

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The money and credit situation is again exercising an overshadowing influence upon affairs. Quite unexpectedly the Clearing House bank statement last Saturday once more showed a deficiency in the reserve requirements. The deficit was brought about in the same way as all other deficits in recent months, namely, by the Clearing House institutions reducing their borrowings at the New York Federal Reserve Bank. This action was in response to the demand of the latter, inasmuch as its return of the previous week had made it plain that strengthening of its condition was imperative. The process by which the Reserve Bank and the Clearing House institutions have been alternating in making good and bad returns has been going on for several months. When the Clearing House banks would make an unfavorable return the Reserve Bank would present a favorable exhibit, the banks having diminished their drain upon the central institution; vice versa as these Clearing House banks improved their reserve position by making new demands upon the Reserve Bank the condition of the latter would again reflect the fact in a very poor return.

On this occasion, however, the poor Clearing House statement did not prove synonymous with a good return on the part of the Reserve Bank. On the contrary the statement of the Reserve Bank, when made public, showed that the ratio of reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve notes liabilities had been further slightly reduced, bringing it down to the unprecedentedly low figure of 38.6%—and this on the basis of gold and lawful money combined. On the basis of gold alone the ratio would stand much lower. The bill holdings of the central institution recorded a very substantial reduction, dropping from \$1,020,375,000 to \$956,099,220. Unfortunately, however, the Reserve Bank suffered a reduction in its gold holdings because of gold exports and other adverse circumstances.

With the Clearing House banks and the Reserve Bank both in straitened condition and called upon to improve their reserve position, the tension naturally became increasingly severe. And this fact was promptly and emphatically reflected in the money market. On Monday call loans on the Stock Exchange touched 18%, and both on Tuesday and Wednesday a high figure of 15% was recorded. The stock market tumbled, and tumbled badly, further sharp declines occurring on top of the declines suffered the previous week. And the break in stock prices was renewed again and again, a further drop occurring yesterday, though money rates were easier. The reason for the depression on the Stock Exchange is, of course, perfectly obvious. Much of the dealings there is conducted on borrowed money, and with both the member banks and the central bank in an over-extended condition, not only are new borrowings out of the question, but speculative commitments have to be reduced. What made the deficit by the Clearing House banks worse was that it came at a time when there is a large return flow of money from the interior. Furthermore, the deficit is concurrent with large Government deposits in the banks. Against such deposits the banks are not required to hold any cash reserves. The total of these deposits last Saturday was only a little less than the previous week, being \$302,303,000. Obviously, if these deposits should be converted into ordinary commercial

deposits through the paying out of the money by the Government and 13% reserve had to be kept against the same this would add \$39,000,000 to the reserve requirements and the deficit instead of being \$2,912,680 would be raised to \$42,000,000.

The situation is plainly one which suggests caution. It also requires careful handling. All the week rumor has had it that the Reserve authorities, either here at New York or in conjunction with the Reserve Board at Washington, were giving consideration to the proposition of a further advance in discount rates. It is assuredly the duty of the Reserve officials to take every step and to adopt every means for correcting the present monetary dislocation. For ourselves we are inclined to think the situation is now more assuring than for some time past. For two successive weeks there has been a substantial reduction in the volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation. In noting the reduction the previous week we observed that it was not entirely satisfactory standing by itself, inasmuch as it had not been accompanied by any diminution in the borrowings of the member banks, but rather had been attended by a further increase. Last week, however, there was both a large reduction in reserve note circulation and in the bill holdings. The liquidation of the bill holdings aggregated over \$151,000,000 besides which there was a reduction in Federal Reserve note circulation of \$84,600,000 following a reduction of \$58,600,000 the previous week. It is only necessary to continue hewing along these lines with unrelenting vigor and determination and the situation will be quickly on the mend.

Transvaal gold mining operations in December 1919, reflecting the continuation of the conditions that have been responsible for restricting productions for some time past, covered the smallest per diem output for any month since December 1910—only excepting that of the corresponding month of 1918. As cabled from London, the aggregate yield for December 1919 was 650,191 fine ounces which compares with 641,245 fine ounces a year earlier, 722,419 fine ounces in 1917 and 774,462 fine ounces in 1916. For the twelve months, therefore, the total reaches only 8,330,091 fine ounces against 8,420,659 fine ounces, 9,022,263 fine ounces and 9,295,538 fine ounces respectively, one two and three years ago, the falling off from 1916 (the high record year, being 965,447 fine ounces. This result, combined with the figures for Rhodesia and West Africa, where an aggregate falling off of about 40,000 fine ounces is now indicated, seems to warrant the conclusion that the output for the whole of Africa for 1919 has been less even than in 1911, returns from Madagascar, &c., which will not be available for some little time, being looked upon as a negligible factor in the situation. These African figures tend to confirm our intimation of last week, in presenting the preliminary estimate for the United States, that our forthcoming review of the world's gold production in 1919 will show an output not only much less than that of 1918, but under all years back to and including 1905.

The long expected ceremony of putting the Treaty of Versailles into effect was held in Paris a week ago this afternoon. According to advices from that centre the exact moment at which a state of peace between Germany and the greater Powers, as well

as most of the smaller ones, actually became effective was 4:16 o'clock. Following a brief preliminary ceremony, at which the protocol was signed, and at which "only seven delegates of the interested Powers were present," came the principal ceremony in the Clock Chamber of the Foreign Ministry. There, around a special horseshoe table, were seated the Allied plenipotentiaries, both those representing the nations that had ratified the treaty, and those who had not. The United States was the only great Power that was not represented at either ceremony. An invitation was said to have been sent to Ambassador Wallace, but the Paris dispatches stated that he returned it, not having received instructions from Washington as to what he should do. Naturally, Premier Clemenceau, as President of the Peace Conference, presided. With characteristic brevity, he outlined "the final points of the signing of the treaty." The signatures of the Allied representatives and of the two German plenipotentiaries were quickly affixed, whereupon "with the ceremony officially ended, there was general hand-shaking among Allied and German representatives, followed by a buffet tea."

Baron von Lersner, head of the German delegation, in an interview subsequently, was quoted in part as follows: "I am naturally happy that peace finally has become effective. My great regret is that the United States is the only country with which Germany is still in a state of war. Execution of the Treaty of Versailles imposes upon Germany the heaviest sacrifices ever borne by a Government in modern times, but I can say that Germany will go to the utmost limit of possibility in fulfilling all obligations she has incurred."

It became known also last Saturday that the Supreme Council had decided that "the putting of the League of Nations into being will occur in Paris at 10:30 o'clock in the morning of Friday, Jan. 16th." Leon Bourgeois was to call the first meeting to order, to preside and make a brief address. Earl Curzon, British Foreign Secretary, was scheduled to speak also. The Council of the League of Nations, it was announced, was to meet at the call of President Wilson. He caused it to be sent out from Washington to the various Governments Monday afternoon, but the text was not made public until Tuesday evening. The first meeting was to be held at Quai d'Orsay, Paris, at 10:30 yesterday morning. According to Washington dispatches early in the week, there "was a fair prospect" that Brussels instead of Geneva would be selected as the seat of the League of Nations. The Secretariat of the League was expected to make a decision soon. A special Berlin cablegram to the New York "Times" stated that in general the press comments on the peace ceremony in Paris were bitter, "though not all for the same reason." Word came from Lincoln, Neb., that W. J. Bryan was strongly urging the adoption of the treaty by the American Senate by Jan. 16. Marshal Foch gave an interview to "Excelsior," a Paris newspaper, in which he urged preparedness for war and was reported to have said, "With the best wish in the world war is not always avoidable," and to have added that "war has ceased to be an art and has become a science and an industry, and as such it can be evolved indefinitely."

Through a cablegram from London Monday afternoon [it] became known that "ratification of the Treaty

of Versailles fails to elicit any expression of joy from the London papers." General regret was expressed over the failure of the United States to ratify and sign the document. The "Telegraph" said that "the failure of America to sign and to ratify the treaty stands for the bitter disappointment of the hope that glowed with peace for humanity a year ago." In a special cablegram to the New York "Times" Tuesday morning the correspondent said that a similar feeling existed in the French capital and observed that "it is true that the League will be brought into being next Tuesday, when the Executive Council will hold its first meeting; but the absence of the father at the birth of the child threatens the life of the infant." He also added that "it promises to be very puny in the first days. For the League of Nations was planned as something infinitely bigger than the Treaty of Versailles, and it appears now as something much smaller. Instead of the Treaty of Versailles being one of many world agreements to rest under the aegis of the League, the League finds itself a mere tool for the enforcement of the treaty with Germany." The "Journal des Debats" of Paris, in a leading article the first of the week, advised Europe "to cease throwing stones at President Wilson on the one hand and at the Republican Senators on the other." The paper observed also that "if Europe wants American partnership in the regeneration of world affairs, abusing America is a very poor way to obtain that partnership."

At its session Tuesday morning the Supreme Council was reported to have considered "a plan for the appointment of a Committee of Ambassadors to complete the details of the presentation and signing of the Hungarian Peace Treaty and to carry through the other unfinished business of the Peace Conference." It was added, however, that "the decision was left to the heads of the principal Powers." The additional statement was made that "the necessity for the return home of the Italian and British members of the Council was advanced as the reason why another organization should be created." The Hungarian Treaty was said to be finished and already in the printer's hands. At that time the opinion was expressed in Peace Conference circles that the document would be ready for delivery "before the end of the week." The first meeting of the Council of the League of Nations was held yesterday morning in the Clock Chamber. Representatives of the press were admitted.

Announcement was made in a Paris dispatch Thursday evening that during the afternoon the Hungarian Peace Treaty had been handed to representatives of that country. Premier Clemenceau, as President of the Peace Conference, it was stated also, had "invited the Hungarians to sign immediately." Count Apponyi, head of the delegation, was reported to have protested, "urging the necessity for discussion." Premier Clemenceau finally agreed that the Hungarians should present their claims yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The situation was aggravated somewhat by a letter which the Count sent to Paul Dutasta, Secretary General of the Peace Conference, "demanding to know where America stood with regard to the Hungarian treaty."

With the Peace Treaty out of the way Premier Lloyd-George, Clemenceau and Nitti resumed their discussions in Paris of the Adriatic problems. Ac-

ording to a dispatch from the French capital filed there last Sunday "they expect to finish this part of their work by Wednesday." About the same time Gabrielle d'Annunzio issued a statement in which he poured out abuse on President Wilson because of his attitude on the Fiume situation, and in which he also attacked France and the Peace Conference. The opinion was said to exist in Rome that a crisis would develop in Italy if Premier Nitti failed in his negotiations with Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau. The outcome of those negotiations was reported to have been awaited in Rome and in the other large Italian centres with "feverish expectancy." In a cablegram from Paris Wednesday morning it was declared that "the announcement of the Adriatic agreement by the three Premiers is expected to-day or Thursday." The correspondent further said that "it is understood that this plan will make a free city of Fiume, placing it on much the same footing as Danzig, and will give to the Jugo-Slavs a strip running between Fiume and Trieste, the latter of which will be Italian." The plan as he had heard it "provides for the division of the Adriatic islands between Italy and Jugo-Slavia," while, "in return for concessions Italy would get a mandate over Albania." The Jugo-Slavs were said to be pleased and the Italians disgusted with the terms of the reported agreement. A Paris cablegram Thursday morning claimed that Italy had accepted the proposed Fiume agreement and that it had been handed also to the Jugo-Slavs, who had forwarded the text to Belgrade. A reply was expected yesterday. Premier Nitti was quoted in Paris the same day as saying that "the settlement of the Adriatic question now lies exclusively with the Jugo-Slavs."

