½ of 1% higher throughout the list. This is the second advance in buying rates this fall, the first rise having been made from the level which obtained for more than a year, and which quoted the shorter bills at 4¼% and the longer at 4¾%. Yesterday afternoon, after it became known that the Reserve Bank had taken this action, most dealers moved their rates up to figures ½ of 1% above the bank rate.

**CLOSING OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO TREASURY CERTIFICATES T-J 1920 IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.**

Secretary of the Treasury Glass announced on Dec. 19 the closing of subscriptions to the offering of Treasury certificates Series T-J 1920, issued in anticipation of taxes. On Dec. 23 Mr. Glass announced that the subscriptions to these certificates which are dated Dec. 15 1919 and are payable June 15 1920 aggregated \$723,130,000; of this amount \$257,455,500 represents certificates paid for in Treasury certificates of earlier issues. The present issue was referred to in these columns Dec. 13, page 2219.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO.**

John Perrin, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, announces the election of the following as directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, each for a term of three years, beginning Jan. 1 1920:

- Group 1, Class A: Mr. C. K. McIntosh, San Francisco, California.
- Group 3, Class B: Mr. E. H. Cox, San Francisco, California.

**DEATH OF LYMAN H. TREADWAY, VICE-CHAIRMAN FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CLEVELAND.**

Following an illness of but one day, Lyman H. Treadway, Vice-Chairman of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank, died at his home on Dec. 7. Mr. Treadway was also President of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., and had formerly been President of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce.

**SECRETARY OF TREASURY GLASS ON DEFERRED INTEREST ON FOREIGN LOANS.**

In a letter to Representative Fordney on the subject of deferred interest on loans extended by the United States to foreign Governments, Secretary of the Treasury Glass states that his advisers are firmly of the opinion that "in connection with and as a part of a general funding of the demand obligations into time obligations," he is authorized under the Liberty Loan acts "to spread over subsequent years the interest which would accrue during the reconstruction period of say two or three years and to include such amounts in the time obligations." An expression of opinion from the Ways and Means Committee as to whether this coincides with the views of the committee, is sought by Secretary Glass, who in his letter states that "if the Treasury does not

defer the collection of interest, and thus add to the present difficulties in the financial and economic rehabilitation of the world by demanding an immediate cash payment of interest before the industry and trade of Europe has an opportunity to revive, we should not only make it impossible for Europe to continue needed purchases here and decrease their ultimate capacity to pay their debt to us, but should hinder rather than help the reconstruction which the world should hasten." Secretary Glass quotes the low rates of exchange of the principal Allies, and declares that "under these circumstances an impenetrable barrier exists which makes it impracticable for these Governments to pay in dollars the amount of interest due from them to the United States. His letter in full follows:

December 18, 1919.

Hon. Joseph Fordney, House of Representatives:

*My dear Congressman:*—On Oct. the 9th last I sent you a copy of a public statement made by me on the 26th of September relative to the obligations of foreign Governments held by the United States Government, and also a copy of a letter written by me on Oct. 9 to Senator Penrose in reply to a letter from him requesting information concerning the extension of the interest on such loans. In that statement and in my letter to Senator Penrose I explained the policy which the Treasury proposed to adopt in respect to the funding of the demand obligations of foreign Governments now held by the United States into long time obligations, and the funding, during the reconstruction period of two or three years, of the interest on such obligations. Notwithstanding my public announcement of Sept. 26 and the controlling reasons which prompted the Treasury to adopt this policy it appears from statements which have been made lately in Congress and elsewhere that there still exists a misunderstanding in respect to this question. Some of the statements to the effect that it is the duty of our Government, notwithstanding the present grave derangement of foreign exchanges, to insist upon the immediate payment of interest, amounting to about \$475,000,000 a year, indicate a tendency to overlook certain aspects of the question and a failure to grasp the meaning of the present position of the finances of the world. While the Treasury favors such an arrangement, it does not favor the cancellation, and indeed has no power to cancel any portion of the interest or principal. The collection in dollars of this interest under present circumstances would be no less disastrous to American interests than to the interests of our debtors.

The loans to foreign Governments were made as provided by Congress in April, 1917, for the purpose of assisting them in the prosecution of the war. Our entry into the war made it necessary for this Government to call upon the American people for vast sums of money for its own war purposes. In order to obtain such funds it was necessary substantially to close our financial markets to all other borrowings, but as the same time it became most important that our associates in the war should be able to obtain in greater amounts than theretofore the supplies which they required and which we alone could furnish.

Except for the purpose of meeting commitments for war purposes previously made with the knowledge of the Treasury, the Treasury has since last April substantially discontinued the establishment of credits in favor of foreign Governments. The program authorized by Congress for foreign loans was therefore substantially ended eight months ago.

At almost the same time the foreign Governments of their own accord, but with the hearty approval of the Treasury, closed the "pegging" of their exchanges.

These necessary steps by the United States Treasury and treasuries of our associates, in the endeavor to reduce Governmental financial activities and to return trade and finance to normal channels, have been reflected in the great drop which has taken place in the foreign exchanges.

With the ending of the war and of the program of our loans to foreign Governments it was considered appropriate in accordance with the authority conferred by the Liberty Bond acts to take up with these Governments the funding of the demand obligations now held by the United States into long-time obligations; and in view of the fact that, as indicated by the state of negotiation exchanges, the reconstruction of Europe has not proceeded to a point where Europe can even yet pay by exports for its necessary food, it was considered by the Treasury most expedient that, as a part of a general funding arrangements, provision should be made for deferring and spreading over a later period the payment of interest which would accrue during the next two or three years.

At the time of writing exchanges of the principal Allies are quoted as follows:

Sterling, 3.86, or at a discount of 20.7-10%

Francs, 10.23, or at a discount of 49.4%.

Lire, 12.75, or at a discount of 59.4%.

Belgian francs, 9.97, or at a discount of 48%.

Under these circumstances an impenetrable barrier exists which makes it impracticable for these Governments to pay in dollars the amount of interest due from them to the United States.

This involves no question as to the solvency or financial responsibility of these Governments, nor a failure to raise funds by loans and taxes from their people and a corresponding burdening of our people, but results from the condition of the foreign exchange market. If the Governments of the Allies were to raise immediately by taxes and loans the whole of their debt to us these taxes and loans would produce only sterling, francs and lire, and these foreign currencies would not furnish one additional dollar of exchange because conditions are not such as to permit these currencies now to be converted into dollars. The United States Treasury has no use at the present time for any considerable amounts of these currencies and could not afford to accumulate large idle foreign balances.

If the Treasury does not defer the collection of interest and thus add to the present difficulties in the financial and economic rehabilitation of the world by demanding an immediate cash payment of interest before the industry and trade of Europe has an opportunity to revive, we should not only make it impossible for Europe to continue needed purchases here and decrease their ultimate capacity to pay their debt to us, but should hinder rather than help the reconstruction which the world should hasten. A nation can liquidate its foreign debts only by the accumulation of foreign credits, which may be accomplished through an excess trade balance, invisible exchange items, the creation of credits by loans, or by the export of gold. Until our associates in the war, whose manufactures and trade suffered so much more than ours, have had opportunity to resume normal industrial and commercial activities, they have not the exports with which to pay the interest due on our obligations and could make such payments only by the shipment of gold or by obtaining dollars loans in the United States.

The loans which the allied Governments have been so far able to place in our markets have not been sufficient to correct the situation. I cannot

believe that any one would consider it equitable or wise in the present circumstances for us to require payment in gold, of which we already have enough when the payment of one year's interest alone would exhaust about 50% of the gold reserve of our debtors.

While I fully realize the desirability of collecting this interest and of decreasing at once by a corresponding amount the taxes which we must collect, I should be most reluctant without specific instructions from Congress to the contrary, to demand the immediate payment of interest which would not only seriously retard the economic restoration of those countries without which they will be unable to pay the interest and principle of their debt to us, but which would also destroy their power to make needed purchases in our market.

My advisers are firmly of the opinion that, in connection with and as part of a general funding of the demand obligations into time obligations, I am duly authorized under the Liberty Loan acts to spread over subsequent years the interest which would accrue during the reconstruction period, of say two or three years, and to include such amounts in the time obligations. If, however, the Ways and Means Committee of the House, which shared with the Secretary of the Treasury the initial responsibility for the Liberty Loan acts, should question my power so to act, I shall be pleased to have you so inform me at once in order that I may lay before your committee a proposal for further enabling legislation.

### SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY CARTER GLASS ASKS FOR LEGISLATION TO SUPPLY FOOD ON CREDIT TO EUROPE.

The urgency of supplying food on credit for European countries which are suffering a lack of food is dealt with in a letter made public this week addressed by Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass to Representative Fordney of the House Ways and Means Committee in which Congress is asked to take immediate steps toward the enactment of legislation in the matter. The letter says:

Reports and urgent advices received from reliable sources as to the shortage and utter lack of food in certain portions of Europe are so serious that I feel it my duty to lay some of the facts before Congress. Although the shortage of food in Europe as a whole is less this Winter than last, there is in parts of Europe (especially Austria, Poland and Armenia) a most dangerous shortage of food, clothing and fuel. In these places there has not been sufficient recovery of economic life to enable them to buy or to borrow sufficient food and clothing to keep them alive. In certain sections whole populations are now dangerously weak and hopeless from hunger. The death rate caused by starvation is already increasing to an alarming extent, unless something is done great numbers will die from starvation and cold. It is unnecessary to elaborate the grave effects which this may have on the social order and the economic fabric, not only in the places where these conditions exist, but in the whole of Europe, and even the world. The British Government has informed this Government that it is prepared to share with us to the extent of its ability in the relief of Austria, which, according to our information, is in the most desperate condition.

As you are aware, the Treasury has strongly held the opinion that this Government should, at the earliest possible moment, discontinue lending money to other Governments. I have urged that private initiative should be restored and that credits for purchases in the United States should be obtained through private channels. I am reluctantly convinced now that in order to meet the urgent necessity of keeping the destitute populations of Europe alive through this Winter there must be taken at once measures for their relief. The resources and efficiency of the private charities of this country are not adequate to the necessities which cannot in the nature of the case be financed through ordinary private channels. I therefore have the honor to request that your committee afford me the opportunity of laying before it any information which it may desire and which I am able to furnish, in order that appropriate legislation may be considered at once.

The emergency is of such magnitude the dictates of humanity are so pressing, the possible effects of the present situation upon the social, economic, and financial rehabilitation of Europe, and consequently upon the trade and prosperity of the world, in which the United States has so great a stake, may be of such consequence that I do not hesitate from the standpoint of humanity and public policy to assume the responsibility of appealing to the humane and practical sentiments of the Congress to take immediate steps to furnish from our surplus the food necessary to save the situation. We cannot and must not now fail to supply some food on credit to save human lives and safeguard civilization for which we have already expended so many lives and billions of dollars.

### PRICE OF SUGAR FIXED BY GERMANY AT 1½ MARKS.

According to press advices from Berlin, Dec. 13, the National Council has approved a measure fixing the price of sugar at 150 marks for 100 pounds. The advices add:

The measure is calculated to promote the production of sugar, in view of the increasing difficulties of the industry throughout Germany.

A Government official, who defended the measure, declared that the next two years would still see a shortage of sugar in Germany, and rationing must continue.

### BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ENTER SUGAR REFINING BUSINESS.

A corporation to be known as the Home Grown Sugar Co., Ltd., in which the British Government will invest £250,000, is being formed with a capital of £1,000,000. In announcing this fact London press advices of Dec. 12 (appearing in the evening papers of Dec. 20) said the British Government would guarantee a dividend of 5% for ten years on the private capital invested and would ask for no interest on its own subscription until a 5% cumulative dividend on the public capital had been subscribed.

A large estate at Kelham, near Newark, has already been secured, it is stated, where sugar beet growing is in progress.

**CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF BRITISH COTTON MILLS**

Under date of Dec. 8 the following from London appeared in the "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 18:

A lively agitation in the Lancashire cotton industry has been going on for the past three months, according to reports reaching the American Chamber of Commerce of London, as syndicates have been buying up cotton mills at huge prices and floating new companies whose shares have been eagerly snatched up.

In the last three months, says the American Chamber, probably more than seventy mills have changed hands, and fortunes have been made by owners who previously were men of only moderate financial standing.

A sensation was caused by the 5,000,000-pound sterling deal in which a London syndicate was reported recently to have purchased the business of Horrockses, Crewdson & Co., the largest private company of cotton spinners and manufacturers in Lancashire.

With one exception, these flotations are being carried through by Lancashire men. The exception is the syndicate now negotiating the Horrockses deal.

The next four or five years, says the "American Chamber," are looked forward to as a period of unsurpassed prosperity. The shortage of mills and difficulties with regard to the construction and financing of new ones are considered to be responsible for the unprecedented buying of existing undertakings at such huge prices.

**PROPOSED BONUS BY BRITISH SPINNERS TO EMPLOYEES.**

From London cablegrams of Dec. 17 it is learned that the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners has recommended to its members, who employ 150,000 operatives, a grant to the operatives of a bonus of from £1 to £3 a month during the first quarter of the new year. The estimated cost to the federation is £1,500,000. The explanation of this action according to the cablegrams, is that huge profits have been made by the master cotton spinners, while the operatives have been barred by agreement from asking for an advance in wages until next March.

**PACKERS' VIEWS ON SETTLEMENT OF ANTI-TRUST SUITS—BILLS FOR FEDERAL CONTROL TO BE PRESSED IN CONGRESS.**

Commenting on the settlement of the Government's anti-trust cases against the five big meat-packing companies, whereby the latter agree to dispose of all interests not related to the meat packing business, Louis I. Swift, head of Swift & Co., said:

This decision probably means that the packers must discontinue their wholesale grocery interests. The dissolution of these interests will not seriously affect Swift & Company, nor any of the packers, for these interests are comparatively small.

Since the reported decision enjoins dealing in food commodities other than the products of animals, the meat canning, soap making and fertilizer side lines cannot be affected.

Swift & Company already have dissolved their tanning interests.

Of course the announcement cannot affect the individual stockholders who may elect to buy stock in the organization which will be formed out of the dissolutions.

Mr. Swift also issued on Dec. 18 the following statement:

Referring to the decree in question Swift & Co. have already made a dissolution of their leather business, as well as the ownership of Libby, McNeill Libby (a fruit and meat-canning subsidiary), and also their packing-house business in South America and Australia, and have been anticipating something of this kind for some time.

Our earnings will not be unfavorably affected, as the lines prohibited have not been especially profitable. It will give us more available cash capital for the real meat business and its allied products.

All statements from the packers reaffirmed that they had violated no laws, that their agreement with the Attorney-General implied no guilt on their part, and they had encountered prejudice which they wished to eradicate.

Edward Morris, President of Morris & Co., referring to the agreement which the packers had entered into with the Government, said that the packers "still insist that it was in the interest of the livestock producers" that stock yards should be owned by people interested in the industry, and that the packers' staple grocery business was sound economically and "in the interest of the public generally," because it utilized facilities in slack seasons, reduced overhead expenses, and furnished the retailer excellent service.

He added:

If the business is taken away either the live stock producer must get less for the live meat animals, or the consumer must pay more for meat. But we live in a democracy and rightly or wrongly a strong feeling has been created in the public mind against these activities and in order to meet and satisfy that opinion we have met this issue with our Government with true Americanism and along big, broad and constructive lines.

Time alone will tell whether our activities in these lines were in the interest of the public or not, but it is in the interest of the public that in these times of reconstruction and unrest, all of these debatable factors should be settled as quickly and as effectually as possible and this was the controlling motive with Morris & Co. in making this settlement.

The papers have stated that this settlement would necessitate the readjustment of our corporate organization. This is wholly incorrect. We are simply giving up certain activities. Now that we have met this issue in the interest of the public in these days of uncertainty and unrest, we hope the public will accord fair treatment to this vital industry and in the future eliminate needless and unjustified criticism and agitation which helps no one and hurts all.

The efficiency of this great industry which has been operating on a profit of a small fraction of a cent a pound and which is so close to all the people should never be destroyed or seriously impaired.

J. Ogden Armour of Armour & Co., said:

In agreeing to the terms of the decree referred to in the Attorney-General's statement, Armour & Co. have abandoned a position which was economically sound and which was unassailable from a legal standpoint, wholly because of our desire to bend the knee to public opinion—an opinion not justified by the facts but strong for all that. Armour & Co. at all times will do their part in co-operating with the Government to bring to an end the unrest now prevailing in the country and to terminate any suspicion of the public toward the great and vital industry in which they are engaged.

Henry Veeder, general counsel for Swift & Co., and M. W. Borders, general counsel for Morris & Co., issued statements at Washington, Dec. 18, in which they asserted that certain concessions had been made to the Government in the spirit of patriotic co-operation during the trying reconstruction period.

Mr. Veeder's statement said:

As announced by the Attorney-General, Swift & Co. have agreed to retire from the distribution of groceries and to dispose of their interests in public stock yards.

The company takes this step at the suggestion of the Department of Justice and in spite of the fact that there is no law requiring it. In so doing the company subordinates its own convictions of the economic justification for these activities to its desire of avoiding any appearance of an antagonism to the Government and to its desire to remove the causes of friction which have disturbed its relations with certain factions of the live stock producers or the distributors of food products for the past two years.

The company feels that the same spirit which caused the business men of the country to submit to personal sacrifices to win the war is just as essential during this period of reconstruction as then and therefore it meets the request of the Government for the sacrifice of its own interests with the same alacrity that it met the suggestion of the Government during the war.

I want to say emphatically that this compliance with the request of the Attorney-General is not, either directly or inferentially, an admission that Swift & Co. have violated any law. In its answer to the bill of complaint which the Government proposes to file, Swift & Co. will in positive terms deny any such violation, and the company has consented to the entry of a decree for injunction only upon the expressed condition that it should in so many words recite that the decree does not adjudicate that the company has violated any law of the United States.

Clifford Thorne, counsel for the National Wholesale Grocers' Association, which has on several occasions charged the big packers with unfair methods and practices, said that "efforts to unscramble eggs have generally resulted in producing an egg omelet." He said that "the public has been entertained with several interesting and amusing farces, staged in our courtrooms, entitled dissolution suits," and that the original organization emerged stronger than before.

Senator Kendrick of Wyoming, author of a pending bill to put the meat packing industry under Federal control, issued a statement on Dec. 18 in which he said that the settlement of the Government's suit against the packers "does not mean . . . the abandonment of efforts to secure legislation." "The fruits of his (Attorney-General Palmer's) victory," said Mr. Kendrick, "may be made permanent only by the enactment of legislation along the lines of the measures now pending." Senator Kendrick's statement follows:

The announcement by Attorney-General Palmer that the packers have at last yielded to the inevitable is, of course, most gratifying. The terms of the settlement are in agreement with the fundamental principles of the bills which have been introduced by Senator Kenyon and myself for the regulation of the meat-packing industry.

It does not mean, however, the abandonment of efforts to secure legislation. As a matter of fact, the Attorney-General's victory is merely a step, though a very long one, toward the goal we have been seeking to attain. The fruits of his victory may be made permanent only by the enactment of legislation along the lines of the measures now pending.

Attorney-General Palmer's success in securing the agreement of the big packers to accept without contest the injunction requiring them to surrender control of the stock yards, to use refrigerator cars only for the transportation of meat and meat products, and to give up the control which they have secured of non-related industries is another evidence of the splendidly practical benefits which the country is receiving from the present able administration of the Department of Justice at the hand of Attorney-General A. Mitchell Palmer.

I am convinced that the injunction will bring material benefit not only to all who are engaged in the production and preparation of meat and meat products, but also the consumers of all foodstuffs. It is, in my judgment, the most telling blow that has yet been delivered against the high cost of living.

Senator Kenyon of Iowa, also author of a bill to put the meat packers under Government control, commenting on the settlement, said:

The arrangement made by Attorney-General Palmer with the packers eliminates the necessity of some provisions of the Kendrick and Kenyon bills. However, there remain certain fundamental propositions that must be met and are met by said bills. The control of a large line of unrelated businesses by the packers is apparent by the agreed decree. It is evident that they were building the greatest monopoly the country has ever known.

Senator Gronna, Chairman of the Senate Agricultural Committee, before which are bills proposing Government regulation of the packing business, was not impressed with the disposition of the packers' case, according to Washington advices of Dec. 19. He intimated, it was said, that despite the decree the Senate Committee will go ahead with the proposed legislation after the Christmas holidays.

Protests against the Kenyon-Kendrick bills were telegraphed to Senator Gronna, Dec. 19, by Armour & Co. and Edward Morris, President of Morris & Co. Both companies said they had nothing further to add to their testimony before the committee at the last session when their officials

appeared to protest against Government regulation of the packers.

After stating that "it is not our desire to be further heard by your committee," Armour & Co. added: "We take occasion, however, to formally protest any such legislation as proposed in the Kenyon and Kendrick bills."

The telegram from Mr. Morris, was of the same tenor, it was stated.

It was announced Dec. 19 that the settlement of the Government's anti-trust suits against the packers would not affect the prosecutions against the packers by the Federal Trade Commission. There are, it was stated, 31 of these cases pending and more to be brought as a result of the general investigation of the meat industry directed by President Wilson to be made by the commission after an effort to get Congress to authorize such an investigation failed by reason of the House Committee on Judiciary declining to function in reporting a resolution to that effect.

The Federal Trust Commission sent a letter to President Wilson on Dec. 18 relative to its investigation of the meat packing industry, in which it said:

The Commission found that starting with a practical control of the meat packing industry, the present state of affairs made possible unfair inroads into other industries to an extent that an ultimate control of the food supply of the nation in a few hands was possible and probable. To this situation it has directed the attention of the Congress.

We should say to you that in this examination the Commission has brought out certain facts having to do with the laws, with the administration of which it is particularly charged. In a number of these matters formal proceedings have already been instituted. In others, formal proceedings are in process of formulation. These things the Commission will carry forward in due course and in the orderly prosecution of its work.

#### WITH STEEL STRIKE VIRTUALLY ENDED UNIONS VOTE TO CONTINUE IT.

At a conference in Washington, Dec. 13 and 14, presidents of 24 unions connected with the steel industry and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, voted to continue the strike which started Sept. 22, though the strike has for some time been virtually a thing of the past. Upon the adjournment of the conference the national organizing committee on Dec. 14 gave out the following statement:

After two days' sessions of the National Committee of Organized Iron and Steel Workers by unanimous action it was voted to put additional efforts and resources in men and money into the steel strike fight. This action followed microscopic examination of written reports from every steel centre and compilation of figures on production which now is not more than 50% of the tonnage turned out prior to the strike.

The labor heads active in the steel strike originally called themselves the National Committee for Organizing Iron and Steel Workers, while now (as will be noted in the above) they style themselves the Committee of Organized Iron and Steel Workers. Concerning the Washington conference referred to, press advices of Dec. 14 from Washington said:

Continuation of the nation-wide steel workers' strike was voted to-day by the conference here of the 24 presidents of unions connected with the steel industry.

It was said there were only two dissenting votes, most of the union leaders maintaining that victory in the controversy was in sight.

Members of the Strike Committee, commenting on the vote, declared that the recent cancellation by the United States Steel Corporation of huge foreign contracts was one of the most favorable auguries of the eventual success of the strike.

It also was asserted that while many steel plants had resumed operation, production had been far below normal, with the overhead charges of the company remaining the same as during normal production.

Definite plans for an active field campaign of four years were formulated at the conference, members of the committee said. The meeting was described by Chairman John Fitzpatrick as the most enthusiastic which had been held since the original declaration of the strike in September.

"It makes no difference in our plans whether the strike lasts another six months or another year," he said. "We are going to win, and we are just as confident of ultimate victory to-night as we were when the steel workers walked out."

Replying to the question as to whether many of the strikers had returned to work, Mr. Fitzpatrick said that while there had been some defections among the strikers they were not sufficient to imperil the strike's successful issue.

"When a union man does go back to work," he continued, "he does so with hate and bitterness in his heart. He goes back discouraged and hopeless. The presence of such dispirited men in the steel plants can only rebound to our advantage. It is going to awaken in them the feeling of oppression such as the workers in Russia and in Poland and in other European countries have suffered and from which they have rebelled. Make no mistake about that."

The attitude of the steel companies toward the decision of the labor leaders to continue the strike was indicated in Pittsburgh press dispatches of Dec. 14, which said:

When informed to-night of the action taken at Washington by the 24 union Presidents who voted to continue the nation-wide steel strike, representatives of Pittsburgh district steel companies declared that so far as they were concerned the strike was a "dead issue." In only isolated instances, they said, the strike continues to affect production in outlying mills, but in a large majority of the plants, they added, operations were only a few points below normal.

A representative of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Co., the largest independent of the district, said to-night that steel companies in this region were forced to "trim down" operations during November, due to the coal-strike situation. The companies, he said, accepted only a part of the orders

received, fearing they could not fill them, due to the coal shortage and the resultant cut in operations. "But now that the coal strike has ended, steel companies of this district will start on full working schedules immediately," he declared.

#### COMMISSION APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT TO INVESTIGATE CLAIMS OF BITUMINOUS MINERS FOR WAGE ADVANCES.

Appointment by President Wilson of a commission of three to investigate wages and working conditions in the bituminous coal industry was announced at the White House Dec. 20. The appointees are: Henry M. Robinson of Pasadena, Calif., for the public; Rembrandt Peale of Philadelphia, for the operators, and John P. White of Kansas City, Kan., formerly President of the United Mine Workers of America, for the miners. The appointment of the commission was in accordance with the President's terms of settlement (including a 14% wage increase) upon which a majority of the bituminous miners recently returned to work after being on strike for more than two months.

The commission will, it is stated, within sixty days make a complete survey of the bituminous coal industry with a view to a readjustment of mine wages. If it is found that the miners are entitled to an advance in wages over and above the 14% held fair by Dr. Harry A. Garfield, formerly Fuel Administrator, it will be empowered by the President to increase coal prices to the general public to take up the difference. Doctor Garfield's proposal provided for a 14% increase in miners' wages without an advance in the price of coal to the consumer. It is pointed out that the commission cannot increase the price of coal to the consumer without a unanimous vote of its members, so the public representative is placed upon equal footing with the representatives of the operators and miners when a boost in coal prices is considered. In that manner the President, it was said, proposes to dispose of the objection of Doctor Garfield that the Government is surrendering its power to fix coal prices and that the public will be at a disadvantage with but one representative opposed to two representing the coal industry.

The President in his letter to the members of the Coal Commission reviewed in detail the fruitless efforts made to avert or end the coal strike before his final proposition was accepted by the mining officials. He urged upon the Commission the need of a unanimous finding if its decisions were to have a beneficial and lasting effect on the industry, and informed it that if it decided that a revision of fuel prices were necessary he would transfer to it the powers of the Fuel Administration, providing its decision was unanimous.

All the members of the President's Commission have been prominent in war work for the Government. Mr. Robinson was active with the U. S. Shipping Board and Mr. White and Mr. Peale were advisers to the Federal Fuel Administration. Mr. Robinson is also a member of President Wilson's second industrial conference. The text of the President's letter appointing Mr. Robinson a member of the coal industry commission (which is the same as the letters sent to the other appointees) read as follows:

#### THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.

My Dear Mr. Robinson:—On Oct. 6 1917, with the official approval and sanction of the United States Fuel Administration, an agreement (since known as the "Washington agreement") was entered into between the operators and the union miners and mine workers of the so-called "central competitive bituminous coal fields," composed of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, which provided for an increase in the production of bituminous coal and an increase in wages to the miners and mine workers from the then existing scale of compensation. The agreement contained the following clause:

"Subject to the next biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America, the mine workers' representatives agree that the present contract be extended during the continuation of the war and not to exceed two years from April 1 1918."

Subsequently, on Jan. 19 1918, this agreement was approved by the convention of the International Union, United Mine Workers of America.

At the fourth biennial convention of the International Union United Mine Workers of America, held in Cleveland, Ohio, from Sept. 9 to Sept. 23 1919, the so-called scale committee submitted a report recommending, among other things, that the convention demand a 60% increase applicable to all classifications of day labor and to all tonnage, yardage and dead work rates throughout the central competitive field; that all new wage agreements replacing existing agreements should be based on a six-hour work day from bank to bank, five days per week; the abolition of all automatic penalty clauses; that all contracts in the bituminous field should be declared to expire on Nov. 1 1919 and that "in the event a satisfactory wage agreement is not secured for the central competitive field before Nov. 1 1919 to replace the one now in effect, the international officers be authorized to and are hereby instructed to call a general strike of all bituminous miners and mine workers throughout the United States, the same to become effective Nov. 1 1919."

Subsequently, conferences were held between representatives of the operators and of the miners, at which the miners' demands were submitted and declined on the part of the operators. The officers of the International Union United Mine Workers of America then issued so-called strike orders



to all their local unions and members, requiring them to cease work in the mining of bituminous coal at midnight on Friday, Oct. 31.

On Oct. 15 1919 the Secretary of Labor called a conference between the operators and miners of the bituminous mines in the central competitive field, which conference also resulted in failure to reach an agreement. In a letter to Secretary Wilson, which was submitted to the conference, I said:

"If for any reason the miners and operators fail to come to a mutual understanding the interests of the public are of such vital importance in connection with the production of coal that it is incumbent upon them to refer the matters in dispute to a board of arbitration for determination and to continue the operation of the mines pending the decision of the board."

I said:

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Subsequently, on Oct. 25 1919, I issued a statement in which I said, that a strike in the circumstances therein described "is not only unjustifiable, it is unlawful," and added:

"I express no opinion on the merits of the controversy. I have already suggested a plan by which a settlement may be reached and I hold myself in readiness, at the request of either or both sides, to appoint at once a tribunal to investigate all the facts with a view to aiding in the earliest possible orderly settlement of the questions at issue between the coal operators and the coal miners, to the end that the just rights not only of those interests but also of the general public may be fully protected."

Despite my earnest appeals that the men remain at work, the officers of the United Mine Workers of America rejected all the proposals for a peaceful and orderly adjustment and declared that the strike would go on. Accordingly, at my direction, the Attorney-General filed a bill in equity in the United States District Court at Indianapolis praying for an injunction to restrain the officers of the United Mine Workers of America from doing any act in furtherance of the strike.

A restraining order was issued by the court, followed by a writ of temporary injunction on Nov. 8 1919, in which the defendants were commanded to cancel and revoke the strike orders theretofore issued. These strike orders were accordingly revoked in a form approved by the court, but the men did not return to work in sufficiently large numbers to bring about a production of coal anywhere approaching normal.

On Dec. 1919 I issued a statement in which I restated the Government's position, appealed to the miners to return to work and renewed by suggestion that upon the general resumption of mining operations a suitable tribunal would be erected for the purpose of investigating and adjusting the matters in controversy between the operators and the miners.

This statement was submitted to a meeting of the officers of the International Union, United Mine Workers of America, having authority to take action, which meeting adopted as its act a memorandum prepared by the Attorney-General and approved by me, embodying the suggestions contained in my statement of Dec. 6. I am informed also that the operators have generally agreed to the plan therein outlined. I enclose for you information a copy of my statement of Dec. 6 1919 and the memorandum just referred to.

There has now been a general resumption of operation in all parts of the bituminous coal fields sufficient to warrant the appointment of a commission such as is referred to in the memorandum of the Attorney-General, and I have accordingly appointed you, Rembrandt Peale, a mine owner and operator in active business, and John P. White, a practical miner, as a commission with the powers and duties set forth in the memorandum agreed to and adopted by the miners and operators, who conducted all the prior negotiations.

If a readjustment of the prices of coal shall be found necessary, I shall be pleased to transfer to the commission, subject to its unanimous action, the powers heretofore vested in the Fuel Administrator for that purpose.

I am sure it is not necessary for me to call your attention to the tremendous importance of the work of this commission or the great opportunity which it presents for lasting service to the coal industry and to the country. If the facts covering all the phases of the coal industry necessary to a proper adjustment of the matters submitted to you shall be investigated and reported to the public, I am sure that your report, in addition to being accepted as a basis for a new wage agreement for the bituminous coal miners, will promote the public welfare and make for a settled condition in the industry.

No settlement can be had in this matter, permanent and lasting in its benefits, as affecting either the miners, the coal operators or the general public, unless the findings of this body are comprehensive in their character and embrace and guard at every point the public interest. To this end I deem it important that your conclusion should be reached by unanimous action. Upon your acceptance of this appointment I shall be pleased to call an early meeting of the commission in Washington, so that you may promptly lay out plans for your work.

Sincerely yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

#### COAL OPERATORS CONTEND THEY WERE NOT CONSULTED ON SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE.

Following announcement on Dec. 20 of the appointment by President Wilson of a commission to investigate wage conditions in the bituminous coal industry, the operators on the same day issued a statement at Washington declaring that they had not agreed to the terms of settlement upon which the miners strike was ended, because they had not been "consulted as to the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into between the Government and the miners." The statement read as follows:

The operators have not agreed to any memorandum such as that mentioned in the President's letter to Messrs. Robinson, White and Peale, involving a basis of adjustment of the coal strike.

The operators were not consulted as to the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into between the Government and the miners.

The memorandum referred to in the above and which has been embodied in the President's settlement plan was published in the "Chronicle" Dec. 13, page 2223. After reading the statement of the operators Attorney-General Palmer issued a statement the same day (Dec. 20) in which he said "it would be an amazing repudiation of their own state-

ments if the operators do not acquiesce in the plan which their official representatives repeatedly have agreed to." Mr. Palmer's statement also said:

On Friday, Dec. 5, their committee told me that they were at all times in favor of arbitration of the matters in dispute by a commission to be appointed by the President. On Sunday, Dec. 7, I read the President's statement to Mr. Butler, their counsel (not being able to get Mr. Ogle), and Mr. Butler stated that it was perfectly satisfactory. When the President's letter and the memorandum briefly embodying his suggestion were published at Indianapolis on the following Tuesday, Thomas T. Brewster, Chairman of the Scale Committee of the operators of the Central competitive field, announced at St. Louis that "the proposal met with the unqualified approval of the operators, and that the mines were ready to re-open as soon as the men accepted the plan and returned to work."

The following day (Dec. 21) the bituminous coal operators, in a statement issued by their executive committee at Washington, gave their reasons for their opposition to the Government settlement of the coal strike. The statement repeated that the operators were not consulted in the agreement with the miners and contended that previous agreements did not bind them to accept the settlement. The operators asserted that they stood by the Garfield offer, and the statement pointed out wherein the Government settlement differs from that proposed by the former Fuel Administrator.

On Dec. 22 Mr. Palmer made a reply to the operators' statement of the preceding day.

The operators' Executive Committee issued another statement on Dec. 23, which it was said was taken to mean that they would not further oppose an investigation of the coal industry conducted by the President's commission of three. Announcement was made at the same time that a meeting of operators from all parts of the nation would be called at an early date to consider the situation. The statement read as follows:

The coal operators have always courted a full investigation of the bituminous coal industry. They welcome one now. They are whole-heartedly eager to have come out of this controversy a program that will be constructive and that will insure industrial peace.

The miners and the operators have interpreted President Wilson's letter of Dec. 6 in different ways.

Because of this fact and the rapid changes in the situation during the last two weeks, it has been impossible to keep the many coal operators, scattered over the country, fully advised. The Executive Committee therefore feels that it is imperative to call a meeting of the representatives of the operators from the several coal fields, extending from Pennsylvania to as far west as the State of Washington. This meeting will be held as soon as possible.

In the meantime steps have already been taken to gather such facts and statistics as may be necessary for a full presentation of the operators' case.

In a statement declaring that the attitude of the coal operators of the Central Competitive Field has not been changed since they agreed to a plan similar to that proposed by President Wilson for settling the miners' wage controversy, Phil H. Penna, spokesman for the operators in the recent wage negotiations, indicated on Dec. 23, that the operators would abide by the decisions of the Commission appointed by the President to arbitrate wages.

Mr. Penna stated that the President's plan for appointment of a commission differed in some details from the plan agreed upon by the operators, and expressed the belief that the operators should have been consulted before it was presented to the miners. He said, however, that it agreed in principle with the resolution adopted by the operators.

His statement issued at Terre Haute, Ind., was as follows:

On Nov. 27 the coal operators' committee, composed of eight representatives of each State, in a joint meeting with the miners, offered the following resolution: "That there be a tribunal created of equal numbers of the miners' representatives and coal operators, and an equal number representing the public to whom all these differences shall be referred, and that we agree to accept the result to constitute a contract effective until March 31 1922."

The operators all voted "yes," the miners all voted "no," and the meeting adjourned without date.

In principle this resolution is in perfect accord with the President's action. It differs, however, in some details about which we should have been consulted in advance.

This attitude of the operators has not been changed in any particular by any person or persons in authority.

#### PRESIDENT WILSON'S PROCLAMATION RELINQUISHING RAILROADS FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL MARCH 1.

In a proclamation issued on Dec. 24, President Wilson has fixed March 1 as the date for the termination of Government control of the railroads. On the same date, also, Federal control of the express companies will cease. A separate proclamation as to the latter was issued coincident with that announcing the time determined upon for the return of the railroads to private control. In his message to Congress last May the President had indicated it as his intention to restore the roads to their owners at the end of the present calendar year. Reference to this announcement is made in a statement given out on Wednesday of this

week (Dec. 24) by the President's Secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty, who further states that "in the present circumstances, no agreement having yet been reached by the two houses of Congress in respect to legislation on the subject, it becomes necessary in the public interest to allow a reasonable time to elapse between the issuing of the proclamation and the date of its actually taking effect." A report on railroad legislation is now being drafted by conferees of the House and Senate—the Cummins Bill, passed by the Senate, and the Esch Bill, passed by the House being used as the basis of their deliberations. Along with the President's proclamation and Mr. Tumulty's statement, Walker D. Hines, Director-General of Railroads, appealed to the officers and employees of Federally controlled railroads to redouble their efforts "to produce the best and most economical railroad service possible during the remaining period of Federal control." The following is the President's proclamation fixing the date for the return of the railroads:

*By the President of the United States of America.*

**A PROCLAMATION.**

*Relinquishment of Federal control of railroads and systems of transportation:*

Whereas, in the exercise of authority committed to me by law I have heretofore, through the Secretary of War, taken possession of, and have, through the Director General of Railroads, exercised control over certain railroads, systems of transportation and property appurtenant thereto or connected therewith, including systems of coastwise and inland transportation, engaged in general transportation and owned or controlled by said railroads or systems of transportation; including also terminals, terminal companies and terminal associations, sleeping and parlor cars, private cars and private car lines, elevators, warehouses, telegraph and telephone lines and all other equipment and appurtenances commonly used upon or operated as a part of such railroads and systems of transportation; and

Whereas, I now deem it needful and desirable that all railroads, systems of transportation and property now under such Federal control be relinquished therefrom,

Now, therefore, under authority of Section 14 of the Federal Control Act approved March 21 1918, and of all other powers and provisions of law thereto me enabling, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, do hereby relinquish from Federal control, effective the first day of March, 1920, at 12:01 o'clock a. m., all railroads, systems of transportation and property of whatever kind taken or held under such Federal control and not heretofore relinquished, and restore the same to the possession and control of their respective owners.

Walker D. Hines, Director General of Railroads, or his successor in office is hereby authorized and directed, through such agent and agencies as he may determine, if in any manner not inconsistent with the provisions of said act of March 21 1918, to adjust, settle and close all matters, including the making of agreements for compensation, and all questions and disputes of whatsoever nature arising out of or incident to Federal control, until otherwise provided by proclamation of the President of by act of Congress. And generally to do and perform, as fully in all respects as the President is authorized to do, all and singular the acts and things necessary or proper in order to carry into effect this proclamation and the relinquishment of said railroads, systems of transportation and property.

For the purposes of accounting and for all other purposes this proclamation shall become effective on the first day of March, 1920, at 12:01 a. m.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done by the President, through Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, in the District of Columbia, this 24th day of December, the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-fourth.

WOODROW WILSON.

*By the President:*

ROBERT LANSING, *Secretary of State.*

NEWTON D. BAKER, *Secretary of War.*

The proclamation restoring the express companies to private control is similar to the above the language of course being changed to meet the requirements in describing the properties. The statement issued by Secretary Tumulty said:

Last May in his message to the Congress the President announced that the railroads would be handed over to their owners at the end of this calendar year. It is now necessary to act by issuing the proclamation. In the present circumstances, no agreement having yet been reached by the two houses of Congress in respect to legislation on the subject, it becomes necessary in the public interest to allow a reasonable time to elapse between the issuing of the proclamation and the date of its actually taking effect.

The President is advised that the railroads and express companies are not organized to make it possible for them to receive and manage their properties if actually turned over to them on Dec. 31, and if this were done it would raise financial and legal complications of a serious character.

The railroad and express companies should be given ample opportunity adequately to prepare for the resumption of their business under the control and management of their own stockholders, directors and officers. Therefore the transfer of possession back to the railroad companies will become effective at 12.01 a. m. March 1 1920.

The following is the appeal of Director-General Hines:

*To All Officers and Employees of Railroads in Federal Control*  
The proclamation which the President has issued fixes March 1 as the date for transfer of the railroads back to the possession and control of the railroad companies. I appeal to every officer and every employee to redouble his efforts to produce the best and most economical railroad service possible during the remaining period of Federal control.

During the unusually heavy business of the past few months and the extraordinary difficulties created by the coal strike the officers and employees have done especially fine work, so that with more confidence than ever before I express the hope that all of us will give the very best account of ourselves in this remaining period in our common interest, and in the public interest. I extend to all of my comrades in the railroad service and their families my sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Associated Press dispatches from Washington Dec. 24, in referring to the adjustment of the views of the two branches of Congress on the pending legislation noted that a deficit of approximately \$646,000,000 has been encountered in the two years the roads were under Government control; we quote as follows this dispatch:

While one provision of the Esch-Cummins Bill would order the return of the roads at the end of the calendar month in which the bill is approved, it was considered to-night hardly likely that an agreement would be reached quickly enough to put the roads back Feb. 1, or one month earlier than ordered by the President. There are indications of a lively fight before either House adopts the other's position on the anti-strike clauses of the bill or the question of continuing the Government guarantee to the roads until they can obtain increased rates to meet advanced operating costs.

As the staffs of the various systems have been retained virtually intact by the Railroad Administration, the return of the railroads to private control will involve legal and financial rather than operating questions. Those departments of the Railroad Administration will remain in existence with increased personnel for months after the operating officers have left the Government service. Swagar Sherley, former Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and now Director of Finance for the Railroad Administration, probably will be chosen to wind up the Government's business in railroading.

Even bigger problems confront the express companies. Consolidated into one system, under Government operation, the four original corporations are reported to have asked the Department of Justice if there would be any violation of the Sherman anti-trust law in their remaining a unit.

In two years of physical possession of the railroads the Government has encountered a deficit of approximately \$646,000,000, according to estimates submitted by Mr. Sherley to Senator Cummins. When the roads were taken over Congress guaranteed them a rental of \$900,000,000 annually, based on the average income of a three-year test period. Operating revenues in 1918 fell \$236,000,000 below the standard return and this year will be about \$250,000,000 under that amount. The remainder of the deficit has been incurred in expenses of administration, inland waterways, and various outlays.

Two appropriations have been made by Congress, one of \$500,000,000 and the other of \$750,000,000, much of which has been used as a revolving fund by the railroad corporations and for the purchase of new equipment. These amounts will be repaid to the Government.

**VIEWS OF SENATOR CUMMINS AND REPRESENTATIVE ESCH ON THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION REGARDING RAILROAD CONTROL.**

The continuance of Government control of the railroads until March 1, as proclaimed by President Wilson this week, is approved by Senator Cummins and Representative Esch, who are members of the Conference Committee of Congress which is charged with adjusting the differences of the Senate and House railroad measures commonly known as the Cummins and Esch bills. The President's proclamation prompted the following comment by Senator Cummins, according to the New York "Times" of Dec. 25:

I think the retention of the railroads until the legislation which is now imminent becomes effective is a very wise move on the part of the President. It has been my position all the time that the roads ought not to be returned to their owners until we have legislation.

It is quite evident that the President is looking at the legislation that is now pending and has made a fairly accurate estimate of the time that will be required to perfect the bills that are before the Conference Committee.

So far the conferees have discussed the points of difference in the Senate and House bills rather fully without attempting to reach an agreement. It has been my belief that it would take the greater part of a month to complete the work of the conference.

The same paper quoted Representative Esch as follows:

The President's proclamation does not surprise me. I had stated some weeks ago that I could not believe the President would turn back the roads to their owners without adequate legislation by the Congress, particularly in view of the fact that one House has already passed a railroad bill and another was about to do so.

To have returned the roads by Jan. 1 without adequate legislation would have given rise, as the President points out, to legal and financial difficulties of a very grave nature. The President, realizing this, has done much through this proclamation to clarify the situation. This extension of time will have no effect in delaying the work of the Senate and House conferees upon the railroad bills.

We will go ahead as rapidly as possible, with a view to making an early conference report. I think that the two months allowed by the President's proclamation will give ample time for the completion of a railroad control bill.

The President's proclamation will immediately create a feeling of confidence that has been lacking on account of the President's previous decision to turn the railroads back on Jan. 1 and because no word had been received from him since. The doubt and uncertainty, which have been a serious matter, are now removed.

The Conference Committees held a meeting to-day and will hold other meetings frequently during the holidays.

**CHANGE IN RAILROAD EQUIPMENT FINANCING PLANS.**

With reference to a change in the plans looking to the formation of the proposed equipment trust through which it was planned to have the railroads reimburse the Government for locomotive and freight car purchases, the "Journal of Commerce" in its issue of Dec. 20 printed the following information emanating from its Washington Bureau:

Plans for the formation of a \$370,000,000 railroad Equipment Finance Corporation, under permission given in recent legislation by Congress, have been abandoned. A substitute plan has been adopted, according to which the Railroad Administration will accept car trust certificates from the railroads individually. The present unfavorable money situation is given

as the reason for the change. If the credit situation improves sufficiently the obligations of the carriers held by the Government may be used as the basis for reviving the original scheme for a finance corporation.

A conference was held at the offices of the Railroad Administration to-day between Director of Finance Swager Sherley, Mark W. Potter, of New York, counsel for the railroads in working out the details of the finance plan, and Alfred P. Thom, general counsel for the Association of Railway Executives. It is understood that the adverse financial conditions at present led to the decision to give up the idea of floating the securities with the public.

It is learned that practically all of the equipment allocated by the Railroad Administration to the various roads has been accepted. The car trust certificates which will be taken by the Government will bear interest at 6% and will be payable in fifteen equal annual installments. No immediate cash payment is involved.

It is understood, further, that the financial arrangements between the individual railroads and the Railroad Administration are the same as those originally contemplated between the roads and the Finance Corporation. The distinction at present is that the Administration will hold the securities and that no effort will be made to sell them to the public. Under the first plan the Railroad Administration would have been called upon to furnish funds amounting to about \$128,000,000, covering equipment already sold and stock in the new corporation. Under the new agreement the entire aggregate of \$370,000,000 will be advanced by the Government in return for the securities, it is understood.

The agreement reached here to-day (Dec. 19) follows about six months of negotiations involving the allocation of the equipment to the various roads and the methods of payment. In the latter part of September plans for the creation of the Finance Corporation were practically dropped because of the belief that adequate legislation would be needed. This difficulty was overcome by the introduction of enabling bills in Congress, which were passed quickly by both branches.

Before the details of the corporation could be worked out and the securities marketed, the credit situation became tight and railroad credit in particular was impaired. Whether the idea of a separate corporation to relieve the Government of the financial burden will be revived later depends to a large extent upon the nature of permanent legislation passed by Congress. If the new laws are favorable to the carriers and result in an improvement in their credit standing with the investing public, it is probable that such a move will be made.

#### NATIONAL GRANGE OPPOSED TO GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF RAILROADS.

The declaration that "a very large majority of the farmers of the nation believe that Government operation of railroads should cease at the earliest possible moment" is made in a letter addressed to President Wilson by T. C. Atkeson, Washington representative of the National Grange. Mr. Atkeson's letter, it is said, was called forth by the visit made to the White House last week of the delegation which included George F. Hampton, Managing Director of the Farmers' National Council (referred to in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 20, page 2323) to petition President Wilson to continue, for at least two years, the period of Government control of the railroads. Mr. Atkeson, in his communication to the President, quoted resolutions adopted by the National Grange, opposing Government ownership, and said:

I wish to add to the foregoing official declaration my own personal belief on this subject, which is to the effect that a very large majority of the farmers of the nation believe that Government operation of all railroads should cease at the earliest possible moment.

It is also my belief that persons who have sought recently to give currency to statements that organized farmers favor Government ownership are not farmers themselves and do not represent any considerable proportion of the men or women actually engaged in farming.

In this belief I am strengthened by the fact that the agricultural press, with few and inconspicuous exceptions, oppose Government ownership and any continuation of Government operation, and the leaders of the great agricultural organizations, other than the grange, are nearly unanimous in opposition to Government ownership.

#### PERMANENT PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF RAILROADS URGED BY PUBLIC OWNERSHIP LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

A petition to Congress urging that the permanent public ownership of railways be accomplished at the earliest possible date was presented to that body on Dec. 20 by Representative Sinclair of North Dakota in behalf of the Public Ownership League of America. The petition, it is learned from the New York "Times" of Dec. 22, was signed by 22,279 persons, residents of the 38 States, the greater number representing the West. A statement accompanying the petition said:

The Public Ownership League of America is presenting to your honorable body through Congressman James H. Sinclair of North Dakota a petition for the permanent public ownership of the railroads. This petition has been circulated by the members and friends of this League in 38 different States, representing, as you must know, a widespread and rapidly growing sentiment among the great masses of the common people of America.

In this connection permit us to draw the attention of your honorable body to the fact that this petition expresses an earnest sentiment and deep conviction among our people that is vastly greater than is generally known or appreciated. Fourteen railway organizations representing over two millions of organized labor; organized farmers representing at least a half million more of our citizenry; organized miners representing hundreds of thousands of men employed in mining, besides numerous civic and commercial bodies, are already definitely and officially urging the retention and permanent public ownership of the railroads.

Besides these bodies, which are non-political in form, there are, as you know, several bodies of a distinctly political nature which represent the political expression of the same demand—viz., the so-called Committee of Forty-eight, the recently formed Labor Party, the National Non-Partisan League, and others. The aggregate number of American citizens in these various political bodies is also very large. And, finally, besides these bodies of organized citizens, there is perhaps an even greater number of unorganized

citizens who represent the general public who desire and demand the public ownership of the railroads.

Thus there is behind this petition a great host of earnest, sincere citizens of our country who believe that the future welfare of the nation, the normal development of its commerce and industry, the opening of new territory and the general prosperity of our people demand the permanent public ownership of the transportation system.

We would further point out to you that the passage of either the Cummins or the Esch bill, now pending before your body, both of which provide for the return of the railroads to private ownership, would inevitably involve the nation and its people in difficulties and burdens so serious that they threaten the peace and prosperity of the people.

It is well known by all that the return of the railroads at this time under the terms proposed by the bills now pending would mean a sharp increase in transportation rates. A 25% increase of rates would mean \$875,000,000 additional cost of transportation annually; and, assuming that Director-General Hines's estimates are substantially correct, that would mean an increase of \$4,375,000,000 a year in the cost of living—a burden which the American people, already nearly crushed with the high cost of living, can hardly carry.

On the other hand, if the Government retains the roads under public control for two to five years longer, as proposed by the minority of the Senate Committee, by the Farmers' National Council, the American Federation of Labor and originally by Director-General of Railways W. G. McAdoo, and later by his successor, Walker D. Hines, and if, as urged by this petition and the Public Ownership League of America, the Government shall meanwhile proceed to establish the permanent public ownership of the railroads, we may by this means secure a reduction of transportation charges and thereby a reduction in the cost of living to the infinite relief of the people and the immeasurable advantage of the nation in every way.

We, therefore, urge upon your honorable body most earnest consideration of our petition to the end that the permanent public ownership of railways may be accomplished at the earliest possible date.

#### RUMANIA SIGNS AUSTRIAN AND BULGARIAN PEACE TREATIES.

General Conanda, former Rumanian Premier, signed the Austrian and Bulgarian peace treaties for Rumania on Dec. 10 at Paris. He also signed a treaty guaranteeing the rights of racial minorities in Rumania, which, the day before, had been signed by the American peace delegates, just prior to their departure for the United States. The decision of Rumania to sign the treaties and thus recede from her defiance of the Peace Conference closed one of the most important episodes in the work of the Conference.

Rumania failed to sign the Austrian Peace Treaty at St. Germain, France, on Sept. 10, as did Jugo-Slavia, largely because of the racial minorities' clause, which he considered an invasion of her right to deal with internal questions as might seem fitting to her. Rumania had also been at times almost on the point of a break with the Peace Conference over her course in Hungary, including her persistency in clinging to the occupancy of Budapest after the Allies had repeatedly warned her to withdraw. The withdrawal was effected some time ago and while the Rumanians subsequently had given indications of willingness to comply with the Entente demands, they had failed to do so.

Following conferences between Allied emissaries and members of the Rumanian Government and the exchange of notes which resulted in no material alteration in Rumania's attitude toward the Peace Conference, the Supreme Council on Dec. 3 delivered to the Government of Rumania an ultimatum making known that it would wait six days for a decision in which Rumania could definitely indicate her political intentions and "her respect or her disrespect for the decisions of the Peace Conference." In press dispatches of the same date (Dec. 3) from Bucharest it was stated Caida Voivode, President of the Chamber of Deputies, who had been charged with the formation of a new Rumanian Ministry. On that date announced after consulting the leaders of the different groups, that a majority of the Chamber was in favor of signing the Austrian treaty. Voivode, it was said, would form a Cabinet from among the leaders of the group favorable to signature of the treaty.

The text of the Supreme Council's final note to Rumania as made public by Secretary of State Lansing Dec. 3 at Washington read as follows:

The Supreme Council has had to re-examine the question of relations between the Allies and Rumania, which have been compromised by the difficulties which have been introduced for many months by the Rumanian Government concerning all the requests of the Peace Conference relative to the respect due regarding the general agreements which bind the Allies among themselves.

The beginning of this situation was the refusal of Rumania to sign the treaty with Austria and the treaty guaranteeing the right of minorities as implied at the time of the first signing.

Furthermore, since the commencement of August, or since the time that the Rumanian troops occupied Budapest, the Supreme Council has repeatedly requested the Rumanian Government to adopt an attitude to Hungary in conformity with the common principles of the Allies.

With tireless patience, inspired by the respect due between Allies and the hope that the Rumanian Government would finally recognize that it could not escape the reciprocal engagements of the Allies, the Conference made every possible effort to maintain the ties uniting the Allies and Rumania and to obtain full respect on the part of that power for the decisions of the Supreme Council on the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 14th, 23d, 25th of August, the 5th of September, 12th of October, 3d and 7th of November. Urgent requests were presented to the Government at Bucharest relative

thereto. In order to demonstrate the importance attached by the conference to obtaining a reply from Rumania it even instructed a special delegate Sir George Clerk, to proceed to Bucharest.

All these patient efforts have resulted in an attitude conciliatory in words only, but negative in deeds. Regarding the three questions presented—acceptance of the frontiers as fixed by the Supreme Council, signature of the Peace Treaty with Austria and of the minorities treaty, and settlement of the Hungarian situation—the Rumanian Government deferred the first two and formulated a series of reservations amounting to a refusal of the satisfactions requested concerning the third.

In view of this attitude the Supreme Council decided on Nov. 15 last to make a last appeal to the wisdom of the Rumanian Government and people by making them wholly responsible for the serious consequences which would be entailed by a refusal or by further dilatory replies.

A period of eight days was decided upon in which to receive the Rumanian reply. Taking into account the special transmission delay in sending a telegram to Bucharest, the conference agreed that the period stipulated would commence when its telegram would be notified to the Rumanian Government—that is to say, on Monday, Nov. 24. The expiration of the period therefore occurred on Dec. 2 at midday.

The Rumanian reply was not in conformity with that expected by the Supreme Council, taking into consideration the resignation of the Ministry and the very recent meeting of the new Parliament. The reply was limited to a request for a further delay which would allow the newly constituted Government to assume its responsibilities in accord with the King and the Parliament.

If the Supreme Council had insisted upon its formal notification it would have, in view of the indefinite reply received from Bucharest, severed relations with Rumania, since, despite repeated requests, Rumania has agreed to nothing during a period of several months.

However, desirous of incontestably manifesting its moderation and to evidence the extreme regret with which it would see Rumania separated from the Allies, the Supreme Council has decided to accord a further and last delay of six days to Rumania. This delay will begin Tuesday, Dec. 2, and will expire Monday, Dec. 8. The Council hopes this favor will be fully appreciated in Bucharest by the new Government, whose decision will definitely indicate the political intentions of Rumania and her respect or her disrespect for the decisions of the Peace Conference.

#### NEW SPANISH MINISTRY.

The formation of a new Spanish Ministry under the Premiership of Manuel Allende Salazar to take the place of the Ministry headed by Premier Toca, which resigned, was announced in press advices of Dec. 12 from Madrid as follows:

Minister of the Interior: Fernandez Prida.  
Minister of Foreign Affairs: Marquis De Lema.  
Minister of Finance: Count De Bugallal.  
Minister of War: General Villaiba.  
Minister of Marine: Admiral Flores.  
Minister of Instruction: Natalio Rivas.  
Minister of Justice: Senor Garnica.  
Minister of Public Works: Amalfo Gimeno.

The former Spanish Ministry resigned on Dec. 1:

The fall of the Ministry had been predicted for ten days unless the Government could induce the deputies to proceed with the budget measure, which had been under constant fire in the Cortes.

#### PRESENTATION OF SILVER LOVING CUP TO SECRETARY FARNSWORTH OF AMERICAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Colonel Fred. F. Farnsworth, General Secretary of the American Bankers' Association, who retires from that office Jan. 1 to become President of the Bankers' Statistics Corporation, was presented on Tuesday of this week with a massive silver loving cup by his associates in the general offices of the Association. The presentation address was delivered by General Counsel Thomas B. Paton, and reviewed the progress of the Association during the twelve years that Colonel Farnsworth has been its executive head. The cup was engraved with the monogram of the Association, the legend "General Secretary 1907-1919" and the following inscription:

Presented to Frederick E. Farnsworth as a token of affectionate regard and esteem by his associates in the General Offices of the American Bankers' Association at New York December 22 1919.

A huge bouquet of American Beauty roses was presented to Mrs. Farnsworth.