Near the close of last week unconfirmed rumors reached this centre of a revolution against the existing Government in Germany. Subsequently positive denials were received from various points. Nothing more of a definite character was heard about the matter until Wednesday morning when it was reported in dispatches from Berlin that a demonstration of the Bolsheviks before the Reichstag had occurred the day before, during which 30 of the mob were said to have been killed and more than 100 wounded. The occasion of the demonstration was "the second reading in the Upper House of the Reichstag Act, creating factory councils." According to the Berlin cablegrams "Independent Socialists declare that the Act does not meet the demands of the workmen." The crowd was more specifically incited by "Die Freiheit," a radical Socialist organ, which "published an appeal in the name of 15 unions to all workmen to stop work at noon and assemble in front of the Reichstag at 3 o'clock." The crowd was reported to have attacked the guards. Later machine guns were turned loose and 40,000 of the radical Socialists were scattered. At that time further trouble was feared. Wednesday afternoon's cablegrams from Berlin seemed to confirm the earlier dispatches regarding the political disturbances there. Announcement was made that on Tuesday night "the Government proclaimed martial law in all sections of Germany," and that "Gustave Noske, Minister of Defense, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief for the Greater Berlin District and Brandenburg Province." It was added that "street parades, meetings and demonstrations of all kinds have been prohibited." Thursday morning the reports from Berlin

stated that "quiet prevailed during the night. The street patrols were heavily reinforced." Toward the end of the week very little information was received direct from Berlin relative to conditions there. London heard both on Thursday and yesterday that "the large factories were working normally and that the railway and tram services were not interrupted."

On Thursday evening the Associated Press sent out a rather alarming dispatch from London which began as follows: "Before Peace with Germany is a week old the British public has been brought up sharply against the possibility of another war." It was stated that Premier Lloyd George had summoned Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for War; Walter Hume Long, First Lord of the Admiralty; Baron Beatty, Commander of the Grand Fleet, and Field Marshal Sir Henry H. Wilson, Chief of the Imperial Staff, to Paris for a conference "on important military and naval matters." It was believed that the conference was decided upon because of "Bolshevik military successes which have given the Soviets virtual mastery of the whole of European Russia."

The railway labor situation in several of the larger countries of Europe is bad, according to cablegrams from the principal centres in those countries. In Spain "an official notice of a strike of the railway men, to be effective Jan. 20, was issued by the Committee of the National Federation of Railwaymen here to-day" (Monday). From Berlin came word on Tuesday that "the Government has issued a manifesto urgently calling upon the striking railwaymen to resume work immediately." The situation was made the more serious by a strike of telegraph employees in the Dusseldorf, Dortmund and Munster districts. In Great Britain the situation was so critical that Sir Eric Geddes, Minister of Transportation, and Sir Robert Horne, Minister of Labor, went to Paris to confer with Lloyd George, although he was to be in the French capital only a few days. They returned to London Monday night. It was stated that the whole matter would be taken up by the British Cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday, with the intention of deciding the Government's attitude. Cablegrams Wednesday morning stated that the Government did not make known its decision on Tuesday. J. H. Thomas, head of the railwaymen's union, was quoted as saying "there will be every effort to avoid a rupture." According to the "Tribuna," a Rome newspaper, a general strike of the railway workers in Italy was threatened for Jan. 15. Advices from that centre stated that the Government had decided to give the men three representatives in the Advisory Council of the State Railways and to "distribute 100,000,000 lire among the employees, pending the settlement of the wage issue." Word came from London yesterday morning that "delegates of railwaymen's unions have accepted the Government's offer in settlement of wage demands made by employees in the lower grades of service." From Rome came the report that "the situation in the threatened railway strike is very acute."

For some little time the London cablegrams have indicated that the British trade position was improving rather rapidly. A few days ago the Board of Trade "Journal" predicted that "England will close the year 1920 with a favorable trade balance of nearly \$1,000,000,000," and added that "England

practically is now on a pay-as-you-go basis." The paper presented an analysis of British trade, in which the invisible income for 1919 was estimated at \$2,600,000,000. It was pointed out that this would reduce the apparent adverse balance from \$3,300,000,000 to only \$700,000,000. The "Journal" estimated also that "the invisible income at the end of 1920 will be \$3,200,000,000 and forecasts that the excess of imports will not be more than \$2,259,000,000, leaving England at the close of this year with a favorable trade balance, all factors considered, of nearly \$1,000,000,000."

In its statement for the first ten days of the New Year the British Treasury figures show only a slight difference between income and revenues and expenditures and outgo. For the ten-day period expenses totaled £32,395,000, while the total outflow, including Treasury bills, war savings certificates, &c., repaid, and other items, was £201,978,000. Receipts from all sources equaled £201,639,000, of which total revenues yielded £40,460,000, savings certificates £2,000,000 and other debt £1,639,000. Victory bonds contributed £900,000, and the new funding loan £400,000. From advances a total of £22,000,000 was received. New issues of Treasury bills amounted to £134,238,000, and as this was substantially in excess of repayments, there was an expansion in Treasury bills outstanding to £1,144,881,000, as against £1,105,784,000, the amount held on Dec. 31. Temporary advances from the Bank of England are now reported at £209,074,000. Exchequer balances now stand at £3,831,000, which is an increase of £339,000 over the previous total.

There has been no change in official discount rates at leading European centres from 5% in Paris, Berlin, Vienna 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 to 5¼% for sixty days and 5¾% for ninety days, against 5% for sixty and ninety-day bills alike last week. Money on call in London is also firmer, and is now quoted at 3¾@4%, as compared with 3½% a week ago. No reports have been received by cable of open market discount rates at other centres, so far as can be learned.

For the first time in a number of weeks the Bank of England statement recorded a substantial increase in its gold holdings, totaling £3,006,584, while total reserve was expanded by no less than £5,105,000, there having been a reduction of £8,098,000 in note circulation, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities advanced to 16.76%, which compares with 12.20% a week ago and 19¼% last year. The deposit items were all lowered, public deposits falling off £2,806,000, and other deposits £9,862,000. Government securities declined £6,231,000. Loans (other securities) showed a contraction of £11,502,000. The Bank's stock of gold on hand now stands at £94,287,105 and compares with £80,544,216 last year and £58,768,108 in 1918. Circulation is £88,249,000. Last year it stood at £69,698,840 and in 1918 £45,325,380. Reserves total £24,487,000, as against £29,295,376 and £31,892,728 one and two years ago, respectively. Loans aggregate £84,780,000, in comparison with £78,886,493 in 1919 and £92,278,457 the year preceding. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £758,300,000,

against £785,810,000 last week and £458,680,000 the year previous. We append a tabular statement of comparisons:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1920. Jan. 14.	1919. Jan. 15.	1918. Jan. 16.	1917. Jan. 17.	1916. Jan. 19.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	88,249,000	69,698,840	45,325,380	35,831,640	33,909,656
Public deposits.....	18,657,000	28,168,380	41,416,146	51,324,905	59,474,227
Other deposits.....	127,434,000	124,797,352	121,589,360	137,699,276	109,782,235
Government secur.	54,709,000	62,666,244	56,768,151	133,883,190	32,838,561
Other securities.....	84,780,000	78,886,493	92,278,457	37,381,804	109,724,797
Reserve notes & coin	24,487,000	29,295,376	31,892,728	35,733,648	35,708,398
Coin and bullion.....	94,287,105	80,544,216	58,768,108	56,116,288	51,168,053
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	16.76%	19.14%	19.57%	18.91%	22.28%
Bank rate.....	6%	5%	5%	5½%	5%

The Bank of France reports a further gain in its gold item this week, the increase being 245,000 francs. The Bank's total gold holdings therefore now amount to 5,579,404,125 francs, comparing with 5,496,206,725 francs last year and with 5,359,127,410 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,978,278,416 francs were held abroad in 1920 and 2,037,108,484 francs in both 1919 and 1918. Bills discounted during the week increased 87,839,763 francs, while Treasury deposits were augmented to the extent of 9,051,976 francs. On the other hand, silver decreased 3,207,551 francs, advances fell off 11,041,430 francs and general deposits were reduced 94,947,515 francs. Note circulation took a favorable turn, a contraction of 109,302,230 francs being registered. This brings the total outstanding down to 37,900,604,716 francs, contrasting with 31,699,903,225 francs last year and with 23,062,503,760 francs in 1918. Just prior to the outbreak of war in 1914 the amount outstanding was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in 1919 and 1918 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Jan. 15 1920.	Jan. 16 1919.	Jan. 17 1918.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	245,000	3,601,125,709	3,459,098,240	3,322,018,925
Abroad.....	No change	1,978,278,416	2,037,108,484	2,037,108,484
Total.....Inc.	245,000	5,579,404,125	5,496,206,725	5,359,127,410
Silver.....Dec.	3,207,551	261,332,628	316,870,332	245,071,774
Bills discounted.....Inc.	87,839,763	1,705,006,237	1,334,359,893	888,323,052
Advances.....Dec.	11,041,430	1,535,799,820	1,212,330,587	1,221,176,082
Note circulation.....Dec.	109,302,230	37,900,604,716	31,699,903,225	23,062,503,760
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	9,051,976	47,419,566	21,616,397	48,064,695
General deposits.....Dec.	94,947,515	3,031,024,184	2,533,116,496	2,857,076,610

Noteworthy changes were shown in last week's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies, issued on Saturday, among which may be mentioned a loss of more than \$57,000,000 in surplus, once more wiping out that item and leaving a deficit below the required reserves. Net demand deposits were brought down \$46,775,000 to \$4,145,682,000 (Government deposits of \$302,303,000 deducted), and net time deposits decreased \$6,008,000, to \$250,418,000. Active calling in of loans by the banks resulted in a reduction of \$22,579,000 in the loan item. Probably the most notable feature of the statement was the contraction in the reserve of member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank, amounting to \$63,292,000, which brought that account to \$525,072,000 and was mainly responsible for the elimination of surplus reserves. Cash in own vaults (members of the Federal Reserve Bank) gained slightly, viz., \$2,958,000, to \$111,039,000. Reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies, declined \$506,000, to \$11,522,000, while the reserve in other depositories of State banks and trust companies increased \$209,000, to \$11,425,000. There was a reduction in aggregate reserve of no less than \$63,589,000, to \$548,019,000. As shown above, the decline in surplus, although somewhat lessened

by a decrease of \$6,197,320 in reserve requirements, totaled \$57,391,680 and resulted in a deficit of \$2,912,680, which compares with \$58,610,000 excess reserves held last year. The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of 13% legal reserves for member banks of the Federal Reserve system, but do not include cash in vault amounting to \$111,039,000 held by these banks last Saturday. Rediscount operations of the Federal Reserve Bank showed another heavy reduction, namely, \$64,000,000. This total includes bills bought in the open market as well.

The predictions late last week of the probability of higher rates for call money at New York this week have been realized. Loans were called pretty generally, particularly those with a substantial amount of oil and other highly speculative stocks as collateral. Those issues experienced severe declines in the dealings from day to day. Yesterday and the day before the call money rates were somewhat easier. Time money quotations were firmer all week and the offerings were inconsiderable in comparison with the amounts desired, even at the high rates quoted. The whole money situation is still in a very uncertain state. Naturally this fact has had a distinctly disturbing effect upon speculation in securities, particularly at this centre. This is the only place where anything like the rates for call money that have prevailed this week have been obtained by lenders. Western that bankers have been quoted as asserting the high rates here were not justified by the actual monetary position in this country. The stock market was upset more or less on Wednesday by well defined reports that the New York Federal Reserve Bank had recommended an increase in its rediscount rates on commercial loans. It was impossible to learn anything from the officials of the institution as to what they had or had not done. Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board was quoted in a Washington dispatch as saying that he had received no communication from the New York bank regarding the reported increase. It was reported on Thursday and yesterday that probably nothing would be done toward establishing a higher rate just now. The Federal Reserve Board continues to issue warnings against further extensions of credits. Apparently, however, these warnings have not accomplished much in the way of liquidation of loans made by Southern bankers for speculation in cotton. It is claimed that large sums have been loaned for that purpose at 6%. According to all the reports there has not been much liquidation, either in commercial or mercantile loans. The heaviest liquidation has taken place in Wall Street, but still the Federal authorities appear disposed to withhold funds as much as possible from use for Wall Street purposes, and not to force the release of money tied up in other lines, many of which are as highly speculative as transactions in stocks on a marginal basis. In spite of the monetary situation the bankers report good results again this week from their offerings of domestic securities. The \$25,000,000 Belgian notes put out by a powerful syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co. were quickly taken and it was authoritatively stated that no part of the entire amount remained in the hands of the syndicate.

Referring to money rates in detail, loans on call this week covered a range of 6@18%, as against

6@10% the week preceding. On Monday there was a sharp advance to 18%, which was the high, while the low was 7% and renewals 9%. Tuesday and Wednesday the range was 8@15%, and renewals still at 9% on both days. A slight relaxing in the tension was shown on Thursday and the maximum for the day was 9% with the minimum 6%; the renewal basis, however, continued at 9%. Friday's rates were 8% high, 6% low and 8% the ruling quotation. The above figures apply to mixed collateral and all-industrial loans alike. In time money no changes were noted during the opening days of the week, but later on funds became so scarce that rates were forced up to 7½% for mixed collateral, all maturities from 60 days to 6 months, while loans on all-industrials ranged at 8@8½%. Even at these levels very little trading was put through and the market was a dull, monotonous affair with quotations largely nominal. Lenders show no disposition to put out funds in any considerable amount; hence business is confined almost exclusively to renewals.

Mercantile paper was dull but firm with 60 and 90 days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, also names less well known still at 6%. Trading was light and most of the important local institutions were temporarily out of the market.

Banks and bankers' acceptances remain unchanged. Transactions in the aggregate attained very moderate proportions, there having been a falling off in the demand concurrently with the renewal of stringency in the call loan market. Brokers do not anticipate any improvement to speak of until interest rates are substantially lowered. Demand loans for bankers' acceptances continue to be quoted at 4¾%. Quotations in detail are as follows:

	Spot		Delivery		Delivery
	Ninety	Sixty	Thirty	Thirty	30 Days
	Days	Days	Days	Days	
Eligible bills of member banks.....	5¼ @ 5	5¼ @ 4¾	5 @ 4¾	5¼	5¼ bid
Eligible bills of non-member banks.....	5¾ @ 5¾	5¼ @ 5	5¼ @ 4¾	5¼	5¼ bid
Ineligible bills.....	6¼ @ 5¾	6¼ @ 5¾	6¼ @ 5¾	6¼	6¼ bid

The only changes made in discount rates during the past week so far as we are aware were those made by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (effective Jan. 12) and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (effective Jan. 12); both of these Reserve banks have established a rate of 4¾% for all classes of paper and all maturities, except for agricultural and live stock paper of 91 days to 6 months, the rate for which remains at 5½%, and for paper secured by War Finance Corporation bonds, the rate in this case being 5¾%. In the following we show the prevailing rates of discount, 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.	Boston.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kansas City.	Dallas.	San Francisco.
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Discounts—												
Within 15 days, incl. member banks' collateral notes.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾
16 to 60 days' maturity.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾
61 to 90 days' maturity.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾
Agricultural and live stock paper, 91 to 180 days incl. Secured by 4¼% U. S. certificates of indebtedness—	5	5	5	5½	—	5½	5½	5½	5½	6	5½	5½
Within 15 days, including member banks' collateral notes.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾
Secured by 4½% U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Lib. bonds & Vio. notes—												
Within 15 days, including member banks' collateral notes.....	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
16 to 90 days' maturity.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾
Trade Acceptances—												
15 days' maturity.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾
16 to 90 days' maturity.....	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	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 Rate on 15-day advances secured by 4½% Certificates of Indebtedness, 4½%

^b Discounts (up to 90 days) secured by certificates of indebtedness, 4½%

^c Paper secured by Treasury Certificates, 4½%

The sterling exchange situation, taken as a whole, remains without fundamental change, and weakness again figured prominently in the week's dealings; with a further recession to 3 68¼, for demand, or more than 5 cents in the pound under the close on Friday last. Continued offering of cotton and other commercial bills on a large scale was mainly responsible for the downward movement, while coupled with this was the receipt of lower quotations from abroad and persistent stringency in monetary conditions in this market. Lack of certainty regarding the outcome of the treaty fight and the possibility, notwithstanding numerous optimistic predictions to the contrary, of a still more protracted delay on the part of the contending factions in the U. S. Senate in reaching a satisfactory compromise settlement, also a fresh outbreak of political unrest in Germany were potent factors in depressing market sentiment and restricting the demand for bills, with the result that much of the time the market was almost bare of buyers.

According to an official announcement from Washington applications for Government export loans by American exporters may now be made to the War Finance Corporation. This practically confirms the belief that what amounts to a new and broader policy has been adopted by the organization in question under which bona fide loans for the financing of essential export shipments from the United States will be granted, providing adequate security is forthcoming, and is in line with the action of the Corporation in granting loans amounting to over \$17,000,000 a week ago. Nothing further has as yet developed concerning the Edge Act rules, though the understanding is that the tentative draft of the regulations to be adopted by the Federal Reserve Board will be ready for issuance by the latter part of the coming week.

News Thursday that the \$25,000,000 Belgian loan had proved a success in every respect and been promptly and heavily oversubscribed created an excellent impression, and was interpreted as an indication that under proper conditions foreign loans may now be floated in this market. It is conceded, however, that Belgium is making rapid and substantial progress in recovering from war conditions and that the terms offered were extremely favorable, and opinion is somewhat divided as to the advisability of further extensive attempts at financing on the part of other European Powers at this time. Considerable interest was evinced in rumors to the effect that the Italian Government is contemplating the issuance of dollar bonds in the United States to an indefinite amount and not exceeding a five-year maturity. It is alleged that the plan is to reach the Italians resident in this country through the numerous Italian-American banks scattered throughout the United States and the understanding is that all that is needed for the carrying out of this scheme is the official sanction of the Treasury authorities. A dispatch from Rome states that the distribution of the new internal Italian loan is proceeding favorably and promises to exceed the amount originally set.

As to quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday of last week was slightly firmer and demand bills rallied to 3 73½@3 74¼, cable transfers to 3 74¾@3 75 and sixty days 3 68¼@3 69. Monday's market was dull and uninteresting but the undertone was steady and the range somewhat higher, at 3 74@3 74¼ for demand, 3 74¾@3 75 for cable transfers and 3 68¾@3 69 for sixty days. No increase in activity was noted on Tuesday and quotations were again marked down, with demand at 3 73¾@3 74¼, cable transfers 3 74¾@3 75 and sixty days 3 70½@3 71. On Wednesday further weakness developed as a result of heavy offerings of cotton and foodstuffs bills, also lower cable quotations from London, and there was a decline to 3 72¼@3 73¼ for demand, 3 73@3 74 for cable transfers and 3 68@3 69 for sixty days. There was another break on Thursday, this time of 2 cents in the pound to 3 70¼@3 71¼ for demand bills, while cable transfers ranged between 3 71 and 3 72 and sixty days at 3 67@3 68; trading, however, was not active, the demand being very light. Friday's market was quiet but irregular and weak; demand again receded, losing another 2c. to 3 68¼@3 69¼, cable transfers to 3 69@3 70, and sixty days 3 65@3 66. Closing quotations were 3 65 for sixty days, 3 68¼ for demand and 3 69 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3 67¾, sixty days at 3 63¼, ninety days at 3 61¼, documents for payment (sixty days) 3 62¾ and seven-day grain bills 3 67. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3 67. Gold engagements were light this week, totaling only \$80,000 gold coin for shipment to South America and \$770,000 to India, in all \$850,000.

In Continental exchange the outstanding feature of an otherwise quiet week, has been the sensational drop in rates for German marks, which under renewed attempts to sell on an unresponsive market, broke to 1 67 for checks, or 29 points below the previous extreme low record established during the height of the speculation some months ago. Austrian kronen shared in the weakness, declining to 00.38, a loss of 9 points for the week. Unquestionably, the reports of serious rioting with accompanying disturbances in Berlin and other large German centres, had much to do with depressing quotations, bankers here showing a not unnatural reluctance to taking on new commitments in this direction until quiet has again been restored. The exchanges of the new Czecho-Slav and other Central European Republics were all unfavorably affected and registered more or less spectacular declines in rates. French francs and Italian lire ruled weak and closed substantially lower for the week. Belgian exchange was sustained in the early dealings on loan prospects, but eased off in the final transactions, indicating that this had already been discounted as an influence. A cablegram from the American Commercial Attache at the Hague states that the requirement that German import duties be paid in gold, reported as suspended a short time ago, has been reimposed, and that commencing with January -of this year, duties paid in paper instead of gold will be liable to a sur-tax of 900 paper marks for each 100 marks for the period ending January 10th. It is rumored that a memorial is being drafted by the bankers of Berlin for presentation to the National Assembly protesting strongly against the adoption of the national emergency levy proposed by Minister of

Finance Erzberger, which it is charged will deprive the nation of capital sorely needed to carry on production and provide credits for the promotion of legitimate enterprise.

The new working arrangement between a prominent and well-known firm of American exporters and its representatives in France for the furtherance of exports from this country, details of which became known this week for the first time, came in for a good deal of attention and discussion. In brief, the plan is to ship goods and invoice same in dollars. The French firm does not, however, remit dollars or francs in payment, but deposits with a local bank, for account of the American firm, an amount in francs corresponding to the amount of the dollar invoice at the current rate of exchange. Each month this amount is corrected to agree with the fluctuations in the rate of exchange; that is, when dollars rise, an additional deposit is made to cover the difference in exchange. Invoices are treated in a similar manner. The money which is deposited in a bank having correspondents in the United States, is to be transmitted whenever exchange rates shall have reached a level satisfactory to the importer, and the American firm is permitted, if it so desires, to borrow money in the United States against deposits standing to its credit in France. As the French deposits bear interest, the American firm incurs practically no expense, since the interest paid in France serves to offset what may have to be paid in this country. The agreement is for two years, at the end of which time, if exchange has not fallen sufficiently to allow of settlement without loss to the importing firm, a further agreement will be drawn up. The American Charge d'Affaires in Belgrade announces that the Serbian Foreign Office has re-established complete resumption both of transit facilities and of trading between Jugo-Slavia and Rumania.

The official London check rate in Paris closed at 42.89, which compares with 41.85 a week ago. In New York, sight bills on the French centre finished at 11.62, against 11.14; cable transfers at 11.60, against 11.12; commercial sight at 11.65, against 11.17, and commercial sixty days at 11.73, against 11.25 last week. Belgian francs closed at 11.57 for checks and 11.55 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 11.08 and 11.06. The closing range for Reichsmarks was 1 76 for checks and 1 78 for cable transfers, which compares with 1 97 and 1 99 the week previous. Austrian kronen finished the week at 00.42 for checks and 00.44 for cable remittances, against 00.48 and 00.50 a week ago. Exchange on Czecho-Slovakia closed at 1 65, against 1 90; on Bucharest at 2.20, against 3.00; on Poland, at 85, against 1 05, and on Finland at 2 80, against 3 10 in the preceding week. Final rates on lire were 13.71 for bankers' sight bills and 13.69 for cable remittances. This compares with 13.42 and 13.40 last week. Greek exchange has not been changed from 6 55 for checks and 6 50 for cable transfers.