#### SPRING MEETING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The Administrative Committee of the American Bankers' Association has selected Pinehurst, N. C., for the spring meeting of the Executive Council of the Association. The dates selected are April 27, 28, 29 and 30 1920. The Carolina Hotel will be headquarters. The Executive Council at its spring meeting transacts the interim business of the Association between conventions. On the first day of the meeting, April 27, the numerous committees will transact their business and the sessions of the full Council will be held the three days following.

The administrative committee of the American Bankers Association will hold its winter meeting Jan. 22 and 23 at the general offices of the Association, 5 Nassau St., New York.

#### SCHEDULE OF TRUST COMPANY CHARGES.

J. A. House, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Trust Company Section of the American Bankers' Association and President of the Guardian Savings & Trust Co.

Cleveland, Ohio, has sent to all members of the Section copy of "Schedule of Trust Company Charges" as compiled by the Committee on Standardization of Forms and Charges. Under the resolution adopted at the St. Louis convention, members are "requested to give the schedules careful study and trial and recommend to the Committee such changes and modifications as may seem advisable, to the end that the Committee may make an additional or supplementary report at the next annual convention." The booklets are being distributed from the office of the Section in New York City and Chairman House has requested all members to address the Secretary of the Section at 5 Nassau St., New York City, in connection with suggested modifications or changes.

#### CHARLES FEARON ON FRANCHISE TAX—FRANCHISES NO LONGER VALUABLE.

Charles Fearon, of the Philadelphia banking house of Charles Fearon & Co., has positive views on the franchise tax as indicated by the following comments from him printed in the Philadelphia "News Bureau" of Dec. 18:

The franchise tax which in the past has been quite a popular means of raising revenue for municipalities has had its day, and it is now a question if it should not be repudiated by the public service corporations on the ground that a franchise grant has no value to the grantee, but the benefit is to the grantor.

In the past franchises were sought by corporations with a view of the profit in sight from the grant. Franchise tax developed as a source of revenue, then after the grant the same community which received the benefit of service, increased the taxes, burdened the corporations with restrictions, or granted other franchise to rivals.

A franchise is a privilege, and that privilege has value only as to its ability to earn. When the privilege is restricted so that it ceases to earn, why should the tax for that privilege not be reduced or cease; the benefit from the grant being received by the municipality through the restrictions instead of tax.

Should the privilege not be restricted and prove unprofitable, then the benefit is received direct by the community served. Unrestricted franchises could and should be taxed, but you should not tax and at the same time destroy the ability to pay the tax. Taxes should be increased or decreased as the result of the grant may warrant.

#### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

No sales of bank or trust company stocks were made this week at the Stock Exchange or at auction.

The stockholders of the Chase National Bank of this city yesterday (Dec. 26) authorized an increase of \$5,000,000 in the capital, raising it from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000. The stockholders of Chase Securities Corporation at the same time authorized an increase from 100,000 shares (no par value) to 150,000 shares. Present holders of deposits receipts, of record at the close of business Dec. 26, have the privilege of subscribing to the extent of one-half of their present holdings. These proposals were referred to in our issue of Nov. 22.

The United States Mortgage & Trust Company, of this city, has issued a booklet containing a digest and analysis of the Income and Excess Profits Taxes for 1919.

American Trust Company, of this city, which commenced business less than a year ago (January 27th, 1919) reports that its deposits are now over \$10,000,000.

The Franklin Trust Company announces that in accordance with the plan which has been in operation for a number of years a Profit Sharing bonus is being paid to all of its employees. This is in addition to the High Cost of Living bonus which has been paid quarterly for the last two years. The total payments running from 10% to 20%.

The Columbia Trust Company of this city has just published for distribution a booklet entitled "Federal Income Tax," this being a summary of such of the law as is applicable to individuals. One chapter is devoted to income tax exemptions of Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes.

The United States Mortgage & Trust Co. 1920 calendar showing "Washington's Dream of America's Commercial Future," has been distributed. General Washington on one of his walks in Battery Park, New York City, is pictured as viewing with a prophetic eye the rapidly growing commerce in this port. Because of its timely and appropriate character this year's calendar has an exceptionally strong appeal. The illumination is by Percy Moran, the artist

who has furnished the other paintings in the colonial series for the United States Mortgage & Trust Co.

There has been a great increase of interest on the part of Americans in investments abroad, but hitherto they have had no regular means of obtaining reliable information on a comprehensive list of important foreign securities. To meet this condition the National Bank of Commerce of this city has arranged to obtain by cable each month quotations on a selected list of issues active on the London Stock Exchange and the Paris Bourse. These quotations will be printed as a permanent feature of Commerce Monthly, the magazine published by this bank, the first list having appeared in the December issue. In order to indicate the movement of these stocks, parallel columns showing the pre-war figure and the end-of-the-war figure are printed in conjunction with the current prices.

Luigi Criscuolo, ex-Chairman First Italian Division Liberty Loan Committee of this city, contributes an interesting article to the latest issue of "Il Correo," the well known Italian review. Mr. Criscuolo presents the Italian point of view for an "Italian loan in the United States." In the final paragraph he writes:

Let American bankers extend generous credits to Italy. It should not be difficult to place an Italian loan on credit among private investors even if only the Italian-born population of the country is appealed to. During the various Liberty Loan campaigns the Italians of the country purchased many millions of dollars in bonds. Is it not conceivable that there is potential value in appealing once more to these people to help Italy get on her feet industrially. They helped her indirectly during the war in purchasing Liberty Bonds and it will be recollected that the appeals launched by the various chairmen of the Italian divisions of the Liberty Loan Committee laid especial stress on the fact that the United States was using the funds to help her allies, Italy included. Let us do business with Italy for business sake as well as sentiment.

A copy of this article can be obtained from Mr. Criscuolo at Merrill, Lynch & Co., 120 Broadway, this city.

The Asia Banking Corporation of this city paid on Dec. 12 to its employees in the head office, 35 Broadway, as well as to the employees in its eight branches in the Far East, a Christmas bonus of 10%, based upon the amount of salary they have received during the year.

In appreciation of their efforts toward the relief of Greek residents in Asia Minor during and since the war, Rollin P. Grant, Vice Chairman of the Board of the Irving National Bank of this city, and four other Americans were invested with the officer's cross of the Order of King George First in New York, Dec. 9. George Roussos, Greek Minister to the United States, conferred the decoration on the new officers in the name of King Alexander. The ceremony took place at a luncheon in the Irving's new board room on the fourth floor of the Woolworth Building, in the presence of some forty prominent Greeks and Americans. Besides Mr. Grant, who was treasurer of the Relief Committee for Greeks of Asia Minor, the four men honored by the Greek Government were: Mr. Frank W. Jackson, chairman of the Relief Committee and former American Consul at Patras, Greece; Prof. A. D. F. Hamlin, professor of architecture in Columbia College, New York; Dr. Frederick Lynch, editor of "Christian Work," New York, and Dr. Hamilton Holt, editor of "The Independent," New York.

The New York agency of the Banca Commerciale Italiana at 165 Broadway, New York, announces that the Banca Commerciale Italiana e Bulgara is now open for business in Sofia, Bulgaria. This bank was recently founded by the Banca Commerciale Italiana, of Milan, Italy, and several Bulgarian capitalists, for the purpose of aiding in the development of the foreign trade of Bulgaria. Its capital is 12,000,000 leva, and the policy and management is under the control of the Banca Commerciale Italiana.

Among Christmas bonus announcements that of the Irving National Bank, issued on Dec. 22, is of special interest because it has a permanent plan behind it and is based on the current level of the cost of living. "Extra compensation" the Irving calls the quarterly payments with which it has supplemented salaries for the last two years, ever since market prices began to mount skyward. For the present quarter this "extra compensation" is 36 $\frac{3}{4}$ % of all salaries; July-September 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, and in April-June 25%. Bradstreet's index number of commodity prices, averaged for the quarter, is used to ascertain whatever changes have taken

place in living costs. For each advance or decline of 20 points in this index number, the cost of living, it is estimated, rises or falls 1%, and the Irving's extra compensation likewise goes up or down 1%.

The opening of the Industrial Bank of New York, to which reference was made in these columns last week, occurred on Monday last, Dec. 22. The bank is located at Fourth Avenue and 22d Street. It will do a strictly commercial business, and both its board of directors and its officers have been selected with a view of giving to this district a very high-grade commercial banking service. As to those directing its affairs an announcement by the bank says:

Staughton B. Lynd, its President, comes from the First Vice-Presidency of the Citizens Union National Bank of Louisville, Ky., which with its affiliated trust company, has a capital of \$3,000,000, a surplus of \$2,500,000, with deposits of upwards of \$25,000,000. Mr. Lynd was selected for the position because of his intimate acquaintance with the problems involved in the extending of commercial credits. He also was a director and member of the executive committee of the Fidelity & Columbia Trust Co. of Louisville, and the Fourth Street Bank of that city.

Ralph A. Stephenson, Vice-President of the new bank, comes from Harris, Forbes & Co., of Boston, where he has been during the last year. Prior to that, the Montreal office of Harris, Forbes & Co., of which he took charge in 1914, showed an expansion in volume in four years from \$800,000 to \$13,000,000.

Junius B. Close, Cashier, formerly of the Guaranty Trust Co., and Harrod C. Newland, Assistant Cashier, who comes from the National City Bank, are both old New York bank men, who are thoroughly familiar with the local problems.

It is also stated that while the bank is organized primarily to care for the manufacturing and merchandising district in which it is located, the country-wide connections of the men on its board of directors will give it a considerable out-of-town banking patronage, and it will be equipped in every way to handle this class of business.

James A. Stillman, President of the National City Bank, of this city, announced on Dec. 19 that, beginning Jan. 1 1920, the bonus of 25% paid to employees during 1919 would become a part of their regular salary. In other words, from that date they will enjoy an increase of 25% over the regular salary paid this year. In addition, he said, efficient service will receive full recognition and further remuneration. The present staff of the bank numbers more than 2,600 men and women.

The directors of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., of this city, at a meeting on Dec. 19, voted to officers and employees an additional compensation of 25% of the amount of salaries paid them during the year 1919.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York announced on Dec. 18 that the directors had authorized additional compensation to meet the prospective continued high cost of living during 1920. Under this arrangement all employees other than officers in the company's service on March 31 1920, who receive salaries of less than \$2,500 per annum, will receive at that time additional compensation at the rate of 20% of annual salaries, on the amount of salaries paid during the preceding quarter. Employees receiving annual salaries of more than \$2,500 will receive the same percentage on the basis of \$2,500 per annum only. A similar distribution will be made on June 30 1920 for the second quarter of the year. These payments are in addition to the profit-sharing plan for employees which was inaugurated a year ago. Announcement was also made that, in order to encourage savings and conservative investment on the part of its employees the company would, during 1920, place the income from the Guaranty Club Thrift Fund on an attractive guaranteed basis.

The Italian Discount & Trust Co. of this city voted last Thursday to distribute to its officers and staff of general employees an additional compensation of 15% based upon the amount of salaries they have received during the year.

At the meeting of the directors of the New York Title & Mortgage Co., this week, it was voted to give the employees, in addition to the usual profit-sharing dividend, another dividend for an equivalent amount, making double the quarterly distribution. This is the second double profit-sharing dividend that has been received by the employees since last October. The action has been taken partly in consideration of the increased cost of living and partly in recognition of the extra and efficient work that has been done by the employees in handling the largely increased volume of business done during the year.

The Mercantile Bank of the Americas, Inc., of this city, announces that at the last meeting of its directors, it was decided to increase the authorized capital of the bank from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. New stock to the amount of \$1,500,000 will be issued to the present shareholders shortly at \$190 per share.

At a meeting of the directors of the East River National Bank of this city on Dec. 11, a dividend was declared for the six months ending Dec. 31 1919 at the rate of 9% per annum. This represents an increase of 1% over the previous dividend declared in June of this year.

At the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Rockaway, N. J., to be held on January 13, action on the question of increasing the capital from \$25,000 to \$50,000 will be taken. The terms and conditions under which if authorized new or additional shares shall be issued will also be considered at the forthcoming meeting. On Dec. 8 the directors declared an initial 3% semi-annual dividend payable on Dec. 31 next, to holders of stock as of record on Dec. 20 1919. The Bank has deposits of \$700,000. A. J. Yetter is Cashier.

Application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency for a charter for the Community National Bank of Buffalo, N. Y., with a capital of \$200,000.

At a meeting of the directors of the Phenix National Bank of Providence on Dec. 1, Dutes W. Flint was elected to the board.

Articles of organization for the Clinton Trust Company of Clinton, Mass., were filed on Nov. 27, with the State Commissioner of Corporations. The company will take over the Flint National Bank of Clinton, a National Bank of many years standing it will do a general trust and banking business and will have a capital of \$300,000, in shares of \$100 each. The stock is to be sold at \$110 per share. The company proposes to begin business Jan. 10 1920. The officers are: John E. Thayer Jr., President; Ivan N. Mouton, and Walter P. Bowers, Vice-Presidents and Charles B. Chickering, Treasurer. The following are the directors: John E. Thayer Jr., Walter P. Bowers, Geo. H. May, Geo. E. O'Toole, John A. Davis, George S. West, George A. Fuller, Dudley H. Dorr, Allen G. Buttrick.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the American Bank & Trust Co. of Bridgeport, Conn., George H. Williams was elected Secretary, Howard H. Poole, Treasurer, and Clemens R. Kloforn, Assistant Treasurer of the bank.

The First National Bank of Ridgefield Park, N. J., has been placed in voluntary liquidation, having been succeeded by the Ridgefield Park Trust Co.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the International Trust Co. of Boston, it was voted to increase the capital of the company from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. Present stockholders will be given the right to subscribe for the new stock at \$200 per share, thus increasing the surplus \$500,000, in the ratio of one share of new stock for every three shares now held. The new capital will become effective Jan. 10 1920, when the total surplus and undivided profits will approximate \$2,800,000.

At a meeting of the directors of the Mechanics National Bank of Providence on Dec. 15, Charles C. Marshall was elected a director in place of Henry Lippitt, resigned.

The annual report of the Girard Trust Co. of Philadelphia for the year ending Nov. 30 was submitted to the stockholders at their annual meeting on Dec. 15 by Effingham B. Morris, President of the institution. The statement is very satisfactory showing total profits for the twelve months of \$1,545,395. Out of this sum \$900,000 was paid out in dividends, amounting to 36% on the \$2,500,000 capital of the company, or to 9% upon its combined capital and surplus (\$10,000,000). On account of the high cost of living, employees of the company received during the year extra compensation amounting to \$80,669. The company continued its policy of charging off for depreciation of investment the

sum of \$789,083 being charged against undivided profits to offset shrinkage in values which has been so very general. The entire cost of the company's building at Broad and Chestnut streets has been written off and the property is carried on the books at more than one million dollars below the assessed valuation, the assessment being \$4,568,030 and the book value \$3,532,219. Total assets are given at \$61,541,665, of which \$33,794,584 are of loans and \$16,203,308 of stocks and bonds. Deposits amount to \$42,809,211, the number of depositors being 16,175, and trust accounts aggregate \$233,964,240, with 2,916 accounts. The report shows that through the company 8,935 subscriptions were made to the Victory Loan amounting to \$10,836,250, bringing the total subscriptions for the five Liberty Loans up to 90,065 and the total subscribed to the total sum of \$64,383,550.

C. Alison Scully has been appointed Trust Officer of the Logan Trust Co. of Philadelphia, succeeding William Bradway, who has resigned as Trust Officer. Mr. Bradway retains the office of Vice-President of the institution. The company reports earnings for the year of \$163,000, which is equal to over 16% on the capital stock of \$1,000,000. The deposits exceed \$8,000,000.

Howard J. Potts was elected President of the Reading Trust Co., of Reading, Pa., on Dec. 15, succeeding Jeremiah G. Mohn.

The directors of the Citizens National Bank of Baltimore have recommended to the stockholders an increase in its capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. If approved at the annual meeting on Jan. 13 the combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of the Citizens National will be \$8,000,000, or, it is stated, greater than the capital resources of any other financial institution in Baltimore or the South. The bank's deposits, it is stated, have increased 200% during the past ten years, and during the same period the institution has paid \$2,000,000 in dividends, and has carried an additional million to surplus and reserve. It is proposed to offer the new stock (par \$10) to present shareholders at the approximate book value of \$10 per share. The bank states that "any stockholder not caring to add to his holdings may sell his rights, which will represent good value, as the stock is now selling around \$47."

David M'K Lloyd, Vice-President of the People's Savings & Trust Co., and a director of the People's National Bank of Pittsburgh, died on Dec. 11 following an illness of a week. Mr. Lloyd's banking career began when he entered the First National Bank of Altoona, Pa., as a clerk; in 1879 he was elected a director of the People's National Bank of Pittsburgh and in the same year he became a trustee of the People's Saving Bank. In 1890 Mr. Lloyd was made President of the People's Savings Bank, and in 1895 he was also elected a director of the Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh; he served as President of the latter from 1903 until 1907, when he resigned. Since 1907 he had been Vice-President of the People's Savings & Trust Co. He was one of the organizers of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, of which he was formerly Vice-President, and he also served for three years on the executive council of the American Bankers' Association.

The Citizens Banking Co. of Oil City, Pa., which closed its doors on July 11 with doubtful assets of \$320,000, and to which we referred in these columns in our issues of July 26 and Aug. 9, was reopened on Dec. 15. We understand the depositors are to be reimbursed in full. The new officers of the bank are: C. M. Lamberton, President; H. G. Rush, H. J. Crawford and S. Y. Ramago, Vice-Presidents, and E. S. Rugh, Cashier. The reorganized bank has a capital of \$100,000, in shares of \$50 each.

At a meeting of the directors of the Pittsburgh Trust Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on November 25, a permanent Profit Sharing Policy, which has been under consideration for several months, was adopted. It is applicable to all officers and employees who have been in the service for one year or more. The company's announcement says:

While profit sharing plans were first suggested by the high cost of living, the real purpose is to bring the employee in closer touch with affairs of the institution he represents and make him vitally interested in its welfare and success. The plan is in operation in many of the large financial institutions

throughout the United States and has invariably resulted in economies and greater efficiency.

The company will not insist that the employees invest a part of their earnings. It will, however, to encourage thrift, urge that all employees set aside at least one-half of their share of the earnings allotted to them to be invested in the stock of the company or some other security.

The plan as adopted includes the profits for the year 1919, and the following method of computation and distribution was approved:

From the net profits for the year there shall be deducted an amount equal to 7% of the capital, surplus and undivided profits as of the 1st day of January of the current year. After making the above deduction, 15% of the residue of the net profits shall be appropriated as the share of the profits in which employees shall participate.

The fund so created shall be allotted to the respective employees upon the following basis: 60% of the fund shall be distributed in the proportion that the salary of each officer or employee bears to the total salaries paid; 40% shall be distributed in such proportions as the monthly salary multiplied by the years of service bears to the total of such amounts for all employees who shall participate in the fund. The total obtained from the two computations shall be the amount due to each officer or employee as their proportion of the profit sharing fund for the year. Payment of the proportionate amount due each officer or employee shall be made during the following year, one-half on January 1st and the balance on July 1st.

The Comptroller of the Currency reports an increase of \$150,000 in the capital of the Delaware County National Bank of Muncie, Ind., raising the amount from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

The Merchants National Bank and The Union National Bank of Muncie, Indiana, and the Merchants Trust & Savings Co. and the Muncie Trust Co. of that city have decided to combine. The two national banks will consolidate under the name of the Merchants National Bank and the state institutions will merge under the title of the Merchants Trust Co. All will be operated in the Merchants' Bank Building, virtually under a single management. The Merchants' Bank under the consolidation, will have a combined capital and surplus of \$500,000. The new trust company will have a combined capital and surplus of \$250,000. Hardin Roads, who has been President of the Merchants National Bank and the Merchants' Trust & Savings Co., will continue as President of the enlarged Merchants' National. Frederiek D. Rose, who was President of the Union National Bank, becomes a Vice-President of the Merchants' National Bank and President of the trust company. F. B. Bernard, who has been First Vice-President of the Merchants' National Bank and the Merchants' Trust & Savings Co. for several years, will continue in the same position in both the consolidated institutions.

At a meeting of the directors of the American State Bank of Detroit on Dec. 5, W. J. Hayes was advanced to the presidency, succeeding W. E. Moss, who also retires as a director. Before becoming President, Mr. Hayes had served in the dual post of Vice-President and Cashier. He was one of the organizers of the bank and has been identified with its management since its organization in 1906. Gordon Fearnley, heretofore Assistant Cashier, has been made Vice-President, and G. W. J. Linton, also an Assistant Cashier, has been chosen to fill the office of Cashier.

A large interest in the stock of the University State Bank of Chicago was recently purchased by a group of men prominent in the packing industry and financial circles of Chicago, among those included being Edward F. Swift, Charles H. Swift, Harold Swift, Thomas E. Wilson, Edward A. Cudahy, Jr., John R. Thompson, Melvin A. Traylor, President of the First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago; John F. Hagoy, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Chicago; Roy D. Keehn and Lawrence H. Whiting, of A. B. Leach & Co., of Chicago. C. W. Hoff is to continue as President of the University State Bank, and Lawrence H. Whiting has been made a Vice-President and director. John F. Hagoy and Roy D. Keehn have also been made directors. The bank has a capital of \$200,000 and surplus of \$20,000.

Arthur Reynolds, Vice-President of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, was on Dec. 23 elected a director of the Asia Banking Corporation of this city. The corporation also voted to increase the number of its directors from fifteen to eighteen.

It recently became known that a large block of stock representing the controlling interest in the American Trust Co. of St. Louis had been sold to a syndicate represented by William R. Compton, Thomas N. Dysart, Henry H. Hopkins and William C. Bitting Jr. of St. Louis and Clarkson and R. P. Compton of New York. The sale, it is disposed of the entire interest held by the Title Guar-

anty Trust Co. in the American Trust Co. J. C. Van Riper has resigned as President of the American Trust Co., but continues as President of the Title Guaranty Trust Co., and William R. Compton has been elected President of the American Trust Co. H. H. Hopkins continues as Vice-President of the American Trust Co. It is understood that the Title Guaranty Trust Co. disposed of its interests in the American Trust Co. at \$118 per \$100 share. The institution has a capital of \$1,000,000. In a statement bearing on the change in control of the American Trust Co. Mr. Compton said:

It has long been known that my company and friends associated with me have been planning the organization of a trust company which will occupy the ground floor of our new building at Seventh and Locust streets, which is now being remodeled and which, it is hoped, will be ready for occupancy during the month of January. Henry H. Hopkins, Vice-President of the American Trust Co., was to have been Vice-President of our new trust company and it seems fitting, therefore, that in view of Van Riper's retirement the business of the American Trust Co. should be acquired as a foundation for our banking institution. The American Trust Co. will continue to occupy its present location, which is immediately west of the Compton Building. Later on the business will be moved to the Compton Building, which offers greater facilities for expansion.

This building will also house the investment business of the William R. Compton Co.

The present officers of the American Trust Co., with the exception of the retiring President, will continue to serve the customers of the bank and the personnel of the employees remains the same.

The American Trust Co. will serve in an aggressive manner the commercial interests of St. Louis and the outlying territory. The institution was organized in 1910 and has total resources at this time of approximately \$10,000,000. It is a member of the Federal Reserve system and belongs to the St. Louis Clearing House Association.

The Royal Bank of Canada, through its New York branch, 68 William St., issued this week its annual report for 1919, showing a gain in assets over the twelve months of more than 100 million dollars. The bank also reported to its stockholders that assets now far exceed a half billion dollars. The general statement of assets and liabilities shows that total assets are now \$533,647,084, as compared with \$427,512,982 for 1918. Of this amount, liquid assets total \$273,908,862, against last year's total of \$224,982,088. Loans and discounts also show an increase from \$119,184,715 in 1918 to \$143,250,518. An official statement also says:

The branch system, established some years ago and since extended to many cities, has been responsible for establishing a close relationship with the public. This is reflected in the large gain made in deposits, which total \$419,121,399 for this year, as compared with \$332,591,717 for 1918, a gain of over 80 million dollars. Of the 1919 total, deposits bearing interest amount to \$259,465,169, against \$197,348,439 for last year. Deposits not bearing interest total \$159,656,229, contrasted with \$135,243,278 for 1918.

Liquid assets show a gain over the previous year of \$50,000,000, principally in the following items: Balance due by banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada, \$18,101,373, as against \$10,391,516; Dominion and Provincial Government securities, \$45,323,598, as against \$36,579,976 for 1918; Canadian municipal securities and British foreign and colonial public securities, other than Canadian, \$33,400,542, as against \$29,620,885; call loans in Canada, \$16,435,614, compared with \$10,067,481; call loans outside Canada, \$33,812,751, against \$24,374,191.

The profit and loss account, following the issue of new capital made, stands at \$17,000,000, and the reserve fund totals \$17,000,000. With the larger resources at its disposal there has been a considerable gain in net profits and for the twelve months' period these amounted to \$3,423,264, equal to 10.87% on the average capital and reserve for the year. This shows a gain of approximately \$600,000, as compared with the previous year, when total profits were reported at \$2,809,846.

With the total profits added to the balance of profit and loss brought forward, the amount available for distribution this year is \$3,959,021. Of this amount \$1,866,196 was paid in regular dividends, \$340,000 as a bonus of 2% to shareholders to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the bank, \$100,000 transferred to officers' pension fund, \$400,000 written off bank premises account and \$156,406 war tax on bank note circulation, leaving to be carried forward to profit and loss \$1,096,418, as compared with \$535,757 at the end of the previous year.

An indication of the bank's growth is afforded by a comparison of some of the principal accounts for 1919 with those of 1918.

	1919.	1918.
Total assets.....	\$533,647,084	\$427,512,982
Liquid assets.....	273,908,862	224,982,088
Loans and discounts.....	143,250,518	119,184,715
Total deposits.....	419,121,399	332,591,717
Deposits bearing interest.....	259,465,169	197,348,439
Deposits not bearing interest.....	159,656,229	135,243,278
Capital.....	17,000,000	14,000,000
Reserve fund.....	17,000,000	15,000,000
Profit for year.....	3,423,264	2,809,846
Balance carried forward.....	1,096,418	535,757

That a year of steady growth and increased profits was enjoyed by the Canadian Bank of Commerce (head office Toronto) is evidenced by the annual report of the institution for the fiscal year ended Nov. 29, which we print elsewhere in our columns to-day. Total resources at the close of the year are given at \$479,644,205, as against \$440,310,703 the previous year, or an increase of \$39,333,502, while quick assets are shown at \$219,911,724, as compared with \$203,018,981 last year. Deposits total \$393,605,156, as against \$353,158,816 for 1918. Net profits for the year, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, were \$3,074,892 and

the total amount available for distribution, including a balance of \$1,444,843, brought forward from the preceding year, was \$4,519,735. Out of this sum \$1,800,000 was appropriated for dividends; \$150,000 for war tax on circulation; \$250,000 was written off bank premises; \$120,000 was transferred to pension fund; \$750,000 was deducted to adjust British and Foreign investments on existing exchange rates, not otherwise provided, and \$22,000 was appropriated for various subscriptions, leaving \$1,427,735 to be carried forward as a balance to next year's profit and loss account. Sir B. E. Walker is President of the bank and John Aird General Manager.

Edwin Warfield, former Governor of Maryland, has resigned as President of the Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Baltimore because of ill health. The resignation will take effect Dec. 31. Mr. Warfield is also expected to resign as President of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Baltimore at the annual meeting in January. In tendering his resignation from the Presidency of the Fidelity & Deposit Co., Mr. Warfield said:

While it is with a feeling of deep regret that I sever my executive connection with the company, to which I have given thirty of the best years of my life, it is with a sense of genuine pride that I look upon what the company is and what it stands for to-day. That it may continue to grow and prosper in years to come is my fervent hope.

Assuring you of my deep appreciation of the loyal support you have always given me, and the uniform courtesy you have always shown me.

Recognition of the part played by Mr. Warfield in the development of the institution the directors adopted a resolution which said:

The Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland was the product of the brain of Governor Warfield, the pioneer, whose broad vision and strong guiding hand have from its very inception been the controlling forces in its management and operation, and whose faith, courage, zeal and sterling character have carried it from its small beginning to its present honored position among the great surety companies of the country, for the organization of most of which Governor Warfield blazed the trail.

That the members of this body, individually, take this occasion to convey to Governor Warfield their warm personal affection and esteem; their regard for his splendid qualities of heart and mind, their heartfelt wish that he may speedily be restored to the enjoyment of full health and strength, and that he may continue with us for many years to enjoy his well-earned freedom from the burden of care and responsibility which he has borne for so many years.

Governor Warfield was the organizer of the Fidelity & Deposit Co. and it was through his efforts that a charter for it was obtained from the State Legislature. It was the pioneer company of its kind in Baltimore. Since the creation of the company Mr. Warfield has been identified with the management and for the past 27 years has been its President.

On Dec. 2 the directors of the Bank of Charleston, of Charleston, S. C., adopted a resolution recommending to the stockholders that the capital be increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000; it is planned to offer the 5,000 shares, of a par value of \$500, to existing shareholders, in proportion to their present holdings. An announcement issued by the bank says:

The plan the board of directors have under consideration is to issue to every stockholder a negotiable certificate, showing his right to subscribe for the same number of new shares that he now has, and it appears probable that a market will be made for these certificates at \$100 for each share of new stock to which the holder has the right to subscribe, so that those stockholders who prefer not to exercise their rights to buy new stock at \$100 a share will be able to sell this right as evidenced by the certificate for \$100 per share. On this basis the stock will cost new shareholders \$200 per share. It will be observed that the stockholder who prefers not to buy new stock can deposit in the savings department of the bank the price for which he has sold the right and obtain thereon 4% per annum, so that his income will not be diminished from the present 16% dividend paid by the bank. It is planned that he shall receive from the stock which he retains 12% instead of 16% and the cash which he has obtained by selling his rights will draw interest at 4% per annum in the savings department.

To those shareholders who prefer to go forward with the same proportionate interest, we can only say that in the future as in the past, every effort of the directors, officers and of the staff generally will be made to cause their investment with us to prove continuously satisfactory and profitable.

In order to facilitate the prompt placing of the shares which present stockholders may decide not to take, the Charleston Security Co. will organize a syndicate, which it will manage without profit, for the purchase of stockholders' rights, and those in the community who are interested in obtaining shares in the bank are invited to file application with the Charleston Security Co., which reserves the right to reject any and all applications and to make allotments against applications in such manner and for such amount as may seem to be the best interest of the bank, and the future development of its business. While the Charleston Security Co. will arrange this syndicate without profit, an interest charge will be made against the syndicate for any money actually advanced. The Security Co. while serving as manager of the syndicate, reserves the right to either participate as a member or not as it may deem best after it has closed its subscription list. Arrangements have been made which it is believed will facilitate a gradual extension of the bank's business, both by providing physical equipment and additions to the staff, official and clerical, and by measures which it is believed will insure a gradual increase in efficiency on the part of all of those with whom we invite the public to have relations in the transaction of business with us.

Since it is necessary for the bank and the Security Co. that the same persons should be ratably interested in each, it will be necessary to attach to each right a proportionate interest in the Charleston Security Co., which will be automatically sold along with the share of stock, to which the holder is entitled to subscribe, in the case of those rights which are sold. While it seems possible that the Security Co. might be able to provide this new stock from profit, unless it should prove necessary legally, it seems best not to do this; but to accomplish the purpose without altering the total capital stock of the Security Co., and to obtain the desired result by reducing the par value of the shares from \$20 to \$10, thus making its capital stock consist of 10,000 shares of \$10 each instead of 5,000 shares of \$20 each. One objection to increasing the capital of the Security Co. is that Federal income tax would have to be paid by the stockholders on the shares allotted to them by way of a dividend, and this tax does not have to be paid if their interest is preserved by a reduction of the par value of the shares.

The Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans has declared its fourth 6% quarterly dividend for the year 1919 which, with a 10% extra dividend recently declared, brings the total distribution for the 12 months to 34%. The purpose of the 10% special distribution from the bank's undivided profits was to provide the initial capital necessary for the formation of Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., an independent investment corporation, the common stock of which is owned and controlled by the shareholders of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.

Simultaneous with the payment of the regular quarterly dividend of 6% to shareholders, the bank also declared the regular 6% quarterly dividend to employees of the institution, under a plan recently adopted whereby all members of the bank's personnel receive dividends upon their salaries, in consideration of time, effort and service invested, just as stockholders receive dividends upon their invested capital. The declaration of a 34% distribution for the year 1919 and 12% in extra compensation to employees is indicative of the substantial growth of the Hibernia Bank.

#### TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

**LAKE SUPERIOR ORE SHIPMENTS.**—The shipments of iron ore from Lake Superior docks during the season just closed amounted to 47,177,395 tons. This is a decrease of 13,979,568 tons from the movement of last year and contrasts with 62,498,901 tons shipped in 1917 and with 64,734,198 tons in 1916, the latter being the largest movement in the history of the industry.

Below we compare the shipments from the various ports for the last five seasons:

Ports—	Entire Season				
	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Escanaba .....	4,963,358	6,774,969	7,156,854	7,457,444	5,649,289
Marquette .....	2,132,935	3,467,054	3,207,145	3,858,092	3,099,589
Ashland .....	5,915,383	7,365,608	7,597,841	8,057,814	5,146,772
Superior .....	10,919,965	14,078,341	13,075,741	21,857,949	8,342,703
Duluth .....	16,821,209	20,564,519	20,567,419	10,735,553	16,437,419
Two Harbors .....	6,424,545	8,723,472	9,990,901	12,787,046	8,642,042
Total .....	47,177,395	61,156,963	62,498,901	64,734,198	46,318,804

#### THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Dec. 5 1919:

##### GOLD.

Quite the most notable feature touching gold is a rise of £3,988,260 in the Bank of England reserve, raising the total to £90,302,325, a record holding. Considerable sales of gold have been made at rising prices to India, the Straits Settlements and the Continent. It is estimated that the world production for 1919 will be about 275,000,000, a reduction of £4,000,000. Of this decrease £2,800,000 relates to the output of the British Empire. Gold shipments of \$300,000 to Shanghai and \$500,000 to Hongkong have been made from San Francisco.

##### SILVER.

The market remained heavy on the news that silver dollars were offered by the U. S. Government in exchange for gold dollars, and the quotations fell on the 28th ult. to 72½d. and 71½d. for cash and forward delivery respectively. Under the influence of a falling U. S. exchange (by which the cost of silver from America increased) the price began again to climb each day. Continental and trade demand are languishing, now that the metal has become so dear, and manufactured goods and foreign silver coin are being realized freely as bullion, so that the governing factor here is rather a question of the U. S. exchange than of supply and demand. At the time of writing the New York exchange shows a somewhat firmer tendency, which, if maintained, is bound to ease the price. Considerable shipments have been reported from San Francisco to Shanghai, namely \$1,530,000 and 695,000 standard ounces and further purchases are being freely made.

Statistics for the month of November are appended:

Highest price for cash.....76d.	Highest price for 2 months.....73½d.
Lowest price for cash.....65½d.	Lowest price for 2 months.....63½d.
Average price for cash.....70.065d.	Average price for 2 months.....67.895d.

The following extract is significant of the trend of events. It may be recalled that Holland, one of the first to succumb to the scare created by Australian and Californian gold discoveries discontinued the coinage of silver on private account in 1873: "The Dutch Government has brought in a bill for the minting of new silver coins for Holland and the Dutch Indies, with a pure silver content of 800-1000, against 945-1000 as heretofore. This measure was necessitated by the fact that the intrinsic value of the Dutch guilder has already risen from cents 40 to over 95, with a face value of cents 100."



INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with columns: In Lacs of Rupees, Nov. 7, Nov. 15, Nov. 22. Rows include Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion in India, Gold coin and bullion in India, Securities (Indian Government), Securities (British Government).

The coinage during the week ending 22d ult. amounted to 23 lacs of rupees. The stock in Shanghai on Nov. 22 consisted of about 18,800,000 ounces in sycee, \$9,000,000, and 4,100 bars, as compared with about 18,650,000 ounces in sycee, \$10,500,000, and 4,000 bars on the 15th ult.

Table with columns: Cash, Two Mos., Dec. 28, Nov. 29, Dec. 2, Dec. 3. Rows include 72 1/2 d., 71 1/2 d., 73 1/2 d., 73 1/2 d., 73 1/2 d., 73 1/2 d.

The prices to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 1d. and 1 1/2 d. above those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

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

Table with columns: London, Dec. 20, Dec. 22, Dec. 23, Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 26. Rows include Silver, per oz., Consols, 2 1/2 per cents., British, 4 1/2 per cents., French Renten (in Paris), French War Loan (in Paris).

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz., etc. 133 1/4, 133 1/4, 133 1/4, 133, Holiday 132 1/4

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending Dec. 18 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1918, show an increase in the aggregate of 19.0%.

Table with columns: Clearings at, Week ending Dec. 18, 1919, 1918, Inc. or Dec., 1917, 1916. Rows list various Canadian cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary, Victoria, Edmonton, Ottawa, Hamilton, Quebec, Saskatoon, Regina, St. John, Halifax, Moose Jaw, London, Fort William, Brandon, Lethbridge, Irranfort, New Westminster, Medicine Hat, Peterborough, Sherbrooke, Kitchener, Windsor, Prince Albert.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies

All prices now dollars per share.

Table with columns: Banks—N Y, Bid, Ask, Banks, Bid, Ask, Trust Co's, Bid, Ask. Rows include America, Amer Exch, Atlantic, Battery Park, Bowery, Broadway, Bronx Boro, Bronx Nat, Bryant Park, Burch & Drow, Cent Merc, Chase, Chat & Phen, Chelsea Exch, Chemical, Citizens, City, Coal & Iron, Colonial, Columbia, Commerc, Comm'l Ex, Common wealth, Continental, Corn Exch, Coemop'tan, Cuba (Bk of), East River, Europe, Fifth Avenue, Fifth, First, Garfield, Gotham, Greenwich, Hanover, Harriman, Industrial.

\* Banks marked with a (\*) are State banks. † Held at auction or at Stock Exchange this week. ‡ Includes one-half share Irving Trust Co. † New stock. Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies

All prices now dollars per share.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Rows include Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M G, City Investing, Preferred, Lawyers Mtge, Mtge Bond, Nat Surety, N Y Title & Mortgage, Realty Assoc (Brooklyn), U S Casualty, U S Title Guar, West & Bronx Title & M G.

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

By Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Shares, Stocks. Rows include 27 The Pneumatic Mach. Co., 40 Conservation Realty Corp., 268 Central Colorado Power Co., 4,480 Garden City Sugar & Land., 63,286 Granville Mining Co., Ltd., 2,000 Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Co., 400 Augusta-Alken Ry. & Electric Corp., 100 Augusta-Alken Ry. & Electric Corp., common, 101 Washington Utilities Co., 80 Insular Transfer Co., 100 Montgomery-Shoshone Cons. M'g Co., 1,500 Southern Utilities Co., common, 1,000 Southern Utilities Co., preferred, 475 Permutt Co., 100 Incorp. Land Co., common, 100 Incorp. Land Co., pref., 50 Lido Corp., 6,000 Chicago Utilities Co., pref, 5,900 Chicago C. & C. Ry., com, 1,000 Chic. C. & C. Ry., pf, 1,935 Chicago Elev. Rys., etc. for pref. partic. shares, 2,250 Chicago Utilities Co., pref., 1,000 Kootenay Gold Mines Corp., 320 International Life Suit Corp., 100 Kathodian Bronze Co., pref., 6,587 Half Moon Copper Co., 850 Cauchols Tire Corp., 1,250 Casa Grande Ariz. Cop. Co., 79 Internat. Gas Devel. Co., 200 Jamaica Estates 6% bonds, 1920: 24 shares Jamaica Estates, preferred, 50 Interborough Rapid Transit Co., 1,600 Chicago Rys. Co. partic. etfs. of Series 2, 517 Buffalo Gas Co., preferred, 150 Buffalo Gas Co., common, 14,500 Edmonds Midway Oil Co., 209 Roller Drive Co., 150 The Terminal Properties Co., common, 2,250 Chicago Utilities Co., pref., 1,000 Chicago Elev. Rys. etfs. for pref. participating shares, 2 New Haven Bank, 2 Connecticut Nat. Bank, Bridgeport, 10 First Bridgeport Nat. Bank, Bridgeport, Com., 4 New York Rubber Co., 500 Ft. Wayne, North, Indiana, pf, \$1,500 div. etf. on Ft. Wayne, Northern Indiana, pref., 200 International Traction Co., pf, 100 Georgia & Florida Ry. Co., pref., 150 Georgia & Fla. Ry. Co., com, 29 Tennessee RR. Co., 555 5556-10,000 Tennessee RR. Co. due bill of Guaranty Trust Co., 60 Security Bank of N. Y., div. No. 1 certificate, \$4,000 Assets Liquidation Co. loan etf. of partic., Ser. B, 233 Milliken Brothers, Inc., com, and 333 3/4 scrip, etf. tr. etfs., 500 Milliken Brothers, Inc., pref. stock trust etfs., 1,400 Triangle Film Corp., pref., 100 Ft. Wayne & Nor. Ind. Trac. Co., pref., etfs. of deposit, 100 Ft. Wayne & Nor. Ind. Trac. Co., com., etfs. of deposit, \$300 Ft. Wayne & Nor. Ind. Trac. div. etf. certificate, 300 General Kimpolite Co., com., 2,000 Divine Consol. Mining Co., 15 Loma Prieta Mines Co., 10 Gum Cove Oil & Refining Co., 25 Savannah Electric Co., common, 86 Wesson Platen Ring Co., 100 Standard Coupler Co., com, 50 Standard Coupler Co., pf., 500 Purisol Products Corp., pref., 1,000 Purisol Products Corp., com, 407 Mining Assoc., Ltd., Class B, 77,689 Rawley Mining Co., 2518 Coovert Min. & Mill. Co., 250 Biograph Company, 68 Crescent Steel Co., 100 Rosehill Cemetery Association, 250 All Package Grocery Stores Co., pref., 1,450 All Package Grocery Stores, common, 50 Charles Scheuer & Sons, Inc., pref., 50 Charles Scheuer & Sons, Inc., common, 2,000 Internations Comm'l Corp., 60 Vera Realty Co., common, 120 Vera Realty Co., pref., 1,000 Adams Exploration Co., 220 Hudson Realty Co., 3 Owners Syndicate Co., 100 Woodmere Realty Co.

Table with columns: Bonds, Per cent. Rows include \$6,000 Woodmere Realty, Series A, 5-year deb., \$372,104 58 Obligation, Internat. Trac. Co., due 1918 6%, \$24,000 Buff. & Lake E. Traction first pref. 5s, 1936; 122 shares Bu. & L. E. Trac. Co., com.; 122 sh. Bu f. & L. E. Trac. Co. pref., \$13,000 Dry Dock E. B. & Battery RR. certif. of dep., unexchanged 2% paid, due 1935, \$10,000 Dry Dock E. B. & Battery RR. 5s, 1960, \$15,000 Oregon Elec. Ry. 1st 5s, \$24,471 63 Air Turbine Co. of Am. 5s; 408 1-5 shares Air Turbine Co. of America, com, \$13,500 New England Nurseries Co. bonds, \$50,000 Ft. Wayne, No. Indiana 5s, 1931, \$28,000 Tenn. RR. Co. 6s Income deb., 1948, \$5,500 Tenn. RR. Co. 1st 6s, 1923, \$15,000 Union Dye & Chemical Co. 6s and mfg. notes, 1923, \$1,000 North Shore Country Club Income, 1964, \$500 Century Country Club, White Plains 4s, 1954, \$15,000 Bklyn. Ferry Co. 5s. etfs. of deposit, \$16,000 Second Ave. RR. 1st consol. 5s. etfs. of deposit, \$5,500 Wash.-Richmough Term. Ry. 1st mfg. 4s. etfs. of dep., \$2,500 Power Securities Corp. coll. trust 6s, 1949, and \$50 50 scrip; \$10,500 Power Securities Corp. secured income bonds, 1949; 117 781-1000 shares Power Securities Corp. 2d pref., \$25,000 North Jersey Rapid Transit Co. 1st 5s. etfs. of dep.; 125 shares North Jersey Rapid Trans. Co. \$1,500 Panama Republic 5s, 1924, \$7,000 23d St. Ry. Imp't. & Ref. 5s, 1962, \$52,000 K. C. Mexico & Orient Ry. 1st 4s. etfs. of dep.; \$10,000 K. C. Mexico & Orient Ry. 2-yr. 6s. etfs. of dep.; 204 shares K. C. M. & O. Ry., com.; 202 shares K. C. M. & O. Ry., pref.; 18 Chicago T. H. & Southeastern Ry. V. T. C., \$25,000 Yolo Water & Power Co. 1st 5s, 1952, \$3,000 Chicago Utilities Co. 5s, 42, \$22,500 Chicago Utilities Co. 1st 5s, 1942, 2,250 shares Chicago Utilities Co. pref., \$22,500 Chicago Utilities Co., 1st mortgage 5% bonds, \$610 An order on Swiss Bank Corp., Basel, Switzerland, for 250,000 marks, 5% Schatzanweisung des Deutschen Reichs, 1915, \$1,100 51,500 rubles Imperial Russian Govt. 5 1/2 % short-term war loan issues of 1916, \$1,200 40,000 marks, German Govt. 3% bonds, English started, \$1,000 10,000 marks City of Hamburg, Germany, 4% bonds, issue of 1900; 10,000 marks, City of Frankfurt, 3 1/2 % bonds, issue of 1897, \$450 \$1,000 City of Frankfurt 28-year 3 1/2 % bonds, 630

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Rows include 2,000 Penn Wyo. Oil Co., par 45c., 9,104 Phila. & Boston Petroleum Co., par 40c., 125 United Gas & Elec. Corp., com \$85 lot 50 French Finance Corp. of Amer. \$6 lot 20 Third National Bank, 15 Tradesmen's National Bank, 5 Central Trust & Savings, par \$50, 7 3/4 S Merchants-Union Trust.

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for 'Shares, Stocks', '\$ per sh.', and descriptions of the securities.

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DIVIDENDS.

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

Table listing dividends for various companies, including Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed Days Inclusive.

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Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive, Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Trust Companies, Banks, and Miscellaneous.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. The table is divided into two main sections: 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' on the left and another 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' on the right. Each section lists various companies and their financial details.

Table with 4 main columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed, Days Inclusive. It lists numerous companies with their financial details and book closure dates.

Statement of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.—The following detailed statement shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Dec. 20. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of totals, actual figures at end of the week are also given:

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000 omitted].)

Table with columns: CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Cash in Vault, Reserves with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, and Nat'l. Bank Credits. Includes sub-tables for Members of Fed. Res. Bank, State Banks, and Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like Swift & Co., Symington (T. H.) Co., and others.

\* From unofficial sources. † Declared subject to the approval of Director-General of Railroads. ‡ The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

\* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings, as follows: National City Bank, \$123,830,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$67,329,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$28,254,000.

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

Table with columns: Members Federal Reserve Banks, State Banks, Trust Companies, and Averages. Sub-headers include Cash Reserves in Vault, Reserves in Depositories, Total Reserves, Reserves Required, and Surplus Reserves.



of the collateral notes are secured by Government war obligations, while reporting banks or rediscounted with the F. R. banks was 1342.8 millions, as compared with 1348.3 millions the week before.

1. Data for all reporting banks in each district. Three figures (000) omitted.

Table with 14 columns: Three figures (000) omitted, Boston, New York, Philadél., Cleveand., Richm'd., Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include: Number of reporting banks, U. S. bonds to secure circulation, Other U. S. incl. Liberty bonds, U. S. Victory notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness, Total U. S. securities, Loans and investments, exclusive of bills rediscounted with F. R. and other banks, Loans sec. by U. S. war obligat'n, Loans sec. by stocks and bonds, 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, Sec. by U. S. war obligations, All other, Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Sec. by U. S. war obligations, All other.

2. Data for Banks in Federal Reserve Bank and Branch Cities and All Other Reporting Banks.

Table with 14 columns: Three figures (000) omitted, New York, Chicago, All F. R. Bank Cities, F. R. Branch Cities, All Other Reporting Banks, Total. Rows include: Number of reporting banks, U. S. bonds to secure circulation, Other U. S. bonds, incl. Lib. bds., U. S. Victory notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness, Total U. S. securities, Loans and investments, excl. of bills rediscounted with F. R. and other banks, Loans sec. by U. S. war oblig., Loans sec. by stocks and bonds, 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, Secured by U. S. war obligat'ns, All other, Bills rediscounted with F. R. B'k, Secured by U. S. war obligat'ns, All other, Ratio of U. S. war securities and war paper to total loans and investments, per cent.

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Dec. 19:

Large reduction in the holdings of war paper in connection with the redemption of tax certificates due on Dec. 15, accompanied by a commensurate decrease in net deposits, also the usual Christmas expansion or Federal Reserve note circulation are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on Dec. 19 1919.

War paper holdings declined 173.5 millions, while other discounts on hand went up 29.2 millions. Acceptance holdings show an increase for the week of 24.7 millions, the total on hand—566.3 millions—setting a new high record. War paper holdings of the Chicago and Dallas banks include 28.1 millions of paper discounted for other F. R. banks, as against 15.9 millions the week before, while acceptances held by these two and six other banks are inclusive of 136.2 millions of bankers' bills purchased from the New York and Boston banks. An increase of 30.3 millions in Treasury

certificate holdings represents almost altogether the amount of temporary certificates issued to the New York Bank to cover advances to the Government pending collection of funds from depositary institutions.

Government deposits fell off about 25 millions, and members' reserve deposits—84.4 millions, while other deposits, including foreign Government credits, increased 1.5 millions. The "float" carried by the banks, apparently as the result of large check payments received on Government account, shows a growth for the week of 67.7 millions, while net deposits show a decline of 175.5 millions. Federal Reserve note circulation went up 81.5 millions, and F. R. bank note circulation 1.5 millions. Gold reserves show a nominal decline, while total cash reserves show a reduction of 5.5 millions. Owing to the large decline in deposit liabilities the banks' reserve ratio shows a rise from 46 to 46.8%.

The figures for the system as a whole are given in the following table, and in addition we present the results for seven preceding weeks, together with those of corresponding week of last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC 19 1919.

Table with 11 columns: Dec. 19 1919, Dec. 12 1919, Dec. 5 1919, Nov. 28 1919, Nov. 21 1919, Nov. 14 1919, Nov. 7 1919, Oct. 31 1919, Dec. 20 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.



Table with 10 columns representing dates from Dec. 10 1919 to Dec. 20 1918. Rows include 'Ratio of gold reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined', 'Distribution by Maturities', 'Federal Reserve Notes', and 'Total'.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 19 1919

Table with 13 columns for cities: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., and Total. Rows include 'RESOURCES' (Gold coin and certificates, Government bonds, etc.) and 'LIABILITIES' (Capital paid in, Surplus, Government deposits, etc.).

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 19 1919.

Table with 13 columns for cities: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., and Total. Rows include 'Federal Reserve notes', 'Chargeable to F. R. Agent', 'Amount of eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent', and 'F. R. notes in actual circulation'.



New York Stock Exchange—Stock Record, Daily, Weekly and Yearly

OCCUPYING THREE PAGES

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

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Dec. 20 to Friday Dec. 26), High and Low Sale Prices—Per Share, Not Per Cent., Sales for the Week, and a list of stocks with their respective prices and shares.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-div. ‡ Low 124 1/2 100 shares. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ Dividend. \*\* Full paid.



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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Dec. 20 to Friday Dec. 26), Sales or the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1918. Includes stock names like Industrial & Misc. (Con.) Par, Lorillard (P), Do preferred, Mackay Companies, etc.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Did not asked prices no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Etc.—rights. § Etc.—div and rights. ¶ Etc.—div. For illustrations in rights see p. 2422.





Table of Bond Transactions with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Dec. 20, Interest Period, Price Friday Dec. 20, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions like N.Y. Cent & H.R.R. (Cons), P.C. & St. L. (Cons), etc.

\* No price Friday: latest bid asked, \* Due Jan., \* Due Feb., \* Due June, \* Due July, \* Due Aug., \* Due Oct., \* Due Nov., \* Due Dec., \* Option sale.



BONDS		N Y STOCK EXCHANGE		Week ending Dec. 23		Interest		Price		Week's		Range	
								Friday		Range or		Since	
								Dec. 26		Last Sale		Jan. 1	
								Bid		Ask		Low High	
								No.		No.		Low High	
Virginia 1st 5s series A	1962	M	N	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2	42	82 1/2	84 1/2	91 1/2	82 1/2	91 1/2
Wabash 1st gold 5s	1939	F	A	81	83	80 1/2	81	56	79 1/2	81	89	79	89
2d gold 5s	1939	F	A	81	83	80 1/2	81	56	79 1/2	81	89	79	89
Debuture term 5s	1939	J	J	95 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	---	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
1st lien equip mtd 5s	1921	M	S	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	---	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
1st lien 5s series B	1921	M	S	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	---	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Det & Ch Ext 1st 5s	1941	J	J	83 1/2	85 1/2	83 1/2	85 1/2	---	83 1/2	85 1/2	83 1/2	85 1/2	83 1/2
Des Moines Div 1st 4s	1939	J	J	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	---	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Om Div & Co 3 1/2s	1941	A	O	65	67	65	67	---	65	67	65	67	65
Tol & Ch Div 4s	1941	M	S	66	74 1/2	66	74 1/2	---	66	74 1/2	66	74 1/2	66
Wash Term 1st 3 1/2s	1945	F	A	71 1/2	75	72 1/2	75	115	47 1/2	63	100	47 1/2	63
1st 40-yr guar 4s	1945	F	A	74 1/2	75	72 1/2	75	---	72 1/2	75	72 1/2	75	72 1/2
West Maryland 1st 4s	1952	A	O	45	48	47 1/2	48 1/2	---	47 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2
West N Y & Pa 1st 4s	1937	J	J	92	93	92	93	---	92	93	92	93	92
Gen gold 4s	1943	A	O	62	65	62	65	---	62	65	62	65	62
Income 5s	1943	A	O	62	65	62	65	---	62	65	62	65	62
Revenue Fac 1st ser A 5s	1945	M	N	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81	---	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81	80 1/2
Wheeling & L 1st 5s	1929	A	O	91 1/2	94	92	94	20	79 1/2	96	92	96	79 1/2
Wheel Div 1st gold 5s	1928	J	J	95	100	92	100	---	92	100	92	100	92
Exten & Imp't gold 5s	1930	F	A	95	90 1/2	95	90 1/2	---	95	90 1/2	95	90 1/2	95
Refunding 4 1/2s series A	1930	M	S	55	49 1/2	55	49 1/2	2	49 1/2	55	49 1/2	49 1/2	55
RR 1st consol 4s	1940	M	S	54	54	54	54	3	52	55	52	55	52
Winston-Salem S B 1st 4s	1940	J	J	65 1/2	69 1/2	67 1/2	69 1/2	---	67 1/2	69 1/2	67 1/2	69 1/2	67 1/2
Wt Cent 50-yr 1st gen 4s	1940	J	J	65 1/2	68 1/2	64 1/2	68 1/2	18	63 1/2	80	67	63 1/2	80
Sup & Div div & term 1st 4s	1930	M	N	63 1/2	72	67	72	---	67	72	67	72	67

BONDS		N Y STOCK EXCHANGE		Week ending Dec. 26		Interest		Price		Week's		Range	
								Friday		Range or		Since	
								Dec. 26		Last Sale		Jan. 1	
								Bid		Ask		Low High	
								No.		No.		Low High	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>													
Adams Ex coll tr 4s	1948	M	S	56	57	56	57	---	56	57	56	57	56
Alaska Gold m deb 4s	1925	M	S	15 1/2	20	13	13	---	13	20	13	20	13
Consol deb 5s series B	1926	M	S	12 1/2	18 1/2	12	18 1/2	---	12	18 1/2	12	18 1/2	12
Am SS of Va 1st 5s	1920	M	N	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	---	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Armour & Co 1st real est 4 1/2s	1939	J	D	82	84 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	95	81	88 1/2	81	88 1/2	81
Booth Fisheries deb a f 6s	1926	A	O	95 1/2	90	95 1/2	90	---	95 1/2	90	95 1/2	90	95 1/2
Bradley Cop M coll tr 6s	1931	F	A	80 1/2	84 1/2	80	84 1/2	37	82 1/2	97	82 1/2	97	82 1/2
Bush Terminal 1st 4s	1952	A	O	75 1/2	80	79	79	---	75 1/2	80	75 1/2	80	75 1/2
Consol 5s	1953	J	J	73	81 1/2	76	76	---	73	81 1/2	76	76	73
Buildings 6s guar tax ex.	1960	A	O	80	84 1/2	79 1/2	80	---	80	84 1/2	79 1/2	80	80
Chic O & Conn Rys a f 5s	1927	A	O	40 1/2	58 1/2	48 1/2	58 1/2	---	40 1/2	58 1/2	48 1/2	58 1/2	40 1/2
Chic Un Stat'n 1st gen 4 1/2s	1903	J	J	51 1/2	54 1/2	51 1/2	54 1/2	---	51 1/2	54 1/2	51 1/2	54 1/2	51 1/2
Chile Copper 10-yr conv 7s	1923	M	N	100 1/2	94 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	40	101 1/2	128	101 1/2	128	101 1/2
Reets (part paid) conv 6s ser A	1932	A	O	---	---	89 1/2	94 1/2	---	89 1/2	94 1/2	89 1/2	94 1/2	89 1/2
Compting-Tab-Rec a f 6s	1932	A	O	85	87 1/2	82	87 1/2	201	82	89 1/2	82	89 1/2	82
Grand Union MS&P con 6s A	1928	M	N	95	97 1/2	96	97 1/2	---	95	97 1/2	96	97 1/2	95
Stamped	1928	M	N	95	97 1/2	96	97 1/2	---	95	97 1/2	96	97 1/2	95
Great Falls Pow 1st a f 5s	1940	M	N	92	94	93	92 1/2	---	92	94	93	92 1/2	92
Int Mercan Marine a f 6s	1941	A	O	94	94	92 1/2	94 1/2	206	92 1/2	105 1/2	92 1/2	105 1/2	92 1/2
Montana Power 1st 5s	1943	J	J	84 1/2	84	85	85	33	84	85 1/2	84	85 1/2	84
Morris & Co 1st a f 4 1/2s	1939	J	J	80 1/2	83	80 1/2	80 1/2	---	80 1/2	83	80 1/2	83	80 1/2
Mtge Bonds (N Y) 4s ser 2	1968	A	O	83	84 1/2	83	84 1/2	---	83	84 1/2	83	84 1/2	83
10-20-year 5s series 3	1932	J	J	---	---	94	94 1/2	---	94	94 1/2	94	94 1/2	94
N Y Dec 50-yr 1st 4s	1951	F	A	66	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	---	66	67 1/2	66	67 1/2	66
Niagara Falls Power 1st 5s	1932	J	J	91 1/2	96 1/2	93 1/2	96 1/2	100 1/2	93 1/2	107 1/2	93 1/2	107 1/2	93 1/2
Ref & gen 6s	1932	A	O	---	---	93 1/2	93 1/2	---	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
Nias Loc. & O Pow 1st 5s	1934	M	N	80	90 1/2	80 1/2	90 1/2	---	80	90 1/2	80 1/2	90 1/2	80
Nor States Power 25-yr 5s	1941	F	A	82 1/2	84 1/2	82 1/2	84 1/2	17	84 1/2	89 1/2	84 1/2	89 1/2	84 1/2
Ontario Power N P 1st 5s	1943	F	A	84	84 1/2	87	87 1/2	---	84	84 1/2	87	87 1/2	84
Ontario Transmission 5s	1945	M	N	75	78	79	79 1/2	---	75	78	79	79 1/2	75
Pan-AmPet&Trist conv 6s	1937	J	J	160	155 1/2	155 1/2	155 1/2	112 1/2	155 1/2	165	155 1/2	165	155 1/2
Pub Serv Corp N J gen 5s	1959	A	O	57	57	58 1/2	58 1/2	35	54 1/2	80	54 1/2	80	54 1/2
Tennessee Cop 1st conv 6s	1925	M	N	94	94 1/2	94	94 1/2	---	94	94 1/2	94	94 1/2	94
Wash Water Power 1st 5s	1939	J	J	87	90 1/2	87 1/2	90 1/2	---	87	90 1/2	87 1/2	90 1/2	87
Wilson & Co 1st 25-yr a f 6s	1941	A	O	97 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	97 1/2	40	94 1/2	104 1/2	94 1/2	104 1/2	94 1/2
10-yr conv a f 6s	1928	J	D	95	84 1/2	95	84 1/2	26	94 1/2	101 1/2	94 1/2	101 1/2	94 1/2

\*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due April. c Due May. g Due June. h Due July. i Due Aug. o Due Oct. p Due Nov. q Due Dec. # Option sale.

SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Dec. 20 to Friday Dec. 26) and stock prices. Includes sub-sections for 'CHRISTMAS DAY' and 'Last Sale'.

Sales for the Week. Shares.

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns for 'Range Since Jan. 1.' (Lowest, Highest) and 'Range for Previous Year 1918.' (Lowest, Highest).

Main table of stock listings including categories like Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Mining, with columns for stock name, price, and date.

\* Bid and asked prices. † Ex-stock dividend. ‡ Ex-dividend and rights. § Assessment paid. ¶ Ex-rights. \*\* Ex-dividend. \*\*\* Half-paid.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Dec. 20 to Dec. 26, 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, Collateral trust, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Dec. 20 to Dec. 26, 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 Arundel Corporation, Atlantic Petroleum, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Dec. 20 to Dec. 26, 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 Alliance Insurance, American Gas, 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 Reading, Tono-Belmont, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Dec. 20 to Dec. 26, 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 Amer Vitriol Products, Am Wind Glass, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Dec. 20 to Dec. 26, 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 A D & C, American Radiator, etc.

Stocks—(Concl.)	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.		Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.		Stocks (Concluded)	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.		Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.	Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.	Low.	High.					
Chic Rys part of "1"		20	20	20	20	55	20	Dec	40	July	31	29 3/4	31 3/4	11,000	28 3/4	Dec	28 3/4	Oct	
Chic Rys part of "2"		6	6	6	6	300	4	Dec	10 1/2	Aug	10	5 3/4	6 3/4	2,000	12 1/2	Nov	16	Oct	
Chicago Title & Trust	100	215	215	215	215	25	178	Feb	215	Nov	6 1/4	5 3/4	6 3/4	12,000	32	Jan	7 3/4	Oct	
Commonwealth-Edison	100	107	107	105	105	655	107	Aug	118	July	34	33	35	3,200	32	Nov	43	Oct	
Cont Motors, common	10	13 3/4	13 3/4	13 3/4	13 3/4	4,675	8 1/2	Apr	14 1/2	Dec	40	39 1/2	43 1/2	34,500	39 1/2	Nov	43 1/2	Dec	
Preferred		100	100	100	100	100	100	Nov	100 1/2	Aug	50	48 1/2	50	600	4	Feb	12 1/2	May	
Cudahy Pack Co., com	100	102 1/2	105	105	105	680	100 1/2	Feb	123	May	50	48 1/2	50	250	13 1/2	Jan	24	May	
Decker (A & D), pref.	100	95	96	96	96	310	95	Dec	98 1/2	Nov	10	9 1/2	10	400	10	Mar	20	July	
Deere & Co., pref.	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	110	78	Apr	105	July	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	13,000	2 1/4	Jan	7 1/2	Apr	
Diamond Match	100	122	122	122	122	150	101	June	124	Nov	21 3/4	21 3/4	22 1/2	1,800	21 3/4	Dec	25	Dec	
Godehaus	57	56 1/4	58	58	58	720	55 1/2	Dec	60	Dec	35 3/4	35	36	1,000	29 1/2	Nov	37	Nov	
Great Lakes D & D	100	84	84	84	84	605	82	Oct	96	Oct	26 1/2	27	29	200	14 1/2	Aug	32	Oct	
Hartman Corporation	100	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	2,800	82	Oct	100 3/4	Dec	40	40	40	280	35	Nov	47	Oct	
Hart, Schaff & Marx, com	100	91	92	92	92	100	63	Feb	100 1/2	Nov	4 1/4	4	4	6,200	4	Dec	8	Nov	
Preferred	100	113 1/4	113 1/4	113 1/4	113 1/4	25	108 1/2	Jan	115	Dec	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	100	12	Aug	20	June	
Holland-American Sugar	10	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	225	12 1/2	Aug	21 1/2	Oct	2	1 1/2	2	3,000	1 1/2	Dec	2	Dec	
Hupp Motor	10	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	3,085	10 1/2	Sept	17 1/2	Dec	4	3 1/4	4	1,500	2 1/2	Dec	4	Dec	
Illinois Brick	100	84	78 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	1,180	77 1/2	Dec	103	Sept	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	28,500	75	Dec	76	Dec	
Kansas City Ry com cfs.			3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	167	3 1/4	Dec	5 1/4	Dec	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	200	4	Dec	11	July	
Preferred certificates		15	15	15 1/4	15 1/4	285	11	Dec	15 1/4	Dec	75	75	75	200	75	Dec	76	Dec	
Kennecott	100	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	100	28 1/2	Dec	28 1/2	Dec	92	92	93	400	80	Dec	94	Dec	
Libby (W D)	10	29 3/4	29	30	30	1,645	19 1/2	Jan	36 1/2	Dec	54 1/2	53 1/2	55	1,400	37	Aug	60	Oct	
Lindsay Light	10	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	920	6	Dec	17	Aug	13 1/2	13	13 1/2	900	9	Oct	15 1/2	Dec	
Preferred	10	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10	7 1/2	Nov	10 1/2	Apr	23	15	23	9,300	9 1/2	Nov	23	Dec	
Mid West Util, pref.	100	42	42	42 1/2	42 1/2	80	42	Dec	45 1/2	Dec	102	98 1/2	102	1,400	68 1/2	July	105	Oct	
Michigan Motor Co., com	100	42	41	42	42	395	33	Apr	55 1/2	July	27 1/2	27	28	300	24	Aug	44 1/2	May	
Northern Pacific	100	79 1/4	79 1/4	79 1/4	79 1/4	30	70 3/4	Dec	79 3/4	Dec	50	50	50	100	50	Dec	61	Oct	
National Leather	20	17	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	7,370	16 1/2	Sept	25	Aug	19	18 1/2	19	2,400	16 1/2	Nov	19 1/2	Dec	
Page Woven Wire Fence	20	17	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	3	100	3	Dec	8	May	13	13	13	800	51	Oct	69	Nov
Peoples Gas Lt & Coke	100	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	264	33	Dec	55 1/2	July	14,500	10	10	10	10	10	20 1/2	July	20 1/2
Pub Serv of No Ill, com	100	80	80	80	80	22	80	Nov	95 1/2	May	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	14,500	10	Feb	10 1/2	July	
Preferred	100	86	86	86	86	310	83	Nov	105	May	60	58 1/2	60	4,000	60 1/2	Jan	63 1/2	Mar	
Quaker Oats Co, pref.	100	94 1/4	94	94 1/4	94 1/4	517	94	Dec	105	May	31	28	32	2,600	25	June	40 1/2	July	
Root & Van Dervoort (*)	100	54 1/2	54	54 1/2	54 1/2	300	52	Dec	58	Nov	198	198	200	135	102	Feb	220	Nov	
Reo Motor	100	28 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/4	300	27 1/2	Dec	35 1/2	Oct	75	74 1/2	75	400	60 1/2	Feb	86	July	
Sears-Roebuck, com	100	117	117	117	117	65	168 1/2	Feb	232	Nov	16 1/2	15	17 1/2	3,500	9	Dec	28	Oct	
Preferred	100	117	117	117	117	10	116 1/2	Nov	122	Apr	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	6,500	17	Jan	33 1/2	July	
Shaw (W W), common (*)	100	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	10	112 1/2	May	270	Dec	19	17 1/2	19	43,500	14	Nov	30 1/2	Aug	
Standard Gas & Elec	50	41 1/4	41 1/4	41 1/4	41 1/4	59	39 1/2	Dec	43 1/2	Nov	27 1/2	27	27 1/2	1,700	27	Nov	28 1/2	Dec	
Preferred	50	48	48	48	48	70	45	Apr	59	Oct	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	19,000	2	Mar	8 1/2	Oct	
Stewart Mfg	100	40 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	4,850	35 1/2	Nov	43	Nov	4	4 1/4	4 1/4	3,000	2 1/4	Sept	4 1/2	Dec	
Stewart-Warner Speed, w	100	134	132 1/2	135	135	3,235	115 1/4	Jan	149 1/2	May	40	40	40	100	45	Dec	45	Dec	
Swift & Co	100	59 1/2	58 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	13,900	41 1/4	Jan	65 1/2	Oct	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	5,000	20	Dec	33	Sept	
Swift International	15	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	100	45 1/2	Dec	50 1/2	Dec	7	6	7	3,000	4 1/2	May	6 1/2	Oct	
Temtor Prod (C&F) "A" (*)	100	47 1/2	47 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	1,150	34	Aug	51	Dec	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	3,900	3 1/2	May	6 1/2	Oct	
Thompson, common	25	75	74 1/2	75	75	5,190	56	Jan	85 1/2	July	8	8	8	600	7 1/2	Dec	9 1/2	Dec	
Union Carbide & Carbon Co	100	24	22 1/2	24	24	1,000	17 1/2	Jan	29 1/2	July	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	5,300	2 1/2	Dec	3 1/2	Dec	
United Paper Bd, com	100	45	43	45 1/2	45 1/2	2,030	19 1/2	Sept	55 1/2	Nov	100	105	105	105	115	Dec	115	Dec	
Wahl Co	100	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	100	105	July	115	Dec	37,320	38 1/2	38 1/2	45 1/4	38 1/2	Dec	45 1/4	Dec	
Ward, Monty's, & Co, pref when issued	100	79 1/4	79 1/4	79 1/4	79 1/4	10	75	Nov	104	July	98	97 1/2	99	65	95	Feb	104	July	
Wilson & Co, common (*)	100	82	82	82 1/2	82 1/2	230	74 1/2	Sept	80	Oct	81	81	81 1/2	7,000	100 1/2	Mar	109 1/2	Dec	
Preferred	100	109	109	109 1/2	109 1/2	3,000	109	Dec	109	Dec	109	109	109	109	109	Dec	109	Dec	
Cal & South Chicago 5s	100	60	60	60	60	2,000	60	Dec	60	Dec	60	60	60	60	60	Dec	60	Dec	
Chic C & C Rys 5s	1927	37	37	37	37	15,000	37	Dec	55	Aug	60	60	60	60	60	Dec	60	Dec	
Chicago Ry 5s	1927	63 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4	8,000	63 1/4	Dec	81	Jan	25	20 1/2	25	3,300	20	Nov	32 1/2	July	
Chic Rys 4s series "A"	1927	38 1/2	37 3/4	38 1/2	38 1/2	15,200	37 3/4	Dec	63	May	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	18,000	28	Oct	58	Dec	
Chic Rys 4s series "B"	1927	32 1/2	32 1/2	34	35	95,000	32 1/2	Dec	60 1/2	Jan	42 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	500	37	Mar	63	Oct	
Metr W Side 4th 4s	100	94	94	94	94	1,000	94	Dec	94 1/2	Jan	42 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	200	42 1/2	May	33	Sept	
Swift & Co 1st 5s	1044	94	94	94	94	1,000	92 1/2	Sept	98 1/2	Jan	446	440	448	261	310	Jan	449	Dec	
Union Tank Car	100	120	120	120	120	10	107	Jan	138	July	120	120	120	10	107	Jan	138	July	

**New York "Curb" Market.**—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from Dec. 20 to Dec. 26, 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.

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.		Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.	Low.	High.			
Acme Coal	1	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	4,300	1 1/4	Oct 3 1/2 July
Aetna Explosives (no par)	8	7 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2	13,300	6 1/4	Jan 12 1/2 July
Air Reduction (no par)	48 1/2	48 1/2	51	48 1/2	51	1,900	48 1/2	Dec 65 May
Allied Packers (no par)	200	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	200	27	Dec 67 1/2 July
Aluminum Mfrs (no par)	35 1/2	34 1/2	38	34 1/2	38	2,400	34 1/2	Dec 38 Dec
Am La France Fire								

Other Oil Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Texaco-Ranger Prod & R...1	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	12,300	1/4	Oct 6	June
Texon Oil & Land...1	1 1/4	1	1 1/4	32,600	1/4	June 2 1/2	Nov
Thraman Oil...1	20 1/2	2 1/4	2 1/4	4,800	2	Dec 2	Dec
United Tex Prod...25	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	9,900	15	July 25 1/2	Oct
United West Oil new...1	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	21,700	50c	June 1 1/2	Nov
Victoria Oil...10	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,600	13-16	Jan 2 1/4	Jan
Vulcan Oil...5	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	4,100	1 1/4	Nov 8 1/4	Dec
Whelan Oil...1	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	800	1 1/4	Nov 1 1/2	Oct
White Eagle Oil & Ref...1	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	1,800	20 1/4	Aug 20 1/2	Nov
White Oil Corp...1	47 1/2	41 1/2	49	207,000	3	Dec 49	Dec
Woodburn Oil Corp...1	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	600	3	Dec 10 1/2	Aug
Wyoming Cons Oil...1	40c	35c	40c	24,700	35c	Sept 40c	Sept
"V" Oil & Gas...1	1 1/4	5-10	5-10	1,500	3-10	Nov 1 1/2	May
Mining Stocks—Par.							
Alaska-Brit Col Metals...1	1 1-10	1-16	1-16	16,700	3 1/2	May 2	June
Amer Bond Min Corp...1	2 1/2	1 15-16	2 1/4	2,500	1	May 2 1/2	Dec
America Mines...1	1	1	1	3,500	1 1/2	May 1 1/2	Dec
Amer Tin & Tungsten...1	1	7-10	1 1/2	11,000	1 1/4	Mar 2 1/2	Feb
Arizona Silver...1	2	1 1/2	2 1/4	9,700	1 1/4	July 1 1/2	Dec
Atlanta Mines...1	2c	2c	3c	11,300	2c	Nov 6 1/2	Mar
Belcher-DeVid...10c	33c	26c	34c	10,900	26c	Dec 24c	July
Belcher Extension...10c	46c	37c	48c	24,000	32c	Aug 32c	Aug
Big Ledge Copper Co...5	3 1/2	4c	16	7,100	4c	Mar 15-16	Jan
Booth...1	5c	4c	6c	7,100	4c	Mar 15-16	Jan
Boston & Montana Dev...5	72c	70c	74c	13,000	6c	Feb 93c	July
Butte & N Y Copper...1	1	3/4	1 1/4	100	3/4	May 3/4	Oct
Caledonia Mining...1	3 1/2	30c	34c	19,600	27c	Jan 45c	Sept
Canada Copper Co Ltd...5	1 1/2	1	1 1/4	6,700	1	Dec 2 1/2	Feb
Canada Silver...1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	13,300	52c	Jan 2 3-10	June
Carson Hill Gold...1	34	32 1/4	34	2,085	32 1/4	Dec 34	Dec
Cash Boy...1	7c	6c	7 1/2c	27,600	5c	Feb 16 1/2	Mar
Cerro Gordo...1	1	3/4	1 1/4	5,000	3 1/2	Dec 3 1/2	Dec
Consol Virginia Silver...5	6 1/2	6 1/2	8 1/2	2,300	2 1/2	Oct 9 1/2	Oct
Cresson Cons Gold & M...1	1 1/2	7-10	1 1/2	4,500	1 1/2	Sept 5 1/2	Jan
Divide Extension...1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	129,000	7-16	Dec 3 1/2	July
El Salvador Silver Min...1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	3,900	1 1/2	Mar 5 1/2	May
Eureka Croesus Min...1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	11,500	1	Aug 2 1/2	May
Eureka Holly...1	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	9,000	50	Nov 9 1/2	Oct
Forty-nine Mining...1	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	8,800	1	June 2 1/2	Oct
Gadsden...1	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	700	1 1/2	Nov 1 1/2	Feb
Golden Gate Explor...5	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,800	1 1/2	Dec 4 1/2	May
Goldfield Consol...10	1 1/2	10c	13c	22,200	10c	Dec 25c	Oct
Goldfield Devel...10c	1 1/2	11c	13c	31,400	10c	Dec 25c	Oct
Goldfield Merger...1	3c	3c	4c	15,000	2 1/2c	Nov 8c	Mar
Gold Zone Devel...1	37c	30c	38c	18,500	26c	Dec 14 1/2	Apr
Great Bend...1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	16,200	2c	Nov 6 1/2	June
Hecla Mining...25c	4 13-16	3 13-16	4 13-16	8,500	3 1/2	Sept 5 1/2	Jan
Iron Blossom...10c	5-10	19c	23c	11,200	19c	Dec 44c	Feb
Jim Butler...1	1	5c	7c	16,400	5c	Dec 16c	Mar
Jumbo Extension...1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,000	3 1/2	Oct 6	May
Kerr Lake...1	1	3c	2c	8,700	2 1/2	July 8c	Jan
Kewanna...1	10c	11c	14c	36,500	10c	Dec 37c	July
Knob Devel...1	10c	11c	14c	36,500	10c	Dec 37c	July
La Rose Mines, Ltd...5	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	300	15c	Apr 3 1/2	Oct
MacNamara Crescent...1	23c	18c	22c	58,300	17c	Dec 49c	July
MacNamara Mining...1	47c	40c	47c	48,300	34c	Mar 3 1/2	May
Magma Chief...1	30c	30c	30c	2,400	22c	Feb 22c	Feb
Magma Copper...5	30c	28c	31c	1,500	23c	Dec 46c	Nov
Marsh Mining...1	30c	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,100	2	Apr 4 1/2	July
Mason Valley...5	60c	65c	68c	3,200	45c	Jan 75c	Sept
McKinley Darragh Sav...1	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	25,000	7 1/2	Dec 7c	Dec
Murray-Dagg...1	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	3,600	1 1/2	Mar 10	Dec
National Tin Corp...50c	2 1/2	12 1/2	13	5,200	8 1/4	Jan 16	May
Platinum Mines...6	13	18c	25c	10,000	16c	Apr 48c	Jan
Nixon Nevada...1	1 1/2	1	1 1/4	1,600	1	Dec 1 1/2	Oct
Ophir Silver Mines...1	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/2	3,600	1 1/2	Dec 3 1/2	July
Itay Hercules Mining...5	1 1/2	8c	9c	3,600	8c	Dec 25c	July
Rex Consolidated Min...1	5-16	14 1/2	16	113,500	1 1/2	Dec 1 1/2	Aug
Roper Group Mining...1	15 1/4	14 1/2	16	5,400	1 1/2	Dec 1 1/2	May
Seneca Copp Corp (no par)	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	6,000	1 1/2	Nov 1 1/2	May
Silver Dollar M...1	9-16	9c	9-16	12,400	13-22	Feb 1 1/2	May
Silver King of Arizona...1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	24,400	6 1/2c	Dec 37c	Mar
Silver King Devel...1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	11,200	4c	Apr 14c	Apr
Silver Pick Consol...1	1 1/2	7 1/2	8	5,200	7	Dec 14 1/2	June
So Amer Gold & Silver...10	3-16	3c	3-16	4,250	3 1/2	Jan 7 1/2	May
Success Mining...1	3 1/2c	3c	4c	14,200	2c	Nov 7c	Jan
Tonopah Belmont Devel...1	2-7-10	2 1-16	2 9-16	4,500	2 1/2	Dec 4	May
Tonopah Devel...1	4 1/2	3 1/4	4 1/4	9,500	2 1/2	Dec 1 1/2	Aug
Tonopah Extension...1	2 1/2	2 1/4	2 1/4	4,400	1 1/2	Jan 3 1/4	Aug
Tonopah Mining...1	2 1-16	2	2 1/4	3,300	2	Dec 4 1/2	May
United Eastern...1	9c	3 1/4	10c	6,600	3 1/2	Jan 19c	May
U B Continental Mines...1	9c	8 1/2	8 1/2	14,000	6c	Jan 9 1/2	Oct
Unity Gold Mines...5	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,600	1 1/2	Dec 1 1/2	Dec
Utah Reserve...1	20c	13c	20c	4,500	13c	Dec 55c	June
Victory Devel...1	97c	98c	98c	3,500	71c	Apr 99c	Oct
Washington Coal Quartz...1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	9,200	1	Mar 8	May
West End Consolidated...5	1 1/2c	1 1/2c	2 1/2c	9,000	1 1/2c	Dec 7c	Apr
White Caps Extension...10c	9c	8 1/2c	11c	20,150	8 1/2c	Dec 35c	Apr
White Caps Mining...10c	7 1/2c	7c	8c	13,500	5c	Jan 13 1/2c	Aug
Wilbert Mining...1	1	1	1	800	1	Dec 2 1/2	Aug
Yukon Gold Co...1	1	1	1	800	1	Dec 2 1/2	Aug

—Knauth, Nachod & Kuhne, 120 Broadway, this city, have issued a circular on "The Investment Situation" for general distribution.  
 —The Equitable Trust Company of New York has been appointed Registrar of the stock of the Peerless Insulated Wire & Cable Co.

**New York City Banks and Trust Companies.**  
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**New York City Realty and Surety Companies.**  
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**Quotations for Sundry Securities**

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

Standard Oil Stocks	Par	Share	Asst	RR. Equipments—Per Cent.	Basis
Anglo-American Oil new	£1	29 1/2	30 1/4	Baltimore & Ohio 4 1/2	6.00
Atlantic Refining	100	157 1/2	161 1/2	Buff Roch & Pittsburgh 4 1/2	6.25
Preferred new	100	175	182	Equipment 4s	6.00
Borne-Strymer Co	50	460	480	Equipment 6s	6.00
Buckeye Pipe Line Co	50	93	95	Canadian Pacific 4 1/2	6.25
Cheesbrough Mfg new	100	255	265	Caro Clinchfield & Ohio 5s	6.50
Rights		2	4	Central of Georgia 4 1/2	6.60
Preferred new	100	106	110	Chesapeake & Ohio	6.25
Continental Oil	100	550	575	Equipment 5s	6.25
Crescent Pipe Line Co	50	32	34	Chicago & Alton 4 1/2	7.25
Cumberland Pipe Line	100	140	160	Equipment 6s	6.25
Eureka Pipe Line Co	100	145	160	Chicago & Eastern Ill 5 1/2	7.00
Galena-Signal Oil com	100	81	84	Chic Ind & Loulay 4 1/2	6.50
Preferred old	100	107	111	Chic St Louis & N O 5s	6.00
Preferred new	100	104	108	Chicago & N W 4 1/2	5.57
Illinois Pipe Line	100	170	175	Chicago R I & Pac 4 1/2	6.62
Indiana Pipe Line Co	50	92	95	Equipment 5s	6.62
International Petroleum	50	70	72	Colorado & Southern 5s	6.50
National Transit Co	100	170	175	Eric 5s	6.70
Northern Pipe Line Co	100	100	105	Equipment 4 1/2	6.70
Ohio Oil Co	25	370	374	Floeking Valley 4 1/2	6.50
Penn-Mex Fuel Co	25	65	68	Equipment 5s	6.50
Prairie Oil & Gas	100	670	680	Illinois Central 5s	5.90
Prairie Pipe Line	100	264	268	Equipment 4 1/2	5.90
Solar Refining	100	360	380	Kanawha & Michigan 4 1/2	6.50
Southern Pipe Line Co	100	145	150	Louisville & Nashville 5s	5.57
South Penn Oil	100	323	328	Michigan Central 5s	6.15
Southwest Pa Pipe Lines	100	312	315	Equipment 6s	6.00
Standard Oil (California)	100	740	755	Missouri Pacific 5s	7.00
Standard Oil (Indiana)	100	610	625	Mobile & Ohio 5s	6.50
Standard Oil (Kentucky)	100	460	470	Equipment 4 1/2	6.50
Standard Oil (Nebraska)	100	530	550	New York Central Lines 5s	6.15
Standard Oil of New Jer	100	724	728	Equipment 4 1/2	6.15
Preferred	100	113 1/2	114 1/2	N Y Central RR 4 1/2	6.25
Standard Oil of New Yk	100	443	448	N Y Ontario & West 4 1/2	6.50
Standard Oil (Ohio)	100	530	550	Norfolk & Western 4 1/2	6.00
Swan & Finch	100	100	172	Pennsylvania RR 4 1/2	5.87
Union Tank Car Co	100	430	435	Equipment 4s	7.00
Vacuum Oil	100	335	45	St Louis Iron Mt & S Fran 5s	7.00
Washington Oil	100	335	45	St Louis & San Francisco 5s	6.00
Ordnance Stocks—Per Share				Seaboard Air Line 5s	6.75
Aqua Explosives pref	100	65	65	Equipment 4 1/2	6.75
Atlas Powder common	100	150	156	Southern Pacific Co 4 1/2	5.87
Preferred	100	87	90	Southern Railway 4 1/2	6.40
Babcock & Wilcox	100	116	118	Equipment 5s	6.40
Biles (E W) Co common	50	410	430	Toledo & Ohio Central 4s	6.37
Preferred	50	60	60		
Canada Edys & Forgings	100	111	118		
Carbon Steel common	100	100	105		
1st preferred	100	70	75		
2d preferred	100	70	75		
Colt's Patent Fire Arms	100	25	58		
DuPont (E I) de Nemours	100	300	330		
or Co common	100	92 1/2	94		
Debuture stock	100	88	92		
Eastern Steel	100	88	92		
Empire Steel & Iron com	100	25	25		
Preferred	100	64	68		
Hercules Powder com	100	107	110		
Preferred	100	105	110		
Niles-Bement-Pond com	100	95	100		
Preferred	100	240	250		
Phelps-Dodge Corp	100	305	415		
Seovill Manufacturing	50	30	35		
Thomas Iron	50	30	35		
Winchester Co com	100	375	375		
1st preferred	100	96	99		
2d preferred	100	63	67		
Woodward Iron	100	40	45		
Preferred	100	80	90		
Public Utilities					
Amer Gas & Elec com	50	120	124		
Preferred	50	39 1/2	40 1/2		
Amer Lt & Trac com	100	177	180		
Preferred	100	91	93		
Amer Power & Lt com	100	65	65		
Preferred	100	74	74		
Amer Public Utilities com	100	10	10		
Preferred	100	20	24		
Carolina Pow&Light com	100	32	35		
Cities Service Co com	100	405	411		
Preferred	100	7 1/2	7 1/2		
Colorado Power com	100	13	15		
Preferred	100	17	20		
Com w'th Pow Ry & Lt	100	35	44		
Preferred	100	49 1/2	95		
Elec Bond & Share pref	100	7			

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## 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.*

ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings.			Jan. 1 to Latest Date.		ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings.			Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
	Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.		Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Alabama & Vicksb.	October	\$ 247,272	\$ 236,582	\$ 2,287,577	\$ 1,987,448	Monongahela	October	\$ 368,731	\$ 349,461	\$ 2,989,546	\$ 2,600,363
Ann Arbor	2d wk Dec	79,101	89,309	4,155,407	3,379,831	Monongahela Conn.	October	198,814	236,222	1,515,524	2,032,382
Aitch Topoka & S Fe	October	1,802,518	1,542,518	14,822,598	13,356,079	Montour	October	165,111	156,129	1,135,514	1,130,219
Gulf Colo & S Fe	October	2,349,412	1,768,506	17,226,312	15,796,924	Nashv Chatt & St L	October	1,858,640	2,137,224	16,284,729	17,790,856
Panhandle & S Fe	October	701,129	510,792	5,121,281	4,893,460	Nevada-Cal-Oregon	2d wk Dec	5,915	6,522	321,570	282,880
Atlanta Birm & Atl.	October	455,211	463,206	4,156,669	3,772,884	Nevada Northern	October	138,679	102,964	1,284,314	2,248,051
Atlantic City	October	254,615	251,302	7,256,483	2,041,703	Newburgh & Sou Sh	October	19,435	169,845	1,097,249	1,168,390
Atlantic Coast Line	October	277,584	350,371	3,906,671	3,503,184	New York Great Nor	October	191,353	196,069	1,911,446	1,494,390
Baltimore & Ohio	October	5,539,216	4,987,080	51,815,735	46,380,850	New York & Nor East	October	530,322	591,209	5,311,828	5,411,698
B & O Ch Term.	October	189,776	182,607	1,532,761	1,493,024	N O Texas & Mex.	October	229,789	175,756	1,600,897	1,639,890
Bangor & Aroostook	October	482,540	462,943	4,204,214	3,967,702	Ohio S & W West	October	134,375	111,562	1,103,000	1,187,194
Bellefonte Central	September	11,083	7,339	74,755	65,038	St L Brown & M	October	537,215	461,584	11,106,213	3,661,413
Belt Ry of Chicago	October	389,626	349,689	3,111,865	3,287,437	St L & West	October	202,058	287,374	2,582,064	2,929,423
Bessemer & L Erie	October	1,244,327	1,530,951	11,226,250	11,466,650	Ind Harbor Cent	October	644,338	482,642	5,447,281	4,542,970
Birmingham & Garfield	October	163,777	309,686	1,010,965	2,998,243	Lake Erie & West	October	945,284	972,178	8,111,224	7,729,450
Birmingham South	October	47,672	92,840	450,310	1,229,763	Michigan Central	October	7,810,047	6,644,538	67,547,873	55,568,239
Boston & Maine	October	7,234,194	6,104,231	59,674,321	57,896,288	Cleve C & St L	October	7,488,981	7,137,150	60,561,108	58,959,212
Buff Roch & Pittsb.	2d wk Dec	254,034	187,426	1,941,829	1,882,930	Cincinnati North	October	268,544	295,784	2,425,844	2,277,224
Buffalo & Susq.	October	2,002,317	2,095,401	2,189,933	78,419,180	Pitts & Lake Erie	October	2,286,073	3,510,812	23,594,500	27,427,568
Canadian Nat Rys.	3d wk Dec	175,490	117,946	1,844,238	1,844,238	Tol & Ohio Cent.	October	1,018,373	1,133,380	7,869,533	8,320,313
Can Pac Lines in Me	October	3,715,000	3,731,000	16,783,700	16,941,000	Kanawha & Mich	October	477,400	692,796	3,681,955	4,986,241
Caro Clinch & Ohio	October	544,392	408,122	4,914,208	3,851,358	N Y Ch & St Louis	October	1,957,582	2,327,660	19,665,068	17,961,574
Central of Georgia	October	1,952,520	1,974,419	17,690,512	17,001,793	N Y N H & Hartf.	October	103,457	93,553	128,877,073	85,055,277
Central R R of N J	October	4,077,471	4,434,585	36,973,106	37,525,591	N Y Out & Western	October	893,950	900,823	9,285,790	9,320,357
Cent New England	October	765,560	479,095	5,617,333	5,081,304	Norfolk & West.	October	360,171	504,876	3,230,886	3,589,233
Central Vermont	October	559,887	517,992	4,827,338	4,306,743	Norfolk Southern	October	7,459,599	8,027,949	63,482,641	67,264,435
Charleston & W Car	October	290,007	311,925	2,507,730	2,416,585	Norfolk Va	October	666,483	521,770	5,353,564	4,673,843
Ches & Ohio Lines	October	6,771,577	7,467,628	60,445,309	59,367,963	Northern Ala	October	118,375	161,170	960,795	1,159,299
Chicago & Alton	October	2,439,236	2,388,752	21,120,693	20,124,094	Northern Ala	October	107,039	121,671	83,266,512	82,813,254
Chicago & Burlington	October	1,628,236	1,442,932	12,856,785	11,846,204	Northern Pacific	October	87,190	69,812	883,060	843,183
Chicago & East Illinois	October	2,583,422	2,731,341	20,942,490	22,206,343	Northwestern Pacific	October	678,561	541,814	5,463,239	4,831,458
Chicago Great West	October	2,246,305	1,740,784	18,254,865	15,377,352	Pacific Coast	October	625,090	524,821	4,322,198	4,703,415
Chicago Ind & Louisv.	October	1,295,341	1,082,408	10,274,600	9,987,419	Pennsylvania RR.	October	36,032,244	37,018,541	318,854,368	301,212,035
Chicago Junction	October	358,756	323,653	3,056,317	2,801,319	Balt Ches & Atl.	October	143,724	139,900	1,360,231	1,170,674
Chicago Milw & St Paul	October	1,479,636	1,481,651	12,506,892	11,058,669	Cine Leb & North	October	141,699	93,818	951,778	849,729
Chicago & North West	October	1,425,287	1,387,640	11,636,539	10,539,351	Cumberland Vall.	October	546,312	561,620	4,780,021	4,672,897
Chicago Peoria & St L	October	231,919	194,320	1,453,414	1,831,151	Long Island	October	1,854,252	1,817,117	20,902,801	18,861,378
Chicago R I & Pacific	October	1,137,258	1,016,102	9,177,948	8,782,720	Mary Del & Va	October	122,033	102,947	1,146,273	881,113
Chicago R I & Gulf	October	572,533	385,065	4,042,611	3,642,362	Mary Del & Va	October	755,791	727,782	6,834,622	6,126,778
Chicago St P & Pac	October	2,818,819	2,496,072	22,662,130	20,235,460	Mary Del & Va	October	169,326	155,608	1,372,806	1,347,617
Chicago Terre H & S B	October	532,395	554,594	3,600,531	4,185,699	Mer & Wash	October	900,029	808,412	10,397,484	8,980,412
Cine Ind & Western	October	307,126	371,150	3,563,301	2,605,363	Mer & Wash	October	1,607,071	1,035,823	89,190,596	77,375,670
Cin N O & Tex Pac.	October	1,382,500	1,371,190	13,295,154	12,567,165	Grand Rap & Ind	October	812,169	691,072	6,834,117	6,015,245
Colo & Southern	1st wk Dec	482,614	465,566	23,694,153	20,101,319	Pitta C & St L	October	8,930,380	8,996,414	77,920,045	72,249,641
Colo & Western	October	1,059,220	820,060	9,088,144	6,308,419	Peoria & Pekin Un.	October	151,131	111,891	1,018,190	1,053,579
Trin & Brazos Val	October	146,811	111,092	1,055,611	947,427	Pero Marquette	October	3,539,289	2,060,108	28,966,321	23,400,040
Colo & Wyoming	October	57,282	105,000	876,724	941,604	Perkiomen	October	99,127	114,127	912,020	893,609
Cuba Railroad	October	1,069,773	753,182	11,411,427	10,815,442	Phila Both & N E	October	75,932	123,468	686,436	1,231,159
Delaware & Hudson	October	3,359,670	3,172,081	29,049,930	29,254,666	Phila & Reading	October	7,277,754	6,750,197	61,042,066	66,329,561
Dav & Western	October	6,491,622	6,729,812	59,376,606	56,466,122	Pitts & Shawmut	October	132,435	100,090	994,737	1,127,972
Dav & Rio Grande	October	3,477,549	3,257,741	27,020,629	25,547,191	Pitts & West Va	October	138,998	78,256	973,210	1,050,050
Detroit & Mackac	October	292,153	223,698	2,306,731	1,816,197	Port Reading	October	139,347	170,079	1,145,167	1,581,735
Detroit & St Clair	October	193,524	135,436	1,380,352	1,288,981	Quincy Om & K C	October	194,805	257,307	2,097,422	2,079,087
Detroit & Toledo	October	295,198	169,994	2,044,421	1,616,681	Rich Fred & Potom.	October	103,438	97,000	915,993	890,777
Detroit Trol & Ingot.	October	430,830	354,043	3,148,023	3,763,700	Rich Fred & Potom.	October	612,428	644,378	6,539,624	5,602,785
Dul & Iron Range	October	633,632	1,008,609	7,397,771	8,409,892	Wash Southern	October	35,034	333,923	3,000,000	3,100,000
Dul Missabe & Nor.	October	2,239,234	3,195,440	18,698,783	19,925,877	Rutland	October	445,455	424,201	3,974,858	3,858,225
Dul Sou Shore & Atl	2d wk Dec	76,734	66,713	4,592,705	4,598,975	St Jos & Grand Isl'd	October	280,368	240,790	2,451,135	2,208,768
Duluth Winn & Pac	September	153,533	126,056	1,413,359	1,297,889	St Louis-San Fran.	October	7,692,183	6,612,190	64,363,044	57,326,976
East St Louis Conn.	October	109,586	102,039	1,003,936	985,714	St Louis & Rio Gran	October	185,795	108,695	1,321,552	955,739
Elgin Joliet & East.	October	1,151,891	2,394,205	16,128,294	16,032,631	St L-S P of Texas	October	138,701	123,620	1,265,353	1,161,660
El Paso & So West.	October	1,168,006	1,179,466	10,460,981	12,306,597	St Louis Southwest	October	1,246,245	1,026,628	10,876,734	10,608,858
Erie Railroad	October	8,751,987	9,492,516	76,050,003	71,446,475	St L S W of Texas	September	941,153	515,513	4,793,212	3,012,393
Chicago & Erie	October	954,229	1,209,802	8,200,445	8,797,711	St Louis Transfer	October	116,191	89,806	925,180	938,309
Florida East Coast	October	812,119	611,213	8,260,186	7,393,518	Seaboard Air Line	October	437,229	478,072	3,049,244	3,566,416
Florida Johns & Glov	October	102,539	88,406	1,042,744	931,423	Seaboard Air Line	October	3,657,284	3,477,369	33,958,085	31,951,853
Galveston & Western	October	209,552	134,954	1,340,391	1,059,614	South Buffalo	October	53,820	140,107	839,820	1,001,921
Georgia Railroad	October	101,989	81,737	726,766	872,228	Southern Pacific	October	17,607,935	16,929,017	139,629,081	126,659,693
Georgia & Florida	October	73,781	657,356	5,177,735	5,379,468	Arizona Eastern	October	362,119	389,502	3,077,953	3,723,338
Grd Trk L in New E	October	225,308	143,308	818,535	539,924	Galv Harris & S A	October	1,917,813	1,882,010	12,540,860	17,770,510
Grand Trunk Syst.	2d wk Dec	1,341,590	1,385,902	64,836,561	57,438,095	Hous & Tex Cent.	October	1,023,432	809,938	7,584,750	7,536,243
Grd Trunk West.	October	2,212,240	2,004,327	18,529,516	15,300,601	Hous E & W Tex.	October	208,268	173,368	1,043,640	1,702,982
Great North System	October	11,980,298	12,090,441	89,025,304	80,657,055	Louisiana Western	October	408,215	204,292	3,396,485	3,629,596
Gulf Mobile & Nor.	October	306,827	216,346	3,297,998	1,987,720	Morg La & Texas	October	767,957	677,496	6,333,768	6,112,233
Gulf & Ship Island	October	203,412	204,090	2,021,332</							

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of December. The table covers 13 roads and shows 0.97% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Second Week of December, 1919, 1918, Increase, Decrease. Lists earnings for various railroads like Ann Arbor, Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, etc.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Table with 5 columns: Companies, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Lists companies like American Pow & Light Co., Colorado Power Co., etc.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes.

Large table with 5 columns: Company, Month, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance Surplus. Lists numerous utility companies and their monthly performance.

z After allowing for other income received.

Table with 5 columns: Company, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Fixed Chgs. & Taxes, Balance Surplus. Lists New York Dock Co., Colorado Springs, etc.

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ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Table with 5 columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists various electric railway and public utility companies.

a Includes Milwaukee Light, Heat & Traction Co. b Includes all sources. c Earnings given in milreals. d Includes constituent or subsidiary companies. e Subsidiary companies only. f Lewiston Augusta & Waterville Street Ry. earnings, expenses, &c., not included in 1919. g Includes Tennessee Ry., Light & Power Co., the Nashville Ry. & Light Co., the Tennessee Power Co., and the Chattanooga Ry. & Light Co. h Includes both elevated and subway lines. i Of Abington and Rockland (Mass.).

	Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gretna (La) Light & Power Co, Inc	Nov '19 9,828	2,386	6	2,380
	'18 8,184	def1,853	4	def1,857
	12 mos '19 91,706	19,118	65	19,053
	'18 56,976	10,002	55	9,947
Harrisburg (Pa) Lt & Power Co	Nov '19 115,497	52,951	20,904	32,047
	'18 110,821	36,980	19,699	17,281
	12 mos '19 1,108,059	445,847	238,840	207,007
	'18 990,217	380,101	227,621	152,480
Houston (Tex) Gas & Fuel Co	Nov '19 74,949	24,314	7,147	17,167
	'18 57,629	788	6,941	def5,153
	12 mos '19 768,852	167,238	85,343	81,895
	'18 662,331	177,505	82,571	94,934
Houston Heights (Tex) Water & Light Assn	Nov '19 2,308	595	130	465
	'18 2,175	780	130	650
	12 mos '19 28,668	10,048	1,560	8,488
	'18 30,551	14,242	1,560	12,682
Lancaster (Pa) Elec Lt, Ht & Pow Co	Nov '19 5,172	3,756	1,383	2,373
	'18 4,425	2,698	1,403	1,295
	12 mos '19 57,335	37,103	16,696	20,407
	'18			
Lancaster (Pa) Gas Nov Lt & Fuel Co	Nov '19 29,362	10,129	2,116	8,013
	'18 28,448	8,591	2,277	6,314
	12 mos '19 329,177	96,243	27,305	68,938
	'18 290,620	82,035	26,844	55,191
Leavenworth (Kan) Lt, Ht & Pow Co	Nov '19 30,757	6,473	3,821	2,652
	'18 26,471	5,427	2,884	2,543
	12 mos '19 310,648	76,817	43,967	32,850
	'18 256,795	11,613	34,608	def22,995
Lockport (N Y) Lt, Heat & Power Co	Nov '19 48,456	10,122	7,026	3,096
	'18 44,560	11,002	7,293	3,779
	12 mos '19 479,591	113,721	81,575	31,146
	'18 441,404	104,820	83,361	21,439
Richmond (Ind) Lt Heat & Power Co	Nov '19 23,139	5,668	5,476	192
	'18 16,053	4,751	4,698	53
	12 mos '19 180,359	43,956	61,826	def17,870
	'18 177,481	54,569	55,082	4,377
Union Gas & Elec Co (Bloomington, Ill)	Nov '19 23,632	6,915	2,538	4,377
	'18 20,079	7,165	2,626	4,450
	12 mos '19 255,034	82,889	30,765	52,124
	'18 210,990	62,989	31,894	31,095
The Wilkes-Barre Co (Wilkes-Barre, Pa)	Nov '19 117,424	55,307	21,077	34,230
	'18 98,765	39,744	21,603	18,141
	12 mos '19 1,153,108	485,248	255,516	229,732
	'18 961,975	360,221	257,071	103,150

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FINANCIAL REPORTS.

**Annual, &c., Reports.**—The following is an index to all annual and other financial reports of steam roads, street railways and other companies published since Sept. 27.

As many stock and bond offerings contain financial statements of value this index should serve as a guide to most of the leading offerings of new securities which have been brought out during the period covered, as well as to the reports issued by important investment properties at regular intervals.

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Interborough Rapid Transit Co., New York.

(Expert's Reports—Earnings, Actual and Estimated.)

The report of Stone & Webster in the receivership case of the Interborough Consolidated Corporation, already cited in last week's "Chronicle" (page 2356) further shows (compare V. 109, p. 2070, 2167, 1174, 1080, 676):

**Earnings.**—Our investigation of these properties shows clearly that increases in wages and other operating costs have been much greater than the increase in gross earnings, with the result that the properties are no longer earning their fixed charges, the deficit for the year ending June 30 1919 being nearly \$4,000,000. [This figure disregards the preferentials below mentioned and allows for the company's "other income" of about \$400,000, which is omitted from the tables that follow.—Ed.]

Our estimates for 1920 include the effect of the 25% increase in wages effective Aug. 17 1919. The fixed charges do not include interest chargeable to construction, which, on securities now outstanding, will amount to about \$1,268,000 in 1920. This item should practically disappear in 1921, when it is estimated the new lines will be completed and in operation.

**Preferentials.**—For year 1920-21, under present contract, with a 5-cent fare, the subway lines will fail to earn the company preferentials by \$5,504,000 and the city preferential by \$13,044,000, while with a 7 or 8-cent fare the company preferential from the subways would be earned, but no substantial contribution would be made to the city preferential on a 7-cent fare. Furthermore, at a 5-cent fare the deficit in the company's preferential from the operations of both subway and elevated would be \$13,915,000 and in the city preferential \$21,425,000. In 1922 even at an 8-cent fare little more than half of the city's preferential will be earned.

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**Accumulated Arrears in Preferentials June 30 1919.**  
 Arrears in both company and city preferentials are cumulative and bear interest.

Company preferentials—				
Contract No. 3				\$2,225,484
Interborough certificate				8,231,994
Total				\$10,457,478
City preferential				\$4,400,000
Arrears have been taken into account				
<b>Other Income.</b> —Article XLIX of Contract No. 3 and Article XII of the Interborough certificate define the "revenues" subject thereto so as to exclude certain items of income derived by the company otherwise than from the operation of the lines covered by the city contracts and certificates. Consistent with the gross earnings of the company (as indicated in the footnotes to the tables) are slightly larger than the revenues shown in the tables showing the application of earnings to the respective preferentials.				
<b>Differences Necessarily Disregarded.</b> —The divisions of earnings between company and city under Contract No. 3 and under the Interborough certificate are entirely independent and deficits accruing under the one cannot be made good out of earnings under the other. In the tables herein given for whole, it has been necessary to disregard a better picture of the results as a "balance or deficit" in these tables shows only the feature. As a result the combined earnings exceed or fall short of the total company preferentials or fixed charges as the case may be. The actual sums which would be available for company and city must be determined from the tables for the separate divisions.				
<b>Relations with Manhattan Railway.</b> —See that company's caption under "Investment News" below.				
<b>Investment in the Rapid Transit Lines.</b>				
To provide for the acquisition of Contract No. 1 and Contract No. 2 and to meet its obligations under Contract No. 3 and the allied certificates Interborough Rapid Transit Co. has issued its \$35,000,000 stock (a part of this stock, however, was issued for other than rapid transit purposes), \$160,893,000 First & Ref. Mfg. bonds and \$39,199,000 notes, as follows (compare application of bonds and notes, V. 109, p. 2168):				
Grand total	\$187,990,905	\$47,101,095	\$235,092,000	
The investment of the city of New York in the completed subway system under Contracts 1, 2 and 3, it is estimated, will aggregate \$160,000,000, viz:				
Under Contracts Nos. 1 and 2				\$59,000,000
Under Contract No. 3				\$101,000,000
This does not include interest and sinking fund charges payable by the city which, it is estimated, will by Dec. 31 1921 amount to \$14,780,000.				
[The pamphlet report contains two sets of tables, viz: (1) the tables given below showing how the earnings, actual and estimated, stand as regards the preferential payments to which the company and city are entitled, in (2) tables showing precisely the same results as the tables mentioned in (1) but omitting these quasi bookkeeping items of preferentials on the one hand and on the other hand including the company's approximate "other income" which in the estimates of 1920 to 1922 is taken as \$400,000. The reader, by adding this \$400,000 of other income to the balance that is shown before, deducting the preferentials in the following estimates, will ascertain how the experts believe the company may be expected to fare on the basis of actual income.—Ed.]				
<b>REVENUE FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30—YEAR 1919-20 EST.</b>				
(Preferentials—see text. Other Income, see footnote "x.")				
(1) <b>Subway Division—</b>	1916-17,	1917-18,	1918-19,	'19-'20 (est.)
Revenues	\$21,454,893	\$21,840,448	\$24,032,208	\$27,000,000
Oper. expenses & taxes	8,919,114	10,808,594	15,260,074	18,822,000
Balance	\$12,535,779	\$11,031,854	\$9,372,134	\$8,778,000
Company deductions:				
Rentals—city	2,375,715	2,384,537	2,413,638	2,442,000
Rentals—Miscell.	13,310	12,420	10,600	11,000
Int. & sk. fd. on Interboro bonds & notes	2,891,062	3,695,852	7,150,469	8,995,000
Bal. before preferentials	\$7,255,692	\$4,939,045	def\$202,573	def\$2,676,000
Bal. of co's preferential	3,178,000	3,178,000	3,178,000	3,178,000
Bal. for city preferentials or def. in company preferentials	\$4,077,692	\$1,761,045	def\$3,380,573	def\$5,848,000
City preferential & contingent fund	214,549	218,404	6,466,322	6,496,000
Balance, sur. or def sur.	\$3,863,143	sur.\$1,542,641	def\$9,846,895	def\$12,344,000



<b>(2) Manhattan Div.</b>			
Revenues	\$18,411,254	\$18,657,280	\$18,575,002
Oper. expenses & taxes	10,535,564	12,063,326	14,107,409
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$7,875,690</b>	<b>\$6,593,954</b>	<b>\$4,467,593</b>
Other deductions:			
Rentals—Manh. lease	6,043,280	6,043,280	6,043,280
Rentals—Miscell's	23,244	187,093	384,071
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1,809,166</b>	<b>\$363,581</b>	<b>\$1,959,758</b>
Interboro charges	\$738,575	\$1,233,467	\$2,255,310
Preferential	1,589,348	1,589,348	1,589,348
<b>Def. in co. preferent'ls</b>	<b>\$518,757</b>	<b>\$2,459,234</b>	<b>\$5,804,416</b>
<b>(3) Combined System</b>			
Revenues	\$39,866,147	\$40,497,728	\$43,207,210
Oper. expenses & taxes	19,454,678	22,871,920	29,367,483
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$20,411,469</b>	<b>\$17,625,808</b>	<b>\$18,839,727</b>
Company deductions:			
Rentals—City subway	2,375,715	2,384,537	2,413,638
Rentals—Miscell's	36,554	199,513	394,671
Rentals—Manh. lease	6,043,280	6,043,280	6,043,280
Interest & sinking fund	3,629,637	4,929,319	9,405,770
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$8,326,283</b>	<b>\$4,068,159</b>	<b>\$4,417,641</b>
Balance of preferentials	4,767,348	4,767,348	4,767,348
City preferential & contingent fund	214,549	218,404	6,466,322
<b>Balance x</b>	<b>sur\$3,344,386</b>	<b>def\$916,593</b>	<b>def\$15,651,311</b>

a Representing expenditures upon the subways.  
 x Disregarding the company's "other income," viz.: 1917, \$483,487; 1918, \$495,424; 1919, \$494,944; 1920, \$400,000.  
 b Embraces interest and sinking fund on Interborough bonds and notes representing expenditures upon the elevated lines.

**ESTIMATES OF RESULTS OF INCREASED FARES UPON PREFERENTIALS, YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.**

[Preferentials, see text. Other income, see footnote "x."]

<b>(1) Subway Div.</b>			
Year 1920-21	Year 1921-22	Year 1922-23	Year 1923-24
Revenue	\$37,568,000	\$40,659,000	\$40,730,000
Oper. expenses & taxes	21,454,000	22,070,000	22,660,000
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$16,114,000</b>	<b>\$18,589,000</b>	<b>\$18,070,000</b>
Company deductions:			
Rentals—City subway	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,600,000
Rentals—Miscell's	11,000	11,000	10,000
Int. & sinking fund on Interboro bonds & notes representing exp. upon subways	9,958,000	9,958,000	9,803,000
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$3,645,000</b>	<b>\$6,120,000</b>	<b>\$5,657,000</b>
Balance of preferential	3,178,000	3,178,000	3,178,000
City preferential & contingent fund	7,550,000	7,590,000	9,255,000
<b>Deficit x</b>	<b>\$7,092,000</b>	<b>\$4,648,000</b>	<b>\$6,776,000</b>

<b>(2) Manhattan Div.</b>			
Revenue	\$24,924,000	\$26,937,000	\$26,070,000
Oper. expenses & taxes	18,072,000	18,564,000	18,567,000
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$6,852,000</b>	<b>\$8,373,000</b>	<b>\$7,503,000</b>
Company deductions:			
Rentals—Manh. lease	6,043,000	6,043,000	6,043,000
Rentals—Miscell's	457,000	457,000	457,000
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$352,000</b>	<b>\$1,873,000</b>	<b>\$1,003,000</b>
Int. & sinking fund on Interb. bonds & notes representing expend's upon elevated lines	3,006,000	3,006,000	2,813,000
Preferential	1,589,000	1,589,000	1,589,000
<b>Def. in co. preferentials</b>	<b>\$4,243,000</b>	<b>\$2,722,000</b>	<b>\$3,399,000</b>

<b>(3) Combined System</b>			
Revenue	\$62,492,000	\$67,596,000	\$66,800,000
Oper. expenses & taxes	39,526,000	40,634,000	41,227,000
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$22,966,000</b>	<b>\$26,962,000</b>	<b>\$25,573,000</b>
Company deductions:			
Rentals—City subway	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,600,000
Rentals—Miscell's	458,000	458,000	467,000
Rentals—Manh. lease	6,043,000	6,043,000	6,043,000
Interest & sinking fund	12,964,000	12,964,000	12,616,000
<b>Balance</b>	<b>def\$991,000</b>	<b>\$4,987,000</b>	<b>\$3,847,000</b>
Balance of preferentials	4,767,000	4,767,000	4,767,000
City preferential & contingent fund	7,559,000	7,590,000	9,255,000
<b>Balance x</b>	<b>\$11,335,000</b>	<b>\$7,370,000</b>	<b>\$10,175,000</b>

x Disregarding the company's "other income," aggregating about \$400,000 each year, which would reduce its deficit or increase its surplus earnings to that extent. Compare V. 109, p. 2167, 2070; V. 109, p. 2359.

**Maxwell Motor Co., Inc., Detroit and New York.**

(Sixth Annual Report—Year ending July 31 1919.)

On a subsequent page will be found the report for the late fiscal year ending July 31 1919, including the remarks of President W. Ledyard Mitchell:

<b>CONSOL. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT YEARS ENDING JULY 31.</b>			
	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Net, after taxes, &c.	\$2,144,214	\$2,437,114	\$5,342,728
Other income	1,085,109	726,220	572,176
<b>Gross income</b>	<b>\$3,229,323</b>	<b>\$3,163,334</b>	<b>\$5,914,905</b>
Depreciation	\$929,937	\$871,133	\$407,268
Sinking fund	131,333	133,366	139,151
Inventories reserve	—	—	200,000
First pref. dividends	\$233,515	\$953,762	976,427
Second pref. dividends	—	—	167,607
Common dividends	—	—	11,277,300
Adjustment of taxes	50,173	580,302	—
Reduction of value of other investments	—	75,000	—
Res. for conting.	600,000	—	—
Reserve for income tax	169,887	—	—
<b>Balance, surplus</b>	<b>\$1,114,487</b>	<b>\$549,681</b>	<b>\$2,506,669</b>
Total surplus July 31	\$9,681,613	\$8,567,125	\$8,017,444

\* Deprec. on bldgs., mach'y and tools over and above repairs & replace'ts.  
 x During the year 1917-18 the regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% on the 1st pref. stock for the quarters ending Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 1917 were paid in cash and for the quarters ending March 31 and June 30 1918 in dividend certificates payable as to principal two years from date of issue, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable semi-annually.  
 In 1918-19, because of the increased cost of labor and materials and because a final settlement had not yet been effected with the Government agents and accountants in regard to the 5-year lease of the Chalmers Motor Corp. properties, it was deemed necessary to conserve the cash resources of the company and to discontinue the payment in scrip or otherwise of the pref. dividends since Oct. 1 1918. See merger plan V. 109, p. 978, 985, 1700, 2362.

**The Cuban-American Sugar Co., New York.**

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Sept. 30 1919.)

The report will be found at length on a subsequent page including the remarks of President R. B. Hawley, the consolidated balance sheet and consolidated profit and loss account.