Very little business is passing in the neutral exchanges and trading was dull and featureless, although considerable irregularity was noted, especially at Scandinavian centres, where Copenhagen, Stockholm and Christiania remittances suffered severe declines and were all marked down to new low levels. On the other hand, Swiss francs showed recoveries of from 12 to 14 points, while guilders were

firmly maintained and Spanish pesetas ruled about steady.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 37 3/8, against 37 5-16; cable transfers at 37 1/2, against 37 1/2; commercial sight at 37 5-16, against 37 5-16 and commercial sixty days at 36 15-16, against 36 15-16 a week ago. Swiss francs finished at 5 55 for bankers' sight bills and 5 53 for cable transfers, in comparison with 5 67 and 5 65 last week. Copenhagen checks closed at 17 55 and cable transfers 17 70, against 17.95 and 18.10. Checks on Sweden finished at 20.55 and cable transfers 20.70, against 21.05 and 21.20, while checks on Norway closed at 19.25 and cable transfers 19.35, against 19.70 and 19.85 on Friday of the previous week. Closing rates for Spanish pesetas were 19.10 for checks and 19.20 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 19.05 and 19.15.

As to South American exchange, the range remains essentially unchanged, with the check rate on Argentina still at 43.00 and cable remittances at 43.10, against 43.15. For Brazil the rate for checks continues at 27.75 and cable transfers 27.87 1/2, the same as a week ago. Chilean exchange has been advanced to 21 1/2, against 20 3/4 last week while for Peru the rate is now 5 00@5 05, against 4 90@4 95. Advices from Bolivia state that the Bolivian Congress has enacted legislation to make the United States gold dollar legal tender at that centre and that the rate of exchange has been fixed at 2.57 to the dollar.

Far Eastern rates are as follows: Hong Kong, 96 1/2@97, against 98@99; Shanghai, 159 1/2@160 1/2, against 159@161; Yokohama, 49 7/8@50 1/8, against 50@50 1/4; Manila, 49@49 1/4; (unchanged); Singapore, 50@50 1/4, (unchanged); Bombay, 44@44 1/2, against 44@45, and Calcutta, 44@44 1/2, against 44@45 a week ago.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$9,829,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Jan. 16. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$13,478,000, while the shipments have reached \$3,649,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and the gold exports, which together occasioned a loss of \$248,711,000, 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 \$238,882,000, as follows:

Week ending Jan. 16.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$13,478,000	\$3,649,000	Gain \$9,829,000
Sub Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and gold exports.....	21,161,000	209,872,000	Loss 248,711,000
Total.....	\$34,639,000	\$273,521,000	Loss \$238,882,000

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

Banks of—	Jan. 15 1920.			Jan. 16 1919.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England ..	94,287,105	—	94,287,105	80,544,216	—	80,544,216
France a..	144,045,026	10,440,000	154,485,026	138,363,929	12,640,000	151,003,929
Germany ..	54,480,650	1,062,550	55,543,200	112,859,300	972,260	113,831,560
Russia ..	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000
Aus-Hun.c	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	11,008,000	2,289,000	13,297,000
Spain	32,200,000	3,006,000	35,206,000	37,071,000	3,000,000	40,071,000
Italy	97,832,000	25,220,000	123,052,000	89,134,000	25,636,000	114,770,000
Netherl'ds.	52,917,000	581,000	53,498,000	57,435,000	600,000	58,035,000
Nat. Bel. h	10,856,000	1,076,000	11,932,000	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000
Switz'land.	20,678,000	2,971,000	23,649,000	16,562,000	2,365,000	18,927,000
Sweden ..	15,621,000	—	15,621,000	15,873,000	—	15,873,000
Denmark ..	12,605,000	184,000	12,789,000	10,424,000	130,000	10,554,000
Norway ..	8,141,000	—	8,141,000	6,722,000	—	6,722,000
Total week	684,056,781	59,274,550	743,331,331	721,026,445	60,657,260	781,683,705
Prev. week	680,426,399	59,322,550	739,748,949	724,664,952	61,073,010	785,637,962

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £79,131,137 held abroad.
 * No figures reported since October 29 1917.
 c Figures for 1918 are those given by "British Board of Trade Journal" for Dec. 7 1917.
 h Figures for 1919 are those of August 6 1914.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS IN OPERATION.

Yesterday was marked by an event of unusual and world-wide interest, in the assembling and organization at Paris of the delegates to the League of Nations. The governments represented at the inauguration of this undertaking were those of Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Portugal, Greece, Japan and Brazil. The chairman of this first meeting, the French statesman Leon Bourgeois, pointed out in his address to the delegates that the organizing of the League will not be complete until the Assembly of all the States to be represented in it shall have convened. But he referred to the date of Jan. 16 1920, as one which "will go down in history as the date of a new world," described the occasion as the first in history which has witnessed "all free nations leaguering themselves together to substitute right for might," and the meeting at once began official business by the appointment of a commission to consider certain boundary questions under the Treaty of Peace.

It will strike a good many people as anomalous that the first meeting of the assenting members of the League should have been personally called by the ruler of a country which has not as yet assented to it. But that, as it happens, was a result of explicit provisions in the covenant itself, as adopted at Paris on the 28th of last April. "The first meeting of the Assembly and the first meeting of the Council," it was then provided, "shall be summoned by the President of the United States of America." Mr. Wilson's summons was formally issued this week and cabled to the American embassies, for delivery to the nations whose governments have accepted membership in the League. Its text declared the call to be made "in behalf of those nations which have deposited their instruments of ratification in Paris, as certified in a proces verbal drawn up by the French Government, dated Jan. 10 1920." To each of the assenting governments the President expressed the hope that it would be "in a position to send a representative to this first meeting." Furthermore:

"He [the President] feels that it is unnecessary for him to point out the deep significance attached to this meeting, or the importance which it must assume in the eyes of the world. It will mark the beginning of a new era in international co-operation, and the first great step toward the ideal concert of nations. It will bring the League of Nations into being as a living force devoted to the task of assisting the peoples of all countries in their desire for peace, prosperity and happiness."

The convening of this assemblage undoubtedly marks a step in many ways new in history. It is supplementary to the original establishment and the subsequent periodical reconvening of The Hague Conferences; with, however, this important difference, that the international conventions of The Hague and the tribunal which was created by them were expedients adopted in time of peace and as a result of peace-time discussions of how war might be averted; whereas the present assembling of the League of Nations is a direct outgrowth of the greatest of wars and is an integral part of the prescribing, enforcing and administering of the terms of peace. That the powers of the League, moreover, are far greater than were ever committed to The Hague Conferences every one is aware.

Taken merely as a formal international statement of policy, on the termination of a great war, to prevent by united efforts the recurrence of such a conflict, it might be said that the only analogy is the so-called "Holy Alliance" which followed the ending of the Napoleonic conflict. But even with that episode the contrasts are vastly greater than the resemblances. In its essential parts the wording of the declaration given out publicly at Paris on Sept. 26 1815 by the Czar of Russia was as follows:

"The sole principle of force, whether between the said Governments or between their subjects, shall be that of doing each other reciprocal service, and of testifying by an unalterable good-will the mutual affection with which they ought to be animated."

But this was supplemented by the declaration of the authors of the manifesto that "the three Allied Princes look on themselves as merely delegated by Providence to govern three branches of the one family, namely, Austria, Russia, and Prussia." and it was followed by the pledge that "the three contracting monarchs will remain united by the bonds of a true and indissoluble fraternity, and, considering each other as fellow countrymen, they will on all occasions and in all places lend each other aid and assistance," also by an extremely vague promise to govern by the Christian religion and "to take for their sole guide the precepts of that holy religion, namely, the precepts of justice, Christian charity and peace." In other words, the Holy Alliance was hardly more than reaffirmation of its claims by European autoeracy, and it had results in European politics which might have been expected from such a declaration.

At the moment, the attitude of the United States makes it difficult to measure the immediate possibilities of the new League. It is admitted, by the European nations themselves, that a world league cannot possibly perform the functions which are hoped for from it, except with the presence and co-operation of our Government. But assuming the eventual joining of the League by the United States, what are we warranted in expecting as a result of it?

Orderly administration of the terms of the indemnity, for one thing; with a tangible authority in sight to decree relaxation of the terms if (as this week's declaration of international financiers on the financing of Europe intimated might be the case) those terms should be found to be beyond the power of Germany and her recent allies to meet. Settlement of questions which are sure to arise regarding the allotment and distribution of the indemnity payments will be another essential duty. These functions, it is true, are already committed largely to the Reparations Committee. But that committee's own authority could not possibly be the same if it merely exercised its rights by virtue of the vote of an adjourned conference as it would be with the active and organized machinery of the League in force.

In the larger and permanent purposes stated in the preamble to the League agreement, time will in any case be needed to show how its machinery will work. The League will inevitably be regarded both by its members and by the rest of the world as an experiment until it shall have been tested in the course of events. Its function in promoting international peace and security is declared in the preamble to be dependent, not only on the maintenance of just and open relations, and of recognition of international

law, but by "the acceptance of obligations not to resort to war" and by enforcement of "scrupulous respect for all treaty obligations."

It would remain to be seen—even with all the civilized nations in the League—how pledges of this nature will be observed, and what will actually be done in case they are violated. The power of the Council is necessarily limited. In many cases it is expressly arranged to be advisory rather than mandatory. All of this will necessarily increase the experimental nature of the undertaking.

Nevertheless, after all is said, we have as evidence the present attitude of European statesmen who were skeptical originally as to the practical value of such an organization, but who have since, in the light of political events in Europe even since the armistice, admitted it to be indispensable, if we would keep Europe from drifting or rushing into another period of armed hostilities. European public sentiment has developed in the same way.

It does not expect the unattainable, and probably doubts the prospect of the League achieving, in our time at any rate, even all of its expressed purposes. But the conviction is very strong that dependence on the balance-of-power idea in Europe will not hereafter be possible, and that dependence on an overwhelmingly strong alliance of two or three states would be altogether dangerous in view of conflicting interests and the jealousies of other powers. If this is so, the plan for a mutual league which should be open to all nations and in which all should have a voice, has evidently seemed to be the only possible bulwark left.

THE EXPULSION OF THE SOCIALISTS FROM THE NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

In the same words as used in the Federal Constitution, the Constitution of this State makes each legislative house "the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members"; it is "the" judge, observe, thus indicating no outside participation in or review of the judgment. There is no definition of the "qualifications," and however palpably wrong the view a legislative branch may take of those in any case, or however wrong its view of the regularity of the election or the return, it is a very nice technical question whether any legal recourse can be found whereby to narrow or disturb so broad a constitutional grant of power.

Apparently the Assembly of this State is within its powers in excluding elected persons because of any kind or degree of unsuitableness; yet in every aspect of reason or good policy that body is wrong as to the excluded five Socialists. If the pictures of these persons as printed in one journal do not belie them they could not be successfully accused of possessing intelligence, and they are not so accused; but they may be presumed to match their East Side constituents in this respect (as Mr. Victor Berger matches his in all respects), and if a short stock of intelligence is to be the test of fitness to hold office we must set up a new rule and wander into a very difficult field of inquiry.

Something is said of specific charges of unfitness through disloyalty or otherwise, but if any evidence of such is available it should have been produced at the beginning and a trial thereon instituted. The only charge thus far is that the five are Socialists and were chosen as such. It is not denied, and they call themselves by that hazy and indefinite term

of which nobody gives an authoritative definition and few have attempted an intelligible one. In a general way, a Socialist believes, or professes to believe, in the superiority of combined over individual effort, as all of us do when the action proposed is precise and feasible. He apparently seeks to establish, in defiance of the mathematical axiom, that the whole is more than the sum of the parts. He is against classes, while striving to establish another class. He is always against wealth and capital. In the most sensible of the cult, there is a reliance upon the coming of a time when all instruments of production shall belong to all the people, through the State, which is a consummation conceivably to come (some day) through co-operation, and one not to be feared by anybody if permitted to come of itself, for it can so come only by gradual steps. A streak of communism, of hostility to individual property as being robbery, and of abhorrence of labor, runs through Socialism, rising in virulence as the cult approaches a violent denunciation of the present social order. It is imagined that in some indefinable way the paternal "State" may and will support us all, converting life into one long and jubilant holiday. At one end is this fuzzy dream which not even the dreamers can state intelligibly; at the other end are Berkman, Berger and the rest of them.

A new "sedition" bill, apparently going to enactment, supplies the test by providing death or imprisonment for whoever starts or engages in "the use of force or violence" with intent to overthrow the Government, "to destroy or cause to be destroyed or changed or cause to be changed or to overthrow." But the distinction between peaceful and violent methods of seeking change is so clear that nobody should confuse the two.

Although a hater of slavery, Lincoln was so devoted to the Union of States that he was willing either to destroy or to save that institution to preserve the Union. Our enthusiasms may sometimes carry us away, but when we cease to reason with our emotions and come down to the substance we must admit that no government is anything more than an instrument for certain necessary ends, as well set forth in the brief preamble to our Constitution. Government is a matter of practical expediency and does not contain or turn upon any ethical theories. When all men govern themselves according to the laws of God the Millenium will have arrived; until then, there must be some external control for those who need it, and the less of such control the better. Many forms have been tried—tribal leadership, aristocracy, absolute sovereignty—and in nothing has mankind succeeded so poorly as in government. Experience seems to have shown that the only enduring sovereignty is the "popular," and democracy seems to be all that is left. It is poor stuff so far; yet the only cure for the evils of democracy is more democracy. Mainly because all political parties constantly hunt for votes, we have confused two entirely different rights, the right of protection under the law and the right to share in making the law, and have gone to universal suffrage. Having taken this irretrievable step, we cannot consistently or successfully quarrel with its workings. The scum rises to the top of a boiling pot and harms the results of the cooking; but the pot must boil itself free of the scum and we must endure the process, in patience and hope.

No careful observer can be sure that our own form of democracy is past its trial stage or that the evident dispersive forces within it may not change or even shatter it before the century is over. To try to "change" it is no moral offense and cannot be made a political one. We have struck a tinkering mania, and are proposing many changes. We have already rushed into some, and not wise ones, of which the "direct" election of Senators is particularly wanton and disturbing, and it is the fashion now to propose constitutional amendments with hardly more thought than is given to an evening's social engagements or sometimes to matrimonial ones. This is folly, but it is not crime.

The effect of an ecclesiastical heresy trial is to increase the size of the accused preacher's audiences. Ex-Judge Hughes, whom nobody will suspect of lacking either Americanism or of courage, is clearly right in condemning the action of the Assembly as "virtually an attempt to indict a political party and deny it representation," and in pronouncing this not American but contrary to the spirit of our institutions. He is right, further, in condemning this action as liable to increase the activity and spread of the vague cult, by angering and challenging it. To shut out its elected representatives (though it represents nothing but empty folly) "is merely to multiply Socialists by the thousand; instead of protecting against revolution, it will do more to encourage the spirit of revolution and to strengthen the advocates of violence than any conceivable propaganda could accomplish." Most surely, because it supplies the ranters with a visible grievance.

The stand of the Bar Association on Tuesday night was also sound, although marred by a fear of misunderstanding which would hardly have been expected among the Bar, since lawyers must feel that insistence that one indicted for crime shall have his legal rights cannot be interpreted by any sane minds as sympathy with crime. We have disloyalty to deal with, of the violent kind which would overthrow all organized society; it does not realize its own madness, as madmen never do, but we must meet it, and our error hitherto has been in trying to parley with it or overlook it. But in dealing with it we need to keep our own senses and preserve real differences and orderly methods. The action of the Assembly is a tactical blunder, which can be minimized only by confession and withdrawal.

PREVENTING FRAUDULENT ISSUES OF SECURITIES.

The suppression or the checking as far as possible of the marketing of worthless securities is an important subject, still undisposed of, and was dealt with in a report lately submitted to Governor Smith by a special committee of twelve of the most representative men in the banking circles of the city, whom he had asked to give the subject the most careful consideration and accord him the benefit of their advice. This committee was headed by Mr. A. Barton Hepburn, and in competence as well as in earnest desire to do something for suppression of the evil trade, was as fit as could be found in the State.

The committee report that the formal and usual method of dealing with fraud of any kind is to confer on State officials a supervising jurisdiction over commercial transactions, with powers of investigation. As to issuance of securities, two remedies have been

proposed: 1, a registering or licensing of all offerings to the public, the persons offering being required to file with some public official specific information before anybody may deal in the particular securities in this State; 2, a still more elaborate detail to be filed as a condition precedent, with both civil and criminal liability on the persons making the statements, this last particularly aimed at the crooked business and suggesting that "every person who deals in securities shall first be licensed by some State official."

This State, as having here the financial centre, must proceed cautiously and "cannot afford to adopt experimental legislation of the character adopted in our Western States; experience has demonstrated the unwisdom of placing drastic regulations upon enterprise as a whole, in an endeavor to exclude a modicum of possible fraud." Freedom must be preserved, and the broader question is how far this State should go towards discouraging capital from new ventures. Legislation cannot abolish ignorance or eliminate cupidity, and the report touches one very practical point in saying that in some Western States crooks are believed to have obtained licenses and then to have used those as a practical certificate by the State that all they say may be accepted as true.

As for registering or licensing securities, the committee unanimously deem that non-protective and also "unduly restrictive of legitimate enterprise" and understand that experience has so proved it. As for filing elaborate statistical detail, this would hinder legitimate offerings and dealers, while leaving the crook unshackled; for instance, no such requirement could hinder doing business here by outsiders through the mails; "the honest and careful dealer is placed in shackles, while the crook and the careless man is virtually unhampered." As for licensing dealers, the courts have repeatedly declared that in order to justify such an interposition by the State it must be made to appear demanded by the public interest and that the remedy is not worse than the disease; any such licensing system necessarily confers an arbitrary power on some official. This is un-American in principle, is liable to abuse, and has been frequently condemned judicially; the committee believe, on information from the West, that the crook manages to get his license, and they are not prepared to recommend that many young men who are preparing to enter the business of dealing in securities be brought under the ipse dixit of some official.

What the committee favor and recommend is that jurisdiction over commercial transactions be given to the Banking Department and the Attorney-General, fully empowering them to investigate transactions, and requiring them to do so as to any particular one, on complaint by any citizen. The legislature should also provide in the Attorney-General's office one or more special deputies competent for this work and solely charged with being so and with keeping watch on transactions; if this is done, these deputies will surely become acquainted with the persons engaged in negotiating securities, "and from time to time they can readily single out the crook or the unscrupulous dealer." Common sense dictates that the State "shall not place its dependence on legal traps composed of words, which, no matter how well chosen, are notoriously easy of evasion; what is needed is a flexible, virile fraud-hunting State machinery, driven, not by statute, but by human intelligence and human activity."

The penal statutes, says the report, "should be fortified in every possible way," but only three of the committee are lawyers and no specific suggestions are made; a minority of four, among whom was Mr. Hepburn, dissent so far as to approve the filing of statistics and the licensing of dealers. Brokers are said to generally stand with the report, although Assistant District Attorney Kilroy pronounced it "a prayer to allow the predatory Wall Street interests to continue their pillage without hindrance," a characterization obviously unfounded and unjust.

Now Mr. Huston Thompson, of the Federal Trade Commission, spoke to the Life Presidents' Association about a month ago, on "protecting the public by informing the investor." He began by quoting some sentences descriptive of an orgy of speculation, luxury, high prices, gambling, reckless spending, and headlong waste, sentences which might apply measurably to the present but are from descriptions by Noah Webster and the historian Green, of the period directly following the American Revolution; wars since have more or less reproduced these evils, so we may take courage in the knowledge they are the aftermath of conflict and must pass.

Proceeding with his topic, Mr. Thompson recalled when emergency calls from the Treasury and some other public sources pronounced the Liberty Loan in jeopardy from "wildcat" stuff. The Commission took hold, and sent out a searching questionnaire; of the hundreds of corporations that replied, forty said they had stopped selling and would refund money taken; others kept on until complaint was issued, while a small group have joined issue and contest the Commission's right to order them to cease. One "Wallingford" knew the miriness of his footing, but feared most the publicity of the Commission's complaint, yet he was agile, and he did this:

"He circumvented publicity by putting on a sales campaign with such rapidity as to make his clean-up and get away while the Commission's investigation was going on. Instead of a large capital stock he put on sale an issue the par value of which was usually about \$100,000; intensified and shortened his advertising campaign to a week or ten days; spread his salesmen out over the territory, and reaped his harvest. Then he disappeared from that jurisdiction, but invariably reappeared in some more distant State behind the barrage of a corporation with a name unrelated to that which had been the cause of his recent campaign."

The rascal has the nimbleness of the flea, and when the sledge has descended he has skipped from under. Hundreds of concerns, for all sorts of ostensible propositions, are organized every year; "reflect on the rapidity with which the Department must function in order to be effective." Further, "to limit speculation would destroy individual initiative," says Mr. Thompson, and he cites a recent notable case of a concern selling oil stock on a "shoestring", owning only a prospect, a piece of land in unknown territory and some machinery that really was sinking a well, but 'with undoubtedly much more surprise to the promoters than to the stockholders, that well in one day produced 1,000 barrels of oil."

Now, said Mr. Thompson (and the sane and unusual quality of this should be noted) "as a Government official I would not want to have the power and responsibility of passing upon the issuance of a security in advance." Suppose approval were denied because of speculative value only, that "might pre-

vent development of mining territory and oil fields which otherwise would become valuable national possessions;" per contra, approval of an issue would be "read by the public as an endorsement by the Government." Further, if the official were really careful he would "want a department, the cost of which would require a prohibitive appropriation."

He was himself once adviser to the Insurance Commissioner of a certain State, and that official, a man who kept one specific (publicity) called Mr. Thompson, on an hour's notice, in a case where certain agents were charged with misrepresenting to some farmers the terms of an insurance policy. Both of us, he said, had our doubts of the constitutionality of the recent statute forbidding misrepresentations, but the arrest had been made and the District-Attorney "had deserted us." They feared reversal of conviction, and were relieved when the jury freed the accused after twenty-two hours' cogitation. Yet he was lately told that the practical effect of this unsuccessful procedure was the elimination of the bogus insurance man from that district to this day; "conviction rarely helps, publicity is the effective remedy."

Of the pending Taylor bill, which requires filing certain information with the Treasury, Mr. Thompson says it is not new in design, being borrowed from a British law; its effective part is in requiring promoters to say what assets are behind their offerings, the names of the parties and underwriters, the commission rate to be paid, and the net sum to be received "by the original entity issuing the security." Thus amended, Mr. Thompson thinks this bill will go as far as is possible, but the officials must not have a discretionary power; "to allow exceptions means to determine in advance, and to place in the hands of a public official the power to determine in advance will underwrite its failure."

To the prospective purchaser Mr. Thompson would say this: Beware of the glib salesman, of the prospectus that promises much, and remember that a real investment will keep; so, do not be in any hurry. Communicate with the Blue Sky Commissioner, if your State has one. If you are an employee, consult your employer, or a banker, or the nearest real business man; if a farmer, go to town, and see your lawyer. Make the salesman put in writing the commission he is getting, and so on; strike out of the prospectus all except what tells just what cash the company has, what its property is and where, and what it has already done in work. Then consider your bank account; your family needs; consider how much the loss of the money will hurt you; then consider awhile further.

Now all this is very sensible, and also very unofficial, so unlike the disposition of the average officeholder to take himself seriously and expand his own job that it is almost difficult to take it as coming from any official, especially from a member of the Federal Trade Commission. Would that Mr. Thompson's unwillingness to rush in might become contagious among all public office holders!

REVERENCE FOR THE LAW.

Is it not high time the people of the United States teach themselves to approach *The Law* with unsandalled feet? We do not say "our laws," nor do we at the moment refer to the majesty of the law. It is *the law*, any and all law, that we now consider. For it is one thing to make a law, another to obey it,

and another to use or abuse it. That "rule of right action" by which we are to be guided, what is it? We say the common judgment of the citizenry, often; and we provide penalties for failure to obey. We stake our national fate upon the maintenance of "law and order." And yet there are evidences all around us that the law is becoming an instrument for the enforcement of majority opinion. We enact laws with little hesitation for the purpose of curing our ills. Yet rightly considered it is not an agency to accomplish anything—simply a declaration of principle arrived at by wise deliberation. Are we in danger of losing a proper respect for *The Law* by investing, and infesting, it with a swarm of little statutes?