<b>GENERAL STATISTICS FOR YEARS ENDING SEPT. 30.</b>			
	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Total bags	1,965,641	1,724,750	1,863,802
Total in tons (1,000 lbs.)	314,603	275,900	298,208
Cardenas Ref. (1,000 lbs.)	43,164	50,277	30,613
Gramercy Ref. (1,000 lbs.)	143,590	151,026	145,341
<b>CONSOL. INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING SEPT. 30.</b>			
	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
*Sugar sales	\$49,324,349	\$38,251,539	\$38,553,479
Molasses sales	342,475	650,353	714,304
Interest received	347,061	234,959	208,850
Profit on stores, &c.	753,279	952,465	768,921
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,767,165</b>	<b>\$40,089,316</b>	<b>\$40,345,554</b>
Prod. & mfg. costs, selling & general expenses	37,721,928	29,840,043	29,523,594
<b>Net earnings</b>	<b>\$13,045,236</b>	<b>\$10,249,273</b>	<b>\$10,821,960</b>

<b>Deduct</b>			
Reserve for income and war excess profits taxes as may be finally determined	\$4,000,000	\$3,500,000	\$2,500,000
Depreciation	999,022	909,794	782,030
Discount on bonds	—	197,095	83,990
Interest on bonds	—	498,420	529,530
Int. on bills payable, &c.	348,652	306,009	83,520
Discount on notes	108,333	137,500	—
Loss on Lib. bonds sold	227,933	—	—
Interest on notes	270,000	256,443	—
Res. to reduce cap. exp.	—	715,229	—
Bond sinking fund	—	96,128	637,926
Preferred dividends (7%)	552,566	552,566	552,566
Common (cash) divs. (101,000,000)	(10,999,950)	(20,199,913)	(20,142,712)
Common (stock) divs. paid Oct. 2 1916	—	—	(40,285,240)
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>\$7,506,505</b>	<b>\$7,670,714</b>	<b>\$7,117,590</b>
<b>Balance, surplus</b>	<b>\$5,538,731</b>	<b>\$2,578,559</b>	<b>\$3,704,370</b>

<b>CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30.</b>			
	1919.	1918.	1917.
<b>Assets—</b>			
Lands, bldgs., machinery, &c.	\$1,526,341	\$2,993,128	\$2,993,128
Good-will	3,929,340	3,929,340	—
Advances to Colonos, &c.	3,817,658	3,334,174	—
Plant & grow. cane	2,784,304	2,592,223	—
Live stock & equip.	1,318,668	1,288,109	—
Inventory of raw material, &c.	5,014,333	4,500,686	—
Stock of raw, &c., sugar	5,591,557	2,327,854	—
Cash	2,311,213	1,606,366	—
Liberty bonds	1,199,240	2,300,000	—
A/ccts. & bills rec.	2,067,823	1,530,301	—
Bond discount	—	162,500	—
Other def. charges	194,217	176,150	—
Advances	576,431	379,400	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,301,279</b>	<b>\$44,120,834</b>	<b>\$44,120,834</b>
<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Common stock	10,000,000	9,999,500	9,999,500
Preferred stock	7,893,500	7,893,500	7,893,500
1st lien 6% notes	4,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
Real est. M., &c.	462,193	462,193	—
Bills payable	459,335	1,052,257	—
Bankers' loans	1,069,699	858,634	—
Accounts payable	2,205,225	1,722,633	—
Salaries and wages	104,330	73,211	—
Interest accrued	81,160	109,451	—
Reserve for income and war taxes (est.)	5,398,519	3,743,202	—
Deepee's reserve	6,258,678	5,478,284	—
Surplus	22,367,140	16,628,168	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,301,279</b>	<b>\$44,120,834</b>	<b>\$44,120,834</b>

a After deducting reserve for bad and doubtful accounts. b After crediting \$440,000 collateral trust bonds canceled through the sinking fund. In regard to the First Lien 6% gold notes, see V. 105, p. 2545.—V. 109, p. 2360.

**Central Sugar Corporation.**

(Third Annual Report Year ending June 30 1919.)

President Chas. J. Welch, N. Y., Dec. 11 1919, wrote in substance (compare news item on a following page):  
 The production of raw sugar for the year was 114,131 actual bags, equivalent to 107,236 bags of approximately 325 lbs. each. The acreage now planted is sufficient to produce, under normal conditions, an output of fully 200,000 bags.

A serious boiler accident in February temporarily closed the sugar house and reduced the output of the mill of about 60,000 bags. Four B. & W. boilers have been purchased, so that we shall have ample boiler capacity. The use of fuel oil instead of wood is expected to show material savings in operating costs. The company is now carrying use and occupancy insurance of nearly \$700,000.

The fiscal year having been changed from Oct. 31 to June 30 the entire production for the year has been set up in the income account at the actual sales or contract prices, while the expenses for eight months only have been included.

During the past summer the construction of railway extensions of about 7 1/2 kilometers, additional loading stations, &c., have been made, with sidings and loading station, and a new Baldwin locomotive purchased.

The heavy expenditures for construction and improvements have necessitated further borrowings and the bankers interested have temporarily advanced amounts aggregating \$550,000. The permanent financing of these loans and obligations require early consideration.

The contract with the U. S. Sugar Equalization Board, Inc., expired with the season just ended. With the prevailing prices of sugar and the available supply of cane it is confidently expected that the coming year will show satisfactory profits.

The One-Year 7% Gold notes matured on Mar. 1 1919, and in order to retire this issue and furnish additional working capital, your directors authorized an issue of \$1,500,000 of One Year 7% Gold notes of which \$1,200,000 were sold.

<b>STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS.</b>			
	8 Mos. to June 30 '19.	12 Mos. to 1917-18.	1916-17.
Production (bags, 325 lbs.)	107,236	139,615	not stated.
Gross income (see text)	\$2,036,313	\$2,206,563	\$2,198,751
Operating expenses	1,980,712	2,028,548	1,714,617
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$55,601</b>	<b>\$178,115</b>	<b>\$484,134</b>
Interest	125,676	125,411	40,930
Federal taxes	—	32,675	—
Other deductions	18,666	20,000	149,374
Preferred dividends	—	157,500	175,000
Adjustments	—	Cr. 21,988	—
<b>Balance, surplus</b>	<b>df. \$58,742</b>	<b>df. \$135,512</b>	<b>\$118,830</b>

<b>BALANCE SHEET.</b>			
	June 30 1919.	Oct. 31 1918.	June 30 1917.
<b>Assets—</b>			
Property	\$4,440,088	\$4,229,102	—
Work animals, equipment and tools	65,600	—	—
Advances to Colonos & contractors	788,651	—	—
Materials and supplies	201,598	—	—
Raw sugar and molasses on hand	338,065	732,281	—
Growing cane	2,395	—	—
Bills & a/ccts. reciev.	78,229	570,120	—
Liberty bonds	25,762	25,000	—
Cash	44,786	130,441	—
Deferred charges	29,941	68,729	—
Deficit	72,749	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,138,486</b>	<b>\$5,758,703</b>	<b>\$5,758,703</b>
<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Common stock	400,000	400,000	400,000
Preferred stock	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Gold notes	1,200,000	1,000,000	—
Bankers' advances	45,936	—	—
Bills payable	1,073,604	1,209,666	—
Accounts payable	278,786	32,773	—
Surplus	45,410	—	—
Reserve deprec'n	94,761	100,871	—
Profit and loss	—	15,993	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,138,486</b>	<b>\$5,758,703</b>	<b>\$5,758,703</b>

x Raw sugar is valued at the price contracted for with the U

**Cardenas-American Sugar Co., Incorporated, N. Y.**

(Preliminary Report for Year ending Oct. 31 1919.)

Secretary T. W. Moffat, 43 Exchange Place, New York, Dec. 10 wrote in substance:

Owing to the unusual conditions prevailing, the directors have authorized the sending out of this preliminary balance sheet and profit and loss account.

Due partly to unfavorable weather conditions and partly to unsatisfactory results in the operation of your factory, the total amount of sugar produced was 44,939 bags of 325 lbs. each. High cost of cane and high operating expenses generally increased the costs so that there remained net earnings of \$84,201 as compared with \$53,022 last year, after deducting for depreciation the same amount as in 1918, i. e., \$56,266. The item of \$72,499 shown in suspense will be allocated after final audit between capital expenditures, reserve for depreciation and operating expenses.

During the year the usual quarterly dividends on the 7% Cumulative Preferred stock, aggregating \$78,750, were paid and applied against surplus. Owing to other demands, J. G. White recently resigned as a director and President and consequently Vice-President Henry P. DuBois was elected a director and President.

[This company's sugar estates are located at Cardenas, Matanzas Province, Cuba.]

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED OCT. 31.**  
[Figures for 1918-19 are tentative.]

	1918-19.	1917-18.
Production (325-lb. bags)	44,939	41,583
Sugar shipped less freight (39,000 bags), \$700,138; sugar on hand (cost, proceeds less freight, 5,455 bags), \$95,510; local sugar sales (484 bags), \$7,594; miscellaneous income, \$10,338; total income (44,939 bags crop for season)	\$818,580	\$684,234
Operating expenses—Cost of cane	398,941	307,026
General admin., &c., expenses in Cuba and N. Y.	248,403	258,088
Gross operating profits	\$166,235	\$119,119
Depreciation	56,266	56,266
Taxes, Cuba	17,528	—
Taxes, New York	2,374	5,288
Interest on borrowed money	5,869	4,543
Preferred dividends (7%)	78,750	78,750
Profit for period	\$5,450	def. \$25,728
Profit and loss, surplus	\$329,751	\$324,301

**BALANCE SHEET OCT. 31.**

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.		
Land, bldgs., machinery, equip., &c.	2,826,478	2,752,959	7% Cum. Pref. stock	1,250,000	1,250,000
Real estate mgt.	15,000	22,500	Common stock	1,500,000	1,500,000
Work, animals, equipment and tools	14,500	5,351	Accounts payable	50,534	10,251
Pref. stock in treas.	119,334	119,334	Accrued taxes, interest, &c.	6,520	8,319
Liberty bonds	90,000	141,753	Bills payable	29,400	120,000
Sugar on hand	95,510	87,394	Depreciation reserve	264,284	203,297
Materials & supplies	116,027	96,539	Conting. &c., reserve	17,692	—
Accts. rec'le (sugar)	16,527	76,510	Surplus	329,751	324,301
Accts. rec'le (miscel.)	80,241	—			
Cash and deposits	71,278	74,648			
Advances	—	41,953			
Prepaid accounts	6,038	5,715			
Total	3,454,181	3,425,488	Total	3,454,181	3,425,488

—V. 106, p. 1035.

**Stern Brothers, New York.**

(Report for the Fiscal Year ending Jan. 31 1919.)

President Louis Stern, N. Y., Mar. 15 1919, wrote in subst.:

The year's operations resulted in a net profit of \$160,680, after reserving \$88,191 for taxes, charging off \$66,935 of the deferred charges, and making the usual provisions for depreciation of fixtures, machinery and equipment. Attention is called to the payment of the equipment loan and gold notes, amounting to \$2,100,000, which matured on Aug. 15 1918 and Feb. 1 1919, respectively. This leaves the company with no other indebtedness except the usual current bills payable to its banks and bankers and merchandise indebtedness.

The business of the company during the past year showed a satisfactory improvement, and if general conditions are normal during this year, there is every reason to believe, based upon the increasing volume of business since the beginning of this year, that its steady and healthy growth will continue. [The resumption of preferred dividend was announced in "Chronicle" of Dec. 20 1919, p. 2363.—Ed.]

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED JAN. 31.**

	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Profits	\$842,918	\$647,414	\$845,525
Miscellaneous revenue	53,831	55,063	72,644
Total income	\$896,749	\$702,477	\$918,169
Officers' salaries	555,000	555,000	555,000
General, &c., expenses	31,354	24,315	46,665
Reserve for bad accounts	28,796	30,193	41,386
Depreciation	63,694	62,968	64,887
Amortization	66,935	—	—
Interest	102,098	129,337	172,617
Total deductions	\$347,877	\$301,814	\$380,555
Profits before charging Federal taxes	548,871	400,664	—
Federal war and income tax reserve	88,191	34,790	—
Balance, surplus	\$460,680	\$365,873	\$537,614

**BALANCE SHEET JAN. 31.**

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.		
Trade-names, good will, &c.	7,499,000	7,499,000	Preferred stock	3,000,000	3,000,000
Fixt. & machinery	758,249	801,319	Common stock	7,500,000	7,500,000
Delivery equipmt	77,862	99,386	6% notes	—	2,000,000
Cash	340,486	759,156	Equipment loan	—	100,000
Inventories	2,158,665	2,022,615	Trade creditors	374,699	257,584
Trade accounts	1,035,504	917,443	Accrued pay-roll	30,747	22,157
Other accts. rec.	50,536	147,925	Notes payable	1,000,000	—
Miscellaneous	65,529	50,791	Over. Int. & taxes	91,067	38,120
U. S. Govt. secur.	17,933	155,000	Customers' bal.	33,394	30,876
Deferred charges	702,418	669,351	Sundry creditors	45,300	35,443
			Surplus	370,569	129,889
Total	12,666,117	13,114,039	Total	12,666,117	13,114,039

\* Includes abandoned equipment and rent and expenses since occupancy (23d St. store, N. Y.), \$468,139, and rent and taxes prior to operation (42d St. store, N. Y.), \$134,279.  
† Net profits for year ended Jan. 31 1918, \$365,873, less deficit Feb. 1 1917, \$235,984, balance, \$129,889.—V. 109, p. 2363.

**Carbon Steel Company, Pittsburgh**

(25th Annual Report—Year Ending Sept. 30 1919)

President Charles McKnight, Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 28 1919, wrote in substance:

Results.—As there were many delays in adjusting the details of the Settlement Agreement with the U. S. Government growing out of the termination of war contracts it was necessary temporarily to suspend operations, and advantage was taken of this to complete the improvements which had been started during the war. Operations were resumed soon after the first of July, and with the rapidly improving manufacturing conditions throughout the country, particularly among the automobile and implement concerns, our business was fast regaining pre-war proportions, when the present steel workers' strike became effective, and operations were again interrupted.

Notwithstanding the several interruptions in operations during the fiscal year, the results of our business, which was very much larger in volume than ever before, have been satisfactory. The net profits, after deducting an allowance of \$3,225,000 for Federal Income and Excess Profits Taxes for the year, were \$1,968,345.

Your Directors have also made the following charges against the profits of the year:—\$168,783 for inventory and sundry adjustments; \$217,651 for depreciation of plant and equipment; \$7,650 for premium on Carbon Steel Co. 5% S. F. gold bonds, redeemed in January last; \$10,000 for contributions to war charities; and have paid the usual 8% dividend, amounting to \$40,000, on the First Preferred Stock; the usual 6% dividend, amounting to \$90,000, on the Second Preferred Stock; and dividends amounting to \$600,000 on the Common Stock; leaving a net increase in the surplus account of \$546,261 for the year.

Bonds and Mortgages.—In January last, your company purchased the entire balance then outstanding of the 5% Carbon Steel Co. Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, amounting to \$506,000, at a premium of 2 1/2%. Of the original issue of \$2,000,000, \$224,000 have been turned into the sinking fund from time to time and canceled, and the remaining \$1,776,000 are now held in the treasury.

The company also paid off, in January last, the \$100,000 real estate mortgage on the 31st St. property. Your company, therefore, is now entirely free from indebtedness, excepting current monthly bills and the amount due for Federal Income and Excess Profits Taxes up to Oct. 1 1919.

Federal Taxes.—For the period ending Sept. 30 1918, your company's Federal Income and Excess Profits Taxes amounted to \$1,800,975, which were charged against the earnings for that period; the last quarterly payment of these taxes will be due Dec. 15 next. We have set aside out of the earnings of the fiscal year just ended an additional sum of \$1,225,000, which in their opinion will cover all Federal Income Taxes up to Oct. 1 1919; and bonds, securities and cash at interest are held in sufficient quantities in the treasury to meet these future payments as they mature.

U. S. Government Securities.—Your company purchased United States Liberty and Victory Loans to an aggregate amount of \$1,074,100, and also purchased \$255,400 for account of the employees. We also purchased of U. S. Certificates of indebtedness from time to time, aggregating \$1,075,000. All of these certificates have now been redeemed by the Government.

On account of the delay in receiving payment from the Government on the company's claims under its war contracts, and that the company might have funds with which to meet its Federal taxes due Sept., the holdings of Liberty and Victory Bonds were sold in the open market. However, as soon as payment of the company's principal claims against the Government was received the latter part of September, the company purchased \$259,000 5% War Finance Corporation Bonds, bringing its total holdings of these bonds up to \$459,000, and also purchased \$500,000 Victory Loan and other bonds.

Inventory.—A physical inventory has been taken of all raw materials, and supplies, and proper reductions have been made to bring the values of all materials on hand down to present market prices. These reductions, together with other sundry adjustments, amount to \$166,783, and have been charged against the surplus account for the year.

Improvements.—Your company has expended during the year for permanent improvements, extensions and replacements the sum of \$1,198,561. Of this amount, \$621,319 has been charged direct to property accounts, and the balance to reserves heretofore made to cover the cost of extraordinary facilities installed by reason of war requirements; and also \$207,651 has been charged off for depreciation of plant, machinery and equipment. The physical condition of the plant has been maintained at its maximum efficiency, and the cost of all repairs, rebuilding and renewals, amounting to \$507,265 throughout the year has been charged to operating expenses.

The principal improvements installed or completed during the year include a thoroughly modern forge department for both light and heavy forgings; a 32-inch jobbing mill, capable of producing high grade alloy steels and light plates; a concrete caisson in the Allegheny River with complete pumping facilities to furnish necessary water supply; five new Sterling boilers, aggregating 4,110 h. p., equipped with Westinghouse stokers, ash disposal and coal storage facilities, machines for cutting and straightening automobile axle and similar high grade articles. All of this new equipment has been installed in modern brick and steel buildings of the most approved mill construction.

The manufacture of locomotive forgings, boiler and fire-box steel has always represented a considerable portion of your business.

Bonus.—The bonus plan for officers and employees (except the president) which was inaugurated in 1917, and approved by the stockholders at the last annual meeting, was continued throughout the fiscal year just closed.

The Kittanning Iron & Steel Mfr. Co., the controlling interest in which your company owns, enable us to produce pig iron and coal considerably in excess of our requirements; their blast furnace is at present closed down. The comparative income account was published in V. 109 p. 1701.

**BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30.**

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.		
Real estate, plant, equipment	6,810,865	6,397,199	First pref. stock	500,000	500,000
Accounts and bills receivable	1,099,187	1,779,851	Second pref. stock	1,500,000	1,500,000
Raw materials mill supplies, &c. (at cost)	1,134,002	2,876,540	Common stock	3,000,000	3,000,000
Deferred charges	40,698	152,745	5% st. fd. bonds	—	3,000,000
Investments—U. S. Govt. & other bonds	950,000	518,000	Real estate mgt.	—	100,000
Lib. bds. for employees	1,025	33,007	Sundry creditors	—	1,012,903
War Sav. Stamps	—	2,454	Govt. contingent advances	—	2,052,616
Kittanning Iron & Steel Mfr. Co., other inv.	357,565	25,000	Accts payable	362,638	—
Cash	3,030,274	1,995,265	Common dividend	150,000	150,000
			Reserves—		
Total	13,432,715	14,046,811	Exc. prof. &c., tax	3,709,088	1,834,819
			Replace's, &c.	476,870	402,615
			Surplus	4,034,119	3,187,858

\* of the original authorized bonded indebtedness of \$2,000,000, bonds amounting to \$470,000 are unused, \$224,000 have been canceled by sinking fund, \$306,000 are still outstanding and the balance of \$1,000,000 have been given as security on the U. S. Government contract against advances amounting to \$2,052,616.—V. 109 p. 1701.

**Santa Cecilia Sugar Corporation.**

(Report for Year ending July 31 1919.)

President M. H. Lewis, N. Y., Nov. 20, wrote in subst.:

The season was characterized by favorable weather conditions, resulting in a comparatively short grinding season free of serious interruptions. The quality of the juice was practically the same as that of the previous year, but mechanical and other improvements produced better factory results. Costs in every department ruled high, and the extended delay in the removal of sugar under contract with the U. S. Equalization Board created heavy charges for storage, insurance and interest.

Grinding began Dec. 12 1918 and ended May 31 1919, during which period the factory ground 100,666 Spanish tons of cane of 2,500 lbs. each, and made 13,346 bags of sugar at 325 lbs. each, the yield of sugar being 12.23% and the average purity 95.61 degrees. The molasses output was 67,000 gallons of an average purity of 20.94 degrees.

Gross revenue from all sources amounted to \$1,786,303. Operating expenses of all kinds, including repairs and replacements, aggregated \$1,341,442. The gross earnings amounted to \$444,861. The profit, after deducting \$44,656 for interest on current debt, \$40,484 for bond interest and \$79,677 for depreciation provisions, amounted to \$280,043. The amount written off represents 5% on manufacturing plant and plantation railroad, 10% on railroad rolling stock and buildings other than factory, and 20% for exhaustion of cane plantings, all as recommended by the auditors, and considered by the management to be ample.

Excess profit tax and income taxes referred to in bal. sheet are est. \$55,000. For the mortgage sinking fund the corporation was required, out of earnings, to apply approximately \$45,000 to retirement of bonds. Since July 31 1919, however, \$89,122 has been applied to the retirement of \$100,000 of corporation bonds, leaving the amount of bonds now outstanding \$60,000.

Capital expenditures amounted to \$158,898 for extensions and betterments of the railroad and equipment, additions to the manufacturing plant, new cane planting (\$31,367), &c.

The rainfall thus far has been considerably below normal and the growth of the cane correspondingly backward. It is probable that grinding will begin about Jan. 1. All indications point to a higher average selling price for sugar during the current year.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 31. Table with columns for 1918-19, 1917-18, 1918-19, and 1917-18. Rows include Operating profit, Total on over't debt, Bond interest, Depreciation, Prof. divs., etc.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET JULY 31. Table with columns for 1919 and 1918. Rows include Assets (Prop. plant, bldgs., Equip., etc.) and Liabilities (Pref. stock, Common stock, etc.).

a At prices subsequently realized except 12,000 bags still unshipped but contracted for with Equalization Board at net contract price. b Preferred 1,318 shares, nominal value \$1,182 shares at cost, \$13,268. c Reduced Sept. 18 1919 to \$600,000.—V. 109, p. 78.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

Androscoggin & Kennebec Ry.—Successor Company.—See Lewiston Augusta & Waterville St. Ry. below.

Arkansas & Louisiana Midland RR.—Reorganization.—At a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at Monroe, La., a proposition proposing reorganization of the company for the development of gas fields in Monroe and West Monroe, and in Ouachita parish, was unanimously endorsed.

Ashtabula Rapid Transit Co.—Ordinance Passed.—An ordinance recently passed by the city council provides among other things: (a) the purchase of the property at a price set at \$296,000; (b) the issuance of \$350,000 6% bonds, secured on the property of the company; (c) a franchise designed to be operative only in case the city defaults on payments regarding a foreclosure sale necessary.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—Definitive 10-year 6% Secured Gold bonds are ready for delivery at the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., 55 Cedar St., in exchange for temporary securities.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Cambridge Subway Bill Enacted.—The bill providing for the purchase of the Cambridge subway by the Commonwealth, passed by the Massachusetts Legislature, has been signed by Governor Coolidge.

Boston & Maine RR.—Approves Financing—President.—The stockholders on Dec. 23 authorized (1) the issuing of \$2,273,000 bonds to be used to take up an equal amount of bonds issued to the Director-General of RRs.; (2) \$10,000,000 of bonds for purpose of paying the Director-General of RRs. for improvements and additions; (3) \$620,000 bonds for the payment of Boston & Lowell RR.; and (4) ratified and approved the action of the adjourned annual meeting held Dec. 3 1919 in electing directors to serve until the next annual meeting.

Brooklyn City RR.—Suit to Stop City Buses.—The company has served notice upon Grover A. Whalen, individually, and as Commissioner of Plant and Structures of New York City, of a proposition to seek to restrain him from operating municipal bus lines in competition with the lines of the company.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Probable Dates of Opening New Lines—New Steel Cars.—See Rapid Transit in N. Y. City below.

T. S. Williams Resigns.—Timothy S. Williams has tendered his resignation, to take effect Dec. 31. Mr. Williams has held important positions with the company ever since 1895, having been President at the time the system went into receivership in January last; since then he has been co-operating with the Receiver in the management of the lines.—V. 109, p. 2171.

Central of Georgia Ry.—Bond Call.—See Chattahoochee & Gulf RR. below.—V. 109, p. 2262.

Chattahoochee & Gulf RR.—Bond Call.—Eighteen First Mortgage bonds have been drawn for payment out of the sinking fund and will be redeemed on Jan. 1 at the Citizen's & Southern Bank of Savannah, Ga.—V. 107, p. 2375.

Chicago Elevated Rys. Collateral Trust.—Fares.—The Illinois P. U. Commission will hold a general hearing on the question of the fares of the elevated beginning Jan. 2 when a decision fixing the permanent rate to be charged is expected.—V. 109, p. 2355.

Chicago Surface Lines.—Fares Reduced.—The Illinois P. U. Commission has put the surface lines on a straight 6-cent cash fare basis, effective Dec. 27. Outstanding 5, 6 1/2 and 7-cent tickets will be accepted for transportation at the holders' option. Tickets may be redeemed at the companies' offices at the holders' option.

Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry. Co.—Interest Payment.—On account of the non-delivery of the engraved permanent bonds of the Ref. and Improvement Mtge 6% bonds by Jan. 2 1920, the interest due on that date will be paid at the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York upon presentation of the temporary bonds for notation.

Erie County Traction Corp.—Reorganized Company.—This company was incorporated at Albany, N. Y., on Nov. 24 1919 and on Jan. 1 1920 will take over the property of the old Buffalo Southern Ry. Co., recently foreclosed. The new company is capitalized as follows:

- (a) \$450,000 Capital stock, all of one class.
(b) \$100,000 1st Mtge. 6% bonds dated Jan. 1 1920, due Jan. 1 1970.
(c) \$150,000 Income bonds, 30-years, dated Jan. 1 1920, due Jan. 1 1950.

Georgia & Florida RR.—Sale Ordered.—Under orders of the Richmond County Superior Court at Augusta, Ga., and of the Circuit Court at Madison, Fla., the road is to be sold at auction at Augusta, Feb. 3, to satisfy claims of holders of unpaid receivers' certificates.

Gulf & Ship Island RR.—Federal Contract.—Director-General of RRs. Hines has signed the Federal operating contract fixing the annual compensation at \$595,882.—V. 108, p. 378.

Hagerstown & Frederick Ry.—Checks were sent out Dec. 17 by the Fidelity Trust Co., Baltimore, to members of the syndicate who participated in the underwriting of the \$550,000 One-year 6% Collat. Trust notes.—V. 109, p. 1700, 1610.

Hartford & Springfield Street Ry.—Obituary.—Philip L. Saltonstall, a director of the Bay State Street Ry., President and a director of the Hartford & Springfield St. Ry., Treasurer and a director of the Manchester Traction, Light & Power Co. and a trustee and a member of the executive committee of the Massachusetts Electric Co., died at his home in Boston on Nov. 15.—V. 109, p. 676.

Illinois Central RR.—Officer.—M. P. Blauvelt has resigned as Regional Director of Railroads of the Allegheny region and has been elected Vice-President of this road. No successor has been named to succeed him.—V. 109, p. 1366.

Interborough Consolidated Corp.—Export's Report.—See Interborough Rapid Transit Co. under financial reports above.—V. 109, p. 2356.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Probable Opening of New Lines—Report of Stone & Webster.—See Rapid Transit in N. Y. City below and "Financial Reports" on a preceding page.

Earnings, &c.—The report of Stone & Webster is cited under "Financial Reports," and under caption "Interborough Consolidated Co-operators," in V. 109, p. 2356; See also "Earnings Department," above for results in November 1919. The street railways earnings will be published later.

Jacksonville (Fla.) Terminal Co.—Guaranteed Bonds Offered.—Citizens & Southern Bank, Augusta, Ga., are offering at 84.34, yielding 6%, \$100,000 First & Gen. Mtge. Gold 5% bonds of 1917, due July 1 1937. An adv. shows: Interest payable J. & J. Authorized, \$3,500,000. Outstanding, \$2,100,000. Denom. \$1,000 (c). Mortgage contains Tax-Free Covenant.

Kansas City (Mo.) & Outer Belt RR.—Sale Postponed.—The disposition of the company, which was to have been sold under foreclosure, is stated, has been indefinitely postponed.—V. 109, p. 477.

Lewiston Augusta & Waterville St. Ry.—Prot. Com.—In reply to an inquiry, we are informed that the plan of reorganization has not yet been prepared and presented to the bondholders, but it is expected that the plan will very shortly be in the bondholders' possession.

Little Rock Ry. & Electric Co.—Refunding.—The \$600,000 6% bonds, due Jan. 1 1920, will be paid off at maturity, at office of Interstate Trust & Banking Co., New Orleans, La. In connection with the refunding, the company will issue \$600,000 6% bonds, due Jan. 1 1920, at 100.

nection with this payment the company will issue \$1,000,000 7% One-Year notes, dated Jan. 1 1920, and due Jan. 1 1921. It is stated that First National Bank has underwritten this issue.—V. 109, p. 676.

**Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp.—Decisions.**

The U. S. Supreme Court on Dec. 8 affirmed the decision of the District Court of Los Angeles, which sustained the right of the corporation to keep its electric light poles on the streets of the city. A city ordinance provides that the corporation must remove its poles in order to make place for municipal improvements. See also Southern Calif. Edison Co. below.—V. 108, p. 2128.

**Manhattan Railway.—Relations with the Interborough and Consequences of the Physical Separation of the Systems.—** Stone & Webster in their summary of Dec. 11 (see "Annual Reports" above), say as regards the Manhattan Railway:

**Lease.**—The Interborough Company, by lease dated Jan. 1 1903, leased all the properties of the Manhattan Company practically in perpetuity for an annual rental equivalent to the fixed charges upon the Manhattan Company's bonds, a small administration fund and \$4,200,000 as a guaranteed dividend of 7% upon the Manhattan Company's \$80,000,000 of stock. \$47,000,000 Expended by Interborough on Extension, Improvements, etc.—Since the date of the lease the Interborough Company has expended or appropriated the proceeds of about \$47,000,000 of its bonds and notes for improvements upon, additions to and extensions of, the Manhattan properties, among which are included the third-tracking of portions of the elevated system and the elevated extensions.

**Power House.**—The Manhattan power station has been enlarged to such an extent that it can now produce a large amount of surplus energy which is available for use on the subway lines. To a considerable extent transformer stations and other structures intended for the service of both subway and elevated lines have been erected on real estate owned by the Manhattan Company, and certain of the Manhattan repair shops are used for the maintenance of subway equipment. In great measure the power distributing systems are now used for the benefit of both properties. Therefore, the physical relation between the subway and elevated systems is very close, and should the power system be divided between the two companies and thereafter each one should operate its own system separately, neither company would have as flexible or economical a power system as it now has.

**Extensions as Yet Unprofitable.**—Three of the elevated extensions provided for in the Interborough Certificates are now in operation and a fourth, the Webster Avenue line, should be completed in 1920. As already pointed out, the elevated trains also give through service over four of the long extensions of the subways which have been built into sparsely settled suburban districts. When all of the extensions have been completed, the routes over which elevated trains operate will have been increased to an aggregate of 59 miles as compared with 37.7 miles of elevated lines existing at the time of the Manhattan lease. These new lines will attract sufficient traffic to the Manhattan Division (including in this term as used by the Company and in this report all routes over which elevated trains operate) to cover more than the additional expense of operating the trains over them and the taxes upon them. At least one-fourth of the deficit resulting from the operation of the elevated lines is due to these unprofitable extensions of routes.

**Effect of Any Default Under Manhattan Lease.**—It will be noted in this connection that in all the statements showing separately the results of the operation of the elevated lines, the interest and sinking fund payments upon the bonds and notes (now about \$47,000,000) representing the Interborough Company's investment in the elevated lines are treated as part of the annual fixed charges resting upon the elevated lines. Those charges would continue against the Interborough Company even if it defaulted under the Manhattan lease and lost the elevated lines.

We are advised that if, upon default by the Interborough Company under the lease, the Manhattan Company resumed possession of its property, it would be under no obligation to operate the extensions of the system made under the Interborough Certificate since the date of the lease or to give through service over the subway extensions under the terms of the trackage agreement.

If the operations of the Manhattan Company were confined to the system as it existed at the time of the lease plus the third track additions built under the Manhattan Certificate, the results to that Company would undoubtedly be very much more favorable than the showing of the Manhattan Division under existing conditions.

We are further advised that the public authorities could not require the operation of the elevated extensions as part of the elevated system or the giving of through service by elevated trains over the subway extensions, without an additional fare and that such additional fare would have to be sufficiently high to prevent the imposition of confiscatory burdens upon the operating company. Notwithstanding the low density of traffic on these extensions, a very large number of passengers now use them, approximately 15,000,000 per annum traveling in each direction. In case of the separation of the two systems many thousands of passengers who now travel over the extensions of the elevated routes would have to pay an additional fare or walk a long distance to the junction points. [See also Interborough Rapid Transit Co. under "Financial Reports" above and also in V. 109, p. 2165.]—V. 109, p. 2172.

**Montreal Tramways Co.—Dividends Resumed.**

A press report states that this company which suspended payment of its 10% dividend rate early in 1918, owing to the unsettled state of the fare question, has resumed the payment of arrears, a declaration of 2½% being ordered for the second quarter of 1918 with the intention of making periodical payments until the arrears are paid up. The regular 10% rate, it is stated, will be resumed early in the new year.—V. 108, p. 2123.

**Northampton Easton & Washington Trac. Co.—Receiver.**

William L. Doyle, Easton, Pa., has been appointed permanent receiver by Judge Rollstab in the U. S. District Court.—V. 109, p. 1987.

**Northern Electric Ry., Calif.—Receiver Discharged.**

John T. Coghlan, receiver, was discharged on Dec. 1 by Federal Judge William C. Van Fleet. Mr. Coghlan reported to the court that the affairs of the company had all been successfully wound up and that there were no further duties for him to perform. The sale of the properties under foreclosure was made on May 28 1918 to the Sacramento Northern R.R. (V. 106, p. 2758).—V. 106, p. 2123.

**Ocala Pinebloom & Valdosta R.R.—To Be Sold.**

Herbert W. Wilson of Waycross, Ga., has been appointed commissioner to sell this road on Jan. 6. The line is 11½ miles long from Lettison to Lax, Ga. Principal item is the rail, which is to be taken up.—V. 100, p. 132.

**Pennsylvania Company.—Semi-Annual Dividend.**

The directors declared a semi-annual dividend of 3% on the stock, all of which is owned by the Pennsylvania R.R., payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 24. A like amount was paid in June last and also in June and Dec. 1918.—V. 109, p. 1180.

**Rapid Transit in New York City.—New Lines.**

Gov. Smith, at Albany, on Dec. 21, received a detailed report from Transit Construction Commissioner Delaney, outlining the status of contracts in force for rapid transit construction in the city of New York and indicating that the large contracts now under way will be completed and ready for operation as follows:

Route	Date (1920)
Eastern Parkway Line, Brooklyn (Int. Rap. Transit Co.)	Midsummer
Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn (Int. Rap. Transit Co.)	Midsummer
Livonia Ave., Brooklyn (Int. Rap. Transit Co.)	Fall
Westchester Ave. & Pelham Bay Park, Bronx (Int. Rap. Transit Co.)	August
White Plains Road extension, Bronx (Int. Rap. Transit Co.)	Summer
Broadway (Manhattan)—4th Ave. (Brooklyn)—Montague St. Tunnel (Brooklyn Rap. Transit)	April
Brighton Beach connection (Brooklyn Rap. Transit)	Spring
Culver Line Ave. X to Coney Island (Brooklyn Rap. Transit)	March
14th St. (Manhattan)—Eastern Brooklyn (Brooklyn Rap. Transit)	Late 1921

Contracts for 200 steel cars to be used on the lines of the New York Municipal Railway system have been approved within the last few months. These will cost approximately \$25,000 each. When the Brighton Beach service and the Culver Line service are extended to Manhattan through either the Montague St. tunnel or over Manhattan Bridge, it will be necessary to replace the wooden cars now in use with modern steel cars. There are at present 128 cars in use on the Brighton line and 60 cars in use on the

reconstructed Culver line. The extension of the New York Municipal Company's Broadway service through the 60th St. tunnel and on the elevated lines in Queens will necessitate a further material increase in car equipment and the Commissioner is urging that equipment provision be made for this extension.—V. 109, p. 1987, 1367.

**Richmond Light & R.R.—Ready to Discontinue.**

Representatives of the estate of Henry H. Rogers, which owns the Staten Island Midland Ry. and the Richmond Light & R.R. trolley lines, have informed Public Service Commissioner Lewis Nixon that they are ready to discontinue operation of the roads unless they get financial relief. The Commissioner was informed that the estate for years has been putting up the money to run the roads and that last month their operation cost the estate \$17,000 and that there has been an annual deficit of \$100,000 for many years. No dividends have ever been paid and no interest on bonds during the past ten years.—V. 107, p. 502.

**St. Joseph Ry., Lt., Ht. & Power Co.—Fares—Wages.**

Seven-cent fares went into effect on Dec. 1 on the lines. The fare was formerly 5 cents. At the same time the trainmen received an increase in wages of 8 cents an hour.—V. 108, p. 270.

**Savannah (Ga.) Electric Co.—Receivership—Committee.**

The company being in a position "in which it is unable to pay its indebtedness or to pay interest on its bonds due Jan. 1, or to borrow additional money necessary for extensions and improvements," was on Dec. 22 placed in the hands of Howard C. Foss of Savannah (district manager of Stone & Webster) as receiver on application by the General Electric Co., holder of an unsecured claim of \$3,807 for electrical equipment and supplies. The committee named below having been formed, invites the holders of the First Consol. Mize. bonds dated Jan. 1 1902 to deposit their bonds on or before March 1 1920 with the Commonwealth Trust Co., 30 Congress St., Boston, depository, which will issue transferable certificates for all bonds deposited. Bonds should be accompanied by the Jan. 1 1920 and subsequent coupons, and registered bonds should be accompanied by a properly executed transfer thereof in blank.

**Committee.**—Charles Francis Adams, Chairman, Stedman Buttrick and George C. Lee. Elbert A. Harvey, Sec., 44 State St., Boston; Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, counsel, 60 State St., Boston.—V. 108, p. 80.

**Southern Traction Co. of Illinois.—Sale Confirmed.**

Judge English in the East St. Louis Federal Court has approved the sale of the road to C. B. Cox, President of the Aluminum Ore Co. The road was sold on July 10 last by Master in Chancery of the U. S. District Court for \$400,000 to H. D. Mephram of St. Louis. Under the terms of the sale, Mr. Mephram had until Dec. 17 to complete the purchase, but he transferred his right to Mr. Cox. Of the purchase price \$325,000 has been paid and Judge English canceled the order requiring the completion of the sale by Dec. 17 and extended the time for payment of the remaining \$75,000 until Jan. 15.—V. 109, p. 1988.

**Springfield (O.) Term. Ry. & Power Co.—Rec. Cfs.**

Judge John E. Sater has authorized George Whysall, Receiver, to issue \$25,000 6% receiver's certificates. Denom. \$500; int. payable semi-ann., secured by a first lien on all of the property of the company. The certificates are to be issued immediately, and it is reported they will be taken up by the bondholders of the road.—V. 109, p. 2263.

**Staten Island Midland Ry.—Ready to Discontinue.**

See Richmond Light & R.R. above.—V. 104, p. 1900.

**Tide Water Power Co., Wilmington, N. C.—New Stock.—Right to increase Prof. Dividend to 7% cumulative.**

The stockholders on Nov. 12 adopted the following propositions:

(1) That the capital stock be increased from \$1,200,000 to \$2,600,000, of which \$2,000,000 shall be preferred stock (but only \$1,200,000 to be outstanding at present.—Ed.) and \$600,000 shall be common stock.

(2) When \$600,000 or more of said Preferred stock shall have been issued the amount of the dividend to be paid on the Preferred stock may be increased, by a vote of a majority of stockholders having voting powers to not exceeding 7%, and when a total of \$900,000 of such Preferred stock shall have been issued or subscribed for, said dividend may, by similar vote, be made cumulative.

(3) After the said aggregate sum of \$600,000 of said Preferred stock shall have been issued and outstanding, then the corporation shall have the right to issue immediately, additional preferred stock up to an aggregate amount of \$1,200,000, the increase to be used only in refunding or paying bonds which may become due before 1922, and in paying off its floating debt, and for improvements and extensions.

(4) But after the aggregate issue of \$1,200,000 of said Preferred stock, if the same shall have been made cumulative at a greater rate than 5% no additional Preferred stock shall thereafter be issued unless and until the said corporation shall, at the time of issuance of such additional Preferred stock over and above the sum of \$1,200,000 have earned, during the previous twelve months 1½ times an amount necessary to pay the interest upon its bonds and the dividends upon all of the Preferred stock then issued and to be issued; and then only for betterments, improvements, enlargements and extensions and for necessary equipment.

(5) Provided, however, that there shall be no restrictions and limitations upon the increased issue of said preferred stock hereby authorized, unless and until the rate of dividends thereon shall be increased to 7%, and made cumulative.

**Digest of Statement Made by President Hugh MacRae, Wilmington.**

At the meeting of Nov. 12 authority was given for selling \$600,000 of the new Pref. stock at the present time, for the following purposes: New suburban cars (\$40,000); extensions to gas plant (\$40,000).....\$80,000 Funding floating debt, heretofore made for improvements.....100,000 Extensions of lines and service for year 1920.....70,000 Refunding short term 6% bonds, maturing Aug. 1 1920.....350,000 Total.....\$640,000 The prospects have all to time been better than now. Relations with the public and employees are entirely satisfactory. The growth and prosperity of the City of Wilmington and of Wrightsville Beach are being directly reflected in our gross revenues, which leave, notwithstanding the high cost of operation, satisfactory earnings applicable to dividends.

It has been determined to increase the dividend on all outstanding preferred stock to 7% if subscriptions shall be received for \$300,000 of the new Pref. stock.

All stockholders are entitled to subscribe at \$99 per share on or before Dec. 26 for \$600,000 of the new Pref. stock, equal to 100% of present holdings, subject to reduction of allotment to not less than 50% in case of over-subscription.

Subscription is to be made contingent upon the dividend rate on Pref. Stock (including that on your present holdings) being made 7% cumulative instead of 6%, of which 5% only at the present time is cumulative.

Terms of payment will be 10% cash, check to accompany the subscription; 20% on or before Feb. 10 1920; 20% on or before April 10 1920; the remainder on or before July 10 1920, or cash payment may be made in full if desired. Interest at 6% will be allowed on advance payments. Hugh MacRae & Co., Wilmington, N. C., will receive subscriptions and make deliveries of the stock to the subscribers.—V. 107, p. 1194.

**Union Passenger Ry. Co., Philadelphia.—Dividend.**

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange on Dec. 20 announced the declaration of the semi-ann. dividend of \$4.75 per share, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15, less half of 1918 Federal income tax.—V. 108, p. 2529.

**United Gas & Electric Corporation.—Earnings.**

Statement of Earnings for Twelve Months ended Nov. 30,	1919.	1918.
Balance of subsidiary operating companies	\$1,765,084	\$1,242,680
Deduct—Reserve for renewals and replacements	306,113	243,139
Earnings applicable to stock of subsid. cos.	359,505	291,264
Balance, net	\$1,000,466	\$708,276
Net from bond invest. and other sources	152,344	175,794
Total	\$1,161,810	\$884,070
Deduct—Interest on U. G. & E. Corp. bonds	\$558,000	\$588,000
Int. on U. G. & E. Corp. certificates of ind.	194,806	134,866
Amortization of debt discount	58,123	58,580
Balance for 12 months	\$410,881	\$132,684
For sub. co. earnings, see "Earnings Dept." above.—V. 109, p. 1701, 484.		

United Rys. Co. of St. Louis.—Improvements, &c., Auth.—Special Master Henry Lamm has authorized Rolla Wells, receiver, (1) to expend \$621,715 during 1920 for the purchase of materials and the reconstruction of tracks; (2) to pay a total of \$750,715 interest due on bonds on Jan. 1 and on Feb. 1; (3) to buy 10 acres of land at Natural Bridge Road and the Kirkwood-Ferguson line at a cost of \$35,000 for the purpose of constructing loops on both Kirkwood-Ferguson and Natural Bridge lines.—V. 109, p. 1368.

Wages.—Agreement with Brotherhoods on Time and One-Half for Overtime.—The "Railway Age" of Dec. 19 has an article dealing with the principle of time and one-half for overtime in road freight service demanded by the brotherhoods in 1916. This, conceded by the Railroad Administration, has been made effective as of Dec. 1 last as to slow freight service after certain concessions made by the brotherhood.—V. 108, p. 1611.

Washington Water Power Co., Spokane, Wash.—Notes Offered.—Spokane & Eastern Trust Co., Union Trust Co. and Ferris & Hardgrove, Spokane, Wash., are offering at par the unsold portion of \$3,000,000 Two-year 7% notes, due Feb. 2 1922. An advertisement shows:

Interest payable s.-a. at Spokane & Eastern Trust Co. Secured by First & Ref. 5% Mortgage bonds of the company in the amount of \$1,200 for each \$1,000 of notes. Proceeds will be used almost entirely to refund a similar series of notes maturing Feb. 2 1920. Central Union Trust Co., N. Y., trustee.

Property consists of light and power plants and distribution systems in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho; a street railway in Spokane and a suburban railway between Spokane and Medical Lake and Cheney. Its power plants are as follows: Spokane, Wash., 12,000 h.p.; Post Falls, Idaho, 15,000 h.p.; Little Falls, Wash., 27,000 h.p.; Long Lake, Wash., 60,000 h.p. Company can also develop an additional 25,000 h.p. in the centre of the city of Spokane. The company's street railways in Spokane do about 2-3 of the street railway business.

Has a 90-year contract with the Intermountain Power Co. for the supply of power for the electric operation of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., under which it is now delivering 15,000 h.p. at its Long Lake power station for the operation of the railway between Beverley and Tacoma, Wash. Also has a contract with the Pacific Power & Light Co. for the exchange of surplus power. The output of the company's power stations for 12 months ending Nov. 30 1919 was 225,896,050 k.w. hours.

Income Account for Twelve Months ending Nov. 30 1919. Gross revenue \$3,506,837 Interest \$572,995 Expenses 1,389,982 Replacement reserve 349,500 Taxes 367,244 Profit & loss adjustments 30,573 Net earnings 1,749,611 Net for stock 857,689

Dividend Increased from 4% to 5% Per Ann. (1 1/4% Q.-J. 15) A quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 24, which increases the annual rate from 4% to 5%.—V. 109, p. 1274.

West Philadelphia Passenger Ry.—Dividend.—The Philadelphia Stock Exchange on Dec. 20 announced the declaration of the semi-annual dividend of \$5 per share, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15, less half of 1918 Federal income tax.—V. 108, p. 2529.

Wisconsin Valley Electric Co.—To Discontinue Ry.—The company having notified the city of Merrill, Wis., that it would discontinue service in that city at the expiration of its franchise on Dec. 31, the city authorities have petitioned the Wis. RR. Commission for an order to prevent the company from discontinuing its operation of the railway.—V. 108, p. 482.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Abitibi Power & Paper Co.—Com. Dividend 4 1/2% &c. A dividend of 4 1/2% has been declared on the Common stock payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 3. In Oct. last an initial dividend of 1 1/4% was paid on the Common stock. A Montreal dispatch on Dec. 26 says that an advance in the shares from 214 to 240 followed the announcement of the recapitalization of the company with a view to giving the common shareholders five for one of their present holdings. A new company to be called Abitibi, Ltd., is to be formed, capitalized at \$31,000,000, of which \$30,000,000 will be Common and \$1,000,000 Preferred. The latter will be exchanged share for share and the Common five for one, making the outstanding Common \$25,000,000.—V. 109, p. 1274.

Adirondack Electric Power Corporation.—Merger.—The official circular of Dec. 15 cited last week further shows: It is planned to change the name of the New Company to Adirondack Power & Light Corporation.

Total \$24,420,000 Capitalization of New Company. Common stock (par value \$50 per share) \$9,500,000 Each Adirondack common stockholder (total \$9,500,000) to be given one such \$50 par share for each \$100 par share which he holds. [By all \$7,500,000] An equal amount to go to the General Electric Co. Preferred stock 7% cumulative, callable at 115. Par \$100 per share (or debenture bonds 10 year 5%, callable after 3 years at 101 and int., and convertible at option of holder during third year after date into this preferred stock par for par) 4,300,000 \$1,800,000 par of preferred stock to go to General Electric Co. Each Adirondack pref. stockholder (total issue \$2,500,000) to be given par for par either this preferred stock or these debenture bonds according as he shall elect within six months from date of exchange.

Present Adirondack first mortgage 5% bonds due Jan. 1 1942 (V. 94, p. 1187) to be assumed by the New Company and the mortgage to be closed at this amount. 5,000,000 First and refunding 30-year 6% bonds to go to the General Electric Co. 5,620,000

The plan of Dec. 24 1917 (V. 105, p. 2544; V. 106, p. 887) calls for \$9,500,000 5% bonds to go to the General Electric Co. but your directors were able to make the exchange shown, which they believed, in view of abnormal market conditions coupled with the reduction in the par amount of these bonds, to be very much in the interest of all the security holders of the New Company. These bonds will be a first mortgage on the properties of the Mohawk Edison Co. The mortgage will provide for the issuance of series of bonds having such rates of interest as the directors of the New Company may from time to time determine.

Earnings Statement.—Under the order of the Commission it is stipulated in connection with the valuation which the order requires to be made of the combined property that the New Company will credit to plant account out of its earnings (V. 109, p. 2358) a certain amount according to an agreed schedule, which begins at \$125,000 per year for the first ten years and \$150,000 per year for the succeeding 15 years, these amounts to be deducted after the payment of preferred stock dividends but prior to payment of common stock dividends. As the sums thus appropriated out of earnings will be available for re-investment in the plant of the New Company, thus strengthening its assets and earning power, your board approves of this stipulation and feels that it is in the interests of all classes of security holders.

The gross earnings and final balance figures for the calendar year 1919 as compared with the corresponding figures for the year ended Oct. 31 1919 (shown in V. 109, p. 2358), and again not reflecting any benefits from unified operation, are estimated at \$3,862,000 and \$323,000 respectively.

Other Features.—A contract running 15 years for the interchange of power between the New Company and the works of the General Electric Co. at Schenectady has been drawn up and approved. Your board feels that despite the changes which have overtaken the electric light and power business as the result of the World War, the merits of the plan have been left substantially as they were when the enterprise was originally embarked upon; and in the belief that it is desirable to consummate it without further delay, proposes to take the action above stated. The directors urge that the stock not now deposited be forthwith deposited (after endorsement in blank) with The New England Trust Co., depository.

Signed by Elmer J. West, President; Cornelius D. Scully, Roger W. Babson, James R. Hooper, Wilson A. Shaw, Charles E. Willock, Walter S. Wyman and Francis K. Frothingham, Board of Directors. Compare V. 109, p. 2358.

See Adirondack Electric Power Corp. under "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 109, p. 2358.

Aluminum Manufacturers, Inc., Cleveland.—Common Stock Offered.—Dominick & Dominick and Kissell, Kinniettt & Co., N. Y., are offering at \$35 per share a block of 70,000 shares of common stock, no par value, purchased from Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, and Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. Total authorized and issued 400,000 shares. Compare V. 109, p. 1988.

Amalgamated Leather Cos., Inc.—Officers & Directors.—The following officers and directors have been elected: (a) Officers—Chairman and President, J. Stevens Ulman; Vice-Pres., Cecil Charles Blunt and William C. Blatz; Vice-President & Treas., John B. Blatz, and Secretary, Louis Halle. (b) Directors—J. Stevens Ulman, Joseph L. Ulman, Cecil Charles Blunt, Philip Lehman, Waddil Catchings, John B. Blatz, Louis Halle, William C. Blatz, William M. Clark. Members of the executive committee are: J. Stevens Ulman, Cecil Charles Blunt, John B. Blatz, Philip Lehman and Waddil Catchings.—V. 109, p. 2358.

American Bosch Magneto Corp.—New Stock.—The stockholders of record Jan. 5 1920 are given the right to subscribe to 20,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, at \$100 per share, in the ratio of one new share for every three shares of old. The right to subscribe expires Jan. 21, when the new stock is payable in full.—V. 109, p. 2358.

American Coal Co.—Director.—Herbert Adams has been elected a director to succeed Edward Holbrook, deceased.—V. 109, p. 1890.

American Gas & Electric Co.—Listed.—The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$15,500 additional Collateral Trust 5% bonds, due 2007, making the total amount listed at this date \$6,282,000 (the total authorized issue). V. 109 p. 2358.

American Ice Co., N. Y.—Pref. Dividend Increased.—Dividend of 4% (1% Q.-J. 24.) on Common Stock (First Since 1902).—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Preferred stock, which increases the annual rate from 5 to 6%.

A dividend of 4% was also declared on the Common stock to be paid in four installments of 1% as follows: Jan., April and July 24 1920 to holders of record Jan., April and July 9, and Oct. 25 to holders of record Oct. 11. This is the first dividend paid on the Common stock since Feb. 1902.—V. 109, p. 2264.

America La France Fire Engine Co.—Dividend.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 19. The question of increasing the dividend rate on the common stock from its present basis of 8% per annum was left to the executive committee for action. The next common dividend regularly payable will be on Feb. 15.—V. 109, p. 2173.

American Safety Razor Corp.—Soap Subsidiary.—A subsidiary company, the American Safetee Soap Corporation, has been organized in Virginia to manufacture soap &c., authorized capital \$1,000,000, par \$100 a share. By using the same channels of distribution as are now used for American Safety Razors, it is believed that ready sale will be found for the new product. Directors and officers of the new corporation are: Joseph Kaufman (President), George L. Storm (V.-President), J. B. de Mesquita (Treasurer) and Milton Damman (Secretary), and Benjamin Block, of Block, Maloney & Co.—V. 109, p. 1988.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Director.—W. Cameron Forbes of Boston has been elected a director.—V. 109, p. 1528.

Arkansas Natural Gas Co.—Earnings.— 9 mos. to Sept. 30 Cal. y. 18. Gross sales \$1,368,170 \$1,805,469 Net income from operations 340,096 726,178 Surplus after interest and miscel. charges 202,427 533,900 —V. 109, p. 2265.

Arlington Mills, Lawrence, Mass.—Special Dividend.—The directors have declared a special dividend of \$2 per share, along with the usual quarterly dividend of \$2 on the \$8,000,000 outstanding capital stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 24. A like amount was paid extra in Jan. 1919.—V. 108, p. 482.

Armour & Co.—Complete Statement as to Packers' Settlement with U. S. Authorities.—See "Current Events Dept." on a preceding page.—V. 109, p. 2358.

Asbestos Corporation of Canada, Ltd.—Extra Div.—An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on both the Common and Preferred stocks in addition to the regular quarterly of 1 1/4% on the Common and 1 1/2% on the Preferred; all are payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 1. The Common went on a dividend basis in Jan. 1919 and the Preferred February 1917.—V. 108, p. 881.

Ashland Coal & Iron Ry.—Federal Compensation.—Director-General of RRs. Hines has signed the Federal operating contract fixing the annual compensation at \$73,569.—V. 107, p. 603.

Atlantic Fruit Co.—Offering of Bonds.—Potter Brothers & Co., White, Weld & Co. and W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., are offering at 97 and int. \$10,000,000 7% 15-year Sinking Fund Conv. Gold Debenture bonds, Series "A." Dated Jan. 1 1920. Int. payable J. & D. in New York. Due Dec. 1 1934. Demom. \$1,000 (c\*). Subject to call all or part at 110% and int. to Dec. 1 1924, thereafter to Dec. 1 1929 at 107 1/2% and int., thereafter to maturity at 105% and int. Convertible into Common stock at any time up to 90 days prior to maturity at the rate of \$100 of debentures for 2 shares of Com. stock. Annual sinking fund of 3% of largest amount of debentures ever issued (minimum \$300,000) first payment on or before March 1 1923 will buy debentures at not exceeding the redemption price, or will call by lot. An additional annual sinking fund of 10% of net earnings after payment of operating expenses, interest, taxes and fixed sinking fund, will be applied in like manner.

Data from Letter of President N. A. Macleod Dated N. Y. Dec. 15 1919. Business.—Company and its predecessor companies for many years have been engaged in growing, shipping and selling bananas, coconuts and other tropical fruits. It is developing its cane lands in Cuba and by 1921 should be producing raw sugar from its new mill. Upon completion of present plans will own about 153,600 acres of land in Cuba, suitable for the cultivation of fruits, coconuts, sugar cane and other products. 24,000 acres of plantations in Jamaica, a 300,000-bag sugar mill in Cuba, about 35 miles of railroad, wharves, docks, warehouses, &c., and a fleet of 12 ocean-going steamships, with additional steamships under charter.

Purpose.—(1) To build a sugar mill in Cuba with an initial capacity of 300,000 bags per annum; (2) to purchase highly developed plantation properties in Jamaica; (3) to purchase additional steamships to be delivered in 1920 and 1921, and (4) to pay off outstanding mtges. and 6% debentures.

Capitalization after Present Financing.—Authorized. Outstanding. 7% Convertible Gold Debentures Series "A." \$20,000,000 \$10,000,000 Common stock (no par value) 1,000,000 sh. 395,000 sh.

Company is about to retire its Pref. stock and its 6% Debenture bonds due Jan. 1 1945.

Operating Profits, before Int., Fed. Taxes, Deprec. & Amort. Calendar Years— 1915. 1916. 1917. 1918. 1919 (est.). '20 (est.). \$365,467 \$1,374,391 \$1,064,624 \$1,550,989 \$2,641,721 \$3,500,000

Listing.—Application will be made to list the 7% Convertible Debentures and Common stock on the N. Y. Stock Exchange.

**Directors.**—Frederick B. Adams, Vincent Astor, Guy Cary, H. B. Clark, Charles B. Collins, Hubert Edson, Robert Walton Goebel, W. A. Harriman, H. O. Havemeyer, Henry R. Hoyt, Sir George Burton Hunter, K.B.E., Thomas A. Howell, Percy H. Johnston, N. A. Macleod (Pres.), T. O. Muller (Vice-Pres. & Treas.), E. N. Potter, Sir John Pringle, K.C.M.G., S. F. Pryor, R. H. M. Robinson, P. A. Rockefeller, Comdr. J. K. L. Ross, J. E. Swan, Francis M. Weld.  
The above bankers also purchased a block of Common stock and will probably be offered for public subscription in the near future.—V. 109, p. 2358.

**Atlantic Ice & Coal Corp., Atlanta.—Bond Call.**—There have been drawn by lot \$105,000 1st Mtge. bonds of 1920 and these will be paid on Jan. 1 1920 at the Atlanta office of Trust Company of Georgia, Trustee.

The Trust Co. of Georgia, Atlanta, in December 1918, offered \$500,000 secured serial 7% Participating Certificates in Atlantic Ice & Coal Corp. bond sale (secured by the corporation's 6% First Mortgage bonds), dated Dec. 2 1918, and due serially. A circular then issued shows:

Interest payable J. & J. at Trust Co. of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga. Denom. \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000\*. Redeemable on any interest date upon 30 days' notice at 102% three years prior to maturity; at 101% thereafter, with interest in each case.

The notes will mature in annual installments on Jan. 1 Series A in 1920; Series B, 1921; Series C, 1922; Series D, 1923; Series E, 1924; Series A was offered at a price to yield 7 1/4%, Series E 7 3/4%, the others 7 1/4%.