There are so many examples of hasty resort to the power of laws, in our current affairs, that some of them will occur to every reader. In part, we may say, as indeed we do of almost everything, "It is the war." There is, however, one condition and practice directly traceable to the exigency of war, that ought, at the very beginning, to give us pause, and this is the practice of making laws retroactive. No principle has been more sacredly guarded than that laws shall never be retroactive. And yet more than once *the field* over which a war measure was stretched was *the past*. Taxation is a solemn obligation of the citizen—but only under the explicit letter of direction by law, to be met in the future, and to be held to a rigid interpretation, and with the minimum of discretion by the representatives of the Government. In a word, since taxation is a burden and not a benefit (the latter no government can rightfully convey) the citizen should be deemed exempt *until the law is fitted to his particular case*.

This cannot be true, if laws can be made retroactive, and taxation can become a dragnet for the purpose of raking in everybody without regard to property, or condition of residence, or proportionate and just liability to a reasonable levy. It is true that personal injustices must occur in every law, but no tax law should set out with the *intention* of pursuing an income so far as to penalize it, while, as is sometimes the case, exempting the property that produces the income, or compelling the assumption of a residence that does not exist. If we dated our laws back during war, we should certainly never do so in peace, and failure to observe this will ultimately bring all law into disrepute. Yet this is but one phase of a broad question. We might take our text from the present excitement to enact drastic State and national laws to rid the country of "agitators," enemies of the Government, who advocate "direct action," "force," or "revolution," and who conspire, as well as who utter, in hate and enmity, for overthrow. Here is a place where law should be handled with care, not with heat and frenzy. And thoughtful persons are even now asking: "Are we in danger or only scared"? Not for a moment is treason or conspiracy to overthrow to be dealt with leniently. The Constitution is not wanting in this regard. But always Justice is more judge than prosecutor. And a Russianized secret service on our soil, should it eventuate from too much incipient zeal by interpretative officials, would be a disgrace. The point is that the law is not a cure-all. Well might the observing citizen ask whether the dumping by wholesale of anarchists on foreign shores is making the "world safe for democracy"? Nor should enforcement of the law ever become either actively or

passively a means of political preferment. Yet, while we may grant to local and larger "attorneys" in every case a fidelity to duty, we have only to look back a decade or two to discern cases where the cry of "civic righteousness" in some form or other, after the fact of the duty rendered, has been used as a means of further official reward. It is important if we are to continue in our reverence for law that we remember it is neither a cure nor a club.

The Law is supreme. It must be obeyed, whatever it is. It is savior, not oppressor. And it belongs to all the people. It is not a class organ. It is not the prerogative of use to any "Administration." Yet we read every day of referring industrial disputes to "the President," and classes have come in some instances to overleap, in their haste to get the ear of "the Executive" (a department of Government, not a man), the very arbitration agencies advocated by themselves. This is both using and abusing the law, for it is annulling the *spirit* of the observance of law. In this scramble to secure interests and advantages where only rights are at stake, whether intentionally or not, the Law becomes, or tends to become, oppressive, and the addled mind of the Anarchist bursts into flame of resentment where there should be respect. For it is conceivable that be the man Socialist, Communist or Anarchist (advocating never the use of force for overthrow) may so dwell on the incidental or outstanding injustices as to be honestly convinced, though mistakenly, that another system of law is better, or even that no law at all is a preferable state.

If laws should be universally obeyed, the infractions must be properly punished, but neither the law nor its power nor its observance should be made the agency of collateral reforms. One law ought not to lead another. That way lies a multiplicity of statutes enmeshing the citizen in coils that strangle him. The mission of any single law is ended when that law is enacted, obeyed and enforced. And since law is a "shield, not a sword," it is to be enacted deliberately. Much unjust criticism is indulged in *against* the Senate of the United States. Criticism is constructive, or should be. How much injustice, how many bad laws, and bad parts of good laws, has this co-called "interminable debating" saved us? Rushing wildly to the favor (for this is what is really sought) of the Executive, and hammering in haste at the Chieftan's door; hurling anathemas at Senators who weigh and analyze, who even doubt as they deliberate, tends to lessen, not increase, reverence for *The Law*.

It is easier to foster love of law than abject fear of it. But law which turns as the wind of opinion blows upon it can have only the respect which is accorded a changeling. The tremendous responsibilities thrown upon the nation and people by the war require definition. And duty is never so clear as when simply stated. Millennial dreams are not the substance out of which practical principles of Government flow. The consciousness of a "new day" cannot obliterate the impelling forces of all our yesterdays. To turn a leaf in the book of time is not to make a new law to meet a new issue scarcely yet defined. To pay our war debts, to provide an economical government, to let the "equality of opportunity" assert itself to free men by safeguarding "initiative, enterprise and ownership," these demand few and plain laws. It is certain we must revise our attitude toward *The Law* or lose our reverence.

"THE INEVITABLE LEAN YEARS NOT FAR AWAY."

The extracts from a New Year's message by Elliott C. McDougal, President Bank of Buffalo, which we printed on page 27 of our recent issue, are so charged with sound advice that we may be permitted to dwell upon them at further length. "Do not delude yourselves," he says in conclusion, "let no one delude you, into the belief that the present era of high wages, with easy jobs, of high prices, with large and easy profits, can continue. Every wage earner should at once commence to save part of his earnings for the inevitable rainy day. Every business man should leave a good percentage of each year's profits in his business, for the inevitable lean years not far away." Banker, business man and toiler, we think, may well take heed. Come what may, it is well for every man to know that in the midst of turmoil he is still put upon his own mettle.

The predominating good in this advice is its detachment from what we term national and international affairs, from economics, politics and government. It follows natural law, is grounded on principle rather than expediency; it is removed from the universal cures, and is really independent of the conditions to which it is, for the moment, applied. Every one remembers how "once upon a time," out of the celebrated "Death Valley" of the West there came, rushing eastward on a special train, a spectacular individual scattering shining gold coins in his wake. He seemed to have found some lost Eldorado, but would not tell where it was. He was the sensation of a day, a flaming meteor of prodigality, vanishing as swiftly as he came. To this hour no one knows what was behind his advent, but Eldorado still remains where it has ever been—somewhere we know not where, possibly beyond the valleys of the moon.

Business, like water, seeks its level. We may speculate as we will about the great movements in the currents of trade, but individually we cannot control them. And while we are irresistibly borne along the most we can do is to try to consider our immediate relative conditions and compass our own safety and perpetuity. The fact of the matter is that personally we are not compelled to solve the world's problems. And we often lose our proper perspective when we attempt it. We can idealize so much we do not know how to "act in the living present." In the same way we can become so avid to seize a temporary advantage that we are incapable of realizing the main chance. Every sane man who "stops to think" knows the conditions under which we now live cannot last. Can a world-war turn a world topsy-turvy, a convulsion occur, and render all the old forces of life and effort inoperative? And if they reassert themselves where then will they bear the individual but back to old ways and works?

We have tried again and again to point out the influence of races and continents on production. It is only partially true that peace is a reaction to war. Peace is the static condition of eternal forces in equilibrium. Production is not so much reaction as natural resumption. Man with all his imperial powers is not wholly master of his environment in a physical world. If nature were to go on strike for a single year he would starve. And when he refuses

to live in the false and fickle "opportunities" that follow in the wake of war and returns to the old simplicities of production he is merely aligning himself with the permanent and thus joining hands with the prosperous. A burst of speed may only wind the runner. He may win the race—but will never win or even run another. No unnatural profit can be retained permanently—for it is against the constancy of production—and all the future years will pull it down.

As to the wage-earner—it is gradually dawning upon him that for all his increases voluntary and arbitrary, he is really "no better off" than he was before. And when these pushing and pulling forces of universal exchange reduce prices, not "all the kings horses and all the kings men" can set them up again. The snows of a single winter may form an avalanche which a sound will shatter. A glacier is age-old and slow of movement—but irresistible. Men say prices will never go back to the old level. Why? As far as we know that "level" was the final gauge of a civilization which had most nearly reached a condition when it was not at war with itself. The apparent truth is that under the promptings of the natural law "the greatest service at the least cost in labor," when the equilibrium is again restored, aided by the inventive genius of man, the level reached will be lower than ever. It is a fulfillment of "the greatest good to the greatest number."

Now, for the business man and wage-earner two truths stand out. He must give heed first to his own personal endeavor and in so far as by collective action he may influence a return to pre-war conditions he can do so by aligning himself with these natural forces and not by seizing power through temporary advantage. And a long and a wise look should admonish labor unions to prepare some way to get the wage-earner safely down from the mountain top of sudden affluence into the valley of comfort and content. Scarcity may make high prices; wages may follow, but when plenty pushes prices down, the pull and the push both fall on wages. When this is applied to a stock of goods, realizing the part credit plays in every merchant's affairs, disaster waits around the corner. Nothing can be truer than that the "lean years" are "inevitable." And he is a gambler with fate who refuses to recognize the law and the fact.

Is it to be supposed that because an awful war has suddenly intervened that the old universal omnipresent law of trade, of "giving the most value for the money" is forever relegated to the limbo of forgotten things? Is it to be supposed that theories of economics, theories of right relations, boards of conciliation, arbitration or control, collective bargaining whether inside or outside the plant, governmental interference whether continuous or spasmodic, can ever abrogate the law and truth contained in that other maxim: "When two employers run after one workman wages rise, when two workmen run after one employer wages fall"? And the difficulty is that men who would organize the world into an international labor unit do not see that this would hasten the action of the inevitable law. For the rest, what better advice could any man give than that we have quoted. Surely the little ships must keep near the shore. Certainly he who will not save when he can will live to be a poorer man.

Current Events and Discussions

CONTINUED OFFERING OF BRITISH TREASURY BILLS.

The usual offering of ninety-day British Treasury bills was disposed of this week by J. P. Morgan & Co. on a discount basis of 6%, the same as in other recent weeks. The bills in this week's offering are dated Jan. 12.

CONTINUED OFFERING OF FRENCH TREASURY BILLS.

Another block of French Treasury bills was disposed of by J. P. Morgan & Co. this week. They 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 Jan. 16.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ITALIAN LOAN.

Subscriptions to the Sixth National Loan which is being offered in Italy were said to have surpassed 10,000,000,000 lire on the 13th inst. The loan was opened last week; the amount sought is 15,000,000,000 lire. Rome cablegrams of the 13th inst. stated that the Vatican had subscribed 20,000,000 lire to the loan, according to "Il Messagero." This is the first time, the newspaper stated, that the Vatican has participated in such a loan.

UNITED STATES TREASURY AUTHORIZES SALE OF ITALIAN BONDS.

It became known yesterday that the floating in the United States of \$25,000,000 of Italian bonds had been authorized by the Treasury Department at Washington. Earlier in the week reports of the likelihood of such authorization had been current. The proposed issue is to be known as Series A and is the first installment of a complete issue of \$100,000,000. The issue, it is said, is underwritten by a group of leading Italian banks comprised of Banca Commerciale, Credito Italiano, Banco de Natoli and Banco Italiano di Seonto. The bonds are dated Feb. 1 1920 and mature in five years. They are issued at par and bear interest at the rate of 6½%. The offering will continue until the entire amount is absorbed in this country. The bonds will be sold here through 5,000 or more Italian banks in the United States. The Italian Discount-Trust Co. will sell the bonds over the counter. The aim, it is said, is to reach the 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 Italians in the United States who heretofore have been forwarding to Italy for deposit in Italian banks between \$80,000,000 and \$100,000,000 a year. Instead of this transfer of funds the Italian Government seeks to establish in this country credit effective by the subscription to these bonds and to make purchases of American merchandise against these credits. The bonds are in denominations of \$50, \$500 and \$1,000, and there is an option clause which permits the holder to convert his bonds at maturity either into dollars at face value or lire at 7 lire to the dollar.