The Trust company has sold to responsible parties \$550,000 of the corporation's 6% 1st M. bonds, due Jan. 1 1930, to be paid for in five annual installments. The purchasers have deposited, as a guaranty that this contract will be carried out, \$75,000 additional Atlantic Ice & Coal Corporation bonds. The \$500,000 Participation Certificates are secured by pledge with trustee, of \$625,000 Atlantic Ice & Coal Corporation 1st M. 6% gold bonds, present market value 93 to 95, and must at all times be secured by 125% of the par value of bonds deposited.

The corporation has been in successful operation since Jan. 1910 and the bonds pledged are a part of a closed first mortgage covering all of their properties now owned or hereafter acquired. For the past five years the earnings, including new properties acquired during the present year, applicable to payment of bond interest have been over three times the amount necessary. Has 33 plants, located in four States, and serving a population of approximately 1,300,000, in the following towns: Atlanta, Ga., Albany, Ga.; Americus, Ga.; Athens, Ga.; Augusta, Ga.; Montgomery, Ala.; Rome, Ga.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Cordele, Ga.; Columbus, Ga.; Covington, Ga.; Dublin, Ga.; Nashville, Tenn.; Tampa, Fla.; Elberton, Ga.; Fort Valley, Ga.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Macon, Ga.; Palmatto, Fla.; and Plant City, Fla. On Feb. 1 1918 bought the properties of the Southern Ice Co., and figures given below are based on the operation of both properties.

Daily ice making capacity plants varying from 25 tons to 300 tons, 3,250 tons; ice storage capacity, 86,000 tons; cold storage capacity, 1,800,000 cubic feet; average earnings for past 9 years, \$665,427; bond interest amounts to \$177,120. Sinking fund provides that the bonds shall be drawn and redeemed at par and int., as follows: Jan. 1 1913 to Jan. 1 1922, incl. 3% ann. of amount certified; Jan. 1 1923 to Jan. 1 1929, 4%.

First M. 6% bonds, due Jan. 1 1930 (total authorized \$3,500,000) outstanding, \$3,038,000; less bonds drawn for redemption Jan. 1 1919, \$86,000; making \$548,000 retired since organization; balance outstanding \$2,952,000. This corporation also each year paid 6% on its pref. stock and, since 1911, a regular dividend of 6% on its common stock. Since organization there has been charged to expense, for maintenance and replacements, \$1,216,584 and to depreciation \$595,000, a total of \$1,841,585.  
Officers.—W. B. Baker, Pres. & Gen. Manager; W. E. Chapin, and W. Riley, Vice-Presidents; J. O. Gentry, Vice-Pres. and Treas.; F. C. Fenn, Secy. & Asst. Treas. Compare also V. 103, p. 2344.

**Beacon Falls (Conn.) Rubber Shoe Co.—Capital Inc.**—The company has certified to the Mass. Comm. of Corporations that it has increased its capital from \$2,810,000, consisting of \$1,310,000 Pref. and \$1,500,000 Com. to \$3,310,000 by the issuance of \$500,000 additional Com. stock. The new stock, it is stated, will be offered at par (\$100).—V. 109, p. 1082.

**Billings & Spencer Co., Hartford, Conn.—New Stock.**—The authorized capital stock having been increased from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 by vote of shareholders on Dec. 16 the \$250,000 new stock is offered for subscription at par, \$25 a share, on or before Jan. 20 1920 to stockholders of record Dec. 16 1919, in proportion to their stock holdings; all subscriptions to be filed with payment in full in cash at office of Richter & Co., 6 Central Row, Hartford, Conn., on or before Jan. 20 1920.—V. 108, p. 2530.

**(E. W.) Bliss Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Extra Dividend.**—An extra dividend of \$5 (10%) has been declared on the \$1,250,000 outstanding Common stock, par \$50, along with the regular quarterly dividends of 62 1/2 cents (1 1/4%) on the Common and \$1 (2%) on the Preferred, all payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 24. In Jan., Mar., June and Oct. last an extra of \$5 was paid.—V. 109, p. 1276.

**Brier Hill Steel Co.—President Resigns.**—The directors on Dec. 19 accepted the resignation of William A. Thomas as President, effective Jan. 27, and of A. E. Adams as a member of the board. James H. Grose was elected a director to succeed Mr. Adams. The directors also announced the intention to elect Mr. Grose as President.—V. 109, p. 2359.

**Brooklyn Edison Co., Inc.—Seeks Bond Issue.**—The New York P. S. Comm. on Dec. 23 heard the company's application for permission to issue \$5,000,000 of Gen. Mtge. bonds, proceeds of \$4,500,000 to be applied toward the reimbursement of expenditures made in the acquisition of property and the construction, completion and improvement of plant and facilities prior to Jan. 1 1919, and proceeds of \$1,500,000 to be applied toward the reimbursement of the expenditures made for like purposes since Jan. 1 1919. The precise terms of the issue have not been announced, but it is expected that the rate will be 6% and the time ten years.—V. 109, p. 1989.

**Brown Hoisting Machinery Co.—Bonds Called.**—All of the 6% \$1,000 bonds of Series A from 301 to 975, and the \$500 bonds of Series B, from 1 to 50, all of the 1915 issue, have been called for payment at 103 and int. on Jan. 1 at First Trust & Savings Co., Cleveland, trustee (V. 101, p. 289).—V. 107, p. 2378.

**Brown Shoe Co., Inc.—Listed.**—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$300,000 additional Common stock, par \$100, making the total authorized to be listed \$6,300,000.—V. 109, p. 2169.

**Bush Terminal Co.—Special Dividend Continued.**—The directors have declared a special dividend of 2 1/2% on the Common stock, payable in stock, along with the regular semi-annual dividends of \$3 on the Pref. and \$2 50 on the Common. All dividends are payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 7. A special dividend of 2 1/2% has been paid semi-annually since Jan. 1916.—V. 109, p. 2174.

**California Packing Corporation, San Francisco.—Dividend on Common Shares Increased from \$4 to \$6 p. a. (\$1 50 Q.-M.)—Pref. Stock to be Called.**—San Francisco advices state that the quarterly dividend on the Common stock has been increased from \$1 to \$1 50 quarterly (\$6 p. a.), beginning with the next distribution which is payable in March. It is also stated that the management proposes to call and pay off at \$115 and div. probably on April 1 the entire outstanding issue of 7% Pref. stock and 338,917 shares of no par value Common. The Preferred is convertible into Common 1 1/2 shares of Common for one share of Preferred, up to 30 days prior to redemption date.—V. 103, p. 1212, 1922.

**Canadian Locomotive Co.—Dividend Increased.**—A quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the Common stock, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 20, which increases the annual

rate from 6 to 7%. A quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been paid since July 1917.—V. 109, p. 1889.

**Canadian Westinghouse Co.—Extra Dividend.**—An extra dividend of 1% has been declared in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 19. In Jan. 1919 an extra of 2% was paid.—V. 106, p. 1346.

**Central Leather Co.—Extra Dividend.**—The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$2 on the Common stock in addition to the regular quarterly of \$1.25; both are payable Feb. 2 to holders of record Jan. 9. An extra dividend of \$2 was paid in Nov. last.—V. 109, p. 1611.

**Central & South American Telegraph Co.—Directors.**—Nearly all of the stock of the Mexican Telegraph Co. having been exchanged for Central & South American Telegraph shares, eight directors of the Mexican Telegraph Co. have been elected to the board of this company, viz.: John W. Auchincloss, Edmund L. Baylies, R. Fulton Cutting, John J. Pierrepont, Percy R. Pine, Charles Howland Russell and Cornelius Vanderbilt. They will continue to retain their directorships with the Mexican Telegraph Co.—V. 109, p. 1369.

**Central Sugar Corporation.—Proposed Sale.**—The stockholders will meet Dec. 29, at the office, 43 Exchange Place, N. Y., to vote on authorizing: (1) The sale to a company to be organized under the laws of Cuba, of all or any part of (a) the manufacturing plants, including real estate, equipment and other articles appurtenant thereto; (b) railroads, rights and rolling stock, and (c) current assets, leaving the ownership of its agricultural lands in the corporation. (2) The directors to determine the purchase price of said property, at approximately the book value thereof, the Cuban Company to assume all or any part of the obligations of the Corporation and such purchase price to include all of the capital stock of the Cuban Company other than directors' qualifying shares and such other obligations as may be determined on. (3) The board from time to time to lease all or any part of the agricultural lands to the Cuban Company for such rentals as may be determined. (4) The amendment of Article II. of the by-laws, so that in determining the amount to be credited to the sinking fund, there shall be added to the net profits of any particular period such proportion of the net profits of any subsidiary company, a majority of whose Capital stock is owned, as the stock so owned therein shall bear to the total amount of such stock outstanding; and the parent Corporation shall not pay any dividends upon its Common stock until any excess of this amount above the net profits of the Corporation available for such allotment to the sinking fund shall have been covered by dividends from the subsidiary.

**Digest of Statement by President Charles J. Welch, New York, Dec. 9.**—As the entire property is located in Cuba, it is deemed advisable in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of expense and taxes, to transfer the Cuban business and assets, other than the agricultural lands, to a company to be organized under the laws of Cuba, which company will also assume the indebtedness of the Corporation. All of the stock of the Cuban Company will be owned by the Corporation. The anticipated increase in the earnings of the property for the ensuing year accentuates the advisability of the proposed transfer. As any dividends received by the stockholders of the Central Sugar Corporation will be declared and paid by a domestic company, they will, therefore, be exempt from normal income tax. The plan has been unanimously approved by the directors at the instance of large holders of its Preferred and Common stock. [The plan is given unqualified approval by Spencer Trask & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Boettcher, Porter & Co., and J. G. White & Co.]—V. 108, p. 1513.

**Chace Cotton Mills Co.—Dividend.**—A quarterly dividend of 6% has been declared on the stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 19. This compares with 5% paid in October last, 3 1/2% in July, 1 1/4% in April and 3% in January.—V. 109, p. 1369.

**Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.—Dividend Increased.**—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2% on the stock, payable Jan. 26 to holders of record Jan. 15, which increases the annual rate from 6 to 8%. A dividend of 1 1/4% has been paid quarterly since April 1918.—V. 109, p. 2359.

**Commonwealth Petroleum Corp.—Time Extended.**—See Union Oil Co. of Delaware below.—V. 109, p. 1990.

**Connecticut Mills Co.—Pref. Stock Offering.**—Blake Bros. & Co., N. Y., are offering at 98 1/2 and div. (from Nov. 1) \$600,000 7% Cumul. First Pref. (s. & d.) stock. Dividends Q-F. Redeemable all or part on any div. date at \$115 and divs. Sinking fund of 20% of surplus net earnings after First Pref. divs. (but not exceeding 3% of the outstanding First Pref. stock) shall be set aside annually for its purchase or call.

**Data from Letter of President Tracy S. Lewis, N. Y., Dec. 15 1919.**

Capitalization on Amendment of Charter—	Authorized	To Be Outg.
7% Cumulative First Preferred stock	\$1,488,000	\$1,488,000
8% Cumulative Second Preferred stock	1,025,000	1,000,000
Common stock (par \$10), Class A (voting)	800,000	*612,500
Common stock (par \$10), Class B (non-voting)	250,000	*90,500

\* It may be determined to issue presently \$200,000 par value, or a lesser amount, of Class A and/or Class B Common stock.

**Company.**—Is one of the largest manufacturers in the United States of square and cord fabric automobile tires. Owns a modern weaving mill at Danielson, Conn., and a large yarn mill at Fall River, Mass., purchased in 1919 from the Globe Yarn Co., and operates under lease the yarn mill of Taunton Cotton Mills Co. at East Taunton, Mass.

	Sales and Profits Before and After Federal Taxes.			
Year Ended—	Jan. 13 '17	Jan. 12 '18	Jan. 11 '19	*Oct. 11 '19
Sales	\$3,482,299	\$7,378,630	\$8,344,928	\$8,980,577
Profits aft. deprec. & int. but before Fed. taxes	461,144	664,866	377,330	682,645
Net after all deductions (1919 taxes est.)	451,732	381,078	237,066	472,645
* Nine months.	V. 109, p. 2359.			

**Consolidated Textile Corp.—Listed—Earnings.**—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list 55,000 shares capital stock, no par value, making the total authorized to be listed 165,000 shares capital stock. The income account for the four months ended Nov. 30 1919, as submitted to the New York Stock Exchange, shows:  
Net earnings.....\$236,408  
Depreciation.....33,475  
Surplus before Federal taxes.....\$202,933  
—V. 109, p. 2360, 2266.

**Continental Candy Co.—Partly Estimated Earnings.**—In connection with the declaration of an initial quarterly dividend of 25 cents a share on the capital stock, the company estimates the net profits for the six months ending Dec. 31 1919 at approximately \$640,000 before Federal taxes, being an increase of \$223,689, or about 50% over net profits before taxes of \$416,311 for the first half of the year.—V. 109, p. 2360.

**Corn Products Refining Co.—Initial & Ex. Div. on Com.**—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1% and an extra of 1/4 of 1% on the Common stock payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 5. The regular quar. of 1 1/4% on the Preferred stock was also declared payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 5.—V. 109, p. 2267.

**Cosden & Co.—Stock Dividend.**—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2% in cash and also a dividend of 2 1/2% in Common stock at par, on the Common stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Dec. 31. In November last a like amount was paid extra in stock.—V. 109, p. 1699.

**Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation.—Annual Report.**—The official report for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 1919 was published in full in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 29, pages 2078 to 2081. The comparative tables which were published in the same issue met with a mishap after

they left the editor's hand. The following corrected data should therefore be noted: Date of balance sheet Sept. 30 (not 20); properties and plants, &c. \$77,388,207 (not \$77,388,307); cane cultivations, \$2,656,024; advances (in 1918) \$214,093.—V. 109, p. 2174.

**Cuban-American Sugar Co.—Payment of Notes—Report.**  
Notice is given that \$2,000,000 First Lien 6% Serial gold notes Series "H" maturing Jan. 1 1920, together with coupons thereon, have been called for payment on or after Jan. 2 at the Central Union Trust Co., N. Y. The coupons of the Series "C" notes due Jan. 2 1920 will be paid at the office of the company, 129 Front street, New York city.  
See "Financial Report," on a preceding page.—V. 109, p. 2360.

**(Wm.) Davies Co., Inc. (Packing).—No U. S. Purchase.**  
S. C. Fox, general manager, has denied the report that the company has passed under the control of United States capitalists; 75% of the stock is still owned and controlled by Canadians.—V. 109, p. 2267.

**Detroit Rock Salt Co.—Bonds Called.**  
One hundred and twenty-five of the original issue of \$1,000,000 First Mgt. 6% gold bonds, dated Sept. 30 1912, have been called for payment on Jan. 1 at par and int. at the Security Trust Co., Detroit, Mich. The International Salt Co. of N. Y. (V. 105, p. 1307) owns \$1,159,200 of the \$1,500,000 stock.—V. 96, p. 421.

**Dominion Bridge Co.—Director.**  
F. W. Molson has been elected a director.—V. 108, p. 477.

**Durham Hosiery Mills.—Listed.**  
The N. Y. stock exchange has admitted to list temporary certificates for \$3,000,000 7% Cumulative Pref. stock (par \$100) and temporary certificates for \$3,252,850 Common stock, class B, par \$50.

Consolidated income account of the Durham Hosiery Mills and the North State Hosiery Mills, as submitted to the N. Y. Stock Exchange, for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1919, compares with the year ended Dec. 31 1918, as follows:

	9 Mos. 1919.	Year 1918.
Net sales	\$10,154,823	\$8,633,634
Cost of sales	9,139,119	6,943,881
Gross profit on sales	\$1,015,704	\$1,689,753
Expenses and other deductions	320,725	511,108
Depreciation and Federal taxes	242,151	389,146
Net profits	\$452,828	\$789,499

—V. 109, p. 2267, 1182.

**Dwight Manufacturing Co., Boston.—Extra Dividend.**  
An extra dividend of \$15 (3%) has been declared on the \$1,200,000 outstanding stock (par \$500), along with the usual semi-annual dividend of \$30 (6%) per share both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 19. A like amount was paid extra in Jan. and July 1919.—V. 108 p. 2632.

**Elder Corporation.—Director.**  
George Putnam has been elected a director.—V. 109, p. 2360.

**Elk Basin Petroleum Co.—New Stock.**  
The stockholders will vote Jan. 6 on (a) increasing the capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000, consisting of 3,000,000 shares of \$5 each; (b) to increase the board of directors from 5 to 7 members; (c) to change the name of the company; (d) to purchase shares of the capital stock of the Keoughan-Hurst Drilling Co. (Wyoming corporation) on the basis of 466,666 shares of such increased capital stock for 300,000 shares of the latter's capital stock; (e) to purchase shares of the capital stock of the Grass Creek Petroleum Co. (a Maine corporation) on the basis of 133,334 shares of such increased capital stock for 11,700 shares of the last-named capital stock.

**Digest of Statement by Pres. Martin Paskus, 2 Rector St., N. Y. Dec. 19 1919.**

The holders of 75% of the outstanding capital stock of the Keoughan-Hurst Drilling Co. and 60% of the outstanding capital stock of the Grass Creek Petroleum Co. have already agreed to accept the above proposition and it is thought that practically all shareholders of both companies will accept the exchange so that all the assets of these two companies will become the property of the Elk Basin Petroleum Co.

With these two transactions completed there will be outstanding \$6,000,000 of our capital stock of your company, and \$9,000,000 will remain unissued for future corporate needs.

The holdings of your company with the above acquisitions completed will consist of valuable royalties and leasehold interests in the Elk Basin Grass Creek, Big Muddy and Rock River fields of Wyoming; Ranger and Burkburnett fields of Texas; Homer and Bull Bayou fields of Louisiana, and in the Beggs, Osage and Comanche fields of Oklahoma; also promising prospects in holdings in Texas, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Colorado. The company will have interests in over 130,000 acres.

Net earnings of the three companies before depletion, depreciation and taxes are now running at the rate of approximately \$1,200,000 per annum. The company has a large interest in the Rock River field of Wyo., which is being operated by the Ohio Oil Co. and upon which the company is now carrying on an extensive drilling program and large earnings should be realized from this increased production; your company will have when these transactions are consummated several strings of tools in proven territory in the Ranger field in Texas, which should greatly increase its earnings.

The regular quarterly dividend at the rate of 10% per annum on the outstanding \$6,000,000 of stock will be paid Feb. 1 1920.

The company will be in control by virtue of the above acquisitions of approximately \$2,000,000 in cash; also drilling tools and other equipment valued conservatively at \$500,000, making over 40% of its capital represented by cash and other liquid assets.

It will be our policy to extend its development operations in the producing fields of the Mid-Continent, Wyo., Texas and La., and we believe that the company as thus capitalized will have bright prospects.

The active field management will be in the hands of S. H. Keoughan of Denver, Colorado, one of the most successful and economical oil operators in the West.—V. 109, p. 1702.

**Fairbanks, Morse & Co., Chicago.—Misprint.**  
The company's net surplus and undivided profits on Sept. 30 1919 aggregated \$17,500,000 00 instead of \$17,500 00 as shown in V. 109, p. 2360.

**Famous Players-Lasky Corp.—Bond Call.**  
All of the 6% gold debenture serial bonds dated Aug. 1 1916 have been called for payment on Feb. 1 at 102% and int. at the Irving Trust Co., N. Y.—V. 109, p. 2267.

**Farr Alpaca Co.—Extra Dividend.**  
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 7% in addition to the regular quarterly of 2%, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 19. A like amount was paid extra in Dec. 1918 and 1917.—V. 107, p. 2379.

**Federal Oil Co.—Initial and Extra Com. Div.**  
An initial quarterly dividend of 2% and an extra of 3% have been declared on the common stock both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 15.—V. 108 p. 2332.

**Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co.—To Increase Capital.**  
The company has petitioned the Mass. Dept. of P. U. to approve an issue of 6,939 additional shares, par value \$50, proceeds to be used in paying off the floating debt incurred for new construction, extensions and permanent improvements.—The stock will be issued at \$60 a share.—V. 100, p. 818.

**Frontenac Breweries, Ltd.—Offering of Bonds.**  
L. G. Beaubien & Co. and Versailles-Vidrecaire-Boulais, Ltd., Montreal, are offering at par and int., with a bonus of 10% in common stock, \$400,000 6% 32-year First Mgt. bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919, maturing Dec. 1 1951. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 (e\*). Interest payable J. & D. at Bank of Montreal, Montreal. Auth. and issued, \$1,100,000.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Issued.
7% Cumulative Preferred shares	\$500,000	\$300,000
Common shares	1,500,000	900,000
Year—	1915.	1916.
Net earnings	\$63,697	\$92,871
	\$68,385	\$151,925
	\$207,925	

**General Asphalt Co.—Exchange of Stock.**

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$34,500 additional Common stock issued in exchange for \$23,000 Pref. stock surrendered and canceled, making the total amount of Com. stock listed \$19,993,300 and reducing the amount of Pref. stock listed to \$7,937,800.—V. 109, p. 2075, 1991.

**General Chemical Co.—Listed.**

The New York Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$1,125,000 additional 6% Preferred stock making total amount authorized to be listed \$16,333,000.

Income account for the ten months ended Oct. 31 1919, as submitted to the New York Stock Exchange compares with the 9 months' statement of previous years as follows:

	10 Mos. to Oct. 31 '19.	9 Mos. to Sept. 30 1917.	1917.
Net profits	\$5,473,223	\$6,462,148	\$7,226,789
Insurance fund	170,000	315,000	225,000
Depreciation	1,624,776	1,503,000	1,500,000
Preferred dividends (6%)	684,373	684,373	684,373
Common dividends (6%)	991,152	991,152	943,956
Balance, surplus	\$2,002,922	\$2,971,623	\$3,873,459

—V. 109, p. 2360, 1991.

**General Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds.**

It is expected that the new 6% bonds in definitive form will be ready for delivery about Feb. 15 1920, dated Sept. 1 1919, and carrying coupon for six months ended March 1 1920. In the meantime, holders of receipts for the 5% 10-year gold bonds deposited for exchange will receive \$8 33 for the two months' interest from July 1 to Sept. 1 1919 on each \$1,000 of these old bonds at Guaranty Trust Co., New York.—V. 109, p. 1796.

**Granby Consol Mining, Smelting & Power Co. Ltd.—**

Production (lbs.)	Anyor.	Grand Forks.	Total.
Month of Nov. 1919	1,776,863		1,776,863
11 months to Nov. 30 1919	16,405,678	2,958,811	19,364,489
Month of Nov. 1918	1,970,027	177,378	2,147,405
11 months to Nov. 30 1918	28,627,833	7,225,232	35,853,065

—V. 109, p. 1985, 1895.

**Great Lakes Steamship Co.—Extra Dividend.**

An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the \$6,000,000 outstanding Capital stock in addition to the regular quarterly of 2%, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 20. A like amount was paid extra in Oct. last.—V. 109, p. 1277.

**Gulf States Steel Co.—Net Profits.**

Month of	Nov. 1919.	Oct. 1919.
Net profits, after taxes, depreciation, &c.	\$110,602	\$53,370

Until recently the company has been accustomed to report its gross profits before deduction of depreciation, taxes, &c., and not the net profits as above shown, after allowing for these items.—V. 109, p. 1703, 1464.

**Hodgman Rubber Co.—Directors.**

Gayer G. Donnick and F. Wilder Bellamy have been elected directors.—V. 109, p. 2175.

**Holland Land Co., San Francisco.—Offering of Bonds.**

Blankenhorn-Hunter-Dulin Co., San Francisco, &c., are offering at 100 and int., by advertisement on another page, \$2,500,000 First Mortgage 6% Fifteen-year gold bonds, Dated Dec. 1 1919, due Dec. 1 1934.

Interest payable J. & D. at Savings Union Bank & Trust Co., San Francisco, trustee, or Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 (c). Callable at 102 and int. Tax exempt in California. Normal Federal income tax paid by the company. An annual sinking fund of not less than \$100,000 commences Jan. 1 1921.

**Data from Letter of Pres. J. V. Mendenhall, San Francisco, Dec. 5 '19.**

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Capital stock	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
First Mortgage 6% bonds	2,500,000	2,500,000

Proceeds were used to refund bonded debt of \$2,687,520.

**Company.**—The property includes an area of 20,468 acres of fertile farm land on the west side of the Sacramento River, 10 miles south of Sacramento, principally planted to beans, barley, wheat, commercial seed, corn and alfalfa. Also owns in fee over 2,600 acres of land outside the main levees in the Yolo By-pass, which will be summer farmed and are now fully cultivated and should yield a substantial income in 1920. The company has sold 9,913 acres, at an average price of \$275 per acre, and the company has sale contracts aggregating \$2,723,176.

**Income.**—The sales contracts bear interest at the rate of 6%, which is more than sufficient to pay the interest on these bonds. The net income from rentals and farming operations for the season of 1918 were \$327,503, and although complete figures are not available for this year they exceed the foregoing figure. Subject to future sales, company should receive an annual rental of not less than \$25 for the land lying inside of the levees of Reclamation District No. 999, and \$15 an acre for the 2,600 acres lying in the By-pass. A portion of the lands will undoubtedly be rented on a share basis, the company receiving 33 1-3% of the crop from the bean planting and 35% on the barley planting. At present prices, and prices for delivery during the season of 1920, the rentals on this basis will be from \$25 to \$40 an acre.—V. 109, p. 2268.

**Houston Oil Co.—Earnings from Annual Report.**

For Sept. 30 Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Total receipts	\$1,690,599	\$1,850,563	\$1,724,693	\$1,611,933
Deduct: Taxes	241,874	31,593	94,641	60,087
Admin. and office expenses	173,292	173,292	166,286	170,080
Int. on timber certificates	241,383	278,480	306,711	368,272
Int. on notes payable	11,409	17,109	17,150	5,895
Miscellaneous	6,065	76,349	46,558	
Preferred dividend	680,350	676,149	671,948	671,950

Balance, surplus \$520,927 \$607,291 \$423,319 \$326,685  
Oil sales in year 1918-19 aggregated 345,942 barrels for \$482,942; balance, net from oil department, after Federal taxes, &c., \$252,617.—V. 109, p. 2175.

**Illinois Brick Co.—Quarterly Dividends Resumed.**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1 1/2% along with the quarterly dividend of 1 1/2%, which has been discontinued since Oct. 1918. Both divs. are payable Jan. 15 to holders of rec. Jan. 3.—V. 107, p. 1290.

**Imperial Oil, Limited.—New Name, &c.**

A certificate was filed under the Canadian "Companies Act" Dec. 12 1919, changing the name to "Imperial Petroleum Co., Limited."

The "Financial Post" of Toronto on Nov. 22 said in subst.: "Though the extensive operations carried throughout the western portions of Canada during the past five years have yet brought no large results, there is no discouragement on the part of the officers of the Canadian branch of the company. From the international boundary to beyond Fort Norman on the McKenzie River, seven crews have been operating and will continue in the work next year. Six or seven wells have been drilled at Peace River, all producing oil, but not sufficient to warrant transportation. Two holes were drilled on the Great Waterways Railway but without appreciable results."

Director Victor Ross says: "We believe that the natural resources of Canada should be developed. We have enormous investments in Canadian refineries and transportation equipment, and to keep the Canadian markets supplied we must search the world for oil. Crude petroleum is being brought into Canada for the western country, from Peru, refined at Ioco. The Prairie Provinces the oil is refined at Regina, and comes from Texas, Kentucky and Wyoming, where it is largely bought from individual producers. We also draw on those States for the oil refined at Sarnia, and also for the Montreal refinery; another part of the oil for Montreal we get comes from Mexico. For Dartmouth, the oil comes from Mexico and that refinery was really built to supply the navy during the war."—V. 109, p. 1278, 1465.

**Independent Warehouses, Inc., N. Y. City.—Acquis.**

Independent Warehouses, Inc., which was recently inaugurated by the Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., and Liberty National Bank, New York, has acquired the chain of warehouses in the metropolitan district of New York, heretofore operated by the Mercantile Warehouse Co. The deal involves about \$3,000,000 and takes in the following warehouses: (1) Greenwich, Lighthouse and Hubert Sts., 200,000 sq. ft., especially adaptable to the storage of silks and other valuable textiles; (2) 15 Vestry St. and 36 Light St., 30,000 sq. ft.; (3) 53-55 Beach St. and 405 Greenwich St., 52,500 sq. ft.; (4) 459-463 Washington St., 43,500 sq. ft. Both bonded and free space are provided. The company, which now has a total of 12 storage warehouses in operation in the metropolitan district, also renders financial facilities to its customers.

**Indiabama Refining Co., Oklahoma.—New Stock, &c.**

The shareholders will vote Jan. 12 on increasing the stock from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000, the \$2,000,000 new stock, par \$10, to be underwritten by Poe & Davies of Baltimore and offered to present shareholders at \$8.50 a share, 2 shares for every 3 shares now held. The proceeds will be used in purchasing half interest in the Anderson Farm in Eastland and Erath counties, Texas, and certain other properties in Texas aggregating approximately 32,000 acres.

The bankers named below in June 1919 sold at par 350,000 shares of stock (par \$5). A circular showed:

**Company.**—Organized in Oklahoma in 1912; owns two refineries located at East St. Louis and Okmulgee, having a refining capacity of 6,500 bbls. per day; also owns 130 miles of pipe lines, 205 steel tank cars of 8,000 and 10,000 gals. capacity, steel tank storage capacity for approximately 500,000 bbls. of oil, and have under lease an additional 405 steel tank cars, 155 of which will revert to the company upon the expiration of the lease in 1921. The present settled production is over 600 bbls. of crude oil per day, and it owns leases on over 8,000 acres of well-located land in Okla., Kan., La. and Texas, on part of which 10 wells are now drilling.

**Replacement Value.**—The replacement value of the tangible physical property based on figures compiled by Messrs. Coats & Burchard, is approximately \$3,500,000, or \$500,000 in excess of the total capitalization.

The company owns one-fifth of the Com. and Pref. stock of the Export Corp., located at Avondale, La.; the entire capital stocks of the Motor Gasoline Co. and the Indiabama Pipe Line Co., (owning and operating approximately 130 miles of pipe lines for the transportation of crude oil); 52% of the capital stock of the Cortez Oil Co.; and 33% of the capital stock of the Alvarado Oil Co.

**Net Earnings.**—After taxes, but before dividends at the rate of 12% per annum, have been as follows: 1916, \$680,909; 1917, \$806,019; 1918, \$675,077. The average for the three years have been equivalent to about 24% per annum on a capitalization of \$3,000,000.

**Management.**—E. E. Schock, Pres., St. Louis; A. W. Gieske, V.-Pres., Baltimore; J. A. Berninghaus, V.-Pres.; W. O. Schock, Sec., St. Louis. [The bankers who offered this stock were: Potter Bros. & Co., N. Y.; G. H. Walker & Co., St. Louis; Babcock, Rushton & Co., Chicago; Moorhead & Elmore, Washington, D. C.; West & Co., Philadelphia; Simons, Day & Co., Chicago; Poe & Davies, Baltimore; Claude Meeker, Columbus; Jo. P. Cappeau Sons, Pittsburgh; E. R. Diggs & Co., Troy; McClain & Co., Lancaster; Weedon & Co., Providence.]—V. 104, p. 456.

**Indiana Pipe Line Co.—Extra Dividend.**

An extra dividend of 4% has been declared on the \$5,000,000 stock (par \$50) in addition to the regular quarterly 4%, both payable Feb. 14 to holders of record Jan. 24. In Feb. 1919 an extra of 3% was paid.—V. 108, p. 1168.

**Inland Steel Co.—Meeting Postponed.**

The stockholders' meeting scheduled for Dec. 16 and postponed to Dec. 24 to act on subdividing the par value of the stock from \$100 to \$25 &c., has been further postponed to Jan. 27 1920, the date of the annual meeting.—V. 109, p. 2360, 2268.

**International Fur Exchange Inc.—Dividend.**

A regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the Preferred stock payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 23.—See V. 109, p. 1278, 1529.

**Int. Merc. Marine Co.—To Retire Voting Trust Certifs.**

Notice is given to holders of outstanding stock trust certificates for pref. stock to present their certificates at the agency of the voting trustees, 51 Newark St., Hoboken, N. J., to be exchanged for definitive stock.

The New York Trust Co., pursuant to the foregoing notice, gives notice that, as agents for the voting trustees, it will be prepared, on and after Feb. 2 1920, to distribute the dividends of 3% and 5%, respectively, to holders of pref. stock issued in exchange for stock trust certificates. See V. 109, p. 2360.

**International Salt Co.—Bonds Called.**

See Detroit Rock Salt Co. above.—V. 108, p. 1934.

**Landers, Frary & Clark, New Britain, Conn.—Stock.**

The shareholders of this company, manufacturer of hardware and cutlery, will vote Jan. 6 on increasing the authorized Capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000, par \$25. No funded debt.

**Liberty Motor Car Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.**

Low, Dixon & Co., New York, are offering subject to prior sale and change in price for delivery on Jan. 2 1920, any part of 1,000 shares of the 8% Pref. stock at 105 flat. The capitalization of the company consists of \$750,000 8% Pref. stock and \$650,000 Common stock (quoted at about 250-350). Net earnings before taxes since Jan. 1 1919 have averaged about \$50,000 a month. The Pref. stock shares with the Com. stock in all divs. paid in any one year up to 10%.

**Loft Incorporated (Delaware), N. Y.—Listing.**

The full statement made to the New York Stock Exchange in connection with the listing of the company's capital stock was published last week on pages 2365-2367. It describes the company's various properties which include seventeen stores in New York and vicinity, of which two recently under construction will be opened this month.

The company also owns and operates two factories, one in New York and one in Long Island City; a third factory is under construction in Long Island City; this last will be an eight-story fireproof building of steel and brick, with approximately 270,000 square feet of floor space. All of the company's property is free and clear of any lien.

The corporation manufactures between 300 and 500 varieties of candy, and less than 5% of its total output of candies is purchased from outside sources.

The listing also shows net sales and income account in considerable detail, for several years past, up to and including Oct. 1919. It further shows the balance sheet of the company and its predecessor, the Virginia corp. of the same name.—V. 109 p. 2365, 2361, 1371, 1183.

**(H. R.) Mallinson & Co.—Initial Dividend.**

An initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the Preferred stock payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 22.—V. 109, p. 1704.

**Manati Sugar Co.—Listed.**

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$3,500,000 7% Cumulative Pref. stock and \$10,000,000 Common stock, par \$100.

Income account for year ended Oct. 31 1919, as submitted to the N. Y. Stock Exchange:

	1918-19.	1917-18.
Total income	\$9,645,266	\$6,497,255
Total profits	\$2,537,661	\$1,852,850
Charges, depreciation, war taxes, &c.	1,304,584	977,063
Preferred dividends, 7%	234,500	231,000
Common dividends	532,270	432,112

Balance, surplus..... \$466,327 \$212,675  
—V. 109, p. 2369, 1465.

**Manufacturers' Light & Heat Co., Pittsb.—Extra Div.**

An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31.—V. 109, p. 1897.

**Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd.—New Stock.**

This British company is offering to its shareholders 1,500,000 new Ordinary Shares of £1 each at the price of £3 per share, pursuant to a circular letter dated Dec. 8 1919, copies of which can be obtained from the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. of America, Woolworth Building, Broadway, New York, and at various other places.—V. 109, p. 2176.

**Marquette Cement Mfg. Co.—Bond Call.**

All of the outstanding First Mortgage 6% S. F. gold bonds have been called for payment Jan. 1 at 102% and int. at the First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.—V. 109, p. 1992.

**Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Limited.—50% Allotment of New Stock offered at par.—Dividend of 40%.**

By resolutions of the company passed in Mexico City on Dec. 1919, it was resolved (a) to authorize an increase of share capital to 115,113,580 pesos Mexican by the creation of 5,755,679 ordinary shares of 10 pesos Mexican each, and (b) to offer to the present shareholders one of such new ordinary shares at par for every two shares, either preference or ordinary, held by them.

In order to exercise these subscription rights coupon 12 of the Ordinary shares and coupon 19 of the Preferred must be forwarded to the London Joint City & Midland Bank, 5 Threadneedle St., London E. C. 2, or any of its branches, with £1 5s 2d per new share (one new for every two held), to reach London not later than Jan. 15 1920. The next dividend will be paid against presentation of coupon 13 of the Ordinary and coupon 20 of the Preferred shares. Subscriptions may also be filed and paid as aforesaid at The Belfast Banking Co., Ltd., Belfast, or The Clydesdale Bank, Ltd., Glasgow, or any of their branches. The sum of £1 5s 2d is the exchange equivalent of ten pesos Mexican gold. The new shares will rank par passu with the existing Ordinary shares, but will not participate in any dividend that may be declared payable on Dec. 31 1919.

On or about Dec. 16 a cash dividend of 40% was declared on the Ordinary shares payable it is understood on receipt of coupon No. 13 on or about Jan. 15. This dividend, it is said, includes a final dividend of 35% on account of the year ended June 30 1919 and an interim dividend of 5% for the year 1919-20. The dividend payments for the year 1918-19, therefore aggregate 45%, viz., the aforesaid 35%; 6% paid in June 1919 and 4% paid in Dec. 1918; for year 1918-19 the total was 25%.

Results as Stated by Press Reports for Years end, June 30 (See V. 109, p. 2269).—

Trading profit (Mexican)	1918-19.	1917-18.
Profits after charges	\$37,194,000	\$28,235,000
	28,351,000	14,154,43

Sutro Bros. and Joseph Walker & Sons are trading in the stock and rights. A press report says that the exports of Mexican oil by Mexican Eagle Oil Co. in November were 907,400 barrels, a decrease of 163,892 barrels from October, and by Standard Oil of New Jersey 445,682 barrels, a decline of 414,633 barrels.—V. 109 p. 2269.

**Mexican Telegraph Co.—Directors.**

See Central & South American Telegraph Co. above.—V. 109, p. 1992.

**Morris & Co.—Complete Statement as to Packers' Settlement with U. S. Authorities—Official Statement.**

See "Current Events Dept." on a preceding page.—V. 109, p. 2362. ¶

**Nashua Manufacturing Co.—To Issue Stock.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 31 (a) on increasing the board of directors from 5 to 7; (b) to authorize the directors to offer for subscription to common stockholders of record Dec. 31, 10,500 shares of the authorized and unissued common stock (par \$100) in the proportion of 21-29ths of a new share for each share held at \$225 per share, the directors to fix all the terms of subscription and payment. See V. 108, p. 2438.

**Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.—Dividends.**

The directors have declared a regular dividend of 5%, also an extra dividend of 5%, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 19. A like amount was paid extra in July last.—V. 108, p. 2635.

**Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.—Officer.**

C. V. Jenkins has been elected Secretary and Treasurer. W. E. Bennett resigned as Vice-Pres. and Secretary, but remains a director of the company.—V. 109, p. 1993.

**New York Telephone Co.—Officer.**

James S. McCulloh has been elected Vice-President.—V. 109, p. 1798.

**Niagara Falls Power Co.—Application to List.**

Application has been made to the N. Y. Stock Exchange to list \$11,515,400 Preferred stock.—V. 109, p. 1798, 684.

**North & Judd Mfg. Co., New Britain, Conn.—Cap. Inc.**

The shareholders voted recently to increase the Capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 par \$25.—See V. 109, p. 1371.

**Ohio Cities Gas Co.—New Stock.**

The shareholders will vote Jan. 29 on increasing the auth. Cum. Pref. stock from \$10,000,000 to \$90,000,000, divided into shares of \$100 each.

Out of said new preferred stock (a) \$10,000,000 shall bear quarterly cumulative dividends at the annual rate of 6%, and no more, and shall be set apart for the sole purpose of being issued, at the option of its present owners, in exchange, share for share, for the present \$10,000,000 5 1/4% Pref. stock which, when retired, shall be canceled; (b) \$70,000,000 to be issued in installments from time to time to bear annual dividends to be fixed at time of issue at not less than 5%, or more than 8%, and no more, but such rates of dividend after having been once fixed shall be unalterable.

Each share of Pref. stock shall be entitled to four votes at all meetings of stockholders and any or all of said new Pref. stock may be redeemed as \$110 per share and accrued divs. at any dividend-paying period, after 60 days' notice.—V. 109, p. 986, 584, 575.

**Oklahoma Natural Gas Co.—Receiver Asked.**

The city of Tulsa on Dec. 17 filed a petition in District Court asking Judge Owen to name a receiver for the company, alleging that the franchise of 1905 has been repeatedly violated, in failing to provide an adequate supply of natural gas during cold weather, although the rates were boosted from 20 to 44 cents to permit company to make improvements.—V. 109, p. 893.

**Oklahoma Producing & Refining Co.—Management.**

See Pennok Oil Co. below.—V. 109, p. 2270.

**Orange County Public Service Co.—Sub. Co. Bond Call.**

See Port Jervis Light & Power Co. below.—V. 109, p. 178.

**Pacific Gas & Elec. Co., Calif.—75-cent Gas Rate Valid.**

H. M. Wright, Master in Chancery, has upheld the validity of the 75-cent gas rate fixed by the Board of Supervisors for the fiscal years 1913 to 1916, inclusive. The company attacked the 75-cent rate as being confiscatory and through a temporary injunction was allowed to collect a rate of 85 cents, giving bonds to the Court certifying that if the 75-cent rate is upheld, the company would return the excess collected with 7% int. which now amounts to \$1,376,874.—V. 109, p. 2362, 1010.

**Philadelphia Electric Co.—Growth of Company.**

The growth of the connected load and number of customers in the last five years has been as follows.

	50-Watt Lamp	No. of	50-Watt Lamp	No. of
	Equivalent.	Cust'rs.	Equivalent.	Cust'rs.
1910 (to Oct. 31)	7,322,766	124,422	1916	4,715,121
1918	8,453,080	104,015	1915	3,985,529
1917	5,494,788	96,926	1914	3,509,704

**Pennok Oil Co.—New Management.**

Announcement is made that on retirement of H. J. Parker as manager of this property at the end of his contract Dec. 31, the Oklahoma Producing & Refining Co., as joint owner with the Pennok of important properties, will take over the management of these properties for joint account. This however, will not affect the separate ownership of the \$3,750,000 stock of the Pennok Co. (par \$10).



The Pennock Co. is said to have some 167 wells and for the first nine months of the current year reports net earnings before deductions of slightly over \$500,000.

**Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc.—Description of Co., &c.—**  
A letter from President Clarence Saunders, dated Nov. 28 1919, to Ladenburg, Thalman & Co., Otto Marx and John H. Watkins, bankers, who placed the Class "A" Capital stock, says in substance:  
**Capitalization.**—Authorized and issued: Common stock of Class "A" (no par value), 200,000 shares; Common stock of Class "B" (no par value), 50,000 shares. No bonds.

**Company.**—Incorp. in Virginia [about Sept. 1919]. Is engaged in the operation, under the Saunders "self-serving" stores patents, of a chain of high-grade grocery stores in various cities of this country. Has acquired or has contracts to purchase 150 stores, located in Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, New Orleans, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Grand Rapids, Little Rock, Atlanta, Oakland, Bridgeport, New Haven, Mobile and other cities and towns, and is expected that about 800 stores will be in operation by end of 1920. Also contemplates the operation of a single purchasing department and a series of storage warehouses and distributing stations as adjuncts to its retail stores.

The Piggly Wiggly Stores are cash grocery stores conducted under a new and patented system of merchandising. They are operated under a plan whereby each customer waits upon himself and thereby eliminates unnecessary clerk hire, reduces operating costs and permits a larger volume of sales. The results of existing stores show over twice the profits of ordinary grocery stores. A store of given size can sell about 2 1/2 times as much as an ordinary store. About 100 customers can conveniently make their purchases at one time. The operation of stores since 1916 indicate that under the Piggly Wiggly method groceries can be distributed cheaper than under any other known method.

**Earnings.**—The sales of the stores owned and operated independently during 1918, averaged about \$120,000 per store. It is estimated that if the 800 stores are in operation by end of 1920 net sales should be at rate of \$100,000,000 and net profits of upwards of \$5,000,000 per annum. The net profits from the 150 stores already owned or under contract of purchase alone, should amount to over \$1,000,000 or about \$5 per share of the entire authorized issue of 200,000 shares of Com. stock of Class "A."

**Preferential Rights.**—The Class "A" stock is preferred as to assets up to \$50 per share in case of liquidation and as to divs. up to \$4 per share. The "A" stock shares equally with the "B" stock in all profits after \$4 per share has been paid on the "B" stock.

**Directors.**—Lewis L. Clarke, Pres. American Exchange National Bank; G. M.-P. Murphy, Vice-Pres. Guaranty Trust Co.; Moritz Rosenthal, Ladenburg, Thalman & Co.; Eugene V. R. Thayer, Pres. Chase National Bank; John H. Watkins, Investment Banker, New York; Harry H. Field, Retail Merchant; John Fletcher, Vice-Pres. Ft. Dearborn National Bank; Chicago; R. K. Knuffman, Vice-Pres. Mercantile Trust Co.; George B. Wearson, St. Louis; Otto Marx, Marx & Co., Birmingham; Clarence Saunders, Pres. L. M. Stratton, Stratton Grocery Co., Memphis, Tenn.

Application will be made in due course to list this stock on the N. Y. Stock Exchange.

**Pilgrim Mills, Fall River.—Extra Common Dividend.**—The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$10 per share on the Common stock payable Dec. 23 to holders of record Dec. 17. The regular quarterly dividends of \$1.60 on the Preferred and Common stocks were also declared payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 27. An extra of 4% was paid in Dec. 1918.—V. 107, p. 2482.

**Port Jervis Light & Power Co.—Bond Call.**—Orange County Public Service Corp. (successor co.) has called for payment on Jan. 1 \$200,000 5% 1st Mtge. gold bonds dated March 12 1910, at 105% and int. at the Orange County Trust Co., Middletown, N. Y.—V. 109, p. 179.

**Producers & Refiners Corp.—Dividend—Additional Stk.**—The company has declared a regular dividend of 5% upon the Common stock, payable in installments of 12 1/2 cents per share quarterly, Feb. 1 1920 to stockholders of record Dec. 31 1919.

All stockholders of record Dec. 31 1919 will be entitled to subscribe to one share of treasury Common stock at \$10, par, for each 10 shares of Pref. or Common stock held Dec. 31 1919.—V. 109, p. 2270.

**(Robert) Reis & Co.—Initial Dividend.**—An initial dividend of \$1.75 a share has been declared on the 1st and 2nd Preferred stock, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 24.—V. 109, p. 1898.

**(R. J.) Reynolds Tobacco Co.—New Vice-President**—James A. Gray has been elected Vice-Pres. and a director.—V. 109, p. 1799

**Rockaway Rolling Mills Co.—Bonds Called.**—All of the First Mtge. 7% Serial Conv. gold bonds have been called for payment at 102 1/2% and int. at the Commercial Trust Co. of Phila. Compare V. 109, p. 893.

**Rowland Power Consol. Collieries Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Worthington, Bellows & Co., Cleveland, Cassatt & Co., and Graham Parsons & Co., Philadelphia, are offering at a price to yield 7% \$900,000 First Mortgage 6% Serial Gold bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1919. Due serially each Oct. 1 1920 to 1926. Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co., Philadelphia, Trustee. Interest payable A. & O. Tax refund to holders in State of Pennsylvania. Company agrees to pay normal Federal income tax not to exceed 4%. Denoms \$1,000 (c\*). Redeemable all or part at 105 and int., on any int. date upon 21 days' notice. In the event of bonds being redeemed in part, they shall be of the last maturity outstanding. Mortgage provides for a sinking fund payable quarterly to Trustee of 15 cents per ton on all coal mined, to be applied first to serial payments and balance remaining, if any, to be used to redeem bonds of the last maturity outstanding at 105 and int., unless purchasable in the open market at a lower figure.

Company, chartered in Indiana. Has outstanding 7% Pref. stock, \$320,000 and Common stock, \$1,805,000. Properties situated in Clay, Owen, Sullivan and Greene counties, Indiana, consist of 2,899 acres of unmined coal, owned in fee, except 30 acres held under lease, together with 3 shaft mines, and 7 complete stripping operations, valued at \$1,824,674. The average net income for the 3 years ending Dec. 31 1918 (after deprec.) available for bond interest, sinking fund and Federal taxes, amounted to \$301,289 or nearly 6 times interest charges on the bonds.

**Royal Dutch Co.—Sub. Co. Stock, &c.**—See Mexican Eagle Oil Co. above.—V. 109 p. 2362.

**St. Lawrence Flour Mills.—Extra Dividend.**—An extra dividend of 10% has been declared on the Common stock, payable Jan. 6 to holders of record Dec. 22. In addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% an extra of 1% was paid in each quarter of 1919.—V. 109, p. 179.

**Simms Petroleum Co.—New Stock, Etc.**—The shareholders will vote (a) on Dec. 30 upon increasing the authorized capital stock from 500,000 shares to 1,000,000 shares, all of which will be of one class and without nominal or par value; (b) on Jan. 20 upon approving an agreement for the consolidation of Homer Oil Corporation into the present corporation, Simms Petroleum Co., as well as the manner of converting the shares of said Homer Oil Corporation into the shares of said Simms Petroleum Co.—See V. 109 p. 2362.

**(Howard) Smith Paper Mills, Ltd.—Re-Incorporation**—The shareholders on Dec. 16 confirmed the sale of the company as a going concern to a new company of the same name recently incorporated in Canada with an authorized capital of \$7,000,000. Under the conditions of the sale one share of 8% Cumulative Pref. stock of the new company, participating up to 10%, will be given for each share of the 7% Non-particip. Pref. stock of the old company, while holders of the old Com. stock will receive two shares of new for each one presently held by them. The new company undertakes to pay the Com. shareholders of the old company the dividend of 5% recently declared for the year 1919. No change in the management or executive is involved in the transaction. The new company will operate three divisional plants for the manufacture of bond, ledger and other high-grade papers, these being situated at Beauharnois and Cabrieco Mills, Quebec, and Cornwall, Ont., the latter

being the property of the Toronto Paper Manufacturing Co., recently acquired. All three divisional plants, it is stated, are running at full capacity with orders for several months booked ahead. The capacity of all the plants is now being substantially increased by the installation of additional paper machines and other equipment to meet the increasing business.—V. 109, p. 2371, 2177.

**Southern California Edison Co.—Decision**—The First District Appellate Court in San Francisco has handed down a decision restraining the city of Los Angeles from selling electric power to companies operating outside its corporate limits. Under the operating agreement, the company has been distributing city power and returning about \$2,000 a day net revenue for the same. The Los Angeles Gas & Electric Co. attacked the agreement on the ground that the city charter does not provide for the sale of municipal power to any company. Judge Sheak ruled against the plaintiff and an appeal was taken to the State Supreme Court, which transferred the case to the Appellate Court.

In its ruling, which reversed the decision of the Superior Court, the Appellate Court holds that the city of Los Angeles exceeded the provisions of its charter when it granted power privileges outside the city's corporate limits. The Court says that the Los Angeles charter provides that no power can be given away, sold or transferred without the consent of two-thirds of the voters.—V. 109, p. 2177.

**Southwestern Utilities Corp.—Bond Call.**—All of the outstanding, First Lien 20-year 6% S. F. gold bonds dated July 1 1916, have been called for payment on Feb. 1 at the Columbia Trust Co., N. Y.—V. 102, p. 2347.

**Standard Oil Co. of Calif.—Chairman Resigns.**—W. S. Miller, Chairman of the Board, will retire on Jan. 1 1920.—V. 109, p. 1799.

**Standard Steel Car Co., Pittsburgh.—War Contract.**—An advertisement published in the New York "Times" of Nov. 5, replying to charges of profiteering on war contract with U. S. Govt., afforded the following data:

The contract was for 964 of such gun carriages; the French Government during the entire war had made only 125 of them. Each involved nearly 15,000 different pieces. They have the mechanical nicety of a watch. The French plans had to be entirely revised for American practice and for quantity production, requiring the original invention by this company of entirely novel machinery and its construction, as preliminary to production. The Government was unable to furnish for manufacture by it or by independent contractors; otherwise the gun carriages could have been produced practically within the time contemplated. At the armistice quantity production was well under way.

The company was left with an enormous quantity of costly war material on hand, useless for purposes of peace except as scrap; it had never received a cent of its guaranteed profit; it had not been reimbursed for all its expenditures; it had vast obligations to its sub-contractors, a large share of which has not yet been discharged by the Government. The entire peace business of this plant was disorganized by the changes required under this contract. The settlement received the most careful consideration of the various claims boards, and it was reached only after most careful consultation between these boards and other branches of the War Department.

The claim involved not merely the accounting for expenditures, but a proper compensation to the company for its losses of other business caused by this great enterprise and for the sudden cessation of work due to the termination of the order. That the company exercised its stewardship economically is shown by the fact that out of a total appropriation of \$42,000,000 for this work, but \$18,000,000 was expended by the company. The Government has paid on this contract approximately \$18,000,000. All payments have been approved by Government officers and accountants present at the works.—V. 107, p. 2295.

**Submarine Signal Co.—Director.**—P. L. Higginson has been elected a director to succeed the late Henry L. Higginson.—V. 109, p. 79.

**Superior Steel Co.—Extra Dividend of 50 Cents.**—An extra dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the Common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents both payable Feb. 2 to holders of record Jan. 15.

President Harrison is quoted as saying: "Operations during the last six months, orders on hand and the outlook for the future, warranted the declaration of the extra dividend. Our operations were not curtailed during the steel strike. As a matter of fact October was the heaviest month in tonnage in the history of our organization. The company also went through the coal strike without any material trouble."

The regular quarterly dividends of 2% on the 1st and 2nd Preferred stocks will be paid Feb. 16, to holders of record Feb. 2.—V. 109, p. 1186.

**Textile Building Co., Cleveland, O.—Bond Offering.**—Stanley & Bissell, Cleveland, are offering at par and int., to yield 7%, \$600,000 First Mtge. Leasehold 7% serial gold bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1919. Due serially to Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100. Int. payable, M. & S. at the office of Citizens Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee. Redeemable all or in part on any int. date upon 4 weeks' notice at 102 and int. Company agrees to pay normal Federal income tax to the amount of 4%. Property consisting of leasehold estate and a 7-story fireproof brick and concrete building now being erected, is located at Cleveland. This land is held on a 99-year lease, dated Oct. 1 1919, renewable forever, and contains the privilege of purchase. Building when completed will contain 262,000 sq. ft. of floor space and will have a value in excess of \$1,000,000.

**(W. E.) Tillotson Mfg. Co., Inc.—Stock Offering.**—Seybolt, Chase & Seybolt, being syndicate members are offering at \$26 per share, 35,000 shares Common stock of no par value.—See V. 109, p. 2178.

**Tobacco Products Export Corp.—Capital Increase.**—The stockholders voted Dec. 23 to increase the Capital stock from 450,000 shares to 500,000 shares, no par value. 22,500 shares of the increase will be distributed as a stock dividend of 5% Jan. 2.—See V. 109, p. 2275.

**Tonopah United Water Co.—Bond Redemption.**—Twenty-two (\$22,000) Series "B" Consolidated First Mtge. 6% bonds of 1906 have been drawn for payment at par and int. on and after Jan. 1 1919 at the Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco.—V. 107, p. 2383.

**Trumbull Steel Co., Warren, Ohio.—Extra Dividend.**—The directors, it is said, have declared an extra dividend of 1% on the \$6,000,000 outstanding Common stock (par \$100), along with the regular disbursements of 1 1/2% on the Common and 1 3/4% on the Pref. stock. All dividends are payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 20. In April last an extra of 1% was paid and in Jan. 2 1/2%—V. 108, p. 2637.

**Truscon Steel Co., Youngstown, O.—Capital Increase.**—The stockholders voted Dec. 19 to increase the capital stock from \$3,500,000, consisting of \$1,500,000 Pref. (par \$100) and \$2,000,000 Common (par \$10), to \$4,500,000 by the issuance of \$1,000,000 Pref. stock, par \$100. The new stock, it is stated, has been underwritten. The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 4% on the Common stock, payable Jan. 15 to stock of record Jan. 5.—V. 109, p. 1373.

**Union Twist Drill Co., Athol, Mass.—Plan—**  
The stockholders will vote Dec. 29 on adopting the following plans:  
**Merger.**—The net assets are to be transferred to a new company to be organized with the same name under the laws of Massachusetts, along with all the assets of the S. W. Card Mfg. Co. and Butterfield & Co., Inc., two subsidiary corporations now controlled by stock ownership.

**Proposed Capitalization of New Company.**

Purpose of Issue	7% Cum. Pref. (par \$100)	Com. (par \$5)
Details on Basis of Option A	Shares	Par Value
To retire present Preferred stock	23,796	\$2,379,600
To holders of present common stock	7,500	750,000
Offered to common stockholders for new cash		30,000
Sold to bankers		15,000
Reserved for issue to employees		5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,296</b>	<b>\$3,129,600</b>

**Rights of Present Stock.**—(1) The holders of each share of present preferred stock, par \$100, will receive the Dec. 31 1919 quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share, and if he deposits his stock, duly endorsed, with State St. Trust Co., 31 State St., Boston, on or before Jan. 15, may receive in exchange for such stock either *Option A*, \$100 in cash, or *Option B*, \$100 in the new 7% cumulative preferred stock, on which dividends will accrue from Jan. 1 1920. (c) If he fails to exercise his option on or before Jan. 15 1920 he will receive \$100 in cash.

(2) Each holder of present common stock will receive for each share of his common stock (par value 100) as he may elect by filing his option with the State St. Trust Co., Boston, on or before Jan. 5, viz.:

*Option A*.—½ share (par \$100 a share) of new Preferred stock; 10 shares (par \$5 a share) of new Common stock.

The 10 shares of common stock in this block will carry the right to subscribe to two additional shares of common stock at \$20 a share, but as this right expires Thursday, Jan. 15 1920, it will be entirely lost to holders of the present common stock who do not surrender their stock by that time to the State St. Trust Co., Boston, as depository. Moreover, the issue of warrants for this right will be delayed until the surrender of the present common stock in the case of all common stockholders who do not surrender their present common stock on or before Monday, Jan. 5 1920.

*Option B*.—1-10 share (par value \$100 a share) of new Preferred stock; 12 shares (par value \$5 a share) of new Common stock. The common stock in this block will not carry any right to subscribe to the issue of additional common stock proposed at this time.

Established Co., 15 State St., Boston, have underwritten this plan, agreeing to buy any of the new preferred stock from common stockholders on or before Jan. 15 and also to purchase the 15,000 shares of new common stock to be sold to bankers; they further agree to take up any of the additional common stock offered to the stockholders which is not subscribed for on such offering and any of the new preferred stock which is offered under *Option B* to the present preferred stockholders and is not taken by them.