OFFERING OF \$25,000,000 BELGIAN LOAN BY J. P. MORGAN & CO. AND GUARANTY TRUST CO.

Public offering came this week of the \$25,000,000 Kingdom of Belgium external gold loan, which has been looked for in financial circles for some weeks. Formal announcement of the offering was made on Tuesday in behalf of the syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co. and the Guaranty Trust Co.; the subscription books were opened at the offices of both Messrs. Morgan & Co. and the Guaranty Trust on Thursday the 15th inst., and the responses were of such volume as to effect an oversubscription on the first day of the offering; in order, however, to allow time for the receipt of applications from out of town subscribers, the subscription books were held open until 3 p. m. yesterday afternoon (Jan. 16). The syndicate offering the notes consists of J. P. Morgan & Co., Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, First National Bank, New York, the National City Co., New York, National Bank of Commerce in New York, Bankers Trust Co., the Chase National Bank, the Liberty National Bank, Central Union Trust Co. of New York, Lee, Higginson & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., Harris Forbes & Co., Wm. A. Read & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. The loan consists of 5-year 6% gold notes, due Jan. 1 1925, and 1-year

6% gold notes, due Jan. 1 1921; the 5-year notes are offered at 95¼ and interest, yielding over 7%, and the 1-year notes at 99 and interest, also yielding over 7%. The relative amounts of both—the aggregate not exceeding \$25,000,000 in principal amount, are to be determined by J. P. Morgan & Co. and the Guaranty Trust Co. at the time of the closing of the subscription books. The notes, in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000, are dated Jan. 1 1920, and interest is payable Jan. 1 and July 1. Both principal and interest payable in New York in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, either at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. or the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, Fiscal Agents of the Belgian Government, without deduction for any Belgian taxes, present or future. The circular issued by the syndicate says:

These notes are payable by the Belgian Government at maturity, at par, in United States gold coin, in the City of New York. The noteholder, however, has the option, at any time until maturity of the notes, respectively, of surrendering his notes and of requesting the Fiscal Agents, under regulations to be prescribed by them, to sell 11,000 Belgian francs per \$1,000 note at such rate in the market as may be obtainable, but not less favorable than 11 francs per dollar (i. e., 9.09 cents per franc), approximately the present exchange rate. Upon such sale the noteholder will receive par and accrued interest for his notes and one-half of the profit on exchange (representing the difference between the sale rate and the fixed rate of 11 francs to the dollar), the other half of such profit being retained for account of the Belgian Government. The noteholder is to pay customary commissions for the sale of the Belgian exchange, not to exceed ¼% of the principal amount of the surrendered notes.

This option operates as a call on Belgian exchange during the life of the respective notes, entitling the holder to one-half of the profits arising from the sale of Belgian exchange as above indicated upon any advance from the rate of 11 francs to the dollar.

The following schedule indicates the gross principal amount which the noteholder would realize upon each \$1,000 note upon exercising his option at varying rates of exchange:

Exchange at Paris per Dollar	Principal Amount Realized per \$1,000 Note*
10.00	\$1,050 00
9.00	1,111 11
8.00	1,187 50
7.00	1,285 71
6.00	1,416 66
5.18¼ (par of exchange)	1,561 50

* Represents principal amount of note plus one-half of exchange profit.

The Belgian Government agrees that if in the future it shall offer for public subscription any loan secured by a lien on any specific revenue or asset of the Government, this present loan shall be secured ratably with such loan.

Under provisions of the Peace Treaty and related agreements, the Belgian Government is to be relieved of practically its entire war debt incurred prior to the armistice. In addition, it is to receive the first 2,500,000,000 francs (at par of exchange \$482,000,000) of payments from the German reparations, to be applied in part toward liquidation of advances made to Belgium by Allied Governments since the armistice.

The Peace Treaty indicates the purpose, through reparations payments, to restore Belgium to her pre-war financial, industrial and economic position. The diversified Belgian industry is rapidly regaining its normal production, which should enable Belgium to resume her prominent place in world trade.

The 3% perpetual bonds of Belgium sold in Brussels during the years 1901-1907 at prices to yield not over 3.15%; in the years 1908-1912, not over 4%; and at the present time are selling in Brussels on approximately a 4.35% basis.

Information relative to the finances of Belgium, its debt, &c., is contained in a folder issued along with the above circular, and from this folder we take the following:

BELGIUM

Some Essential Facts—Compiled from Recognized Authorities.

Industry and Wealth.

Belgium, with an area of 11,373 square miles, had a population in 1914 of 7,500,000. About three-fifths of the total area was under cultivation. Belgium is the most densely populated and probably the most intensively cultivated country in the world. Land ownership is widely distributed, one man in six being a land-owner. Their spirit of enterprise, thrift and skill enabled the Belgians to obtain a marked industrial development and the diversified manufacturing and related industries gave the country a prominent place among the commercial nations. The output of coal normally averaged over 85% of the country's requirements. Notwithstanding the fact that the major portion of iron ore was imported from Luxemburg, Belgian steel became known the world over, wherever high grade steel was used. A measure of Belgium's industrial activity is given by her total foreign commerce, which in 1912 was \$1,723,000,000. Belgian capital is found in a great variety of enterprises in other countries, such as mines, railways, electric power enterprises, tramways, &c., the total foreign investments being estimated now at 8,500,000,000 francs (at par of exchange, \$1,640,000,000). The national wealth is estimated at 55,800,000,000 francs (at par of exchange, \$10,769,000,000).

Belgian Congo.

Belgium has an important colonial possession in the Belgian Congo, with a population estimated at 15,000,000 and an area 80 times that of Belgium, rich in variety of natural resources. The copper deposits of the Katanga region of the Belgian Congo are being opened up, the production in 1917 being approximately equal to Belgium's pre-war importation of copper. With the development of this region, which now has four trunk rail and rail-water lines connecting it with the east, west and south coasts of Africa, Belgium will have increased supplies of a variety of raw materials for export and for use at home, and will have new outlets for her manufactured products. The expansion of trade and commerce accompanying the development of her colonial possessions should increase the national wealth of Belgium.

Railways.

The Belgian Government owns more than 2,500 miles of standard gauge railways, approximately one-half of which is double-tracked. This mileage represents 90% of the standard gauge mileage of the country. The operation

of the State railways before the war was successful financially, a substantial surplus having been accumulated after payment of interest and sinking funds on the debt which the Government incurred in the development of the system.

The Belgian Government also supplied approximately 44% of the capital expended in the development of 2,471 miles of light meter-gauge roads, which form a network of lines through the farming regions and serve as feeders for the standard gauge railroads.

Pre-War Debt and Finance

The debt of the Belgian Government in 1914 was approximately \$943,000,000, of which only \$58,000,000 was external debt. The major part of the funded debt was in the form of 3% perpetual bonds.

The long period of peace which Belgium had enjoyed enabled the State to devote a large part of the proceeds of its borrowings to public improvements, and its investment before the war in railways, telephones and telegraphs approximated \$600,000,000. In the ten years prior to 1914 the net return of railways, telegraphs, telephones, post offices and other investments averaged about 90% of the total interest charges on the debt of the Belgian Government. For this period the interest and sinking fund charges on the total Government debt, if the net return from State utilities and investments had been applied to such charges, would have required on the average only 13% of the remaining net Government revenues. This is a conservative figure and an indication of a sound basis for Government credit. Relatively speaking, taxes were light and for the most part indirect, leaving a wide range of possible expansion of State revenues through taxation. From 1886 to 1913 the ordinary receipts were in excess of the ordinary expenditures, such excess receipts being applied to capital expenditures.

War Finances.

During the first weeks of the war, the Belgian Government availed itself of advances amounting to \$38,600,000 from the National Bank of Belgium, but for the remainder of the war up to the armistice financed itself by means of advances from France, England and the United States, the total amounting to about \$941,000,000 at par of exchange.

The Peace Treaty, Article 232, provides that Germany shall reimburse the Belgian Government for all sums borrowed from the Allied and Associated Governments up to Nov. 11 1918. This reimbursement is to be in the form of a special issue of bearer gold bonds. Mr. Wilson, M. Clemenceau and Mr. Lloyd George advised the Belgian Government that they would recommend to their respective parliamentary bodies that the Governments of the United States, France and Great Britain should accept in satisfaction of all advances made to the Belgian Government up to Nov. 11 1918 an equivalent amount of bonds of the German Government delivered on account of reparation. Under these provisions the Belgian Government is to be relieved of practically its entire war debt incurred prior to the armistice.

Shortly after the armistice was signed the Governments of France, England and the United States made additional advances of approximately \$252,000,000 to the Belgian Government for the purchase of food, raw materials and other necessities to assist in re-establishing Belgian industries. In addition to the reparation payments above mentioned, the Belgian Government is to receive 2,500,000,000 gold francs (\$482,000,000) in priority to all other reparation payments, which amount is to be applied in part toward liquidation of advances made by Allied Governments since the armistice.

Since the armistice the Belgian Government has assumed interprovincial loans aggregating 2,347,800,000 francs issued during the war for payment of war taxes imposed by the German Military Government. The Peace Treaty provides that these forced loans are to be included in the total claim for reparation. An internal loan for 3,040,000,000 francs was issued at par in the form of 5% 3-year Treasury bonds, chiefly for the purpose of retiring German marks from circulation in Belgium. The Belgian Government has already received 5% Treasury notes of the German Government in part compensation for marks issued during the German military occupation. Germany is pledged by the terms of peace and related arrangements to make "complete restoration for Belgium." A "reconstruction loan" has been issued for 1,450,000,000 francs of 5% bonds at 95, redeemable by sinking fund in 49 years. The Peace Treaty indicates the purpose, through reparation payments, to restore Belgium to her pre-war financial industrial and economic position.

Debts of the Belgian Government as of Aug. 30 1919.

	Francs.	Equivalents in Dollars at Par of Exchange.
Debt previous to the war.....	4,887,254,000	\$943,240,000
Interprovincial loans (forced by German Military Government) assumed.....	2,347,800,000	453,125,000
Monetary restoration loan, Nov. 1918.....	3,040,000,000	586,720,000
National restoration loan, April 1919.....	1,450,000,000	279,850,000
Advances by the Allies from the time of the armistice up to June 12 1919.....	1,255,000,000	242,215,000
Treasury notes.....	500,000,000	96,500,000
Total.....	13,480,054,000	\$2,601,650,000

* Approximately 1,600,000,000 German marks (at the rate of 1 franc 25 centimes per mark) retired by this loan.

INTERNAL LOAN TO BE FLOATED BY BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.

A dispatch from Brussels on Jan. 7 to the State Department at Washington is said to have announced the approval by the Belgian Cabinet of a proposed popular loan of 2,500,000,000 francs. The proposal will be submitted to the Belgian Parliament and to the people for ratification. The loan, payable in 75 years, carries 5% interest, with a sur-premium of 50%, so that at maturity 750 francs will be paid for a 500 franc bond.

BELGIAN'S PURCHASE OF LOCOMOTIVES IN U. S.—BELGIAN LOAN FLOATED IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Information as to the financial arrangements whereby the Belgian Government contracted for 150 locomotives from the American Locomotive Company and the Baldwin Locomotive Company, was furnished by Charles M. Muchnic, Vice-President of the American Locomotive Sales Corpora-

tion, with his return to the United States at the end of December, when he is said to have brought back with him the signed contracts. The New York "Times" of Dec. 26, in reporting his return, and the details of the financing, said:

The purchase is being financed by the Belgians by the use of five-year 6% treasury notes, the principal and interest being payable in dollars at the offices of the Belgian Government's fiscal agents, J. P. Morgan & Co. and the Guaranty Trust Co. Mr. Muchnic considers that the notes will probably be taken up before maturity. In addition to this order he granted an option for 50 more locomotives, and if these are eventually ordered the transaction will involve about \$11,600,000, each engine costing, with its accessories, in the neighborhood of \$58,500.