It is contemplated that application will be made for the listing of the common stock of the new company on the Boston Stock Exchange. V. 108, p. 85.

**Union Oil Co. of Delaware.—Time Extended.**

The Union Oil Co. of Delaware, announces that the time limit for exchange of Commonwealth Petroleum Corp. stock for stock of the Union Oil Co. has been extended to Jan. 3 1920. Approximately 85% of the Commonwealth stock has been turned in for exchange.—V. 109, p. 1994.

**United Retail Stores Corp.—Initial Dividend.**

Both the 50,000 shares issued to the original subscribers at \$70 and the approximately 509,000 shares issued in exchange for Common stock of United Cigar Stores Co. of America will receive the initial \$3 dividend just declared. Payment of the dividend will, therefore, require \$1,677,000. The 160,000 founders' shares will not receive the dividend.—V. 109, p. 2272.

**United States Express Co.—Sells Building.**

The company has sold the United States Express Building at 2 Reector St. to Elias Cohen for about \$5,000,000.—V. 109, p. 987.

**U. S. Food Products Corp.—Extra Dividend.**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1¼% on the outstanding capital stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of ¼% of 1%, both payable Jan. 19 to holders of record Jan. 2. An extra of 1¼% has been paid quarterly since April 1918.—V. 109, p. 80.

**United States Radiator Corp.—Listed.**

The Detroit Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$4,000,000 Common stock and \$2,800,000 Preferred stock, par \$100.—V. 94, p. 1321.

**United States Smelt, Refining & Mining Co.—Earnings.**

Directors Estimate as Reported By "Boston News Bureau"

Calendar Year	1918	1917	1916
Silver prod. (ozs.) (est.)	20,000,000	15,300,000	13,000,000
Gross profits	\$9,410,000	\$7,249,533	\$5,769,391
Deprec. depl., &c., res.	2,770,000	*2,474,443	1,571,576
Preferred dividends	1,702,225	1,702,225	1,702,225

Bal. for com. div. \$4,937,775 \$3,072,865 \$2,495,590 \$6,196,239  
 \* No provision is included for Federal taxes.—V. 109, p. 1615, 180.

**United States Worsted Co.—Stock.**

The company has notified the Mass. Secretary of State of an issue of 14,310 shares of Common stock (par \$10) to be exchanged for 1,431 shares of 2d Pref. stock (par \$100) which were offered for exchange in accordance with provisions of agreement of association. The 1,431 shares of 2d Pref. stock have been received into the treasury and are being held for cancellation and the 14,310 Common shares have been issued in exchange therefor, so that the outstanding capital now is \$7,000,000 First Pref.; \$3,665,700 2d Pref.; and \$1,034,300 Common.—V. 108, p. 1058.

**Virginia Iron Coal & Coke Co.—Dividend.**

The directors declared a dividend of 3% on the Capital stock payable Jan. 25 to holders of record Dec. 31. In July last a like amount was paid.—V. 108, p. 2248.

**Washington Oil Co.—Annual Dividend of \$2.**

A dividend of \$2 has been declared on the stock (par \$10), payable Jan. 30 to holders of record Dec. 31. This compares with \$4 paid in Dec. 1918 and 1917.—V. 106, p. 1143.

**Welsbach Co., Philadelphia.—Bonds Canceled.**

On Dec. 19 there were struck off the list of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange \$117,800 Col. Tr. 5% bonds, due 1930, purchased for the sinking fund, leaving listed \$2,137,700.—V. 108 p. 2534.

**Western Power Corporation.—Pref. Dividend 1½%.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1½% on the Preferred stock payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31. In Oct. 1919 the quarterly dividend was increased from 1 to 1½%.—V. 109, p. 1280.

**West Penn Power Co.—Offering of Bonds—Halsey, Stuart & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., New York, and Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, are offering at 96 and int. by advertisement on another page \$2,500,000 5-year 6% Convertible Gold debentures dated Dec. 1 1919, due Dec. 1 1924.**

Convertible into 7% Cumulative Pref. stock (par \$100) at any time between Dec. 1 1920 and Dec. 1 1924, in the ratio of 10 shares of stock for each debenture. Int. payable J. & D. in New York and Chicago, without deduction for Federal income taxes now or hereafter deductible at the source, not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 (\*). Redeemable all or part on 30 days' notice at 101 and int. If redeemed prior to and incl. Dec. 1 1921; at 109½ and int. If redeemed thereafter to and incl. Dec. 1 1923, and 100 and int. thereafter. Tax-exempt in Pennsylvania.

**Data from Letter of Pres. A. M. Lynn, Dated Pittsburgh, Dec. 19.**

*Company.*—Supplies electricity for light, heat and power to some 110 cities and towns located from 3 to 50 miles from Pittsburgh. Territory covered about 2,500 sq. miles. Estimated population, 475,000. Number of light and power consumers as of Oct. 31 1919, 36,835; total connected load, 195,438 k.w. In the three years ended Oct. 31 1919, number of consumers increased 37.2%; total connected load 62.5%; annual output 61.9%.

*Capitalization After Present Financing—Authorized. Outstanding.*

Preferred stock, 7% cumulative	\$10,000,000	\$2,900,000
Common stock	10,000,000	10,000,000
First Mortgage gold bonds (auth. issue limited)	—	13,723,000
Five-Year 6% Convertible gold debentures	2,500,000	2,500,000

*Contract with Government.*—Company is now constructing a new power station at Springdale on the Allegheny River (40,000 k.w. initial capacity), expected to go into operation in the spring of 1920. This station is being built pursuant to a contract with the U. S. Government, under which the Government agrees to advance 40% of the cost and has actually advanced \$2,000,000, based on an estimated cost of \$5,000,000 for the station and transmission lines. The contract provides that the reproduction cost of the plant and lines is to be determined by appraisal three years after the official termination of the war and that the excess, if any, of such reproduction cost, less depreciation and obsolescence in the interval, over the portion of the cost which the company is providing out of its own funds, is to be repaid to

the Government not later than 7½ years thereafter. Final repayment is therefore to be made with int. for the first 5 years at 5% and thereafter at 6%, not later than 10½ years after the official termination of the war. Prior to the completion of the station there is no interest charge upon this advance and between the time of the completion of the station and the appraisal the interest to be paid the Government is to be 4¼% on 3-10 of the Government's advance, which, on the basis of the present advance, would amount to \$25,500 per annum. The company has entered into an indemnity bond for its faithful performance of this contract and such bond is secured by a second mortgage on its properties.

*Purpose.*—Part of proceeds was employed for retirement on Dec. 10 1919 of \$1,143,500 7% Collateral Gold notes, and balance will be used to complete a construction program including the new Springdale power plant, and for general corporate purposes.

*Franchises.*—With the exception of a few small communities from which company derives less than 3% of gross earnings, all franchisees, in the opinion of counsel, are unlimited as to duration.

*Property.*—Properties owned directly or through ownership of all securities include electric generating stations, aggregate installed capacity 33,970 k.w. (name plate rating), 89 sub-stations, transformer capacity 114,575 k.w., and 458 pole miles of high tension transmission lines exclusive of low tension distribution lines. The transformer capacity of 114,575 k.w. is exclusive of 28,250 k.w. transformer capacity owned by consumers and connected to the transmission system. In addition leases the power plant of the West Penn Railways at Connellyville, Pa., installed generating capacity 56,500 k.w. (name plate rating). Of the installed generating capacity directly owned, 30,000 k.w. consists of the company's one-half of the initial installation of a new power plant at Windsor, W. Va., constructed jointly by the American Gas & Electric Co., and the West Penn Power Co. Upon completion of the new Springdale plant, the generating capacity will be increased from 90,470 k.w. to 130,470 k.w., or 44%. The new business which the West Penn Power Co. has actually under contract, together with prospective business, is more than sufficient to keep the Connellyville, Windsor and new Springdale plants loaded to capacity.

*Earnings for Years ended Nov. 30—*

	1919.	1918.
Gross earnings, including miscellaneous income	\$6,116,634	\$5,489,991
Net after oper. exp., maint., taxes and rentals	1,941,138	1,917,999
Ann. int. on 1st M. bonds and this issue requires	888,380	-----

See also V. 107, p. 2296.—V. 109, p. 1899.

**White Motor Co., Cleveland.—Listed—Earnings.**

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$5,000,000 additional capital stock, making the total authorized to be listed \$25,000,000. The income account for the six months ended June 30 1919, as submitted to the N. Y. Stock Exchange, compare with the year's figures as follows:

	6 Mos. to June 30 1919.	Cal. Year 1918.
Operating profits after expenses	\$1,437,940	\$5,947,494
Other income	318,227	433,091
Net profits	\$1,756,167	\$6,380,585
Federal taxes	500,000	3,700,000
Dividends	(4%)640,000	(8%)1,280,000
Balance, surplus	\$616,167	\$1,400,585

Total profit and loss, surplus, June 30 1919, \$7,237,644.—V. 109, p. 2364, 1899.

**Willys-Overland-Crossley, Ltd.—Organized.**

London cables announce that this company has been registered in England with a capital of £2,000,000 in £1 shares.

CURRENT NOTICES

—Announcement has been made that Robert C. Hall will, after Jan. 1, be associated with Roland T. Meacham of Cleveland (member Cleveland Stock Exchange). Mr. Hall, who recently resigned from the National City Co., is well known in financial circles, not only in Cleveland but throughout Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Prior to his removal to Cleveland ten years ago, he represented Harris, Forbes & Co. in Western Pennsylvania and continued to do so after being transferred to Ohio. About five years ago he became connected with the National City Bank of New York as representative of the bank's Bond Department. In the summer of 1916, when the bank's Bond Department and the firm of N. W. Halsey & Co. were taken over by the National City Company, he was appointed District Sales Manager, having in charge the company's business in the State of Ohio.

—A new investment banking house has been formed to be called E. P. Woodbury & Co., Inc., with headquarters at Burlington, Vt. The directors of the new company will be E. P. Woodbury, who is a director of the Chittenden County Trust Co. and several other corporations in Vermont; C. L. Woodbury, who is connected with a large number of Vermont industrial corporations, and H. R. Wood of the Hew R. Wood Co., investment bankers in Montreal, Canada. The new company intends to specialize in Vermont securities and securities that are tax-exempt or legal for investors in that State. It will locate at 188 Main St., Burlington, and will be open on Jan. 2.

—W. McM. Rutter, resident partner at Chicago of White, Weld & Co. of New York, announces that the Western business of his firm will be taken over Feb. 1 by Rutter, Lindsay & Co., an Illinois corporation. Mr. Rutter, who will head the new company, will become a special partner in White, Weld & Co., and the latter firm in turn will obtain an interest in Rutter, Lindsay & Co. Martin Lindsay, Vice-President of the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, will become associated with Mr. Rutter. He has tendered his resignation to the directors of the Northern Trust, to become effective Feb. 1. Lawrence Howe and T. Edwin Quisenberry of the present organization will also be associated with the new firm.

—A. W. Coote, 614 South Spring St., Los Angeles, stock and bond broker and member of Los Angeles and San Francisco stock exchanges, has sent the "Chronicle" copies of a booklet, "Western Listed Securities," which he has just compiled and had printed for free distribution. This is the first time the vital data relative to all of the securities listed on the Los Angeles Stock Exchange have been compiled and published under one cover. The booklet should, therefore, be valuable for reference.

—Lawrence Chamberlain & Co., Inc., announce their consolidation with the New York office of Sidney Spitzer & Co. Mr. Ayers, formerly manager of the latter organization, has been made treasurer of Lawrence Chamberlain & Co. and manager of the New York offices, which have been removed to the United States Realty Building, 115 Broadway, New York. Mr. E. Maltby Shipp has become associated with the New York office as staff engineer.

—Marwick, Mitchell & Co., accountants and auditors, announce that they have admitted to partnership in their firm Albert J. Watson, C. P. A., who was Manager of their office at Kansas City. It is stated that the growth of the firm's business on the Pacific Coast, established in 1911, requires the continuous attention of a resident partner, and Mr. Watson will, therefore, make his headquarters at the San Francisco office.

—In keeping with their established custom of distributing compensation in addition to salaries to their employees, Ames, Emerich & Co. have awarded bonuses to every member of their staff in New York, Chicago and Milwaukee in varying amounts according to length and character of service. The minimum distribution during the year to any employee who has been in the employ of the organization for a year or more is 40% of the regular yearly compensation.

—The Guaranty Trust Company of New York has been appointed Transfer Agent of Voting Trust Certificates of the U. S. High Speed Steel & Tool Corporation and the Power Specialty Company, and also Dividend Disbursing Agent of the Preferred stock of the Pierce Oil Corp. and Hartman Corp.

Reports and Documents.

THE CUBAN-AMERICAN SUGAR COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30 1919.

New York, December 15 1919.

To the Stockholders of the Cuban-American Sugar Company:

Your Board of Directors submit the following report for the fiscal year ending September 30 1919.

The production of raw sugar during the year amounted to 314,503 tons (of 2,000 lbs.), which was almost fourteen per cent (14%) greater than in the crop previous in spite of an average decline of over three per cent (3%) in the sucrose in the cane.

The tonnage of cane ground and the year's output of raw and refined sugar for the last two years appear in the following table:

	1918-19.	1917-18.
Cane ground.....	2,745,554 Tons	2,334,617 Tons
Raw Sugar Produced—	(Bags 320 lbs.)	(Bags 320 lbs.)
Chaparra.....	559,593 Bags	521,774 Bags
Deliçias.....	712,733 "	624,975 "
Tinguaro.....	275,663 "	264,585 "
Unidad.....	83,451 "	65,720 "
Mercedita.....	129,716 "	110,707 "
Constancia.....	204,575 "	138,989 "
Total.....	1,965,641 Bags or 314,503 Tons	1,724,750 Bags or 275,960 Tons

Refined Sugar Production—  
Cardenas Refinery, Cuba..... 43,163,954 lbs. 50,277,888 lbs.  
Granercy Refinery, La..... 143,589,696 lbs. 151,025,592 lbs.

The net profit of the Company for the fiscal year amounted to \$7,091,296 85, after deducting \$4,000,000, the estimated amount of such income and war excess profits taxes as may be finally determined, and \$999,021 81 for depreciation of buildings, machinery and equipment. Ample provision has also been made for doubtful accounts and for the year's proportion of the cost of cane plantings.

At Chaparra we have entered upon an extended and profitable operation of our lengthened railroad line in passenger and freight service. The population in this favored zone has largely increased. Our railroad with four hundred and twenty-five kilometers constructed has become an integral part of our business; its economical value and general importance will be greatly enhanced in the future. The additions to our milling machinery assure the most approved methods and increased capacity in the conduct of our manufacturing department. Agriculture, the very basis of our business, is being prosecuted with all the diligence necessary to the demands of our general development.

The change of fuel consumption from coal to oil has been practically completed and oil storage and supply tanks are being erected on all the Company's Estates.

Additional boiling facilities at Tinguaro and other factories have been completed, and certain minor machinery has been installed to improve the work of these houses.

Regular quarterly dividends of 1 3/4% were paid on the Preferred Stock and quarterly dividends of 2 1/2% were paid on the Common Stock.

During the year \$2,000,000 of the First Lien Six Per Cent Serial Gold Notes (Series A), which matured January 1, 1919, together with coupons thereon, were paid off.

The \$2,000,000 First Lien Six Per Cent Serial Gold Notes (Series B) maturing January 1 1920, together with coupons thereon, will be paid by the Central Union Trust Company, 80 Broadway, New York, when presented on and after January 2, 1920.

The season we are entering was prepared for on the most generous plan and our Western Estates have greatly improved during the year's progress. In the East, however, where our new plantings were on the most extended scale, we have experienced adverse weather conditions; notwithstanding this unusual interference our estimates indicate a total output larger than any former year.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board.

R. B. HAWLEY, President.

THE CUBAN-AMERICAN SUGAR COMPANY AND ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30 1919.

Raw and Refined Sugars Produced, less Commissions, &c.....	\$49,324,349 29
Molasses Produced.....	342,174 99
Interest Received.....	347,060 81
Profit on Stores, Cattle, etc.....	753,279 46
	\$50,767,164 55
Less:	
Expenses of Producing, Manufacturing, Selling, &c., of Raw and Refined Sugars.....	37,721,928 25
	\$13,045,236 30
Deduct:	
Reserve for such Income and War Excess Profits Taxes as may be finally determined.....	\$4,000,000 00
Provision for Depreciation.....	999,021 81
Discount on Serial Gold Notes.....	108,333 33
Interest on Serial Gold Notes.....	270,000 00
Interest on Bills Payable, Current Accounts, &c.....	348,651 71
Loss on Liberty Bonds sold.....	227,932 60
	5,953,939 45
Net Profit for the Year.....	\$7,091,296 85

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30TH 1919.

ASSETS.	
Capital Assets:	
Lands.....	\$9,417,648 50
Buildings, Machinery, Railroad Tracks, Rolling Stock &c.....	22,108,692 35
Goodwill.....	\$31,526,340 85
Work Animals, Live Stock and Equipment.....	3,929,340 28
Current Assets and Growing Cane:	
Planted and Growing Cane.....	\$2,754,304 39
Advances to Colonos and Contractors (after deducting Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Accounts).....	3,817,658 14
Raw Materials, Supplies and Merchandise in Stores.....	5,014,332 63
Raw and Refined Sugar.....	5,591,656 61
Accounts and Bills Receivable (after deducting Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Accounts).....	2,067,827 91
Liberty Loan Bonds (Par Value \$1,220,000 00).....	1,199,240 00
Cash in Banks, with Fiscal Agents and on hand.....	2,311,213 08
	22,756,232 76
Other Assets:	
Advances in connection with Contracts for Future Delivery of Fuel Oil.....	\$576,481 09
Discount on Serial Gold Notes.....	54,166 67
Prepaid Insurance, Taxes, &c.....	140,049 68
	770,697 44
	\$60,301,279 14
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock:	
Common (Authorized \$10,000,000 00) 100,000 shares of \$100 00 each.....	\$10,000,000 00
Seven Per Cent Cumulative Preferred Stock (Authorized \$10,000,000 00) 78,938 shares of \$100 00 each.....	7,893,800 00
	\$17,893,800 00
First Lien 6% Serial Gold Notes Outstanding: (Due \$2,000,000 00 on January 1 1920 and \$2,000,000 00 on January 1 1921).....	4,000,000 00
Real Estate Mortgages and Censos.....	1462,192 76
Current Liabilities:	
Bills Payable.....	\$459,534 93
Bankers' Loans.....	1,069,699 35
Accounts Payable.....	2,206,225 37
Salaries and Wages Accrued.....	104,329 84
Interest Accrued.....	81,160 36
	3,920,949 85
Reserve for such Income and War Excess Profits Taxes as may be finally determined.....	5,398,518 67
Reserve for Depreciation.....	6,258,678 04
Surplus, per annexed statement.....	22,367,139 82
	\$60,301,279 14

CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30 1919.

Balance October 1 1918.....	\$16,828,168 47
Add:	
Premium on Common Stock and Scrip Sold.....	\$240 50
Profit for the year ended September 30 1919, per annexed account.....	7,091,296 85
	7,091,537 35
	\$23,919,705 82
Deduct:	
Dividends on 7% Preferred Stock:	
Paid January 2 1919 for three months to January 1 1919—1 3/4%.....	\$138,141 50
Paid April 1 1919 for three months to April 1 1919—1 3/4%.....	138,141 50
Paid July 1 1919 for three months to July 1 1919—1 3/4%.....	138,141 50
Paid September 30 1919 for three months to October 1 1919—1 3/4%.....	138,141 50
	\$552,566 00
Dividends on Common Stock:	
Paid January 2 1919 for three months to January 1 1919—2 1/2%.....	\$250,000 00
Paid April 1 1919 for three months to April 1 1919—2 1/2%.....	250,000 00
Paid July 1 1919 for three months to July 1 1919—2 1/2%.....	250,000 00
Paid September 30 1919 for three months to October 1 1919—2 1/2%.....	250,000 00
	1,000,000 00
	1,552,566 00
Surplus at September 30 1919.....	\$22,367,139 82

CERTIFICATE OF ACCOUNTANTS.

To the President and Directors of the Cuban-American Sugar Company:

We have examined the books and accounts of the Cuban-American Sugar Company and its subsidiary companies for the year ended September 30 1919, and hereby certify that the annexed Consolidated Balance Sheet has been correctly prepared therefrom and, in our opinion, sets forth the true financial position of the companies as at that date and that the relative Profit and Loss Account correctly shows the results of the operations for the period.

The stock of raw sugar on hand has been valued at the selling price fixed by the Sugar Commission, after deduction therefrom of all estimated shipping and selling expenses. All of this has now been delivered with the exception of 7,868 bags, which have been contracted for. Refined sugars have been valued at market or cost, whichever was lower.

LOVEJOY, MATHER, HOUGH & STAGG,

Members of the American Institute of Accountants.

55 Liberty Street, New York City, December 15 1919.

**MAXWELL MOTOR COMPANY**  
(INCORPORATED)

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31 1919.

Detroit, Michigan, December 1 1919.

To the Stockholders:

The sixth annual report of the Maxwell Motor Company, Inc., for its fiscal year ended July 31st 1919 is herewith submitted.

Subject to change, in accordance with the settlement finally effected of your Company's claims against the United States Government, the net earnings of your Company, as shown by the accompanying statement of its certified public accountants, Messrs. West & Flint and Messrs. Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Company, respectively, amount to \$1,529,499 20, after setting aside reserves for the Normal Income Tax and Excess Profits Tax.

As of July 31st 1919 the net amount of these claims, which are for war material and work done, over and above advances from the United States Government, was \$6,473,839 21. This figure includes the claims for such part of the war work as was performed in the plants of the Chalmers Motor Corporation, and all references herein to your Company's activities include such plants, the use of which was acquired by your Company for a period of five (5) years from September 1st 1917 under a lease. Government agents and accountants are actively engaged in the verification of these claims, and substantial payments have been received on account, but, because of the details involved it will be probably several months before a final settlement can be effected.

It is on this account, and on account of the increased cost of labor and materials, which has, in turn, increased the amount of working capital which your Company must have to carry on its operations, that your Board of Directors has felt compelled to conserve the cash resources of your Company, and to discontinue the payment, in scrip or otherwise, of dividends on the First Preferred Stock since October 1st 1918.

Your Company entered upon its last fiscal year with 80% of the total capacity of its plants devoted to the production of war materials. This continued until December 31st 1918, when, after the signing of the Armistice in November 1918, the production of war materials was curtailed and gradually reduced and the production of automobiles and trucks gradually increased, but it was not until May 1st 1919 that your Company's plants were completely cleared of war work and available for their normal activities, with the result that the number of passenger cars and trucks sold during the fiscal year ended July 31st 1919 was substantially less than the sales of any one of the last three fiscal years of your Company.

The past fiscal year, therefore, must be regarded as one of reconstruction. Your Company has entered upon its new fiscal year with bright prospects. Its manufacturing facilities, with the additions which have been made, and which are in contemplation, will be in better condition and better equipped than ever before. These additions, including machinery and equipment, will not exceed approximately \$2,500,000, part of which has been realized from the sale of old buildings which the new buildings are intended to replace. Sales contracts with Distributors have been executed calling for delivery during the coming fiscal year of cars and trucks far in excess of the number sold during the past year, and there is every indication that your Company's net earnings during the current fiscal year will be satisfactory.

The net working assets of your Company and its subsidiaries at the close of its sixth fiscal year are \$14,996,697 33.

Attached to this report are the balance sheet and profit and loss account containing additional information as to the results of the year's operations.

Respectfully submitted,  
**W. LEDYARD MITCHELL,**  
President.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED JULY 31 1919.

<i>Net Earnings from Operations—</i>	
After deducting Cost of Manufacturing and Expenses of Advertising, Selling, Administration and Taxes, and Chalmers Motor Corporation proportion of profits from Government contracts.....	\$2,144,214 46
<i>Other Income—</i>	
Cash Discounts on Goods purchased.....	\$173,565 56
Sundry Miscellaneous Revenue.....	911,543 20
	1,085,108 76
	\$3,229,323 22
<i>Deductions—</i>	
Depreciation on Buildings, Machinery and Tools over and above Repairs and Replacements.....	\$929,936 55
Reserved for Contingencies in Settlement of Claims under U. S. Government Contracts....	600,000 00
Reserved for Income Tax.....	169,887 07
	1,699,824 02
<b>Net Income for the Fiscal Year ended July 31 1919.....</b>	<b>\$1,529,499 20</b>

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET AS AT JULY 31 1919.

ASSETS.	
<i>Capital Assets—</i>	
Real Estate, Buildings, Machinery and Equipment.....	\$10,249,134 26
Investments in other properties.....	100,000 00
	\$10,349,134 26
Good-will, Patents, Models, Trade-Marks and Trade Name.....	25,032,408 72
Claims under Contracts with U. S. Government.....	8,468,371 36
<i>Current Working Assets—</i>	
Inventories.....	\$14,197,654 80
Advances to Chalmers Factory.....	4,196,015 47
London Office—Net Assets.....	58,406 47
Accounts Receivable.....	1,385,926 10
Notes Receivable (discounted to amount of \$719,915 38. See opposite).....	1,176,807 81
United States and Canada War Loan Bonds.....	1,079,300 00
Cash.....	2,940,974 87
Sight Drafts with Bills of Lading attached out for collection (discounted to amount of \$867,275 44. See opposite).....	1,145,447 26
	26,180,532 78
<i>Deferred Expenses—</i>	
Insurance, Taxes, Rentals, &c., prepaid.....	219,416 83
<i>Sinking Fund—</i>	
Central Union Trust Co. of New York, Trustee:	
Cash.....	\$1,151 20
First Preferred Capital Stock Scrip.....	6 00
	1,157 20
	\$70,251,021 15
LIABILITIES.	
<i>Capital Stock—</i>	
First Preferred: Authorized.....	\$14,050,000 00
Issued.....	\$13,915,142 01
Less: Purchased through Sinking Fund since Aug. 1 1915; Canceled.....	\$578,500 00
Held by Trustee for cancellation.....	203,300 00
	781,800 00
	\$13,133,342 01
Second Preferred.....	\$11,000,000 00
Less: In Treasury.....	872,532 01
	10,127,467 99
Common.....	\$13,000,000 00
Less: In Treasury.....	144,842 42
	12,855,157 58
	\$36,115,967 53
Mortgages and Land Contracts.....	98,381 53
United States Government—Advances on contracts (including interest).....	6,803,591 39
Dividend Warrants Due 1920.....	700,173 72
<i>Current Liabilities—</i>	
Notes payable.....	\$6,250,000 00
Accounts Payable—Audited.....	2,732,200 17
Accounts Payable—Unaudited Vouchers.....	700,322 30
Wages, Taxes, Insurance and Interest Accrued.....	855,856 59
Customers' and Other Deposits.....	235,266 33
Liberty Bond Subscriptions—Banks.....	394,100 00
Liberty Bond Subscriptions—Employees.....	3,679 21
Notes Receivable—Discounted.....	719,915 38
Sight Drafts on Customers Discounted.....	867,275 44
	12,758,615 42
<i>Reserves—</i>	
For Depreciation of Plants.....	\$3,342,678 63
For Contingencies.....	660,000 00
	4,002,678 63
<i>Corporate Surplus—</i>	
Undivided Surplus July 31 1918.....	\$8,567,125 38
Net Income for the year ended July 31 1919.....	1,529,499 20
	\$10,096,624 58
<i>Deductions—</i>	
Dividends.....	\$233,515 29
Sinking Fund Appropriation.....	131,333 36
Adjustment of Taxes.....	50,163 05
	415,011 70
	9,681,612 88
	\$70,251,021 15

We have audited the books and accounts of the Maxwell Motor Company, Inc., for the year ended July 31 1919.

We certify that during the year only actual additions to the properties and plants of the Company have been capitalized and that full provision has been made for depreciation and renewals of plant and equipment.

The inventories of cars, materials, supplies, &c., are as stated on the books, no physical inventory having been taken as of the date named, and in regard to notes and accounts receivable provision has been made for possible losses should any arise in the course of liquidation.

The amount shown as due from the United States Government represents the Company's full claim for equipment, material and profits arising under contracts with said Government as the same existed at July 31 1919. As provision against any loss or shrinkage which may arise in the ultimate settlement of this claim, a reserve has been set up arrived at by the officials of the Company after careful consideration of all the facts of the case and taking into account such contingencies as might affect the final settlement.

The earnings for the year, viz., \$1,529,499 20, are after taking into account the reserve referred to and all costs, expenses and other deductions including Excess Profits Tax and Income Tax, calculated on an approximate basis.

Subject to the foregoing, we certify that, in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the correct financial position of the Company at July 31st 1919.

**BARROW, WADE, GUTHRIE & CO.,**  
Accountants and Auditors.  
**WEST & FLINT,**  
Accountants and Auditors.

New York, October 27 1919.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Dec. 26 1919.

Remarkably large business is being done for this time of the year. In parts of the country what might almost be termed a saturnalia of buying prevails. The jobbing trade is extraordinarily large. The retail holiday business is said to have been the largest on record. Another gratifying thing is that coal is more plentiful. That means that new life animates big industries hitherto badly handicapped. The outlook is for better railroad service. The railroads will be returned to their owners in March. But long before that it is hoped that cars will be more plentiful. There is an acute shortage now in parts of the country. It hampers the movement of the corn crop and other commodities, including lumber. Prices for such things as iron, steel and coal look firm. The same is true of lumber, cotton and cotton goods. The output of iron and steel is increasing, but it is not increasing fast enough. It lags distinctly behind the demand. Pig iron is higher. Big orders for rails are expected in 1920. Building materials generally are still at high prices as building this year has been very active and in 1920 will be enormous. Coal is in sharp demand, with bituminous rather cheaper owing to larger output. Big export sales this week have been made of oats and rye and also there has been some foreign business in barley, wheat and even corn. Food prices have in some cases dropped. Butter and eggs are lower. In sections of the West this is partly due to deliberately planned reduction of consumption. In parts of the country there is some tendency to check unnecessary buying. This may eventually affect prices of various commodities. Prices for hogs have been lower with exceptionally large receipts. And wheat and corn have also declined. Prices for flour are weaker. Dealers in corn at the West say they need 500,000 cars. There is an evident pressure to market the crop. One business feature of the week, partaking slightly of the nature of comedy was the speculation in Christmas trees. They were sent to New York in vast quantities, but speculators started by asking \$6 to \$10 apiece for them. But they gradually dropped to 50 cents and a dollar and on Christmas Eve in many places here there were big piles of them with a placard marked "Please take one." Hides and leather have declined. The general public will certainly not regret this fact. Some grades of shoes are also reported lower.

The Edge Bill has been signed by the President and it is expected to promote export trade in many different lines. At the same time the Federal Reserve Board is still said to be distinctly inimical to anything like undue speculation or the holding of commodities back practically on speculation. Perhaps it was because of a hint to this effect that call money rates during the week have at times been 12 to 18%. As to the general outlook for business in this country in 1920 it is certainly promising. The year closes on a remarkable record. But it is none the less a fact that consumption, as a rule, still plainly outruns production in this country and this it would appear presages a large business for 1920, as stocks in most lines of business are supposed to be, and doubtless are, down to an unusually low stage, and cannot be replenished to the normal level for some time to come. Deflation, however, is beginning to have some effect on prices here and there and it is hoped that in 1920 the cost of living will be materially reduced.

The price of all New York Sunday newspapers will be advanced to ten cents in the country districts by Jan. 4 in compliance with the request of the House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads to reduce consumption of news-print 10% to relieve the paper shortage. Labor leaders it seems are doing very well financially. Robert P. Brindell, representative of the Dockbuilders' Union, which is connected with the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, a part of the American Federation of Labor, receives a salary of \$18,000 a year. This is as far as known the highest salary paid to any labor official. Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, receives \$10,000 a year. Thomas V. O'Connor, head of the Longshoremen's Union, is supposed to get \$7,500; Warren E. Stone, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, \$10,000; Marsden G. Scott, head of the International Typographical Union \$5,000 and traveling expenses. The new labor leaders of to-day generally receive \$4,500 to \$10,000, but the tendency of their salaries is upward and the Brindell "record" of \$18,000 will become more common. One enthusiast declares that Mr. Gompers is really worth \$100,000 a year to the American Federation of Labor. Many of the labor leaders have fine offices as well as big pay. Our old friend the "New Day" has reached labor leader salaries. John Mitchell left a fortune of about \$300,000.

LARD quiet but higher, prime western 24.40@24.50c.; refined to the Continent 26.75c.; South America 27c.; Brazil in kegs 28c. Futures advanced. Germany it appears has been a large buyer of lard recently. Also the United Kingdom has bought considerable bacon based on the price of hogs. The general tone has been firmer. Recently foreign exchange advanced. At times however prices have wavered somewhat, when hogs have reacted. But what is taken to be the brightening outlook for exports has cheered the be-

lievers in higher prices. To-day prices advanced slightly and close higher for the week. Germany has received 300,000,000 lbs. of meats and lard from the United States in the last three months, according to E. A. Cudahay of Cudahay Packing Co. He also confirms the announcement in the House of Commons that Great Britain has made arrangements with Chicago packers for a regular supply of bacon, running from 70,000,000 to 100,000,000 lbs. every three months.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery	23.00	23.40	23.32	23.70	Holl-	23.77
May delivery	23.82	24.20	24.10	24.55	day	24.60

PORK, quiet but steady; mess \$47 00@\$47 50; family \$52 00@\$54 00; short clear \$46 00@\$53 00. January pork closed at \$38 00, a rise of \$1 15 this week. Beef steady; mess \$22 00@\$23 00; packet \$25 00@\$26 00; extra India mess \$48 00@\$50 00; No. 1 canned roast beef \$3 25; No. 2, \$6 25. Cut meats firmer; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs. 23 1/2@25 1/2c.; pickled bellies 27@28c. Butter creamy extras 70 3/4@71c.; other grades 53c@70c. Cheese, flats 25@33c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras 72@73c.; first to extra firsts 67@71c.

COFFEE quiet and slightly lower; No. 7 Rio 15c.; No. 4 Santos 24 1/2@25c.; fair to good Cuenta 24@24 1/2c. Futures had a narrow market with slight fluctuations. But latterly prices have advanced somewhat. A delay in Brazilian news has been a handicap to business here. Not a little of the business at times has been in switching from March to May, or from March to September. It is more like a waiting market than anything else, pending further developments. Deliveries have been good and spot stocks are decreasing. Receipts at Brazilian markets have been moderate. The stock at Rio is about half a million bags smaller than a year ago. Foreign markets it is stated have been good buyers of Brazilian coffee. On the whole, however, striking features have been largely wanting. To-day prices declined, but end a trifle higher for the week.

December 14.70@14.80 | March 15.00@15.05 | July 15.26@15.31  
 January 14.70@14.80 | May 15.13@15.15 | September 15.06@15.11

SUGAR still 7.28c. for centrifugal 96 degrees test Porto Rico and Cuban. Raw is quiet and will it is believed continue so until next week. New Cuba, December shipment is offered it seems at 12c. c. and f., January is about 10 1/2c. c. and f. Later positions are reported dull and nominal at 9c. or first half of February, 8 3/4@8 1/2c. for February-April, and 8 1/2@8 3/4c. for May-June all c. and f. New crop centrifugal 96 degrees test is called 13.40c. duty paid, and now granulated for early delivery at 15.20c. less 2%. First quotations for granulated sugar made from new crop raws were established early in the week. One firm made a price of 15.20c. a lb. less 2%, comparing with 9 cents less 2% for granulated refined from old crop Cuban raws. On the 22nd inst. 22,969 bags of new crop Cuban sugar arrived here on the steamer Matanzas. The price of 15.20 cents less 2% announced for granulated sugar is a wholesale price, and allowing about 2 cents for jobber and retailer, indicates a retail price of between 17 and 18 cents a lb. A shipment it is said of 25,000 bbls. of Cuban sugar arrived here last Monday and will be sold at retail for at least 20 cents a lb. with the approval of the Sugar Equalization Board.

OILS.—Linseed has been quiet of late, but prices have been steady; car lots \$1 87. Lard, strained winter, unchanged at \$1 80; extra \$1 70; Coconut oil, Ceylon, barrels, still 18 1/2@19c.; and Cochin 19c. Olive remains at \$2 50. Corn oil refined still 22c. Spirits of turpentine \$1 64. Common to good strained rosin \$17.35

PETROLEUM has been in good demand at firm prices; refined in bbls. 19.75@20.75c.; bulk New York, 12@13c.; cases New York \$23 75@\$24 75. Gasoline unchanged; motor gasoline in steel bbls. 24 1/2c.; consumers 26 1/2c.; gas machine 41 1/2c. One well is reported to have come in at 919 bbls. in the first 21 hours of pumping in Olinda, Calif. One company is said to have brought in two wells in Butler County, Kans., one producing 800 bbls. and the other 1,000. There was also, it seems, a producer brought in at 1,500 bbls. in Marion County, Kans. Cold weather has hindered drilling in the Wyoming fields. It is reported New York capitalists have bought or leased large tracts of land near Havre de Grace, Md., on which they will bore for oil. It is said that the signs indicate the presence of oil.

Pennsylvania	\$1 75	Indiana	\$2 88	Strawn	\$2 75
Corning	3 35	Princeton	3 02	Thrall	2 75
Cabell	3 27	Illinois, above 30		Heslton	2 00
Somerset, 32 deg. and above		degrees	3 02	Moran	2 75
	3 10	Plymouth	2 78	Hemietta	2 75
Ragland	1 60	Kansas&Oklahoma	2 75	Canada	3 58
Wooter	3 20	Corsicana, light	2 50	Caddo, La., light	2 75
North Lima	2 98	Corsicana, heavy	1 35	Caddo heavy	1 00
South Lima	2 98	Electra	2 75	De Soto	2 40

RUBBER has been quiet but steady, with London closed and nothing to give a stimulus to trade. Smoked ribbed sheets 52 1/2@53c. spot and January to June arrival. Fine Para 47c.; Caucho ball upper 34 1/2c.; Guayule wet 25@27c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have not been active; far from it. Still the coal situation is steadily improving. Foreign exchange has risen somewhat. Transatlantic tonnage meanwhile, however, is plentiful. Sooner or later business will improve. But as things now stand coal is still more or less scarce. Foreign exchange of course is still very low. And in such circumstances ship-owners are not aggressive as to rates. Plainly, rates are none too steady, whatever they may be later on when business improves. But cotton freights are \$1 35, a rise of 10 cents from Atlantic ports to

the United Kingdom and the Continent. The U. S. Shipping Board plans to have a representative in every European port, and later for each South American port. The purpose of the port representatives would be to receive every American ship, see that it is unloaded with all possible speed, and make arrangements for a prompt "turn around." Charters included linseed from Buenos Aires to north of Hatteras, at \$30; coal from Cardiff to Dunkirk at 55s. December; coal from Atlantic range to Suracao at \$10 50; linseed from Buenos Aires to north of Hatteras, at \$21; linseed from Buenos Aires to north of Hatteras, at \$21 50; option Rosario loading, \$23 50, February.

**TOBACCO** as usual at this time of the year has become less active. But prices have remained as firm as ever. This refers to domestic cigar leaf. The feeling is hopeful. The early part of the year 1920 is expected to witness a revival of activity. Foreign growths are quiet but also firm.

**COPPER** in fair demand but slightly easier; electrolytic 18 3/4c. Tin in good demand and higher at 57 1/4 @ 57 1/2c. Lead scarce and higher at 7.15 @ 7.50c. spot New York 6.90 @ 7.20c. or St. Louis. Zinc meets with a fair sale at higher prices; spot New York 9c. and 8.70c. for St. Louis.

**PIG IRON** has been quiet owing mainly to the smallness of supplies. Everybody wants pig iron. But it is out of the question to get it in anything like the quantities needed. Foundry iron at Pittsburgh was quoted early in the week at \$40. It is said that the low state of labor efficiency curtails output.

**STEEL** output is gradually increasing. And there is evidently a big business ahead. For one thing, a large demand for rails is expected. Meanwhile mills are well sold up, on various shapes and commodities. It is said that after Jan. 1 various railroads in this country will want a total of 750,000 tons or more. Naturally, things have been rather quiet with the approach of the holidays. It is the future, however, that engages attention. Spain has bought some 50 passenger cars. This alone is considered significant. As soon as the treaty is signed European business is expected to increase. For the second quarter of 1920 it is believed the indications point to 2.50c. Pittsburgh for steel bars, 2.55c. for shapes and 2.75c. for plates. Some of the smaller makers, it is stated, get \$5 to \$10 per ton higher than these prices for bars and plates for the same period. One drawback is that there is still more or less shortage of coal. Mills still find it very hard to make deliveries on back orders, though production is gradually increasing, and Christmas holidays in some cases at least appear to have been waived. Belgium has bought 150 locomotive engines at about \$58,500, it seems, with accessories, delivery to begin in February, payment to be made with 5-year 6% Treasury notes, principal and interest payable in dollars here at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. and the Guaranty Trust Co.

**COTTON**

Friday Night, Dec. 26 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 195,242 bales, against 228,361 bales last week and 227,143 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1919 3,588,196 bales, against 2,664,593 bales for the same period of 1918, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1919 of 923,603 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	13,405	8,691	22,444	11,520	---	13,088	69,148
Texas City	---	3,932	---	4,935	---	5,907	14,774
Port Arthur, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	17,623	17,623
New Orleans	8,106	7,974	6,412	10,229	---	---	32,721
Mobile	798	973	908	1,928	---	388	4,995
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	---	452	452
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	---	5,553	28,102
Savannah	4,516	5,952	6,801	5,280	---	---	22,549
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	2,000	2,000
Charleston	2,182	2,618	730	1,155	---	1,043	7,728
Wilmington	351	1,798	1,515	843	---	553	5,060
Norfolk	2,937	1,821	2,185	928	460	3,199	11,520
Newport News, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	58	58
New York	---	---	212	---	---	---	212
Boston	---	---	---	---	4	---	4
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	125	125
Philadelphia	101	---	487	57	---	75	720
<b>Totals this week.</b>	<b>32,396</b>	<b>33,750</b>	<b>41,694</b>	<b>36,879</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>50,064</b>	<b>195,242</b>

The following shows the week's total receipts, total since Aug. 1 1919, and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Dec. 26.	1919.		1918.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1919.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1918.	1919.	1918.
Galveston	69,148	1,181,257	44,924	908,502	346,228	297,964
Texas City	14,774	167,248	835	27,597	85,023	5,817
Aransas Pass	---	1,801	---	---	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	17,623	58,604	1,763	13,580	---	---
New Orleans	32,721	547,438	35,430	705,643	464,878	448,780
Mobile	4,995	169,913	6,585	72,794	22,696	28,959
Pensacola	---	1,170	---	4,640	---	---
Jacksonville	---	8,413	1,102	12,421	7,000	9,500
Savannah	28,102	782,774	24,089	540,746	349,251	264,817
Brunswick	2,000	94,800	2,600	44,450	20,000	1,600
Charleston	7,728	175,639	5,577	94,546	68,781	56,195
Wilmington	5,060	93,402	3,306	54,961	50,943	52,124
Norfolk	11,520	204,634	7,721	149,734	86,006	101,253
Newport News, &c.	58	1,614	81	2,822	---	---
New York	212	11,977	---	2,522	62,307	153,073
Boston	4	9,824	442	15,605	3,724	13,368
Baltimore	125	56,267	986	14,000	5,533	12,054
Philadelphia	720	11,421	---	30	12,245	10,325
<b>Totals</b>	<b>195,242</b>	<b>3,588,196</b>	<b>135,441</b>	<b>2,664,593</b>	<b>1,587,615</b>	<b>1,453,829</b>

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.
Galveston	69,148	44,924	43,191	61,694	63,382	123,417
Texas City, &c.	32,397	2,598	4,829	12,520	19,802	29,268
New Orleans	32,721	35,430	37,322	28,692	45,847	57,282
Mobile	4,995	6,585	251	2,934	4,070	4,296
Savannah	28,102	24,089	18,154	11,259	13,320	64,552
Brunswick	2,000	2,600	3,000	1,000	1,500	7,000
Charleston, &c.	7,728	5,577	3,414	1,644	4,225	14,787
Wilmington	5,060	3,306	952	1,175	1,222	7,256
Norfolk	11,520	7,721	6,655	8,727	12,429	9,334
Newport N., &c.	58	81	362	868	6,212	1,200
All others	1,513	2,530	6,345	10,751	6,758	5,074
<b>Total this wk.</b>	<b>195,242</b>	<b>135,441</b>	<b>124,475</b>	<b>142,234</b>	<b>178,567</b>	<b>323,466</b>
Since Aug. 1—	3,588,196	2,664,593	3,427,050	4,616,685	4,036,341	4,572,446

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 159,625 bales, of which 73,527 were to Great Britain, 14,786 to France and 71,312 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1919 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending Dec. 26 1919.			From Aug. 1 1919 to Dec. 26 1919.			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	36,644	---	8,004	44,648	671,400	43,335	203,332
Texas City	---	13,811	---	13,611	52,416	13,611	66,027
Houston	21,572	---	---	21,572	44,891	---	44,891
Pt. Nog., &c.	---	---	---	---	---	80	80
New Orleans	2,000	---	32,723	34,723	133,830	39,820	263,228
Mobile	---	---	---	---	31,273	21,864	950
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	15,208	---	15,208
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	19,216	---	990
Savannah	---	---	24,271	24,271	126,402	115,705	275,899
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	96,917	---	96,917
Charleston	---	---	---	---	69,662	11,525	10,725
Wilmington	---	---	---	---	17,400	16,847	65,828
Norfolk	13,145	---	---	13,145	79,787	---	100,075
New York	160	---	100	266	5,312	6,712	8,200
Boston	---	1,175	---	1,175	2,613	1,237	7,721
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	1,338	500	1,722
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	100	18,305	4,093
San Fran.	---	---	723	723	---	---	21,454
Seattle	---	---	5,391	5,391	---	---	62,593
Tacoma	---	---	---	---	---	---	13,521
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,527</b>	<b>14,786</b>	<b>71,312</b>	<b>159,625</b>	<b>1,397,070</b>	<b>271,176</b>	<b>1,003,345</b>
Total 1918*	39,664	35,550	38,415	113,629	917,960	253,853	624,476
Total 1917.	20,009	25,596	25,927	80,528	1,262,122	321,579	591,608

\* Figures adjusted to make comparison with this season approximately correct.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named. We add similar figures for New York.

Dec. 26 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Conts.	Coastwise.	
Galveston	95,907	---	2,203	24,746	11,000	133,856
New Orleans	29,787	17,026	1,195	59,944	---	107,952
Savannah	37,000	7,000	---	19,000	3,000	66,000
Charleston	---	---	---	---	1,000	1,000
Mobile	9,912	700	---	1,353	---	11,965
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	800	800
New York*	2,000	500	---	2,000	---	4,500
Other ports*	12,000	---	---	5,000	---	17,000
<b>Total 1919</b>	<b>186,606</b>	<b>25,226</b>	<b>3,398</b>	<b>112,043</b>	<b>15,800</b>	<b>343,073</b>
Total 1918	75,671	48,822	---	31,606	19,320	175,419
Total 1917.	42,613	32,248	---	22,528	9,913	107,302

\* Estimated. a Including Japan.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has in the main slowed down as usual towards the close of the year. But the tone has been firm. Prices have risen sharply. Liverpool has been a dominant factor at times, owing to the big demand from Manchester. Back of that was the very large Lancashire business with India and China. And everything considered the exports from American ports during the week have made no bad showing; quite the contrary. And the impression is growing that big credits will be granted to Europe and that the export business in American commodities generally by no means excepting cotton will be large in 1920. Meanwhile spot markets have remained firm. The South is confident. It has marketed a large proportion of its crop at high prices and its financial condition is strong. That is universally conceded. And it plainly believes that the future drift of prices will be upward. Neill Bros. of London estimated the crop the other day at 11,700,000 bales including linters. Some interpreted this as bullish rather than otherwise, though it is true that this view was not unanimous. The idea of the advocates of higher prices is that the world will need every bale of cotton that is available. And the notion that there is to be a largely increased acreage planted this year does not receive universal acceptance. October has been selling at around 28 1/2c. This is regarded by not a few as not more than the cost of raising cotton. Others think that it is really below it.

Trade in cotton goods in this country is brisk at firm prices. Woollens and silks have also been very firm. As regards cotton manufacturing it well known that the number of active spindles is the largest on record. And the ginning report makes the total to December 13th small though somewhat larger than many had expected judging from the previous figures of the National Ginners Association. That is to say, it is small by comparison with three or four years past. It is only 9,402,520 bales against 10,281,129 for the same time last year. 10,131,594 in 1917 and 10,838,799 in 1916, 10,306,000 in 1915 and 13,972,000 in 1914.

Liverpool has been a good buyer here and trade interests have been persistent buyers as well. Some December notices have been issued but on the whole they have been promptly stopped. Up to the 24th inst. they amounted to about 5,000 bales. They were stopped mostly by southern and other spot interests. December went out at noon on the 24th inst. at 37.90c. after ranging from 37.35 to 39c. on the same day. The first January notice day fell to-day, i. e. December 26th, but no notices were issued. Foreign exchange has been on the whole rather stronger and stocks at times have advanced. Contracts from time to time have become rather scarce. Wall St. and Chicago shorts have covered here. Room traders have leaned to the short side but they have also covered promptly on the rallies. There is a large short interest apparent in May and July.

On the other hand there have been noticeable reactions at times. Not a few people believe that present prices discount all the bullish conditions which may be cited. They think the Federal Reserve banks will oppose speculation in commodities as well as securities. Money rates have risen. On the 23rd instant they reached 18% on call here. And very many are sceptical as to the likelihood of any very marked advance in rates for foreign exchange. They believe too that whatever may be said to the contrary, Europe will buy as far as possible from hand to mouth. Moreover, the peace treaty hangs fire. Not a few believe that until it is signed general trade will be more or less handicapped. Also there is an impression among some that the average this spring will be greatly increased. Another thing is that the crop, after all, is turning out larger than was expected. Evidently the high prices are stimulating the marketing of the crop. At one time there were reports of somewhat easier prices for spot cotton in parts of the Atlantic States, however strong they might be further West, especially in Texas. Liverpool has now and then sold rather freely also. New Orleans sold quite freely early in the week. It greatly increased its margin requirements for the moment doubtless due to the fact that the Exchange there would be closed on Dec. 26th and Dec. 27th, the same as that in Liverpool. The Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange states that it would be inexpedient to close the Exchange here on those days. But naturally in the holiday week there has been more or less evening up and with the market rather long than otherwise this has naturally meant for a time a certain amount of long liquidation. So that New York Prices have not always fully responded to advances in Liverpool. To-day, however, prices advanced 55 to 132 points, the latter on July. May advanced 125 points. Straddlers sold January and March and bought May and July. Stocks were higher, the Edge bill has been signed by the President, there is talk now of a speedy ratification of the Treaty of Peace, the railroads are to be returned to their owners in March, spot markets are very strong, drygoods markets are active and some very optimistic reports come from England, while France is recovering in the textile districts from the effects of the war more rapidly than had been expected. The ending here was at a big rise for the week. Spot cotton closed at 39.25c. for middling, the same as a week ago.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Dec. 20 to Dec. 26—	Sat.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands	39.25	39.25	39.25	39.25	Hol.	39.25

**NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.**  
The quotations for middling upland at New York on Dec. 26 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1919-c.	1911-c.	1910-c.	1903-c.	1895-c.	8.25
39.25	9.40	13.70	1895-c.	8.25	
32.70	15.15	1902	8.75	1894	5.69
31.50	15.75	1901	8.56	1893	7.88
16.90	9.45	1900	10.31	1892	9.88
12.15	11.70	1899	7.62	1891	7.94
7.65	10.55	1898	5.83	1890	9.19
12.60	12.10	1897	5.94	1889	10.25
13.20	7.60	1896	7.12	1888	9.75

**MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.**

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'l.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, unchanged.	Firm			
Monday	Steady, unchanged.	Steady			
Tuesday	Steady, unchanged.	Steady	800		800
Wednesday	Steady, unchanged.	Firm	500		500
Thursday	HOLIDAY				
Friday	Steady, unchanged.	Steady	300		300
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,600</b>		<b>1,600</b>

**NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.**—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Dec. 20.	Monday, Dec. 22.	Tuesday, Dec. 23.	Wed'day, Dec. 24.	Thurs'day, Dec. 25.	Friday, Dec. 26.
January	38.25-35	38.15	38.48	38.97-00		
March	35.40-43	35.35-39	35.63-65	36.34-40		
May	33.30-32	33.18-23	33.39-40	33.96-00	HOLI-DAY	HOLI-DAY
July	31.35-39	31.25-32	31.35-39	31.97-99		
October	28.40	28.10-15	28.28	28.68		
Tone						
Spot	Steady.	Quiet.	Steady.	Quiet.		
Options	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.		

**FUTURES.**—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Dec. 20.	Monday, Dec. 22.	Tuesday, Dec. 23.	Wed'day, Dec. 24.	Thurs'day, Dec. 25.	Friday, Dec. 26.	Week.
December—							
Range	—	38.25-75	38.20-55	37.75-00			37.75-100
Closing	38.30	38.30-40	38.40-50				
January—							
Range	26.57-93	36.55-00	36.88-15	37.20-75		37.70-10	36.55-710
Closing	36.88-90	36.85-88	37.14-15	37.55		38.00-10	
February—							
Range		35.05	35.50	35.80	36.50		36.80
Closing							
March—							
Range	34.50-90	34.48-76	34.56-95	35.05-70	HOLI-DAY	35.68-32	34.48-732
Closing	34.70-75	34.57-60	34.94-96	35.66		36.19-25	
April—							
Range		33.18	33.00	33.25	33.55		34.95
Closing							
May—							
Range	32.42-75	32.42-78	32.50-78	32.94-40		33.35-60	32.42-60
Closing	32.70-75	32.48-50	32.72-75	33.35-40		34.45-58	
June—							
Range		31.45	31.28	31.40	31.55-00		31.85
Closing						33.20	
July—							
Range	30.75-00	30.76-03	30.80-03	31.15-50		31.64-80	30.70-80
Closing	30.98-00	30.78-80	30.90	31.49-50		32.70-75	
August—							
Range		29.50		29.90-00			29.50-00
Closing	29.50	29.25	29.30	29.90		30.95	
September—							
Range		29.00				29.90	29.00-90
Closing	29.00	28.75	28.80	29.40		30.00	
October—							
Range	28.18-48	28.10-45	18.15-42	18.40-80		28.88-75	28.10-75
Closing	28.35	28.10-12	28.15-18	28.75-80		29.70-75	

**THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON** to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Dec. 26—				
Stock at Liverpool	837,000	305,000	449,000	817,000
Stock at London	11,000	16,000	21,000	28,000
Stock at Manchester	161,000	75,000	45,000	80,000
<b>Total Great Britain</b>	<b>1,009,000</b>	<b>396,000</b>	<b>515,000</b>	<b>925,000</b>
Stock at Hamburg				*1,000
Stock at Bremen				*1,000
Stock at Havre	182,000	65,000	148,000	273,000
Stock at Marseilles	8,000	1,000	2,000	7,000
Stock at Barcelona	45,000	23,000	65,000	63,000
Stock at Genoa	64,000	14,000	25,000	214,000
Stock at Trieste				*1,000
<b>Total Continental stocks</b>	<b>299,000</b>	<b>103,000</b>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>560,000</b>
<b>Total European stocks</b>	<b>1,308,000</b>	<b>499,000</b>	<b>755,000</b>	<b>1,485,000</b>
India cotton afloat for Europe	77,000	15,000	36,000	67,000
Amer. cotton afloat for Europe	696,882	332,000	268,000	575,383
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Eur'e	57,000	62,000	116,000	65,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	261,000	368,000	350,000	220,000
Stock in Bombay, India	473,000	*550,000	*450,000	487,000
Stock in U. S. ports	1,587,615	1,453,829	1,310,580	1,520,137
Stock in U. S. interior towns	1,341,811	1,448,017	1,310,441	1,405,560
U. S. exports to-day	27,220		2,240	31,455
<b>Total visible supply</b>	<b>5,799,528</b>	<b>4,727,846</b>	<b>4,589,261</b>	<b>5,846,535</b>

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
America—				
Liverpool stock	626,000	*177,000	281,000	643,000
Manchester stock	91,000	42,000	24,000	70,000
Continental stock	223,000	*86,000	*211,000	*463,000
American afloat for Europe	696,882	332,000	268,000	575,383
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<b>Total American</b>	<b>4,063,528</b>	<b>3,538,846</b>	<b>3,398,261</b>	<b>4,708,535</b>
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock	211,000	*128,000	168,000	174,000
London stock	11,000	16,000	21,000	28,000
Manchester stock	70,000	33,000	21,000	10,000
Continental stock	76,000	*17,000	*29,000	*97,000
India afloat for Europe	77,000	15,000	36,000	57,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat	57,000	62,000	116,000	65,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	261,000	368,000	350,000	220,000
Stock in Bombay, India	473,000	*550,000	*450,000	487,000
<b>Total East India, &amp;c.</b>	<b>1,236,000</b>	<b>1,189,000</b>	<b>1,191,000</b>	<b>1,138,000</b>
<b>Total American</b>	<b>4,663,528</b>	<b>3,538,846</b>	<b>3,398,261</b>	<b>4,708,535</b>

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Total visible supply	5,799,528	4,727,846	4,589,261	5,846,535
Middling uplands, Liverpool	20.68d.	20.40d.	22.68d.	10.63d.
Middling uplands, New York	39.25d.	32.30c.	31.65c.	17.22c.
Egypt, good saki, Liverpool	53.00d.	30.79c.	33.15c.	25.75c.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool	39.50d.	37.00c.	32.00c.	18.00d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool	24.50d.	18.04d.	21.85d.	10.10d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool	24.35d.	18.29d.	21.83d.	10.22d.

\* Estimated.  
Continental imports for past week have been 85,000 bales. The above figures for 1919 show an increase over last week of 2,038 bales, a gain of 1,071,682 bales over 1918, an excess of 1,210,267 bales over 1917 and a loss of 47,007 bales from 1916.

**QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.**—Below are the closing quotations of middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week ending Dec. 26.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed'day.	Thurs'day.	Friday.
Galveston	41.75	41.75	41.75	42.00		42.75
New Orleans	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00		Holiday
Mobile	38.00	38.00	38.00	38.00		Holiday
Savannah	39.00	39.00	39.00			39.00
Charleston	38.00	38.00		38.50		HOLI-DAY
Wilmington	37.25	37.25	37.25			38.00
Norfolk	37.75	37.75	37.75			38.25
Baltimore	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00		38.50
Philadelphia	39.50	39.50	39.50	39.50		39.50
Augusta	38.38	38.50	38.50	39.00		39.25
Memphis	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00		40.00
Dallas		40.55	40.95	41.65		42.15
Houston	40.75	40.75	41.00	41.00		41.50
Little Rock	40.00	40.00	40.00			40.75

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Dec. 26 1919.				Movement to Dec. 27 1918.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Dec. 26.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Dec. 27.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Als., Eufaula	4,634		3,620	24	3,892		2,552	
Montgomery	1,376	58,902	1,334	22,162	445	53,714	44	
Selma	417	33,585	1,114	6,763	7,032	51,301	2,054	
Ark., Helena	654	23,793	1,027	8,778	700	26,347	500	
Little Rock	7,636	130,370	4,397	55,215	4,661	96,728	1,759	
Pine Bluff		25,336		10,000	5,311	72,896	3,935	
Ga., Albany		9,114		3,054	84	9,624	190	
Athens	4,412	102,620	5,626	44,325	5,390	84,378	3,300	
Atlanta	6,128	168,167	8,427	37,564	3,972	108,529	3,903	
Augusta	11,252	381,106	9,102	209,180	10,437	258,307	3,672	
Columbus	875	32,134	925	27,450	225	43,029	610	
Macon	5,900	172,125	5,254	50,000	4,872	119,591	3,872	
Rome	1,000	40,447	1,137	17,000	2,000	34,234	1,000	
La., Shreveport	1,984	57,389	1,859	54,085	3,684	94,309	1,132	
Miss., Columbus		13,317		6,588	600	16,517	306	
Clarksdale	3,500	95,664	3,000	48,817	3,190	85,715	2,148	
Greenwood	3,000	89,434	2,500	37,000	9,510	91,578	3,832	
Meridian	500	27,191	500	13,500	1,075	29,022	653	
Natchez	450	24,108	350	12,154	1,195	31,955	809	
Vicksburg	500	14,126	300	9,537	803	21,955	593	
Yazoo City	700	30,555	700	14,441	600	22,659	600	
Mo., St. Louis	17,179	329,890	16,712	7,952	19,722	252,005	19,854	
N.C., Grnsboro	830	27,070	800	11,607	700	18,878	600	
Raleigh	63	8,043	100	192	100	4,097	100	
O., Cincinnati	1,500	27,290	2,000	24,000	2,500	66,339	2,500	
Okla., Ardmore								
Chickasha		14,085		4,397	1,500	27,910	1,200	
Hugo	425	20,667	1,727	3,333	680	23,829	1,646	
Oklahoma		19,424		247	700	23,587	500	
S. C., Greenville	3,500	77,487	500	34,178	2,570	42,809	3,143	
Greenwood	424	13,569	424	10,110	284	12,176		
Tenn., Memphis	36,738	544,161	24,160	281,645	32,444	408,290	22,080	
Nashville		6,653		5,532	1,019	1,209		
Tex., Abilene	1,847	31,063	2,048	3,056	428	6,216	60	
Brenham	46	5,685	50	2,450	350	15,474	250	
Clarksville	791	33,478	872	7,518	1,737	30,608	1,585	
Dallas	2,330	46,085	2,267	18,720	1,540	50,683	522	
Honey Grove	1,063	23,081	1,167	3,306	673	19,704	650	
Houston	53,947	1,139,895	74,917	214,211	50,425	1,100,553	35,903	
Paris	3,227	86,545	4,256	10,078	3,152	68,276	2,843	
San Antonio	1,636	31,105	994	2,962	800	27,862	600	

Total, 41 towns 174,946 3,900,118 180,902 134,811 186,453 3,616,067 129,259 144,8017

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 5,956 bales and are to-night 106,206 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 11,507 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Dec. 26 Shipped—	—1919—		—1918—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	16,712	337,253	19,854	624,376
Via Mounds, &c.	12,798	229,141	10,785	222,388
Via Rock Island	570	8,824	518	10,981
Via Louisville	1,394	43,237	2,008	61,905
Via Cincinnati	1,400	13,503	1,500	37,724
Via Virginia points	741	72,737	1,889	86,590
Via other routes, &c.	9,918	146,430	21,084	244,618
Total gross overland	43,533	851,185	57,638	907,582
Deduct shipments				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	1,061	89,489	1,428	32,157
Between interior towns	798	35,648	1,523	26,224
Inland, &c., from South	6,176	104,963	4,400	112,053
Total to be deducted	8,035	230,100	7,351	170,434
Leaving total net overland *	35,498	621,085	50,287	737,148

\* Including movement by rail to Canada. a Revised.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 35,498 bales, against 50,287 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 116,063 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings	—1919—		—1918—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Dec. 26	195,242	3,588,196	135,441	2,664,593
Net overland to Dec. 26	35,498	621,085	50,287	737,148
Southern consumption to Dec. 26a	73,000	1,448,000	65,000	1,669,000
Total marketed	303,740	5,657,281	250,728	5,070,741
Interior stocks in excess	5,956	539,764	57,194	751,401
Came into sight during week	297,784		307,922	
Total in sight Dec. 26		6,197,045		5,822,142

Net spinners' takings to Dec. 26 56,791 1,266,243 39,153 1,025,608  
\* Decrease during week. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years:			
Week	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1917—Dec. 28	317,551	1917—Dec. 28	7,053,451
1916—Dec. 29	289,021	1916—Dec. 29	8,470,564
1915—Dec. 31	294,445	1915—Dec. 31	7,226,948

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening from the South indicate that temperatures has continued low during the week, but rainfall has been light or moderate in the main.

Texas.—No weather reports received this week.  
New Orleans, La.—The week's rainfall has been three hundredths of an inch on two days. Average thermometer 55.

Shreveport, La.—We have had rain on two days of the past week, the rainfall being fifty-three hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 35 to 66.

Mobile, Ala.—We have had rain on four days the past week, the rainfall being one inch and thirty-four hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 36 to 66, averaging 54.

Selma, Ala.—We have had rain on two days of the past week, the rainfall being thirty hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 44, ranging from 24 to 57.

Savannah, Ga.—We have had rain on one day the past week, the rainfall being two hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 35 to 65, averaging 47.

Charleston, S. C.—Dry all the week. The thermometer has averaged 49, ranging from 32 to 65.

Charlotte, N. C.—There has been rain on one day during the week, to the extent of six hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 23 to 60, averaging 42.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1919.		1918.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Dec. 19	5,772,490		4,633,655	
Visible supply Aug. 1		4,792,018		3,027,450
American in sight to Dec. 26	297,784	6,197,045	307,922	5,822,142
Bombay receipts to Dec. 25	550,000	583,000	46,000	549,000
Other India shipments to Dec. 25	83,000	28,000		12,000
Alexandria receipts to Dec. 24	550,000	539,000	26,000	401,000
Other supply to Dec. 24 *	66,000	89,000	12,000	97,000
Total supply	6,179,274	12,228,063	5,025,577	9,908,582
Deduct				
Visible supply Dec. 26	5,799,528	5,799,528	4,727,846	4,727,846
Total takings to Dec. 26 a	379,746	6,428,535	297,731	5,180,746
Of which American	267,746	4,833,535	216,731	4,223,746
Of which other	112,000	1,595,000	81,000	957,000

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.  
a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption of Southern mills 1,448,000 bales in 1919 and 1,669,000 bales in 1918—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners 4,980,535 bales in 1919 and 3,511,746 bales in 1918, of which 3,385,535 bales and 2,554,746 bales American. b Estimated.

JAPANESE COTTON MILLS.—Through the courtesy of Messrs. Mitsui & Co., Ltd., we have obtained the details of operations of the cotton mills in Japan for 1918-19, and give them below in conjunction with the revised results for the three preceding years:

Years ending June 30.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1915-16.
Spindles	No. 3,120,741	2,924,765	3,041,930	2,875,634
Looms	" 29,302	27,043	33,040	31,295
Hands employed, male	" 96,688	99,664	24,727	
Hands employed, female	" 326,266,933		95,596	
Consumption—American	lbs. 368,083,233		234,709,732	227,239,460
Indian	" 14,055,625		588,488,470	585,747,608
Egyptian	" 121,490,908		16,772,889	14,516,896
Chinese	" 19,188,808		31,536,254	30,565,998
Other	" 849,991,557		16,973,574	15,332,238
Total	" 1,699,983		887,479,919	873,891,200
Equalling 500-lb. net bales	741,907,575		1,774,960	1,747,382
Yarn produced	lbs. 741,907,575		764,006,600	750,747,600
Piece goods produced	yards		569,735,301	588,070,612

\* Included with "Other."

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF COTTON MANUFACTURES.—We give below a statement showing the exports of domestic cotton manufactures for October and for the ten months ended Oct. 31 1919, and for purposes of comparison like figures for the corresponding periods of the previous year are also presented:

Manufactures of Cotton Exported.	Month ending Oct. 31.		10 Months ending Oct. 31	
	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Piece goods	yards 67,122,910	42,180,804	547,029,918	445,087,801
Piece goods	value \$14,304,248	\$9,019,552	\$12,152,712	\$84,213,103
Clothing, &c.—				
Knit goods	value 4,039,462	1,403,098	29,717,330	12,840,467
All other	value 1,777,106	962,459	14,050,423	9,221,743
Waste cotton	value 1,075,533	1,137,982	9,820,050	7,243,662
Yarn	value 908,265	469,541	12,346,122	6,424,270
All other	value 3,579,925	2,966,968	32,621,453	20,741,267
Total manufactures of	value \$25,774,835	\$15,959,600	\$219,220,265	\$140,845,687

CENSUS BUREAU'S REPORT ON COTTON GINNING.—The Division of Manufactures in the Census Bureau completed and issued on Dec. 20 its report on the amount of cotton ginned up to Dec. 13, the present season, and we give it below, comparison being made with the returns for the like period of the two preceding years:

	Counting Round as Half Bales—		
	1919.	1918.	1917.
Alabama	658,221	726,237	464,093
Arizona	40,846	23,011	11,433
Arkansas	558,403	801,373	827,573
California	33,577	37,792	30,453
Florida	16,643	24,151	45,268
Georgia	1,608,364	1,873,552	1,719,653
Louisiana	281,649	497,786	580,094
Mississippi	777,621	987,332	773,824
Missouri	44,130	47,039	41,414
North Carolina	755,515	717,405	521,589
Oklahoma	683,825	620,401	857,561
South Carolina	1,369,414	1,328,925	1,110,327
Tennessee	219,898	256,554	187,482
Texas	2,232,135	2,417,375	2,941,007
Virginia	19,653	18,297	15,600
All other	3,526	3,819	3,533
United States	9,402,520	10,281,139	10,131,594

The 1919 figures of the report are subject to slight corrections when checked against the individual returns of the ginners being transmitted by mail.

The number of round bales included this year is 103,926, against 139,984 bales in 1918 and 179,966 bales in 1917.

The number of American Egyptian bales included is 27,906, contrasted with 13,098 bales in 1918.

The number of Sea Island bales included is 6,429, compared with 31,238 bales in 1918 and 83,288 bales in 1917. The distribution of Sea Island cotton for 1919 by States is: Florida, 2,793 bales; Georgia, 635 bales, and South Carolina, 3,001 bales.

The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season prior to Dec. 1 are 8,849,471 bales.



**MANCHESTER MARKET.**—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the demand for export is good, but the difficulties attendant upon distant deliveries is a serious obstacle to entering into contracts. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1919.						1918.						
	32s Cop Twst.		8 1/4 ds. Shrtngs, Common to Finest.		Col'n Mid. Up 's		32s Cop Twst.		8 1/4 ds. Shrtngs, Common to Finest.		Col'n Mid. Up 's		
	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	
Oct. 31	45	@	50	27	10	@	32	10 1/2	24	25	52	@	55 1/2
Nov. 7	46	@	52	30	0	@	34	6	25	50	51 1/2	@	54
14	48 1/2	@	52	30	0	@	35	0	24	50	50	@	53
21	47 1/2	@	54 1/2	30	0	@	35	0	23	75	48	@	50
28	48 1/2	@	55 1/2	30	0	@	35	0	24	53	43	@	46
Dec. 5	49 1/2	@	57	31	0	@	36	0	25	47	41	@	44
12	50 1/2	@	59	34	0	@	36	0	25	95	41	@	43
19	52	@	61 1/2	35	0	@	39	0	26	12	38	@	40
26	53	@	63	36	0	@	40	0	26	65	38	@	40

**SHIPPING NEWS.**—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 159,625 bales. The shipments in detail as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Total bales.
NEW YORK—To Liverpool—Dec. 19—Cedric, 104	104
Caronia, 18	18
To Manchester—Dec. 23—Phidias, 44	44
To Rotterdam—Dec. 20—Toia, 100	100
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Dec. 19—Musician, 9,424	9,424
24—Median, 12,217	12,217
To Manchester—Dec. 24—Asuncion de Larrinaga, 15,003	15,003
To Hamburg—Dec. 23—Lake Ellsworth, 2,276	2,276
To Rotterdam—Dec. 23—Lake Ellsworth, 5,728	5,728
TEXAS CITY—To Havre—Dec. 19—Berwyn, 13,611	13,611
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Dec. 20—West Chetac, 21,572	21,572
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Dec. 23—Patrician, 2,000	2,000
To Genoa—Dec. 19—Nicoli II, 13,283	13,283
Dec. 23—East Port, 2,780	2,780
To Japan—Dec. 23—Oridono Maru, 8,654	8,654
Tomuri Maru, 8,000	8,000
SAVANNAH—To Bremen—Dec. 20—Giaro, 8,388	8,388
To Venice—Dec. 24—Federica, 2,452	2,452
To Japan—Dec. 22—Toba Maru, 10,036	10,036
To Trieste—Dec. 24—Federica, 3,395	3,395
NORFOLK—To Manchester—Dec. 23—Western Light, 13,145	13,145
BOSTON—To Havre—Dec. 11—Masuda, 1,175	1,175
PHILADELPHIA—To Antwerp—Dec. 11—Taxandrier, 100	100
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Dec. 20—Persian Maru, 479	479
To China—Dec. 10—Nanking, 44	44
To Philippines—Dec. 17—Colombia, 200	200
SEATTLE—To Japan—Dec. 15—Suwa Maru, 5,391	5,391
Total	159,625

**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.	Vladivostok, 1.75c.
Ghent via Antwerp, 1.80c.	Lisbon, 1.75c.	Gothenburg, 2.25c.
Havre, 1.75c.	Oporto, 1.75c.	Bremen, 2.00c.
Rotterdam, 1.75c.	Barcelona direct, 2.00c.	Hamburg, 2.00c.
Genoa, 1.75c.	Japan, 1.75c.	Danzig, 2.50c. asked.
Christiana, 2.25c.		Venice, 2.60c.

**LIVERPOOL.**—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Dec. 5.	Dec. 12.	Dec. 19.	Dec. 26.
Sales of the week	50,000	34,000	30,000	16,000
Of which speculators took				
Of which exporters took				
Sales, American	34,000	21,000	16,000	10,000
Actual export	13,000	8,000	10,000	4,000
Forwarded	85,000	77,000	84,000	36,000
Total stock	665,000	780,000	829,000	837,000
Of which American	474,000	580,000	628,000	626,000
Total imports of the week	183,000	234,000	181,000	84,000
Of which American	148,000	192,000	133,000	36,000
Amount afloat	522,000	426,000	351,000	321,000
Of which American	425,000	338,000	289,000	274,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.		Quiet.	Quiet.	Moderate demand.		
Mid. Up'de		26.21	26.34	26.68		
Bales	HOLIDAY.	5,000	4,000	5,000	HOLIDAY.	HOLIDAY.
Futures Market opened		Quiet, 8@12 pts. decline.	Quiet, 2@9 pts. decline.	Steady, 5@12 pts. advance.		
Market, 4 P. M.		Steady, 6@18 pts. advance.	Steady, 2 pts. dec. to 22 pts. adv.	Firm, 24@57 pts. advance.		

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Dec. 20 to Dec. 26.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4 p. m.
December	25.21	25.31	25.31	25.50	25.68	25.96						
January	24.58	24.60	24.71	24.88	25.11	25.38						
February	23.89	23.98	24.04	24.20	24.42	24.73						
March	23.21	23.31	23.34	23.51	23.72	24.03						
April	22.45	22.61	22.63	22.78	22.97	23.32						
May	21.70	21.81	21.83	21.96	22.17	22.62						
June	21.16	21.26	21.27	21.41	21.60	21.95						
July	20.57	20.70	20.69	20.75	20.98	21.32						
August	20.00	20.13	20.12	20.11	20.34	20.68						
September	19.38	19.50	19.48	19.48	19.63	19.75						
October	18.70	18.82	18.80	18.80	18.95	19.04						
November	18.20	18.32	18.30	18.30	18.45	18.54						

**BREADSTUFFS**

Friday Night, Dec. 26 1919.

Flour has been quiet. Business in other words has been on a holiday scale. It is usual for it to slow down at this time of the year. Yet some of the time holders have been confident owing to the firmness of wheat in most parts of the country. To all appearance the Government has very little wheat to offer for export. Its sales recently were confined mostly to No. 3 and No. 4 at the Gulf ports. It is true that recently cash wheat at Minneapolis dropped 10 cents, owing partly to large receipts from the Southwest. This wheat was recently sold by the Government to the Minneapolis mills. In a single day Minneapolis thus received 1,341,000 bushels. At the same time soft winter wheat has been reported firm. Eastern mills, it is further stated, find it no easy matter to obtain supplies, although they offer higher prices. Latterly trade here has been very quiet and prices somewhat depressed with hard wheat more plentiful at Minneapolis and less wanted. The lower grades here are now the best sustained. A Washington dispatch said: "The Canadian Government states that lifting of the embargo by the U. S. on wheat and wheat flour will have the effect of increasing flour prices in Canada. The Government-guaranteed price of wheat in Canada is \$2.15 a bushel; in the United States the price has risen over the Government guaranteed price of \$2.26 to \$3 a bushel and above." The "Daily Trade Bulletin" of Chicago estimates the flour stocks in the U. S. and Canada on Dec. 1 at 2,489,000 bbls. against 2,081,900 Nov. 1 and 1,671,000 a year ago.

Wheat visible supplies decreased last week 1,984,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 2,588,000 bushels. The total is now 82,700,000 bushels, against 113,813,000 last year. The Canadian visible increased 88,000 bushels, against a decrease last year of 4,748,000 bushels. The total is now 16,447,000 bushels, against 28,819,000 a year ago. The Illinois State crop report makes the December condition of winter wheat at only 82%, against 100 a year ago and 88 as a ten-year average on Dec. 1, and the acreage at 2,404,000, or 1,030,000 less than a year ago. Export purchases of rye last week in all positions were 5,000,000 bushels, or about the largest business of the sort known in such a brief period.

In France, according to latest reports, the weather has been extremely wet, with only a slight snow cover in the North. In Germany conditions are about normal, with some snow in parts. In Italy the weather has been seasonable. The Government there is maintaining bread and macaroni ration cards in order to limit consumption. In Spain the weather is favorable and the crops are in good condition. In Algeria good rains have fallen and the crops are in good shape. In India the weather is still dry in the Punjab; elsewhere the weather is seasonable. In Rumania farmers have made additional sowings as a great deal of the new seedlings was damaged by lack of moisture at seeding time. In Australia some scattered rains fell, which were beneficial. The new crop of wheat will be quite moderate, but there are still good supplies remaining from the last harvest, most of which is already sold. Shipments of wheat amounted to 1,560,000 bushels last week, of which 1,088,000 bushels are destined to the United Kingdom, 240,000 bushels to the Continent and 232,000 bushels to non-European destinations. Walter Runciman has called for the removal of control over the importation of wheat, contending that such action will cause an immediate drop in prices, as in the case of linseed, cottonseed, oats and maize.

On the 24th inst. wheat prices at the West were reported lower with less mill demand. Recently prices fell 10c. Early in the week cash wheat at Minneapolis dropped 5c. on receipts of 1,341,000 bushels there in a single day. It came from the Southwest. It had been sold by the Government to Minneapolis mills. France has been in the market, but has not bought very heavily. Early in the week it took about 100,000 bushels of No. 3 and No. 4 at the Gulf, paying \$2.45 for No. 3 and \$2.41 for No. 4 f.o.b. Latterly receipts at Minneapolis have been not only larger but hard to sell.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	237 1/2	237 1/2	237 1/2	237 1/2	237 1/2	Holi- 237 1/2
No. 1 spring	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	day 240 1/2

Indian corn declined in anticipation of larger receipts. More cars are promised by the railroads. At Western points in one day the receipts reached 1,224,000 bushels. Moreover, receipts of hogs have at times been of record-breaking size. The Western run in a single day was 182,000 bushels, against 71,100 on the same day last year. Prices of hogs on the 23d inst. fell 50 to 60 cents. Cash offerings of corn have increased latterly at lower prices. Cash buyers

are cautious, as cash and nearby months are still at big premiums over the distant deliveries. And at the same time the railroad situation is improving. The size of the receipts will be largely regulated by the number of cars available. And these are bound to increase, as time goes on. The corn trade expects a larger primary movement soon. The maximum corn movement usually occurs late in December and through January. Primary corn receipts since Nov. 1, beginning of the crop year, to date amount to 30,000,000 bushels, or 2,000,000 less than a year ago.

On the other hand, the visible supply is, of course, still small. There was a rally in prices later on. At times country offerings have been light. The cash demand has been fair. Cash and near months are still at big premiums. This is at least suggestive. On the 23d inst. rye advanced 5 cents, May in Chicago touching 184½¢., though this was not held. Continental governments were reported big buyers. Foreign exchange rates advanced somewhat. The visible supply increased last week 271,000 bushels, against 77,000 bushels last year. It makes the total 2,174,000 bushels, against 2,544,000 last year. To-day prices fell and they end lower for the week.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 170¼	Mon. 170¾	Tues. 164¾	Wed. 163¾	Thurs. 163¾	Fri. 163¾
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**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

December delivery in elevator	Sat. 144¼	Mon. 144	Tues. 144¼	Wed. 143	Thurs. 139¼	Fri. 139¼
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Oats advanced somewhat at one time. Cash offerings were light. The visible supply fell off. Consumption is evidently running ahead of receipts. Export demand has been reported. Chicago reported that the seaboard bought on the 22d inst. 200,000 bushels, at outside markets. Chicago people insist, too, that considerable export business has been done at New York. This week export sales are estimated at fully 500,000 bushels of oats, 1,000,000 bushels of rye, 100,000 bushels of wheat, 100,000 bushels of barley and 40,000 bushels of corn. The visible supply decreased 542,000 bushels last week, against an increase last year of 2,021,000 bushels. The total is now 14,304,000, against 30,753,000 last year. The Canadian visible supply increased last week 327,000 bushels, against 188,000 last year. It made the total 4,847,000 bushels, against 3,988,000 a year ago. The active export demand has been a feature. Some estimate the export business this week at as high as 750,000 bushels. Eastern exporters have been liberal buyers of cash oats at the West. To-day prices fell, however, with other grain, though there were reports of further export business. There was a pressure to sell later and prices end about as they were a week ago. On the 24th inst. 1,500,000 bushels, partly rye, but mostly oats, were sold in Chicago to New York interests supposed to be for export. On that day it was stated that within a few days one cash handler alone in Chicago, it seems, bought 700,000 bushels at country points.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.**

No. 1 white	Sat. 95	Mon. 98½	Tues. 98	Wed. 98½	Thurs. 98½	Fri. 98½
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**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

December delivery in elevator	Sat. 81¼	Mon. 82¼	Tues. 82¼	Wed. 82	Thurs. 82½	Fri. 82½
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The following are closing quotations:

**FLOUR.**  
 Spring patents \$14 00@15 00  
 Winter straights, soft 10 50@11 00  
 Kansas straights 13 25@14 25  
 Rye flour—nom. 8 75@9 25  
 Corn goods, 100 lbs.—  
     White grain \$3 92½  
     Yellow grain 4 00  
 Corn flour 3 85@4 00

**GRAIN.**  
 Wheat—  
     No. 2 red \$2 37½  
     No. 1 spring 2 40½  
 Corn—  
     No. 2 yellow 1 63½  
 Rye—  
     No. 2 1 99½

**Barley goods—Portage barley:**  
 No. 1 \$7 50  
 Nos. 2, 3 and 4, pearl 6 50  
 Nos. 2-0 and 3-0 7 50@7 65  
 Nos. 4-0 and 5-0 7 75  
**Oats goods—Carload,**  
 spot delivery 9 10

**Oats—**  
 No. 1 98½  
 No. 2 white 97½@98  
 No. 3 white 96½@97  
**Barley—**  
 Feeding 1 60  
 Maltng 1 70@1 75

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.
Chicago	236,000	292,000	1,597,000	1,151,000	199,000	63,000
Minneapolis	2,872,000	399,000	187,000	225,000	225,000	141,000
Duluth	110,000	3,000	1,000	174,000	—	—
Milwaukee	13,000	125,000	210,000	402,000	200,000	100,000
Toledo	—	82,000	90,000	36,900	—	—
Detroit	—	22,000	40,000	31,000	—	—
St. Louis	100,000	342,000	590,000	642,000	21,000	1,000
Peoria	74,000	19,000	432,000	191,000	3,000	2,000
Kansas City	—	1,667,000	351,000	78,000	—	—
Omaha	—	322,000	661,000	92,000	—	—
Indianapolis	—	30,000	675,000	188,000	—	—
Total wk. '19.	432,000	5,883,000	5,064,000	2,971,000	640,000	481,000
Same wk. '18.	396,000	12,555,000	4,242,000	7,902,000	2,271,000	1,361,000
Same wk. '17.	324,000	3,950,000	4,355,000	4,972,000	2,290,000	542,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1919	9,529,000	259,001,000	68,534,000	101,719,000	15,863,000	15,974,000
1918	7,331,000	304,519,000	93,133,000	157,047,000	34,378,000	20,580,000
1917	6,890,000	117,812,000	53,898,000	157,200,000	47,944,000	14,641,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Dec. 20 1919 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
New York	219,000	31,000	6,000	262,000	223,000	295,000
Portland, Me.	—	640,000	—	—	66,000	—
Philadelphia	38,000	297,000	10,000	130,000	30,000	9,000
Baltimore	26,000	209,000	56,000	7,000	20,000	64,000
New Orleans*	104,000	70,000	54,000	42,000	—	—
Galveston	34,000	136,000	1,000	2,000	—	—
Montreal	8,000	220,000	—	20,000	—	—
St. John	—	1,844,000	—	—	—	—
Boston	40,000	—	2,000	68,000	—	—
Total wk. '19.	419,000	3,417,000	129,000	539,000	352,000	371,000
Since Jan. 1 '19	15,760,000	219,891,000	100,907,000	70,405,000	57,785,000	29,817,000
Week 1918.	1,145,000	5,504,000	152,000	1,992,000	418,000	236,000
Since Jan. 1 '18	18,097,000	97,497,000	29,029,000	100,031,000	9,917,000	7,880,000

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

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Dec. 20 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
New York	355,032	—	110,413	303,384	247,632	163,598	35,223
Portland, Me.	640,000	—	—	—	—	66,000	—
Boston	50,000	—	114,000	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	395,000	—	60,000	—	25,000	—	—
Baltimore	225,000	—	35,000	—	17,000	—	—
New Orleans	267,000	6,000	39,000	24,000	—	233,000	—
Galveston	407,000	—	—	—	—	52,000	—
St. John, N. B.	1,844,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total week	4,124,032	6,000	358,413	327,384	289,632	514,598	35,223
Week 1918.	8,255,039	—	349,610	1,768,994	266,674	114,859	27,74

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1919 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Dec. 20 1919.	Since July 1 1919.	Week Dec. 20 1919.	Since July 1 1919.	Week Dec. 20 1919.	Since July 1 1919.
United Kingdom	18,882	4,290,556	2,360,000	32,742,910	—	541,703
Continent	294,501	5,661,209	1,745,032	62,527,220	—	191,000
S. & Cent. Amer.	12,000	525,079	19,000	109,606	1,000	44,732
West Indies	23,000	811,771	—	1,065	5,000	525,706
Brit. No. Am. Col.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other countries	—	74,096	—	—	—	4,179
Total	358,413	11,182,681	4,124,032	95,377,801	6,000	1,307,326
Total 1918.	349,610	2,561,624	8,255,039	55,999,283	—	2,656,485

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Dec. 20 1919 and since July 1 1919 and 1918 are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.		Corn.	
	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
	Week Dec. 20.	Since July 1.	Week Dec. 20.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	5,524,000	176,109,000	135,377,000	8,900
Russia	—	—	761,000	5,928,000
Danube	—	—	—	—
Argentina	4,408,000	80,958,000	55,129,000	59,907,000
Australia	1,960,000	53,759,000	18,830,000	15,374,000
India	—	—	5,623,000	—
Oth. count'ys	—	—	1,806,000	1,801,000
Total	11,492,000	312,533,000	217,997,000	1,005,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Dec. 20 1919 was as follows:

United States—	Wheat.		Corn.		Oats.		Rye.		Barley.	
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	2,667,000	24,000	962,000	348,000	543,000	—	—	—	—	—
Boston	980,000	1,000	374,000	45,000	6,000	—	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	1,430,000	20,000	232,000	80,000	114,000	—	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	1,415,000	42,000	358,000	85,000	24,000	—	—	—	—	—
Newport News	301,000	—	84,000	236,000	90,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	5,302,000	41,000	144,000	—	623,000	—	—	—	—	—
Galveston	1,954,000	—	16,000	65,000	1,000	—	—	—	—	—
Buffalo	14,967,000	111,000	1,439,000	514,000	383,000	—	—	—	—	—
afloat	1,943,000	—	—	2,397,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Toledo	1,454,000	67,000	103,000	333,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Detroit	65,000	22,000	86,000	93,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chicago	16,008,000	723,000	3,832,000	2,642,000	425,000	—	—	—	—	—
Milwaukee	2,255,000	151,000	395,000	245,000	206,000	—	—	—	—	—
Duluth	2,534,000	—	270,000	3,319,000	10,000	—	—	—	—	—
Minneapolis	5,090,000	95,000	3,937,000	6,624,000	861,000	—	—	—	—	—
St. Louis	2,510,000	86,000	169,000	90,000	4,000	—	—	—	—	—
Kansas City	13,886,000	37,000	980,000	290,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peoria	9,000	105,000	255,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indianapolis	468,000	331,000	153,000	11,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Omaha	4,412,000	318,000	806,000	248,000	8,000	—	—	—	—	—

Total Dec. 20 1919	82,700,000	2,174,000	14,304,000	17,065,000	3,297,000
Total Dec. 13 1919	84,584,000	1,993,000	14,846,000	17,249,000	3,018,000
Total Dec. 21 1918	113,813,000	2,554,000	30,753,000	13,419,000	7,558,000
Total Dec. 22 1917	22,221,000	2,741,000	16,646,000	2,819,000	3,643,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, 85,000 bushels New York; 263,000 bushels Boston; 1,011,000 bushels Buffalo; total, 1,359,000 bushels, against 3,000 bushels in 1918; and barley, Buffalo, 151,000 bushels; New York, 15,000; Duluth, 4,000 bushels; total, 170,000, against 77,000 in 1918.

Canadian—					
Montreal	6,195,000	5,000	692,000	45,000	56,000
Pt. William & Pt. Arthur	3,548,000	—	1,582,000	—	777,000
Other Canadian	6,433,000	—	2,573,000	—	443,000

Total Dec. 20 1919	19,447,000	5,000	4,847,000	45,000	1,276,000
Total Dec. 13 1919	16,159,000	—	4,520,000	44,000	1,134,000
Total Dec. 21 1918	28,819,000	203,000	3,988,000	3,000	442,000
Total Dec. 22 1917	18,783,000	12,000	6,617,000	21,000	73,000

Summary—  
 American 82,700,000 2,174,000 14,304,000 17,065,000 3,297,000  
 Canadian 16,447,000 5,000 4,847,000 45,000 1,276,000

Total Dec. 20 1919	99,147,000	2,179,000	19,151,000	17,110,000	4,573,000
Total Dec. 13 1919	100,843,000				

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON CEREAL AND OTHER CROPS.—The December estimates of the Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the acreage, production, and value (based on prices paid to farmers on Dec. 1) of important farm crops of the United States in 1919 and 1918, with the average for the five years 1913-1917, based on the reports of the correspondents and agents of the Bureau, are as follows (1918 figures revised):

Crop.	Acreage.	Production.		Farm Value Dec. 1.	
		Per Acre.	Total.	Per Unit.	Total.
Corn—1919	102,075,000	28.6	2,917,450,000	134.9	3,934,234,000
1918	104,467,000	24.0	2,502,065,000	136.5	3,415,240,000
Average 1913-17	107,496,000	25.6	2,749,349,000	82.5	2,267,560,000
Winter wheat—1919	49,905,000	14.7	731,636,000	211.0	1,543,452,000
1918	57,131,000	15.2	855,099,000	206.3	1,165,995,000
Average 1913-17	54,196,000	16.2	855,190,000	131.3	773,382,000
Spring wheat—1919	23,338,000	9.0	209,351,000	200.4	435,070,000
1918	22,051,000	16.2	356,339,000	115.7	715,851,000
Average 1913-17	18,124,000	12.8	235,444,000	204.2	2,028,522,000
All wheat—1919	73,243,000	15.6	941,438,000	119.6	945,837,000
1918	59,181,000	15.1	790,634,000	71.7	905,603,000
Average 1913-17	52,320,000	29.4	1,248,310,000	70.9	1,090,322,000
Oats—1919	44,349,000	34.8	1,331,287,000	48.3	643,187,000
1918	40,583,000	22.3	1,057,719,000	120.9	200,419,000
Average 1913-17	9,740,000	26.3	256,225,000	91.7	234,942,000
Rye—1919	7,750,000	25.6	199,212,000	72.4	144,242,000
1918	6,963,000	12.7	88,475,000	151.6	119,041,000
Average 1913-17	3,151,000	14.2	45,001,000	109.0	138,038,000
Buckwheat—1919	3,151,000	15.9	50,001,000	147.4	24,026,000
1918	1,027,000	16.5	16,905,000	166.5	28,142,000
Average 1913-17	824,000	17.8	14,691,000	100.7	14,792,000
Flaxseed—1919	1,683,000	5.3	8,919,000	438.9	39,145,000
1918	1,910,000	7.0	13,369,000	340.1	45,470,000
Average 1913-17	1,759,000	7.9	13,818,000	182.2	25,170,000
Rice—1919	1,089,000	37.7	41,059,000	267.0	109,513,000
1918	1,115,000	34.5	38,606,000	101.8	74,042,000
Average 1913-17	4,013,000	36.9	357,901,000	112.0	34,468,000
Potatoes—1919	4,295,000	89.2	41,860,000	191.3	577,581,000
1918	3,812,000	95.9	366,046,000	88.0	491,527,000
Average 1913-17	3,812,000	96.0	366,046,000	88.0	322,292,000
Sweet potatoes—1919	1,029,000	100.7	103,579,000	133.3	138,059,000
1918	940,000	93.5	87,924,000	135.2	118,863,000
Average 1913-17	730,000	94.8	69,209,000	82.1	56,843,000
Hay, tame—1919	56,348,000	1.62	91,326,000	20.15	1,839,967,000
1918	55,755,000	1.37	76,680,000	20.13	1,543,494,000
Average 1913-17	52,026,000	1.52	78,921,000	12.51	987,297,000
Hay, wild—1919	15,686,000	1.11	17,340,000	16.67	289,120,000
1918	15,365,000	.94	14,479,000	15.23	220,487,000
Average 1913-17	16,547,000	1.09	17,990,000	8.70	156,597,000
All hay—1919	72,034,000	1.51	108,656,000	19.59	2,129,087,000
1918	71,120,000	1.28	91,139,000	19.35	1,763,981,000
Average 1913-17	68,573,000	1.41	95,911,000	11.80	1,143,894,000
Tobacco—1919	1,901,000	730.8	1,389,458,000	30.0	542,547,000
1918	1,647,000	673.7	1,439,071,000	25.0	402,254,000
Average 1913-17	1,348,000	809.1	1,090,841,000	14.5	158,059,000
Cotton—1919	33,548,000	157.2	11,030,000	35.7	1,977,073,000
1918	36,008,000	159.6	12,040,000	27.6	1,663,638,000
Average 1913-17	34,832,000	176.5	12,847,000	15.4	946,339,000
Cottonseed—1919	—	—	4,898,000	872.65	355,840,000
1918	—	—	5,360,000	564.99	348,346,000
Average 1913-17	—	—	5,727,000	537.23	213,198,000
Cloverseed—1919	885,000	1.6	1,099,000	826.45	29,067,000
1918	820,000	1.5	1,197,000	519.80	23,705,000
Average 1913-17	695,000	9.18	6,395,000	10.75	68,750,000
Sugar beets—1919	71,120,000	9.2	6,389,000	10.00	58,305,000
1918	600,000	10.02	6,038,000	86.07	36,642,000
Average 1913-17	600,000	2.193	1,527,696,000	—	—
Beet sugar—1919	594,000	2.576	1,530,128,000	—	—
1918	600,000	2.696	1,566,216,000	—	—
Average 1913-17	231,000	2.430	561,800,000	—	—
Cane sugar (La.)—1919	221,000	2.201	488,159,000	—	—
1918	—	—	—	—	—
Average 1913-17	—	—	—	—	—
Maple sugar and syrup (as sugar)—1919	19,002,000	62.18	41,506,000	626.9	11,172,000
1918	19,312,000	62.72	52,513,000	523.1	12,122,000
Average 1913-17	11,000	604	6,700,000	—	—
Sorghum syrup—1919	5,000	757	4,443,000	—	—
1918	386,000	56.3	35,319,000	107.5	35,826,000
Average 1913-17	374,000	79.1	29,643,000	98.3	28,532,000
Peanuts—1919	208,000	88.7	18,639,000	—	—
1918	1,251,000	26.6	33,263,000	240.0	79,839,000
Average 1913-17	1,865,000	24.7	46,410,000	173.7	79,929,000
Beans (5 States)—1919	1,015,000	11.3	11,488,000	84.28	49,181,000
1918	1,744,000	10.0	17,397,000	85.28	91,863,000
Average 1913-17	4,872,000	25.8	126,058,000	129.7	163,452,000
Kaffirs (6 States)—1919	6,036,000	12.1	73,241,000	150.0	109,881,000
1918	—	—	—	—	—
Average 1913-17	—	—	—	—	—
Broom corn (7 States)—1919	371,000	301.0	53,000	152.58	8,102,000
1918	366,000	157.9	57,000	220.93	12,770,000
Average 1913-17	17,635,000	369.4	12,833,000	212.8	27,307,000
Onions (22 States)—1919	64,715,000	298.8	19,336,000	189.4	26,957,000
1918	68,000	6.5	443,000	56.28	24,955,000
Average 1913-17	92,000	7.4	684,000	37.01	25,344,000
Cabbages (29 States)—1919	23,000	1227.9	29,346,000	77.2	22,656,000
1918	25,000	829.4	21,481,000	19.3	4,150,000
Average 1913-17	29,000	20.7	541,000	8.36	4,520,000
Cranberries (3 States)—1919	23,000	13.9	352,000	10.77	3,791,000
1918	—	—	—	—	—
Average 1913-17	—	—	—	—	—
Apples, total—1919	—	—	147,457,000	186.8	275,463,000
1918	—	—	169,911,000	132.8	225,562,000
Average 1913-17	—	—	197,855,000	84.0	166,140,000
Apples, noncommercial—1919	—	—	26,174,000	55.92	154,950,000
1918	—	—	24,724,000	83.89	96,176,000
Average 1913-17	—	—	51,340,000	190.0	97,528,000
Peaches—1919	—	—	34,133,000	161.4	55,992,000
1918	—	—	48,837,000	108.0	32,721,000
Average 1913-17	—	—	13,498,000	184.0	24,833,000
Pears—1919	—	—	12,993,000	137.3	17,902,000
1918	—	—	11,713,000	94.6	11,075,000
Average 1913-17	—	—	23,916,000	82.68	64,169,000
Oranges (2 States)—1919	—	—	24,200,000	83.68	89,105,000
1918	—	—	2,233,000	3.45	7,704,000
Average 1913-17	—	—	2,803,000	3.19	8,953,000
Cow peas—1919	1,598,000	7.2	10,042,000	272.2	27,400,000
1918	1,897,000	6.3	11,896,000	233.2	27,738,000
Total—1919	359,124,000	—	—	—	14,092,940,000
Total—1918	353,497,000	—	—	—	12,600,526,000

\* Trees tapped. a Per tree. b May 15.  
 Note.—The production of tobacco, hops, beet sugar and all sugar, in pounds; cotton per acre in pounds, total in bales; hay, sugar beets, cabbage, and broom corn, in tons; apples, total, in bushels, noncommercial crop in barrels; cranberries in barrels; oranges in boxes; sorghum syrup in gallons; other products in bushels or weight.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Dec. 26 1919.

The drygoods market opened the week in a very bullish frame of mind and prices were firm in all branches of the

trade. It was a common thing to find a merchant who had been conservative a week ago most optimistic as the week opened and the market seemed generally inclined to drift along and wonder when it would hit the expected snag. The enactment of the Edge bill, the improved tone of foreign exchange and the better outlook for the Peace Treaty were all regarded as large factors in future business. But the one important feature that rules the markets at present is the limited supply of goods and an active demand. Primary markets are holding very firm and in many cases buyers are bidding at advanced prices on goods that they actually need. In some quarters quiet prevailed as the holiday spirit took hold but there were quite a few instances where business was offered freely and agents were selling to the limit. This accumulating strength in the primary markets in the face of all that has been said and done to hold prices down is puzzling and shows the anomalous conditions that prevail at present. Merchants whose better judgment points to a conservative course are being compelled to join in a rise which holds terror for many of them. Purchases are being made at the highest prices of the year for deliver during the next six months and after every sort of credit test has been applied to the buyers. Prices may be justified but the fact remains that eager buyers are making their own prices and agreeing to pay them. This is also true of the consumer. There is no pressing need for workmen to pay high prices for silk shirts when cotton ones can be purchased at much lower figures and possess better wearing qualities. Much has been heard about a movement which is under way for petitioning the Government to standardize clothing in peace times. Outside of Government officials and a few associations, however, there is no indication that the country is aroused over the proposal. There are a great many merchants who will welcome the day when the Government ceases to give so much attention to price making. At present the Government is very much tied up in business and every business problem finds some one willing to refer it to Washington. As long as this condition is wanted by business men and the public, prices will remain high. Only when safer and saner business methods are encouraged will they come down. The export division of the market continues very active and the large factors are well conditioned with orders. In some cases they have found it difficult to ship as rapidly as they can sell.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—In spite of the approaching holiday the market for staple cottons was exceptionally strong during the first days of the week and some goods went to the highest levels yet reached. Print cloths were higher and buying for March delivery was persistent on the part of some buyers who were previously considered as being well supplied. Several lines of heavy specialties have been ordered ahead into June and cotton duck is also well under way. Not much attention is being paid to any offerings the Government has to make. Sheetings are firm with some sizeable orders running up to April. Commission agents are not seeking business, yet orders continue to come to them steadily. The goods are wanted and their customers are willing to pay sharp advances for anything they can secure. Some buyers are still urging agents to take their orders for dress gingham, narrow flannels and similar lines that are not yet priced for the fall season. There is still a very strong desire to anticipate advances as well as to cover actual needs. Buyers were willing to pay 26 cents a yard for staple pin check gingham and an advance of six cents a yard over last prices for dress gingham. Jobbers seem to have renewed confidence in values. The gray goods division of the market was very active and the pressure to force agents to take orders for later delivery seemed to increase. Around the first of the year marked upturns are looked for in the unfinished goods markets. Gray goods, 38½-inch standards are listed at 21 cents.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Slow delivery still continues to be the all absorbing topic in the market for woollens and worsteds. Mills are away behind in their deliveries and there is no indication that they will be able to catch up for some time to come. Stocks in jobbers' hands to-day are smaller than they have been in a long while, due largely to this delay, but a great amount of confidence in the future of the market is expressed in all quarters. The retail demand is large and the counter demand for piece goods is showing a steady and healthy gain. Prices are no longer a factor, the ability to obtain the merchandise being most important. For the fall 1920 season it is expected that French serges, tricootines and broadcloths will predominate and that it will be a season for staples in a larger way than ever before.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—The market for linens maintains its well sold position as the year draws to an end. Emphasis is being placed on the unlikelihood of any great influx of linens during the next nine months at least. Some Irish mill agents now in this country are convinced that it will be a full year before any impression is made on orders already in hand. Retailers have completed their plans for the coming white sales next month and indications point to an exceptionally large season. Burlaps have ruled quiet during the week with some scant transactions in spot goods. Lightweights are quoted nominally at 11.60 cents and heavy weights at 16.50 cents.

# State and City Department

## STATE AND CITY SECTION.

A new number of our "State and City Section," revised to date, appears to-day, and all readers of the paper who are subscribers should receive a copy of it. As previously announced, this Supplement is now printed in two parts, Part One containing the New England, Central and Middle States, having been issued last June, while Part Two, embracing the rest of the country, appears to-day. The change is due to the fact that with the growth and multiplication of the municipalities of the United States the demand for additional space has become too heavy to satisfy within the limits of a single number.

## NEWS ITEMS

**Colorado.**—*Legislature Adjourns.*—The Colorado Legislature adjourned on Dec. 19 after passing the Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment, the Anti-Auto-Theft Bill, an anti-sedition bill and placed before the voters a constitutional amendment calling for increases in the salaries of certain State officials. The amendment to the State Constitution for an extension of the terms of elective officials from two years to four years was defeated through hasty adjournment.

**Japanese Government.**—*Bonds Offered by Bankers.*—The Equitable Trust Co. of New York is offering £100,000 Imperial Japanese Government 4% coupon sterling loan. Dated Jan. 1 1905, due Jan. 1 1931. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of £50,000,000, of which £25,000,000 is outstanding. Denom. £20, £100, £200. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., New York, in U. S. gold dollars at a fixed rate of \$4.87 per £ sterling.

**Massachusetts.**—*Special Session of the Legislature Prorogued.*—The special session of the Legislature which convened on Nov. 18 was prorogued at 9:25 p. m., Dec. 23. Important measures among the bills passed are: Provision for the purchase of the Cambridge subway by the State, fixing the Boston tax rate at \$10.52; regulation of the jitneys, and increase in the salaries of Boston and Cambridge school teachers.

**Mayaguez, Porto Rico.**—*Bond Offering.*—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 31 1920 by A. Galanes, Mayor, for \$350,000 5% gold coupon improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest J. & J. payable at some bank or trust company either in Washington, D. C., or New York City, or Porto Rico, chosen by the buyer, to be designated by the City Council and to be approved by the Mayor and by the Executive Council of Porto Rico. Due \$32,000 Jan. 1 1925 and an amount not less than \$8,000 yearly thereafter; subject to call at the option of the municipality at 105% on any interest-paying date thereafter upon giving 60 days' notice. Certified check on some national bank in the United States or upon any one of the banks doing business in Porto Rico for \$5,000, payable to Mayor A. Galanes, required. The bonds will be delivered at such bank or trust company, either Washington, D. C., or in the city of New York, or in Porto Rico, as the purchaser may designate in his bid. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

**Minnesota.**—*Soldiers' Bonus Law Sustained by State Supreme Court.*—The State Supreme Court on Dec. 19 sustained the validity of the Minnesota Soldiers' Bonus Law. V. 109, p. 198.

According to the Minneapolis "Journal," the Court merely announced that it had affirmed the order of Judge C. S. Jelley in the Hennepin County District Court. V. 109, p. 1917. State Treasurer Henry Rines is quoted as saying: "The Board probably will wait for the filing of the formal opinion which will determine whether the certificates are to be held direct obligations of the State or obligations against the bonus fund." "If they are held as an indebtedness of the State they will command a better price, and the Board will want to take advantage of the profit from that source."

**Oregon.**—*Special Session of the Legislature Called.*—Governor Oleott on Dec. 13 issued a formal proclamation calling the Oregon Legislature into special session on Jan. 12. The five subjects upon which the Governor suggests legislation are:

First—To amend the workmen's compensation Act by increasing the rates paid to injured workmen from the industrial accident fund and thus alleviate suffering and hardships endured by such workmen.

Second—To appropriate money necessary to properly carry out the provisions of the Act known as the Soldiers', Sailors and Marines' Educational Financial Aid Act, adopted by a vote of the people at the special election held June 3 1919, and to further appropriate money to cover such other

liabilities as have been authorized by the State Emergency Board during the year of 1919.

Third—To consider the advisability of submitting to the voters of Oregon the question of the restoration of capital punishment.

Fourth—To consider legislation necessary to supplement and carry out the provisions of the constitutional amendment known as the State bond payment of irrigation and drainage district bond interest constitutional amendment, adopted by a vote of the people at the special election held June 3 1919.

Fifth—To consider the question of the ratification of the proposed woman's suffrage amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

**Seattle, Wash.**—*Legality of Bond Issues Sustained by Supreme Court.*—Walter F. Meier, Corporation Counsel for the city of Seattle, informs us that the Supreme Court on Nov. 29 sustained the legality of the issuance of the \$790,000 municipal street railway and \$1,250,000 city light extension bonds. V. 109, p. 2282. We print below a part of Corporation Counsel Meier's letter:

The case involving these bond issues was argued before the Supreme Court sitting en banc on Oct. 24 1919, and on Nov. 29 1919 the Court rendered its opinion sustaining the legality of bond issues. The particular question at issue in this litigation was whether the city has authority to dispose of its utility bonds below par, so long as the specified rate of interest, when added to the discount, did not exceed 6% on the amount of money actually received by the city as proceeds of the sale.

In connection with this matter I had previously advised the City Council that in my opinion it had authority to dispose of these bonds subject to the limitation expressed. However, the Bureau of Inspection and Supervision of Public Offices was continually voicing a criticism of such disposition and raising a question as to the legality thereof. It was to eliminate this criticism and to finally settle the question of legality that the case of R. W. Hill against the city of Seattle was instituted. The statute construed in the instant case is, in respect to the sale of bonds, almost identical with the statute construed in the case of Yesler vs. Seattle, 1 Wash., 308, in which case the Court at an early date had upheld the sale of bonds below par. In the opinion rendered in the Hill case the Court harks back to the Yesler decision, and reaffirms it.

## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

**ABILENE, Taylor County, Tex.**—*BONDS VOTED.*—By a vote of 347 to 7 the voters authorized the issuance of \$450,000 bonds. It is reported, at an election held Dec. 13.

**ACADIA PARISH (P. O. Crowley), La.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—The President of the Police Jury will receive bids until Dec. 30 for \$400,000 5% road bonds. It is stated.

**ALBUQUERQUE, Bernalillo County, N. Mex.**—*BOND ELECTION.*—On Jan. 27 \$450,000 school bonds are to be voted upon.

**ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Ft. Wayne), Ind.**—*BOND SALE.*—An issue of \$100,000 4½% hospital bonds has been purchased by the Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis at 100.725.

**ALLEN PARISH (P. O. Oberlin), La.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 14 by the President of the Police Jury, for the following 5% bonds:

\$150,000 1-15 year Road District No. 3 bonds. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. J. & D.

190,000 1-20 year Road District No. 4 bonds. Date Oct. 1 1919. Int. A. & O.

Denom. \$1,000. Cert. check for 2½% required. The purchaser will be furnished with the approving opinion of John O. Thomson of N. Y. and Martin and Campbell of New Orleans.

**ALLIANCE, Box Butte County, Neb.**—*BOND SALE.*—An issue of \$10,000 5% 6-20-year (opt.) water-extension bonds has been sold to Benwell, Phillips, Este & Co. of Denver.

**ALLIANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alliance), Stark County, Ohio.**—*BOND SALE.*—On Dec. 19 the \$400,000 5% high-school-bldg. bonds, offered on that date—V. 109, p. 2003—were taken at par and interest by a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, the Alliance Bank Co., the City Savings Bank & Trust Co., and the Peoples Bank Co., all of Alliance.

**ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. American Forks), Utah County, Utah.**—*BOND SALE.*—Issues of \$165,000 voted and \$200,000 subject to election 5% 14-year average school bonds have been sold to the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake City at 95.50. Denom. \$1,000. N. Y. payment.

Assessed valuation, 1919.....\$17,175,000  
Total debt (including this issue).....550,000  
Population.....18,000

**ANDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), So. Caro.**—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed bids will be received until 12:30 p. m. Jan. 5 by W. C. Austin, Secretary of the Highway Commission (P. O. Box 97, Anderson), for \$1,160,000 5% tax-free coupon road-improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Int. J. & J., payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$24,000 1922 to 1926, inclusive; \$28,000 1927 to 1931, inclusive; \$36,000 1932 to 1936, inclusive; \$40,000 1937 to 1941, inclusive; \$48,000 1942 to 1946, inclusive, and \$56,000 1947 to 1951, inclusive. Certified check for 1% of bid, payable to the above Secretary, required. Bonded debt (including this issue), Dec. 8 1919, \$1,450,000.

**ATOKA, Atoka County, Okla.**—*BOND SALE.*—Reports state an issue of \$30,000 6% water-works bonds has been sold to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago.

**AUBURN SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Auburn), De Kalb County, Ind.**—*BOND SALE.*—On Dec. 19 the \$70,000 5% 10-25-year (opt.) school bonds, dated Dec. 19 1919 (V. 109, p. 2189), were awarded to Taylor, Ewart & Co., of Chicago, for \$70,458 (100.654) and interest, the purchaser to furnish the bonds. Other bidders were:

Continental & Commercial Safe Deposit Co., Chicago.....\$70,378  
National City Co., Indianapolis.....70,371  
Citizens National Bank, Auburn.....70,350  
Fletcher-American National Bank, Indianapolis.....70,210  
Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Indianapolis.....70,081

**BAKERSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bakersfield), Kern County, Calif.**—*BONDS VOTED.*—At the election held in Dec. 11, it is stated, that \$200,000 bonds were voted.

**BARBERTON, Summit County, Ohio.**—*NO BIDS RECEIVED.*—No bids were received on Nov. 18 for the \$28,743.50 5% 1-10-year serial deficiency bonds offered on that date—V. 109, p. 1718.

**BEACH CITY, Stark County, Ohio.**—*BOND SALE.*—On Dec. 24 the Beach City Banking Co., bidding \$3,013 (100.433) and interest, was awarded the \$3,000 6% 2-7-year serial water works electric pump bonds offered on that date—V. 109, p. 2189. Date Jan. 1 1920. Other bidders were:

W. L. Slayton & Co., Tol., \$3,011 70 [J. C. Mayer & Co., Cincln. \$3,000 00  
Stacy & Braun, Toledo.....3,009 10]

**BEAVER DAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Paragould), Greene County, Ark.**—*BONDS NOT SOLD—TO BE RE-ADVERTISED.*—No sale was made of the \$150,000 5¼% drainage bonds offered on Dec. 19—V. 109, p. 2282.

We are advised that the bonds will be re-advertised for sale in the near future.

**BELZONI, Humphreys County, Miss.**—*BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.*—Newspapers state that issuing \$85,000 high-school bonds is being considered.

**BENNINGTON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marengo), Morrow County, Ohio.**—*BOND SALE.*—On Dec. 13 Tucker, Robison & Co., of Toledo, were awarded \$7,200 6% coupon funding bonds

at 100.798 1-3. Denoms. \$540 and \$180. Date Dec. 1 1919. Due \$180 March 1 1921 and \$540 each six months from Sept. 1 1921 to Sept. 1 1927.

**BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 18 the \$13,540 4½% 1-10-year serial road bonds, dated Sept. 15 1919—V. 109, p. 2282—were awarded to the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis at par and interest.

**BEXLEY, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The State Industrial Commission of Ohio has purchased the \$45,000 5½% 21-year sewer bonds, dated Oct. 1 1919, which were offered on Nov. 17—V. 109, p. 1718.

**BIG SPRINGS, Howard County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.**—The proposition submitted to the voters at the election held Dec. 16—V. 109, p. 2282—providing for the issuance of \$50,000 6% 1-20-year water works impt. bonds carried by a vote of 125 to 2.

**BOLTON (P. O. Bolton Landing), Warren County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The First National Bank of Lake George was on Dec. 13 awarded \$6,000 6% highway bonds. Date Dec. 13 1919. Interest payable annually on Feb. 1. Due \$1,000 yearly.

**BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—The County Commissioners will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Jan. 5 for \$40,000 5% funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1919. Payable at County Treasurer's office. Due Dec. 15 1920. Cert. check for \$1,200 payable to "Boone County," required. Bonded debt Dec. 6 1919, \$23,000. Assessed value, \$71,000,000. State and County tax-rate (per \$1,000), \$43.

**BOONTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Boonton), Morris County, N. J.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a special election held Nov. 1 the voters authorized the Board of Education to issue \$105,000 2-27-year serial school bldg. bonds. The final vote stood 817 "for" to 638 "against."

**BOSSIER, Bossier Parish, La.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$29,000 5% water-works bonds offered on Dec. 19—V. 109, p. 2004—were not sold on that date because of market conditions.

**BRENTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brentford), Spink County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.**—By a vote of 79 to 9 the question of issuing \$100,000 school-building bonds carried, it is stated, at a recent election.

**BRISTOL, Washington County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposal will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 15 by B. E. Ballard, City Clerk, for \$100,000 5, 5½ and 5¾% serial street and general improvement bonds. Denom. \$500 or multiples thereof. Date Dec. 1 1919. Interest semi-annual, payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Dominion National Bank, Bristol. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, required.

**BLUE EARTH COUNTY (P. O. Mankato), Blue Earth County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Newspapers state that bids will be received until 2 p. m. Dec. 30 by the County Auditor, for \$75,000 5% drainage bonds. Int. semi-ann.

**BUCKEYE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Buckeye), Hardin County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—Schanke & Co. of Mason recently purchased \$24,000 5% 20-year serial school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Interest J. & J.

**BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—The Commissioner of Finance and Accounts will receive proposals until 11 a. m. Jan. 21 for several issues of 4½% registered tax-free bonds, aggregating \$1,943,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 2 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Hanover National Bank of New York, or in Buffalo. Bids are of various maturities. Cert. check for 2% payable to the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, required.

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY (P. O. Asheville), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 22 it is stated, the Battery Park Bank of Asheville was awarded the \$450,000 2-26-year serial coupon road and bridge bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920 (V. 109, p. 2090), at 100.367 for 5½s.

**BURKBURNETT, Wichita County, Tex.—WARRANT SALE.**—Recently J. L. Arlitt of Austin purchased \$60,000 6% public improvement warrants. Date Nov. 3 1919. Due yearly from 1921 to 1923, incl. These warrants are printed in bond form with interest coupons attached, and are issued for installing storm sewers and completion of sanitary sewer system.

**CALEDONIA VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marion County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Hector S. Young, Prosecuting Attorney of Marion County (P. O. Box 35, Marion, Ohio), will receive proposals until 12 m. Dec. 31 for \$25,000 5½% deficiency bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. M. & S. Due each six months as follows: \$1,500 March 1 1921 to Sept. 1 1923, and \$2,000 March 1 1924 to Sept. 1 1927, inclusive. Certified check for \$200, payable to C. N. Clark, Clerk of Board of Education, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**CAMBRIA COUNTY (P. O. Ebensburg), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 6 by Herman T. Jones, County Collector, for \$500,000 4½% tax-free coupon road 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 from 1920 to 1942, incl. Cert. check for \$5,000 required.

**CAMBRIDGE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cambridge), Guernsey County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Geo. D. Dugan, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive proposals until 12 m. Jan. 5 for \$40,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date, day of sale. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the Treasurer's office. Due each six months as follows: \$1,000 Mar. 5 1921 to Sept. 5 1923, inclusive; \$2,000 Mar. 5 1924 to Mar. 5 1925, inclusive; \$3,000 Sept. 5 1923; \$2,000 Mar. 5 1924; and \$3,000 Sept. 5 1924. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**CANTON, McPherson County, Kans.—BONDS VOTED.**—On Dec. 8 the following 30-year bonds at not exceeding 5% interest—V. 109 p. 2004—were voted:  
\$18,000 light bonds. Vote 162 to 47.  
\$7,000 water bonds. Vote 130 to 77.  
Date of sale not yet determined.

**CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY (P. O. Cape Girardeau), Mo.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—The question of issuing \$1,000,000 road bonds failed to carry at the election Dec. 15—V. 109, p. 2004. The vote cast was 1,582 "for" and 1,868 "against."

**CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Delphi), Ind.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.**—No bids were received for an issue of \$21,600 4½% 2-11-year serial road bonds offered on Dec. 18.

**CENTER HILL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lauderdale County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 9, it is reported, by W. R. Pistole, Chancery Clerk, for \$1,800 6% school bonds.

**CHICAGO, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.**—George F. Harding, City Comptroller, will receive proposals until 12 m. Jan. 8 for the following 4% bonds aggregating \$11,900,000:  
\$3,750,000 judgment funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date July 1 1919. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$450,000, 1921; \$221,000, 1922; \$500,000, 1923 to 1927 incl.; \$450,000, 1928; \$129,000, 1929.

1,150,000 Twelfth St. Viaduct bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date July 1 1919. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$63,000, 1921 to 1938 incl., and \$16,000, 1939.

2,000,000 Michigan Ave. Impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 16 1919. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$112,000, 1922 to 1938 incl., and \$96,000, 1939.

1,000,000 Ogden Ave. Impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 16 1919. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$65,000, 1922, and \$55,000, Jan. 1 1923 to 1939 incl.

1,000,000 Western Ave. Impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 16 1919. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$65,000, 1922, and \$55,000, 1923 to 1939 incl.

1,000,000 South Water St. Impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 16 1919. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$65,000, 1922, and \$55,000, 1923 to 1939 incl.

1,000,000 Robey St. Impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 16 1919. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$65,000, 1922, and \$55,000, 1923 to 1939 incl.

1,000,000 Ashland Ave. Impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 16 1919. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$65,000, 1922, and \$55,000, 1923 to 1939 incl.

These bonds may be registered in the Comptroller's office. They are exempt from the income tax. Principal payable at the City Treasurer's office. Cert. check on a Chicago bank for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Comptroller, required. A copy of the opinion of Wood & Oakley that these bonds are valid will be furnished upon request. The interest on these bonds is payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness. The judgment funding and Twelfth St. Viaduct bonds were authorized by a vote of the people taken on April 1 1919—V. 108, p. 1430; the remaining issues of street impt. bonds were voted at the Nov. 4 election—V. 109, p. 1812.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

**CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals addressed to J. H. Lawley, Chairman of Finance Committee, will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 8 by Lawrence P. King, District Clerk, for \$2,347,000 4% gold "City of Chicago Judgment Funding" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Due \$347,000 Jan. 1 1929 and \$500,000 on Jan. 1 in 1932, 1933, 1934 and 1925. Delivery Jan. 12 1920. Validity passed upon by Wood & Oakley, a copy of whose opinion will be furnished upon request.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

**CLERMONT COUNTY (P. O. Batavia), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 20 the \$25,000 5% 8-27-year serial bridge bonds dated Dec. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 2189—were awarded to Graves, Blanchet & Thorburgh of Toledo, at 101.12 and interest. Other bidders, both of Toledo, were: W. L. Slayton & Co. \$25,000 A. T. Bell & Co. \$25,000

**CLINTON, Clinton County, Ia.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 15 an issue of \$600,000 5% school bldg. bonds was awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Due \$15,000 on Jan. 1 from 1923 to 1939, incl.

**COHOES, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Catherine C. Donovan, City Comptroller, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. to-day (Dec. 27) for \$45,000 4½% water supply system bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. J. & J. Due \$2,000 in even-numbered years and \$2,500 in odd-numbered years from Dec. 1 1920 to Dec. 1 1939, incl.

**COPAKE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Copake), Columbia County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 19 the Hudson River Trust Co., of Hudson, was awarded at par and interest \$10,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1919. Annual interest payable at the Hudson River Trust Co. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1920 to 1929, incl.

**CORYELL COUNTY (P. O. Gateville), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.**—It is reported that the people will be asked to vote on the issuance of the \$1,000,000 road bonds mentioned in V. 109, p. 2091, on Jan. 10.

**COSHOCKTON, Coshocton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Wm. H. Williams, City Auditor, will receive proposals until 12 m. Jan. 6 for the following 5½% bonds:  
\$18,500 deficit bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 on Sept. 1 1920 and \$1,000 March 1 and \$1,500 on Sept. 1 from 1922 to 1927, incl.  
17,200 street-impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Due each six months as follows: \$500 Sept. 1 1920 to Mar. 1 1922, incl.; \$1,000 Sept. 1 1922 to Mar. 1 1929, incl., and \$1,200 Sept. 1 1929.

6,000 fire-dept. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1920 to 1925, incl.  
Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Certified check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

Similar issues of bonds were reported as sold in V. 109, p. 1008.

**CRESWELL, Lane County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 8 the \$5,000 6% water-plant purchase bonds (V. 109, p. 2189) were disposed of at par. Denom. \$500. Interest semi-annual.

**CUPERTINO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 5 by John Roll, Chairman Board of County Supervisors (P. O. San Jose) for \$75,000 5% serial bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 2 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Cert. check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to Henry A. Pfister, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, required.

**DANE COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Wis.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—The question of issuing \$10,000,000 road bonds failed to carry, it is stated, at a recent election.

**DAYTON, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 22 the \$540,000 5% 8-year coupon general fund bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 2091—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the National City Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., and Hayden, Miller & Co. at 100.417.

**DESCHUTES COUNTY (P. O. Bend), Ore.—BOND SALE.**—News paper reports say that on Dec. 14 the \$125,000 5½% road bonds voted on June 3—V. 108, p. 2454—were disposed of.

**DE SOTO COUNTY (P. O. Arcadia), Fla.—BONDS VOTED.**—On Dec. 16 \$180,000 6% 30-year bonds were authorized. Date Jan. 1 1920. The above bonds will be sold during February, we are advised.

**DULUTH, Minn.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 22 the \$100,000 5% 12-year sewer bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920—V. 109, p. 2283, were awarded according to reports, to C. E. Denison & Co., at 102.071.

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH (P. O. Baton Rouge), La.—BOND OFFERING.**—Newspaper reports say that bids will be received until 12 m. Jan. 13 by F. A. Wood, Secretary of the Police Jury, for \$125,000 5% road bonds.

**EAST TAYLOR TOWNSHIP, Cambria County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—Lyon, Slinger & Co. have purchased and are now offering to investors, at a price to yield 4.60%, \$19,000 5% tax-free road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1919. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1924 and \$4,000 1928, 1930, 1932 and 1934. Bonded debt, including this issue, \$28,000. Assessed value 1919, \$1,436,700. Population 1919 (est.), 1,500.

**EDENTON, Chohan County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. Dec. 30 by the Town Clerk for \$77,000 street impt. bonds. Bids are requested for bonds bearing 5½% or 6% interest. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to C. H. Wood, Town Treasurer, required.

**ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Greshen), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 15 A. H. Beardsley purchased at par and interest \$500 4½% D. M. Clark et al Osolo Twp. highway impt. bonds. Int. M. & N. Due Nov. 15 1924.

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbiana), Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. B. Vaughn, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive proposals until 1 p. m. Jan. 2 for \$8,500 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1 for \$1,500 59 and 7 for \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the office of the Board of Education. Due \$1,500 59 Oct. 1 1920, and \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1927, incl. Cert. check on some solvent bank other than the one making the bid, for \$500, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for Jan. 16. Bids must be upon blanks furnished by the Clerk of the Board. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Birmingham), Erie County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received

by L. A. Andrews, Clerk of Board of Education, until 1 p. m. Jan. 10 for \$14,000 5½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. J. & D. Due \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1933, incl. Cert. check for \$100 payable to the Board of Education, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**FOND DU LAC COUNTY (P. O. Fond du Lac), Wisc.—BONDS VOTED.**—By a vote of 3,397 to 2,450 the question of issuing \$4,600,000 road bonds carried, it is stated, at the election Dec. 10—V. 109, p. 2005.

**FORT MISERY HIGHWAY DISTRICT (P. O. Kooskia), Idaho County, Utah.—BOND ELECTION CONTEMPLATED.**—We are informed that an election is soon to be called to vote upon \$30,000 highway bonds.

**FORT MORGAN, Morgan County, Colo.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.**—We are informed that the issuance of \$200,000 high school bonds is being considered.

**FORSYTH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Forsyth) Rosebud County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.**—We are informed that a \$100,000 school bond issue is soon to be voted upon.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—NO BIDS.**—There were no bidders for the 3 issues of 6% county-ditch bonds, aggregating \$8,801, offered on Dec. 22—V. 109, p. 2284.

**FRESNO COUNTY (P. O. Fresno), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 6 by D. M. Barnwell, County Clerk, for \$3,800,000 5% gold highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$40,000 June 1 1930, \$130,000 yearly from 1931 to 1958, incl., and \$120,000 1959. Certified or cashier's check on some responsible bank for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Chairman of Board of County Supervisors, required. The opinion of Goodfellow, Eells, Moore & Orrick of San Francisco, as to the legality of said bonds, will be furnished to all bidders, and all bids must be made unconditionally. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Wm. H. Biddinger, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Jan. 5 for the following 10-year serial free gravel road bonds, aggregating \$552,500:

\$35,000 5% county bonds.	Date Oct. 15 1919.
23,000 5% county bonds.	Date Oct. 15 1919.
37,500 5% county bonds.	Date Oct. 15 1919.
121,700 5% county bonds.	Date Oct. 15 1919.
32,500 5% county bonds.	Date Oct. 15 1919.
41,500 5% county bonds.	Date Oct. 15 1919.
50,000 5% county bonds.	Date Oct. 15 1919.
16,800 4½% Union Twp. bonds.	Date Nov. 15 1919.
6,600 4½% Henry Twp. bonds.	Date Nov. 15 1919.
12,700 4½% Rochester & Union Twps. bonds.	Date Nov. 15 1919.
15,000 4½% Rochester Twp. bonds.	Date Nov. 15 1919.
29,400 4½% Newcastle Twp. bonds.	Date Jan. 1 1920.
26,300 4½% Union Twp. bonds.	Date Jan. 1 1920.
104,500 4½% Aubbenaubee Twp. bonds.	Date Jan. 1 1920.

Each issue consists of 20 bonds of equal amount. Int. M. & N. Due 1 bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Wauseon), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—P. E. Perry, County Auditor, will receive proposals until 1 p. m. Jan. 3 for the following 5% inter-county highway bonds:

\$103,000 I. C. H. No. 287 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due each six months as follows: \$10,000 Jan. 1 1921, \$11,000 July 1 1921 to July 1 1922 and \$10,000 Jan. 1 1923 to July 1 1925, incl.

8,150 I. C. H. No. 301 bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$500, 1 for \$650 and 14 for \$500. Due each six months as follows: \$1,150 Jan. 1 1921, and \$1,000 July 1 1921 to July 1 1924, inclusive.

Date Feb. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for on Feb. 1 1920. Purchaser to furnish and print the bonds.

**GASTON COUNTY (P. O. Gastonia), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The \$500,000 5% road bonds offered on Nov. 24—V. 109, p. 2005—have been sold to the First National Bank and the Citizens National Bank, both of Gastonia, at par and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1919. Int. A. & O. Due yearly from 1921 to 1949, incl.

**GENEVA, Adams County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The Bank of Geneva recently purchased \$5,000 bonds of this town.

**GILA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19, Ariz.—BOND SALE.**—The \$43,600 school building bonds mentioned in V. 108, p. 1958 have been sold to Powell, Garard & Co., of Chicago.

**GLYNN COUNTY (P. O. Brunswick), Ga.—BONDS VOTED.**—The proposition to issue \$250,000 5% school building bonds carried by a vote of 381 to 26 at the election held Dec. 18—V. 109, p. 2005. Due \$10,000 yearly beginning Jan. 1 1923.

**GRAND ISLAND, Hall County, Neb.—BOND SALE.**—We are informed that the \$200,000 5% 5-20-year (opt.) paving bonds have been sold to the Lincoln Trust Co. at par.—V. 109, p. 2284.

**GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. C. Shinkman, City Clerk, will receive proposals until 2 p. m. Jan. 5 for the following 4½% tax-free bonds:

\$50,000 street-improvement bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1920 to 1924, inclusive.

70,000 street-improvement bonds. Due \$7,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1920 to 1923, inclusive.

10,000 sewer-construction bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1920 to 1923, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Semi-annual interest payable at the City Treasurer's office. Certified check for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**GRAND RAPIDS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Grand Rapids), Kent County, Mich.—SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.**—Of the bids received on Dec. 15 for the \$420,000 4½% 8 1-3-year (aver.) school bonds—V. 109, p. 2376—that of Whitteley, McLean & Co. of Detroit for \$423,864, equal to 100.92, was accepted.

**GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Lancaster), Wisc.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—The \$5,000,000 road bonds mentioned in V. 109, p. 1481 were defeated at a recent election.

**GRANT PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Colfax), La.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Jan. 5 by the President of the Police Jury for \$210,000 5% 1-30-year road bonds. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Cert. check for 2½% required. The purchaser will be furnished with the approving opinion of John C. Thomson of N. Y.

**GRAYVILLE, White County, Ill.—BOND ELECTION.**—At an election to be held Jan. 15 the voters will pass on the issuance of \$10,000 5% 1-10-year serial electric-plant bonds.

**GREENVILLE, Greenville County, So. Caro.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.**—An election may be called in the near future, it is stated, to vote on the question of issuing \$300,000 bonds.

**HARLEM TOWNSHIP (P. O. Harlem), Winnebago County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.**—A bond issue of \$8,000 for roads and bridges carried by a vote of 26 to 5 at an election held Nov. 25.

**HARRISBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Harrisburg), Harris County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$95,000 5% school bonds offered on Dec. 20 (V. 109, p. 2376), were awarded, according to reports, on that day to Harold G. Wise & Co., of Houston, at par.

**HARRISON, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 23 the following two issues of 4½% coupon (with privilege of registration) gold bonds (V. 109, p. 2284) were awarded to the West Hudson County Trust Co. for \$173,160 (\$100,000) and interest.

**HUBBARD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hubbard), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$75,000 5% 4-33-year serial school bonds, offered on Dec. 17—V. 109, p. 2284—were not sold.

**HUNTSVILLE, Madison County, Ala.—BONDS VOTED.**—By a vote of 7 to 1, the people of Huntsville, in a special bond election held Dec. 16 authorized, it is stated, the City Council to issue the \$20,000 bonds mentioned in V. 109, p. 1625.

**IBERIA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, La.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 9 a. m. Jan. 2 by L. R. Tilley, Secretary (P. O. New Iberia), for \$200,000 5% 30-year school bonds. Date of bonds, denomination, place of payment and other details may be designated in bid by bidder.

**ILION, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On June 2 last \$25,000 5% paving bonds were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, of New York, at 101.38. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1919. Int. J. & D. Due \$5,000 yearly on June 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

**INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 23 the \$700,000 4½% 20-year coupon school bonds dated Dec. 15 1919—V. 109, p. 2092—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Fletcher-American Co., the Union Trust Co. and Breed, Elliott & Harrison for \$680,305 (97.186) and interest. Other bidders were: Harris Trust & Sav. Bank and Cont. & Comm'l Trust Co., Chic. \$680,050 00; J. P. Wild & Co., Indianapolis. 675,925 00; Indiana Trust Co. and National City Co., Indianapolis. 667,411 50

**JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Brownstown), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—H. H. Alberling, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 2 p. m. Dec. 30 for the following 4½% road impt. bonds: \$18,000 Brownstown Twp. bonds. Denom. \$900. Due \$900 yearly, each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl. 6,600 Carr Twp. bonds. Denom. \$330. Due \$330 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl. Int. M. & N.

**JENNINGS, Jefferson Davis Parish, La.—BONDS VOTED.**—On Dec. 17, it is reported, the voters authorized a proposition providing for the issuance of \$285,000 school bonds.

**JONAH, Williamson County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.**—Reports state that the "Town of Jonah" has voted in favor of issuing a \$15,000 school bond issue.

**JOPLIN SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT, Jasper County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Jan. 6 by Charles A. Morsman, Secretary of the Board of Road Commissioners (P. O. Joplin), for \$500,000 5½% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis. Due yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1935, incl. Cert. check for \$10,000 required.

**KENT, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—Recently an issue of \$70,073 74 bonds was disposed of.

**KIMBALL, Brule County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—John Parker of Kimball was awarded at par and interest on Dec. 18 the \$25,000 5% 2-year sewer bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 2284. Bids were also received from C. H. Coffin of Chicago and Kalman, Matteson & Wood, of St. Paul.

**KIRKWOOD, St. Louis County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.**—E. O. Harper, City Clerk, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 5 for \$30,000 water system bonds.

**KOSSUTH COUNTY (P. O. Algona), Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.**—An issue of \$1,500,000 road bonds has been voted. We are further advised that the above bonds will not be offered for sale until next fall or later.

**LAUREL, Marshall County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—Recently the Schanke & Co. of Mason City purchased \$45,000 5% 20-year serial school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Interest J. & J.

**LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 23 the \$25,000 1-20-year serial school and \$12,000 1-5-year serial pavement 4½% coupon tax-free bonds offered on that date—V. 109, p. 2376—were awarded, it is stated, to the Merchants' National Bank of Leominster at 100.5281.

**LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 34, Mont.—BOND SALE.**—The \$3,500 school bonds offered on June 30—V. 108, p. 2557—were awarded on Aug. 10 to the State of Montana at par.

**LEWISTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Portage), Columbia County, Wis.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.**—No sale has yet been made of the \$27,527 6% bonds offered on Nov. 8—V. 109, p. 1626.

**LIBERTY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Tangier), Parke County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 16 the \$21,000 5% 1-7-year serial school refunding bonds offered on that date—V. 109, p. 2092—were sold to local purchasers for \$21,011 (100.052) and interest.

**LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The City Auditor advises us that the Sinking Fund Trustees have purchased \$12,900 deficiency bonds.

**LINCOLN COUNTY (P. O. Merrill), Wisc.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 17 by John Brandt, County Clerk, for the following 5% bonds: \$54,000 soldiers' bonus bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$4,500 June 21 1921 and \$5,500 yearly thereafter.

75,000 highway impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 June 1 1921 and \$5,000 yearly thereafter.

Interest semi-annually. The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

**LOWER CYPRESS CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Selmer), McNairy County, Tenn.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—BONDS TO BE RE-OFFERED.**—No sale was made of the \$50,000 6% bonds offered on Dec. 16—V. 109, p. 2007.

We are advised that the above bonds will be reoffered for sale some time in the near future.

**MCINTOSH, Carson County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. A. Finneson, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. Jan. 5 for \$25,000 5% 25-year municipal electric-plant bonds. Int. semi-ann. Certified check for \$100 required.

**MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—NO BIDS.**—There were no bidders for the 6 issues of 4½% road bonds aggregating \$93,400, offered on Dec. 17—V. 109, p. 2285.

**MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Virginia City), Mont.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED.**—We are advised that the County Commissioners intend to sell about \$75,000 bonds of an issue of \$150,000 recently authorized—V. 109, p. 1386—some time after March 1 1920.

**MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 17 the \$100,000 5% 1-10-year serial bridge bonds, dated Dec. 15 1919—V. 109, p. 2285—were awarded to the Indiana Trust Co., of Indianapolis, at 101.181 and interest. Other bidders, all of Indianapolis, were: Union Trust Co. \$100,510 00; Merchants' Nat'l Bank, \$100,252 50; J. P. Wild State Bank, 100,475 00; City Trust Co. 100,250 00

**MARLIN, Falls County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$14,000 fire station and \$28,000 fire equipment 5% 10-40-year (opt.) coupon bonds recently voted—V. 109, p. 1722—have been sold, it is stated, to the Detroit Trust Co., at 97.50. Date Oct. 1 1919.

**MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Shoals), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$2,800 Halbert Twp. and \$8,600 Mitchellre Twp. 4½% road bonds offered on Nov. 3—V. 109, p. 1626—have been purchased by the White River Bank of Loogootee at par.

**MASON CITY, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$7,000 5% sewer bonds has been purchased by Schanke & Co., of Mason City. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. M. & N. Due Nov. 1 1930.

**MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received by the City Treasurer until 10 a. m. Dec. 30, it is reported, for a temporary loan of \$50,000, maturing Sept. 8 1920.

**MIDDLETON, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 10 the \$20,000 5% 1-20-year serial sewer bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919—V. 109, p. 2191—were awarded at par and interest to the Oglesby & Barnitz Banking Co., of Middletown.

**MILAM COUNTY (P. O. Cameron), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.**—The Milam Road District No. 29 of this county voted at a recent election \$150,000 road bonds, it is stated.

**MILWAUKEE, Wisc.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 22 the \$250,000 4½% vocational school and \$70,000 15% bath 1-20-year serial tax-free coupon

bonds, dated July 1 1919—V. 109, p. 2377—were awarded. It is reported, to the First Wisconsin Trust Co., Second Ward Savings Bank and Marshall & Isby Bank, all of Milwaukee at 99.578.

Other bids were:

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
National City Co.		National Bank of Commerce	\$322,804
E. H. Rollins & Sons	\$325,152	First Wisconsin Trust Co.	
Taylor-Ewart Co.		Second Ward Savs. Bank	321,350
McCoy & Co.	324,390	Marshall & Isby	
Paine-Webber & Co.	323,133		

**MINOT, Ward County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—The \$285,000 5% 20-year sewage disposal plant bonds offered without success on Oct. 13—V. 109, p. 1627—have been purchased, it is stated, by Bolger, Mosser & Willaman of Chicago.

**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, Ark.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$2,500,000 road bonds offered on Dec. 15—V. 109, p. 2092—were not sold.

**MODESTO, Stanislaus County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.**—On Dec. 9 \$289,000 5% gold coupon bonds were authorized. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 2 1920. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

**MOODY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Moody), McLennan County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 5% school bonds mentioned in V. 109, p. 2285—have been sold to the State of Texas.

**MORGAN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Palmyra R. F. D.), Harrison County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 13 the \$16,000 5% 2-14 year serial coupon high school building bonds, dated Oct. 25 1919—V. 109 p. 2092—were awarded, it is reported to J. F. Wild & Co., of Indianapolis at 100.01, and interest.

**MORRAL VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marion County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 31 by Hector S. Young, Prosecuting Attorney of Marion County (P. O. Box 35, Marion, Ohio) for \$10,000 5% coupon deficiency bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. M. & S. Due \$1,000 each six months from Mar. 1 1921 to Sept. 1 1925, incl. Cert. check for \$200 payable to J. H. Barden, Clerk of Board of Education, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**MT. VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received by T. E. Denton, City Clerk, until 8 p. m. Dec. 31 for \$3,000 4 1/2% registered assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due Jan. 1 1925. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

**MUSKEGON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Muskegon), Muskegon County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election the people voted the issuance of \$800,000 school bldg. bonds.

**NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Spanish Forks), Utah County, Utah.—BOND ELECTION & SALE.**—Subject to election in February, the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake City have purchased \$450,000 5% 1-20 year serial school bonds.

**NEW LONDON, New London County, Conn.—BOND SALE.**—The \$225,000 4 1/2% 30-year water-refunding bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920, offered on Dec. 23—V. 109, p. 2285—were awarded on that date to the New London Savings Bank of New London for \$225,000, equal to 100.11.

**NEW ROCHELLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 24 the 2 issues of 4 1/4% registered bonds aggregating \$380,675 75—V. 109, p. 2377—were awarded to the Guaranty Trust Co. and the Kissell-Kinnicut Co., both of New York, for \$382,358 53 (100.442) and interest.

**NEWTON FALLS, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$3,000 5% 3-5 year serial water-works bonds, dated April 15 1919, and the \$9,000 5 1/2% 3-12 year serial refunding bonds, dated Oct. 1 1919, offered on Dec. 18—V. 109, p. 2093—were awarded on that date to the First National Bank of Newton Falls, at par and interest.

**NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. C. Waite, Secretary of School Board, will receive proposals until Jan. 2 for \$13,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1921 and 1922; \$2,000, 1923 to 1925, incl.; and \$3,000, 1927.

**OAK HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oak Hill), Jackson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, were awarded at 100.25 the \$6,000 5 1/2% 2-8 year serial school bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919, offered on Nov. 17—V. 109, p. 1814.

**OREGON (State of).—BOND SALE.**—A syndicate composed of the First National Bank, Kean, Taylor & Co., the Anglo & London-Paris National Bank and Ralph Schneckoel & Co., was awarded on Dec. 20 the \$1,000,000 4 1/2% State Highway bonds—V. 109, p. 2285—at 98.617, it is stated.

**OREGON COUNTY, (P. O. Alton), Mo.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—The \$300,000 road bonds voted on at a special election held Dec. 9, lost by approximately 150 votes, it is stated.

**OTTAWA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Okla.—BONDS APPROVED.**—On Dec. 12 the Attorney General approved \$15,000 school bonds.

**OTTUMWA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ottumwa), Wapello County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.**—The voters favored the issuance of the \$700,000 high school bonds by a vote of 2,925 to 803 at the election held Dec. 16—V. 109, p. 2093. Date of sale not yet determined.

**OZAUKEE COUNTY (P. O. Port Washington), Wisc.—BONDS VOTED.**—Reports state that an issue of \$1,500,000 road bonds was voted by the people at a recent election.

**PANA, Christian County, Ill.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$20,000 reservoir bonds has been disposed of.

**PARMA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Fred I. Brown, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Jan. 12 for \$225,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1921 to 1925, incl.; \$4,000, 1926 to 1930, incl.; \$6,000, 1931 to 1935, incl.; \$8,000, 1936 to 1940, incl.; \$11,000, 1941 to 1945, incl.; and \$14,000, 1946 to 1950, incl. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer's office.

**PASSAGRILLE, Pinellas County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The American Bank & Trust Co., bidding 98 and interest was awarded the \$14,000 6% imp. bonds offered Dec. 15—V. 109, p. 2285. There were no other bidders.

**PAULDING COUNTY (P. O. Paulding), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Curtis A. Woods, County Auditor, will receive proposals until 2 p. m. Jan. 2 for \$26,000 5% coupon "B. C. Foster Joint County Pike" bonds. Auth. Sec. 6929 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1921 to 1925, incl.; and \$3,000, 1926 and 1927. Cert. check for \$500, drawn on a local bank, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest and furnish blank bonds.

**PAULS VALLEY, Garvin County, Okla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$20,000 water imp. bonds recently voted—V. 109, p. 1101—were purchased by G. W. & J. B. Piersal of Oklahoma City at 100.051.

**PELHAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Pelham), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Kneeland S. Durham, District Clerk, will receive proposals until 8 p. m. Jan. 8 for the following 5% school bonds:

\$100,000 bonds. Date Nov. 1 1919. Due \$4,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1925 to 1949, incl.  
 108,000 bonds. Date Jan. 15 1919. Due \$4,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1926 to 1952, incl.  
 Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., of New York. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—John M. Walton, City Controller, will receive proposals until 12 m. Jan. 14 for \$3,000,000 4 1/2% tax-free registered and coupon bonds. Denoms. \$100 and multiples thereof. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Due Jan. 1 1920. Cert. check for 5% of

amount of bonds bid for, required. Negotiable Interim Certificate will be issued if desired, pending engraving of permanent certificates. Bids must be made upon forms furnished upon application to the Mayor's office.

**PHILIP, Haakon County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.**—By a vote of 205 to 26 the question of issuing \$40,000 5% 10-20 year (opt.) water-works and sewer bonds carried at an election Dec. 9.

**PIMA COUNTY (P. O. Tucson), Ariz.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 16 Hornblower & Weeks of Chicago were awarded \$1,500,000 5 1/2% 6-25 year serial road bonds, dated Oct. 15 1919—V. 109, p. 2093—for \$1,508,400 (100.566) and interest.

A like amount of bonds was reported as sold in V. 109, p. 1627.

**PITTSBURG, Darke County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$2,500 5 1/2% 2-6 year serial fire-truck bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919, offered Dec. 22—V. 109, p. 2285—were awarded on that date to the First National Bank of Pittsburg at 102.084 and interest.

**POLK COUNTY (P. O. Bolivar), Mo.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—The question of issuing \$716,657 63 road bonds failed to carry at the election Dec. 10—V. 109, p. 2093.

**POMONA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.**—At an election held Dec. 11 seven issues of bonds, aggregating \$293,000 were voted. Bonds Defeated.—At the same election \$2,000 sprinkling system bonds were voted down.

**POSEY COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Vernon), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$19,000 4 1/2% road bonds offered on Dec. 18—V. 109, p. 2286—have not been sold.

**POTTER COUNTY (P. O. Amarillo), Tex.—PRICE PAID.**—The price paid for the \$750,000 5% 30-year coupon road bonds awarded on Nov. 10 to the Kaufman-Smith-Emert Investment Co. of St. Louis—V. 109 p. 2008—was par and interest less \$14,500.

**PRAGUE, Saunders County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until Jan. 2 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.

**PRESCOTT, Yavapai County, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election has been called for Jan. 10 to vote on \$350,000 water works bonds.

**PUT-IN-BAY VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Put-In-Bay), Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 15 the Commercial National Bank of Sandusky was awarded at par and interest \$5,000 5% coupon school-building imp. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.), payable at the office of the District Treasurer. Due \$500 yearly on June 1 from 1921 to 1930, inclusive.

**RACINE COUNTY (P. O. Racine), Wisc.—BONDS VOTED.**—By a vote of 1,849 to 1121 the question of issuing \$2,650,000 road bonds was voted by the people at an election Dec. 13, it is stated.

**RAKE, Winnebago County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$7,000 5 1/2% electric light system bonds was recently sold to Schanke & Co., of Mason City. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl.

**RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. North Hackensack), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Leonard Kirby, District Clerk, will receive proposals until 8 p. m. Jan. 6 for an issue of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds not to exceed \$85,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Chemical National Bank of New York or at the Peoples Trust & Guaranty Co. of Hackensack. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1921, \$3,000 1922 to 1938, incl. \$2,000 1939 and \$3,000 1940 to 1949, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

**ROCKWOOD BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rockwood), Somerset County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—H. H. Shumaker, District Secretary, will receive proposals until 7 p. m. Dec. 31 for \$6,000 5% coupon tax free school furnishing and playground bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due \$500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1927 to 1938, incl. Cert. check for \$300 required.

**ROFF SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Roff), Pontotoc County, Okla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$15,000 high school bldg. bonds mentioned in V. 108, p. 1090—have been disposed of.

**ROLLING FORK, Sharkey County, Miss.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$60,000 5% election plant bonds has been disposed of.

**ROOSEVELT COUNTY (P. O. Plentywood), Mont.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$92,000 5 1/2% funding bonds was awarded on Sept. 25 to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1919. Int. J. & J.

**ROSCOE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Roscoe), Winnebago County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.**—On Nov. 25, it is stated, a proposition to issue \$9,000 bridge bonds carried unanimously, the vote being 96 "for" and none "against."

**RUSHVILLE, Sheridan County, Neb.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$20,000 5% water bonds was recently purchased by Keefer Bros. of Denver.

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY (P. O. Osceola), Mo.—BOND OFFERING.**—According to reports, bids will be received until Dec. 29 by the County Clerk, for \$540,000 5% 1-18 year serial road bonds.

**SALEM, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—On Dec. 24 the Old Colony Trust Co., of Boston, was awarded on a 4.57% discount basis, plus a premium of \$10 a temporary loan of \$200,000 dated Dec. 24 1919 and maturing Nov. 5 1920.

**SEATTLE, Wash.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.**—An issue of \$750,000 park bonds may not be voted upon until the March election if it reported.

**SIDNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sidney), Cheyenne County, Neb.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 22 the \$75,000 5% 10-30 year (opt.) school bldg. bonds—V. 109, p. 2286—were awarded to Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver at 101.253 and int. Int. J. & J.

**SMITHFIELD, Cache County, Utah.—BOND SALE.**—Bosworth, Chanute & Co., of Denver have purchased \$4,000 5 1/2% serial funding bonds.

**SOMERSET, Perry County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Nov. 17 an issue of \$6,000 bonds was awarded to the Citizens State Bank of Somerset at 100.14.

**SPEARFISH, Lawrence County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Guy McClung, City Treasurer, will receive bids until Jan. 2 for \$50,000 5% water-works bonds. Denom. \$500. Date day of sale. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) at the First National Bank of Chicago. Due Jan. 2 1940.

**SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, were on Dec. 19 awarded a temporary loan of \$500,000, issued in anticipation of revenue, dated Dec. 22 1919, and maturing Nov. 5 1920, on a 4.54% discount basis. Other bidders, all of Boston, were:

Name	Rate of Discount	Premium
First National Bank	4.60%	
S. N. Bond & Co.	4.72%	\$7 00
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler	4.73%	11 00

**STEDMAN SCHOOL DIST. NO. 16 (P. O. Killdeer), Dunn County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—C. R. Meredith, Clerk Bd. of Ed., will receive bids until 1 p. m. Jan. 4 for \$50,000 5% 20-year refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 4 1920. Int. J. & J. Cert. check for \$2,000, payable to the above clerk, required. Bonded debt, \$50,000. Sinking fund, \$2,000. Assess. val., 1919, \$990,792.

**STOUT, Grundy County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—Schanke & Co. of Mason City were recently awarded \$7,000 5 1/2% electric light system bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. J. & D. Due yearly on Dec. 1 from 1926 to 1939, inclusive.

**STARK COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.**—No bids were received for the \$44,000 5% 1-10 year serial road bonds, dated Dec. 20 1919, offered on Dec. 22—V. 109, p. 2378.

**SWEET GRASS COUNTY (P. O. Big Timber), Mont.—DISCRIPTION OF BONDS.**—The \$125,000 15-20 year (opt.) road bonds at not exceeding 5½% interest recently voted—V. 109, p. 1389—are in denom. of \$1,000 and are dated July 1 1920. Int. J. & J.

**TERRA BELLA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Terra Bella), Tulare County, Calif.—PRICE PAID.**—The price paid for the \$50,000 6% bonds awarded on Dec. 11 to J. R. Mason & Co., of San Francisco was 101.89 (not 101.88 as reported in V. 109, p. 2378.)

**THERMOPOLIS, Hot Springs County, Wyo.—BONDS VOTED.**—The issuance of \$50,000 high school bonds carried, at the election held Dec. 15—V. 109, p. 1815.

**UNION COUNTY (P. O. La Grande), Ore.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 22 the \$400,000 5% 6-15-year serial gold road bonds, dated Dec. 15 1919—V. 109, p. 2192—were awarded to Keeler Bros. at par.

**UTICA, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 23, Sherwood & Merrifield of New York, bidding 100.07, were awarded \$25,000 4½% registered public imp. bonds. Denom. \$1,250. Date Oct. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$1,250 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1920 to 1939, inclusive.

**UVALDE COUNTY (P. O. Uvalde), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 8 the following two issues of 5½% road bonds, aggregating \$450,000, mentioned in V. 109, p. 2009—were awarded to J. E. Jarratt & Co., of San Antonio and Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co., of Denver, jointly.

**200,000 Road District No. 1 bonds, authorized by a vote of 256 to 58 at an election held Aug. 9. Due yearly on Oct. 10 as follows: \$7,000 1920 and 1921, \$8,000 1922 to 1946 incl., and \$12,000 1947 to 1949 incl. Total taxable valuation of district \$5,725,272.**  
**200,000 Road District No. 2 bonds authorized by a vote of 287 to 24 at an election held Aug. 23. Due yearly on Oct. 10 as follows: \$5,000 1920 to 1922 incl., \$7,000 1923 to 1947 incl., and \$5,000 1948 and 1949. Total taxable valuation of district \$3,897,965.**  
 Date Oct. 10 1919.

**VALDOSTA, Lowndes County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the election held Dec. 17—V. 109, p. 2009—the voters of this municipality cast their votes in favor of issuing \$150,000 5% high-school-building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly. Date of sale not yet determined.

**VAL VERDE COUNTY (P. O. Del Rio), Wisc.—BONDS VOTED.**—The "Dallas News" of Dec. 17 states that at the election held Dec. 15—V. 109, p. 2287—the proposition providing for the issuance of \$400,000 road bonds carried.

**WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Warren), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bath E. Dillon, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive proposals until 3 p. m. March 1 for the \$450,000 5% coupon high school bldg. bonds voted at the election held Nov. 4—V. 109, p. 1390. Date day of sale. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at City Treasurer's office. Due \$15,000 yearly on March 1 from 1922 to 1925, incl.; \$10,000 on March 1 and Sept. 1 in each of the years from 1926 to 1932, incl.; and \$25,000 each six months from March 1 1933 to March 1 1938, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to the Board of Education required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**WARRICK COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until Jan. 5 by James L. Allen, County Treasurer, for \$42,280 4½% G. W. Rice et al. Hart Twp. road bonds. Date day of sale. Due \$2,114 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

**WATAUGO COUNTY (P. O. Boone), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 6 by W. R. Gragg, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$50,000 5-30-year serial road bonds. Date Jan. 6 1920. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for 1% required.

**WAUKESHA COUNTY (P. O. Waukesha), Wisc.—BONDS VOTED.**—Reports state that an issue of \$3,800,000 road bldg. bonds was recently voted by the people.

**WAUSHARA COUNTY (P. O. Wautoma), Wisc.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—The question of issuing \$1,000,000 road bldg. bond failed to carry it is stated, at a recent election.

**WELLSBURG, Brooke County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.**—On Nov. 18 the Wellsburg Bank & Trust Co., bidding 100.50, was awarded the \$30,000 5% sewer bonds—V. 109, p. 1815.

**WHITTIER, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BIDS.**—The following bids were also received for the \$362,814 5% 1-40-year serial bonds awarded on Dec. 15 to the Bank of Italy and William R. Staats Co., jointly, at 100.923 and interest—V. 109, p. 2379—  
 Citizens Nat'l Bank.....\$363,464  
 Security Trust & Sav. Bk. } \$365,840  
 Title Ins. & Trust Co..... 362,865  
 First National Bank..... 363,525

**WICHITA, Sedgwick County, Kans.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 16 an issue of \$152,436 02 4¼% 2-10 year serial imp. bonds was awarded to Vernon Branch of Wichita at 98.97. Denoms. 152 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$436 02. Date Oct. 1 1919. Int. A. & O.

**WINNER, Tripp County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 1 \$17,500 5% water-works bonds were awarded at par to the State of South Dakota. Date July 1 1919. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1939.

**WINTERS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Yolo County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 5 by H. R. Saunders, Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Woodland), for the \$37,000 5% gold bonds recently voted—V. 109, p. 2095. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly from 1920 to 1949, incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bid required.

**WINTHROP, Suffolk County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.**—An issue of \$25,000 revenue notes, maturing Dec. 23, 1920, has been awarded, it is stated, to Grafton & Co., on a 4.74% discount basis.

**WOODBINE, Harrison County, Ia.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$14,000 town hall bonds was sold during October.

**WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—On Dec. 18, it is reported, a temporary loan of \$300,000, dated Dec. 19 1919 and maturing Mar. 31 1920, was awarded to the Park Trust Co., of Worcester on a 4.58% discount basis, plus a premium of \$5 00.

**TEMPORARY LOAN.**—On Dec. 24 a temporary loan of \$200,000, dated Dec. 2 1919 and maturing June 30 1920, was awarded, it is stated, to Arthur P. Crispy of Worcester on a 4.499% discount basis.

**YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—S. N. Bond & Co. of New York have been awarded on a 4.70% interest basis a temporary loan of \$425,000, maturing 6 months from date.

**YORK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Powhatan), Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$10,000 5% 1-5-year serial road imp. bonds, offered on Aug. 23 last—V. 109, p. 509—have been awarded to the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Bellaire.

**YUMA COUNTY (P. O. Yuma), Ariz.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$1,200,000 5½% 25-year-road bonds has been sold to Bolger, Mosser & Willaman of Chicago at 97.50, semi-ann. int. and local payment. Assessed valuation \$19,932,602. Total debt with this issue, \$1,938,791.11.

**CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**BANCROFT, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—It is reported that \$500,000 sidewalk debentures will be voted upon on Jan. 5.

**CHATHAM, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—On Jan. 1 the people will vote on by-laws for the issuance of \$10,000 10-year installment, \$300,000 and \$600,000 1-30-year installment water-works, and \$45,000 1-20-year installment hydro-electric 5½% debentures.

**COURTRIGHT, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—The election on Jan. 5 will be asked to vote on a by-law to issue \$12,000 6% 20-year (annual installments) water works and fire protection debentures.

**LA TUQUE, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—The town is calling for tenders for an issue of \$50,000 6% coupon debentures. Date Sept. 1 1919. Semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the Banque Nationale, in La Tuque, Quebec and Montreal. Due Sept. 1 1943.

**MERRITTON, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—By-laws to issue \$6,000 recreation-ground and \$1,000 highway bonds will be submitted to the people on Jan. 5, it is reported.

**NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The City Sinking Fund has purchased at 91.27, it is stated, \$36,000 5% debentures. Due July 1930.

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**ALBERTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Alta.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On Dec. 10 bids for the following 6½% serial school debentures, aggregating \$48,600, offered on that date—V. 109, p. 2095—were offered:  
 Block No. 1—Consolidated, 10 yrs.—Foremost Con. S. D. No. 2.....\$7,000  
 Block No. 2—Village, 15 yrs.—Big Valley S. D. No. 2545.....5,000  
 Block No. 4—Rurals, 15 yrs.—.....2,500  
 Lucas S. D. No. 3845.....2,500  
 Bodef S. D. No. 3539.....2,500  
 Dilo S. D. No. 3438.....2,500

.....\$7,500  
 Block No. 5—Rural, 15 yrs.—Great West S. D. No. 486.....4,000  
 Block No. 6—Rural, 15 yrs.—Silver Beach S. D. No. 3798.....2,200  
 Block No. 7—Rural, 15 yrs.—Cloverdale S. D. No. 1850.....2,600  
 Block No. 8—Rural, 15 yrs.—Golden Spike S. D. No. 1319.....3,000  
 Block No. 9—Rural, 12 yrs.—Berg S. D. No. 3675.....1,200  
 Block No. 10—Rural, 10 yrs.—Kirby S. D. No. 3801.....3,000  
 Block No. 11—Rural, 15 yrs.—Corners S. D. No. 2579.....1,200  
 Block No. 12—Rural, 10 yrs.—Buczacz S. D. No. 2580.....1,000  
 Block No. 13—Rural, 10 yrs.—Franklin S. D. No. 1690.....1,000  
 Block No. 14—Rural, 10 yrs.—White Mud S. D. No. 293.....1,500  
 Block No. 15—Rural, 15 yrs.—Cliffdale S. D. No. 3687.....2,000  
 Block No. 16—Rural, 15 yrs.—Old Chief S. D. No. 3831.....2,500  
 Block No. 17—Rural, 10 yrs.—Padger Flat S. D. No. 1471.....2,000  
 Block No. 18—Rural, 10 yrs.—Emerald S. D. No. 2670.....2,000  
 Block No. 19—Rural, 15 yrs.—Lola May S. D. No. 3393.....1,000  
 Block No. 20—Rural, 10 yrs.—Rosebud Heights S. D. No. 3778.....2,000  
 Block No. 21—Rural, 4 yrs.—Westdene S. D. No. 1874.....400

The awards were made as follows:  
 Blocks Nos. 1, 11, 15, 16 and 19 to Brent, Nixon & Co. of Toronto at 96.93, 96.22, 96.22, 96.22 and 96.22, respectively.  
 Blocks Nos. 10, 18 and 20 to the Canada Landed & National Investment Co. of Toronto at 99.55, 99.50 and 99.65, respectively.  
 Blocks Nos. 5, 8, 13, 14, 17 and 21 to the Western Trust Co. at 97.25, 98.33, 95.20, 99.35, 96.25, respectively.  
 Blocks Nos. 2, 4, 6, 7, 12 to W. Ross Alger & Co. of Toronto at 97.20, 97.00, 97.00, 97.00 and 97.75, respectively.  
 No award was made of block No. 3, aggregating \$8,000.

**OWEN SOUND, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—It is reported that a by-law to issue \$180,000 technical-school-erection debentures will be voted upon on Jan. 5.

**PARIS, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—On Jan. 5, it is stated, the people will vote on by-laws to issue \$6,500 memorial home and \$25,000 school-building debentures.

**PORT COLBORNE, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On Dec. 15 the \$40,000 school and \$40,000 hydro-electric 5½% 20-year installment debentures, offered on that date—V. 109, p. 2193—were awarded, it is stated, to Wood, Gundy & Co. at 94.73.

**PRESCOTT & RUSSELL COUNTIES, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On Dec. 13 an issue of \$50,000 6% road and bridge debentures were awarded to R. C. Matthews & Co., of Toronto, at 99.85. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 15 1919. Interest payable Aug. 15. Due \$2,000 yearly on Aug. 15, beginning 1920.

**RED DEER, Alta.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—A. T. Stephenson, City Secretary-Treasurer, will receive tenders until 12 m. Jan. 6 for \$50,000 6% 10-year installment tax-arrears Treasury bills. Date July 1 1919. Semi-ann. int. payable at the Imperial Bank in Toronto, Montreal or Red Deer.

**RICHMOND, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—At the elections Jan. 5 a by-law to issue \$5,000 local-imp. debentures will be submitted to the voters.

**SASKATOON, Sask.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—At the election held Dec. 8 the voters approved the several issues of debentures, aggregating \$727,000—V. 109, p. 2095.

**SEAFORTH, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—On Jan. 5 the taxpayers will vote on the question of issuing \$6,000 soldiers' monument-erection debentures, it is stated.

**SHERBROOKE, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—It is reported that tenders will be received until Jan. 5 for \$50,000 3½% debentures, maturing Oct. 1 1940, \$150,000 5% debentures maturing Nov. 1 1947, and \$142,500 5% debentures, maturing June 1 1939. Semi-ann. int., payable at Sherbrooke, Montreal and New York.

**SIMCOE, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—A by-law to issue \$70,000 bridge debentures will be submitted to the voters on Jan. 5, it is reported.

**SMITHS FALLS, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—On Jan. 5, it is reported, a by-law to issue \$25,000 fire-hall-erection debentures will be voted upon.

**TARA, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—On Jan. 5, according to reports, \$8,000 electric-power-distribution debentures will be voted upon.

**TRAFALGAR TOWNSHIP (P. O. Trafalgar), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On Dec. 15 Wood, Gundy & Co., of Toronto, were awarded at 100.07 and interest the \$82,014.23 6% 20-year debentures offered on that date—V. 109, p. 2193. Other bidders, all of Toronto, were:  
 R. C. Matthews & Co. .... 99.65  
 Turner, Sprague & Co. .... 99.39  
 A. E. Ames & Co. .... 99.59  
 W. A. Dymont & Co. .... 99.177  
 Machiel, Graham & Co. .... 99.51  
 O. H. Burgess & Co. .... 99.06

**YORK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—Proposals are being received until Dec. 29 for the following debentures: \$211,314 68 8% 10-installment local-imp.; \$38,600 5½% 25-year public-school; \$60,000 5½% 25-year school; \$172,500 5½% 25-installment public-school; and \$80,000 6% 25-installment water-works debentures.

NEW LOANS

\$75,000.00

Lincoln County Wisconsin HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned, at the office of the County Treasurer of Lincoln County, in the Court House, in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, until SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 1920, AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M., for the purchase of the whole or any part of the above-named bonds amounting to Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000 00) Dollars, with interest at 5% per annum, payable semi-annually.

Denominations of One Thousand (\$1,000 00) Dollars bonds one to five, inclusive, due June 1st, 1921, and the balance due at the rate of Five Thousand (\$5,000 00) Dollars annually thereafter.

Dated December 17th, 1919.  
 HALL L. BROOKS,  
 W. H. KAISER,  
 JNO. BRANDT,

Committee authorized by Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, to conduct sale of bonds.

\$54,000.00

Lincoln County Wisconsin SOLDIERS BONUS BONDS.

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Denominations of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000 00) and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500 00), Forty-Five Hundred (\$4,500 00) Dollars, due June 21, 1921, and thereafter Fifty-Five Hundred (\$5,500 00) Dollars annually.

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Municipality of Mayaguez, Porto Rico 5% IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor of the Municipality of Mayaguez, at his office in said City, until

2 P. M. ON JANUARY 31, 1920

the reception of bids being closed at that time and date, the same to be opened one hour later at the Office of the Mayor, and considered by the Board of Award of the Municipality, consisting of the Mayor, the President of the Municipal Council and the Municipal Secretary, for the purchase of \$350,000 Improvement Bonds of said City, bearing interest at the rate of Five Per Cent per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of January and July. Said bonds shall be dated January 1st, 1920, and shall be payable 28 years thereafter as follows:

On the fifth year, that is to say, on January 1st, 1925, the City of Mayaguez will redeem by lot from this bond issue, bonds to an amount not less than Thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000), or thirty-two bonds of one thousand dollars each, and a sum not smaller than eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) each following year, thus redeeming an amount of bonds not smaller than eight of one thousand dollars each.

Such of said bonds as mature after January 1, 1925, are subject to redemption at the option of the municipality at 105% of their respective par value, on said date or on any interest payment date thereafter. In case of such redemption, notice thereof stating the date of redemption, shall be published at least once a week during the period of sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption in one or more newspapers in the City of New York, or in the City of Mayaguez, P. R., to be designated for such purpose by the original purchaser of the bonds, and upon giving a previous notice of sixty days writing of such election to the bank or trust company so designated.

Said bonds will be issued in coupon form of the denomination of \$1,000 each. Both principal and interest will be payable in gold coin of the United States of America, at some bank or trust company, either in Washington, D. C., or New York City, or Porto Rico, chosen by the buyer, to be designated by the City Council of Mayaguez, P. R., and to be approved by the Mayor and by the Executive Council of Porto Rico.

The bonds will be delivered to such bank or trust company, either in Washington, D. C., or in the City of New York, or in Porto Rico, as the purchaser may designate in his bid. The purchaser must pay in addition to the amount bid by him, accrued interest to the date of delivery of the bonds.

The principal and interest of said bonds as the same shall fall due, shall be paid with the proceeds of a special tax of twenty-five (25) hundredths of one per cent of the assessed valuation of the real and personal property of the municipality of Mayaguez, P. R., levied by the Municipal Council of said municipality by an ordinance adopted in accordance with the provisions of Joint Resolution of the Legislative Assembly of Porto Rico, approved December 12, 1918; and the principal and interest of this loan shall be a first lien upon all the revenues of the City of Mayaguez, P. R., and the Treasurer of Porto Rico has been authorized and directed to remit to the bank or trust company, either in Washington, D. C., or New York City, or Porto Rico, as may hereafter be designated, in the manner aforesaid, the semi-annual interest as the same falls due, as well as the corresponding amounts for the amortization of the bonds favored in the annual drawing by lot.

In accordance with the provision of Section 16 of the Act of the Legislative Assembly of Porto Rico, approved February 19, 1913, entitled "An Act to provide for the contracting of indebtedness, the borrowing of money and the issuing of bonds by municipal corporations and school boards of Porto Rico, and for other purposes," as amended by Joint Resolution No. 23, approved April 13, 1916, entitled "A Joint Resolution to authorize and regulate the issuance of bonds by the cities of Porto Rico, and for other purposes," the good faith of the People of Porto Rico is irrevocably pledged for the payment of interest and principal of this loan as they fall due at the dates provided.

Proposals for the purchase of these bonds must be accompanied by a certified check for five thousand dollars (\$5,000) upon some National Bank in the United States or upon any one of the banks doing business in Porto Rico, payable to the Mayor of the City of Mayaguez, or by cash in the same amount, as a guarantee of good faith. If the terms and conditions of the proposal of the successful bidder are not complied with, he shall forfeit his deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), otherwise the deposit shall be returned upon the completion of the contract. The checks of unsuccessful bidders shall be immediately returned after the awarding of the bonds. Upon the hour and date designated hereafter by the Municipal Council, the time for receiving proposals shall expire, and the Board of Award shall proceed to consider the proposals locally presented and make the necessary award, in that instance or later on, to the best bidder who may adjust himself to the terms and conditions specified. Any bidder may be present at the opening of the proposals, either in person or by agent or attorney.

The action of the Board of Award must be confirmed by the Municipal Council, at a meeting called and held for the purpose on the same day of the meeting of the Board of Award.

Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes as follows: "Proposals for the purchase of bonds of the City of Mayaguez, P. R.," and addressed to the Mayor, the Board of Award reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Proposals will be submitted for the whole issue or for a part thereof, but preference will be given to proposals for the whole issue, if the same is beneficial to the municipality of Mayaguez.

In case of two or more proposals are equally beneficial, verbal bidding will be carried on for one-half hour after the bids are opened. Only those persons who have offered the said best bids may take part in such verbal bidding; if they are not present in order to do so, then the award will be made to the one of the said highest bidders whose bid shows the lowest number in order of presentation.

These bonds are issued in accordance with authority of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1917, entitled "An Act to provide a civil government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes," and of the Statutes of Porto Rico now in force and of an ordinance of the Municipal Council of Mayaguez, P. R., adopted in compliance with law.

Dated at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, January 1st, 1920.

A. GALANES,  
 Commissioner of Public Service with all the powers and duties of Mayor of the Municipality of Mayaguez, P. R.

Financial

# Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company

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	\$6,634,891.56
Premiums on Policies not terminated 1st January, 1918	1,072,552.96
Total Premiums	\$7,707,444.52
Premiums marked off as terminated from 1st January, 1918, to 31st December, 1918	\$6,756,503.18
Interest on the Investments of the Company received during the year \$418,106.66	
Interest on Deposits in Banks, Trust Companies, etc.	120,010.84
Rent received less Taxes and Expenses	97,634.51
Losses paid during the year	\$ 635,752.01
Less: Salvages	\$4,105,973.64
Re-insurances	\$239,186.51
	1,947,733.08
Re-insurance Premiums and Returns of Premiums	\$2,186,919.59
Expenses, including compensation of officers and clerks, taxes, stationery, advertisements, etc.	\$1,919,054.05
	\$1,756,937.01
	\$ 996,019.98

A dividend of interest of Six per cent, on the outstanding certificates of profits will be paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the fourth of February next. The outstanding certificates of the issue of 1917 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the fourth of February next, from which date all interest thereon will cease. The certificates to be produced at the time of payment and canceled.

A dividend of Forty-five per cent, is declared on the earned premiums of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1918, which are entitled to participate in dividend, for which, upon application, certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday the sixth of May next.

By order of the Board, G. STANTON FLOYD-JONES, Secretary.

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ASSETS.

United States and State of New York Bonds	\$ 3,463,000.00
Stock of the City of New York and Stocks of Trust Companies & Banks	1,385,500.00
Stocks and Bonds of Railroads	3,069,879.85
Other Securities	285,410.00
Special Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies	1,000,000.00
Real Estate cor. Wall Street, William Street and Exchange Place	3,900,000.00
Real Estate on Staten Island (held under provisions of Chapter 481, Laws of 1887)	75,000.00
Premium Notes	663,439.52
Bills Receivable	716,783.35
Cash in hands of European Bankers to pay losses under policies payable in foreign countries	280,904.00
Cash in Bank and in Office	1,972,809.61
Statutory Deposit with the State of Queensland, Australia	4,765.00
	\$16,823,491.34

LIABILITIES.

Estimated Losses and Losses Unsatisfied in process of Adjustment	\$ 4,557,029.00
Premiums on Unterminated Risks	1,000,934.33
Certificates of Profits and Interest Unpaid	316,702.75
Return Premiums Unpaid	329,017.66
Taxes Unpaid	400,000.00
Re-insurance Premiums on Terminated Risks	288,508.92
Claims not Settled, including Compensation, etc.	139,296.10
Certificates of Profits Ordered Redeemed, Withheld for Unpaid Premiums	22,592.54
Income Tax Withheld at the Source	3,739.93
Certificates of Profits Outstanding	6,140,100.00
Balance	3,825,570.11
	\$16,823,491.34

Balance brought down	\$3,525,570.11
Accrued Interest on the 31st day of December, 1918, amounted to	95,590.45
Rents due and accrued on the 31st day of December, 1918, amounted to	23,106.40
Re-insurance due or accrued, in companies authorized in New York, on the 31st day of December, 1918, amounted to	462,184.31
Note: The Insurance Department has estimated the value of the Real Estate on Staten Island in excess of the Book Value given above, at	63,700.00
The Insurance Department's valuation of Stocks, Bonds and other Securities exceeds the Company's valuation by	2,411,384.11
On the basis of these increased valuations the balance would be	\$6,881,835.38

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