The "Times" also quoted Mr. Muchnic as saying, among other things:

Before leaving Brussels I had an interview with the very capable Premier and Minister of Finance, M. Delacroix. He confirmed the news of the successful flotation in England of the £50,000,000 loan. This loan bears interest at the rate of 5%, matures in 25 years and is payable at maturity in Belgian francs at the normal, or pre-war, rate of 25.25 francs to the pound sterling.

In granting this important loan to Belgium and on such favorable terms the British bankers and manufacturers have again demonstrated their ability to take the long-range view of their commercial possibilities and relations with Belgium, and were apparently not at all dismayed by the present but temporary demoralization of European exchange. The loan will prove a potent factor in bringing about a gradual adjustment of the present disparity between British and Belgian exchange.

M. Delacroix referred to another financial operation, which it is expected will result to the benefit of his country: the sale of some seven billion German marks current in Belgium at the termination of hostilities. The sale of these marks was made on the basis of the pre-war or normal rate of 1.25 francs to the mark. The Belgian Government, as I understood M. Delacroix, is to receive from the German Government 20-year 5% bonds to the amount of 8,750,000,000 francs. These bonds are to be amortized in forty installments on each semi-annual interest date. The German Government will, however, have the option of extending the maturity of the bonds by ten years.

These two financial operations place the Belgian finances on a very strong foundation, except for the dollar payment she has to meet now and in the immediate future. It is to be hoped, therefore, that our bankers and the investing public will not delay much longer the granting of a substantial loan to Belgium. Such a loan would prove not only a sound and safe investment, but would permit the sale of foodstuffs, manufactures and raw products for use in manufacturing to Belgium. From what I could observe during my very short stay in Belgium, its industry and commerce are rapidly getting back to normal.

It was refreshing to talk to business men—manufacturers and bankers in France and Belgium—who lived through all the hardships and horrors of the recent war, and to note their optimism, their unbending faith in the future of their countries, their industries and their foreign commerce. Of course they need credit, just as any sound and growing enterprise is always in want of more capital for the conduct of its business; we, fortunately, are in an excellent position—if we only have the faith and courage to grant them the credits desired in the form of our manufactures—raw materials and food supplies. To do so would be sound business and profitable investment for our people to make. If we should deny them such assistance they would get on the best way they can, their process of reconstruction would perforce be slower and fraught with greater difficulties, but the ultimate loss would be largely ours.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY ON FINANCIAL STATUS OF BELLIGERENTS.

The Bankers Trust Company of New York has just published a brochure, "Financial Status of Belligerents," by Louis Ross Gottlieb, setting forth the debt, revenue and expenditures, and the note circulation of the principal belligerents in the world war. In an introduction Prof. Edwin R. A. Seligman of Columbia University says in part:

The good points of Mr. Gottlieb's study are so numerous that I have no hesitation in declaring it to be the most valuable study that has thus far appeared on the public finances of the war.

In his treatise Mr. Gottlieb says:

Since the beginning of the war sixteen of the belligerent countries have contracted new obligations to the extent of \$212,268 millions, or \$329.91 per capita. The contribution of Allied countries to this total is \$149,357 millions, or \$300.85 per capita, and that of the Central Powers, \$62,911 millions, or \$428.05 per capita.

The distinction of having the lowest per capita debt of all the belligerents during the pre-war period falls to the United States. At the most recent date, Great Britain leads all its allies and associates as well as its former opponents in per capita indebtedness; France comes next, with New Zealand and Italy closely following. In the group of Central Powers, Germany occupies the unique position of having both the lowest per capita debt at the outbreak of the war and the highest per capita debt among its allies at the present time.

A rough comparison of the per capita debt of the principal belligerents at the outbreak of the war and at the most recent date indicates the following approximate increases: Germany, thirty-three-fold; United States, twenty-one-fold; Great Britain and Russia, ten-fold; Austria and Hungary, five-fold; and France and Italy, four-fold. Only one nation has emerged from the great conflict unscathed financially, namely, Japan.

The increase in tax receipts during the latest full fiscal year for which data are available as compared with the fiscal year immediately preceding the war Mr. Gottlieb presents figures to show as follows: United States, 569.6; Great Britain, 380.2; Germany, 283.7; Italy, 264.9; Canada, 85.7; Japan, 30.8; France, 26.5. The booklet shows the note circulation of thirteen belligerent Powers at the most recent date to total \$77,954 millions, as compared with \$4,998 millions before the outbreak of the war. In the same interval the amount of note circulation per head of population rose from \$7.95 to \$121.16. The highest figures per capital in the pre-war period is shown by the Allied group, while at

the most recent date the tables are reversed, the Central Powers having a circulation larger by 20.8%.

Of all the nations, according to the booklet, Russia leads in its note circulation per capita at the most recent date, although its order was third last before the war. France follows, with Austria-Hungary (combined) closely behind. The increase in the note circulation of the larger countries may roughly be put as follows: Russia, forty-six-fold; Austria-Hungary, twenty-one-fold; Germany, eighteen-fold; Great Britain, nine-fold; France and Italy, each five-fold; United States, four-fold, and Japan, three-fold. Speaking of banking in the United States, Mr. Gottlieb shows that from Aug. 1 1914 to Sept. 10 1919 the excess of gold imports over exports was \$919 millions, whereas the excess of silver exports over imports during the same period was \$389 millions. Very heavy purchases made by European belligerents in this country necessitated the shipment of large amounts of gold to liquidate adverse balances, especially during the period of neutrality in 1915 and 1916. From \$1,890,678,304 on July 1 1914 the stock of gold in the United States rose to \$3,088,904,808 in April 1917, when we entered the war. The total stock of money in the United States exclusive of that held by the United States Treasury, increased from \$3,419,168,368 on July 1 1914 to \$4,702,130,941 on April 1 1917, representing a rise of \$1,282,962,573, of which \$883,481,028 was in gold. Several chapters are devoted to present conditions of banking in the other countries affected by the war, and the booklet contains valuable tables on the public debts, present financial standing, taxation, revenue and expenditures and note circulation and reserves of the belligerent Powers.

HIGH INCOME AND INHERITANCE TAXES IN GERMANY.

The following from Berlin, dated Dec. 25, appeared in the daily papers of Jan. 12:

The lot of the multi-millionaire in Germany will be a hard one under the new emergency levy and income and inheritance taxes. Dr. Felix Pinner, financial writer of the 'Tageblatt,' estimates that under these taxes a German industrial fortune of 10,000,000 marks would be reduced by 1925 to 3,114,000 marks. This would mean that the State had taken nearly 7,000,000 marks by various forms of taxation designed to solve the tremendous financial problem which Germany faces. Of the amount so collected by the State Dr. Pinner estimates that 2,827,900 marks would be taken as taxes on war profit, while the emergency levy would take 2,737,000 marks.

Dr. Pinner points out, however, that the order industrial leaders who own most of the German industries would probably die in the first ten years of the thirty-year period, whereupon that part of the levy then remaining unpaid would be taken by the State.

If the owner of this fortune were to die, say, in 1925, and should leave by one son, the son would have to pay to the State as inheritance tax 1,289,000 marks. The balance after all taxation had been completed is placed by Dr. Pinner at 3,114,000 marks which the family of the industrial leader would have left to continue their business.

The 'Tageblatt's' commentator points out that this would be insufficient to continue an industry which in peace times had required a capital of 7,000,000 marks and that this operation would weaken the productive power of industrial concerns by over-severe liquidation of their wealth.

"The high-capital taxes will saw off the limb upon which income and industrial taxes should sit," concludes Dr. Pinner.

C. W. BARRON IN OPPOSITION TO PROF. TAUSSIG MAINTAINS NO PANIC FEARS.

An interview, which a reporter of the Boston 'Herald', had with C. W. Barron on the subject of panic fears, was published as follows in the 'Boston News Bureau' of Jan. 13:

"People are predicting panic," said Mr. Barron, "because they say it is the only way to remedy the situation—the only way to force longer hours and larger production, that raising the value of money will cut down the value of commodities; but they forget that war upsets everything and knocks the economies of peace into a cocked hat."

"But has not every great war been followed by a panic sooner or later?" asked the reporter.

"But you cannot tell whether such is a delayed panic from overproduction or a panic incidental to the war," returned Mr. Barron. "The panic of 1873 had no relation to the Civil War, according to some economists. Prof. Mavor believes that the cessation of railroad construction in the United States and the discovery of the unprofitableness of a large part of the railroad construction that foreign capital had undertaken in this country were the causes of the 1873 panic and the depression that followed over the world. His view is that it was overbuilding and overinvestment and not a direct result of the Civil War."

War Stimulates Adventure.

"My own view is that every war stimulates the energies of the people, increases their daring, the spirit of adventure, and takes away the fear of borrowing. The result is that business conservatism is thrown to the winds, and borrowing and construction continue on the basis of hope, whereas in a community not stimulated by war a business proposition is clamorously viewed, according to the average progress over a generation and investments made upon a more conservative basis."

"Then you agree with Prof. Taussig that the crash will come some time?" "Emphatically I do not," replied Mr. Barron. "The late Sir Edward Holden told me in London that he always went to the United States to study panics, for we had panics in the United States and investigations afterward, and very interesting reports which few people read. The result was valuable to him when the war opened and a panic was threatened

in London. He knew exactly how to meet it, and under his leadership London met the situation, and there was no panic in London.

"American panics are of American origin. You don't have panics in Europe or England, nor yet in Paris or London. You have crashes in the Kaffir market in London—they call it the Kaffir circus—and you have debacles on the Bourse in Paris; but England and France never know them as panics, because they do not affect the business of the country."

Value of Federal Reserve System.

"We formerly had an absurd financial system which expanded our money when it was not needed, and locked it up when it was needed. Now we have remedied this by the Federal Reserve system. We have massed the resources of the country, and the gold of the country behind a central direction, and can administer our affairs without panic just as readily as French and English affairs are administered without panic if only we have common sense direction from Washington."

"But Prof. Taussig says 'Not a country has escaped the throes of inflation, and not a country can escape.' How do you meet that?" asked the reporter.

Mr. Barron replied: "I don't see any inflation in Canada, South Africa or England that amounts to anything. I don't see any inflation in Spain, or Scandinavia. Russia, of course, has been broken up, but it is economically wrong to include Russia's currency in the world's currency, and I think the same to a less degree holds true concerning Germany."

"The mark has gone out, like the ruble, but France is rapidly recovering, Belgium is nearly on her feet, and I don't think Holland faces disaster, nor do I see any for the United States, the continents of North and South America, or indeed, India, China or Japan, as respects currency."

Rise of Silver a Blessing.

"What about silver?" "I think a blessing has come into the world by the advance in the price of silver, so that if wise international legislation is had, we can again unite silver and gold on a reasonable basis, in the world's monetary systems."

"Do you agree with Prof. Taussig that the peak of high prices has been reached?"

"I hope so," responded Mr. Barron, "but I cannot yet see clearly the evidence of it. In my judgment we are still in a period of high prices. The aftermath of war runs on for many years. Most people in this country thought the armistice meant the cessation of war's demands and war's prices, and many concerns, like the Crucible Steel Co. and the American Woolen Co., sharply marked down their inventories. Later they had to mark up their inventories and face right about, for the demand absorbed everything in sight. You will recall that Mr. Hines of the Railroad Administration fought over steel rails and other commodities. But the record shows that the prices quoted were low and have since been advanced."

"The reason is perfectly clear. War's demands do not cease with war. The currents shift. The shelves of the world are empty. Instead of steel for shells and guns, it is steel for rails, locomotives and for house building."

"The railroads of the whole world have been worn out by the war. There has been no house building throughout the world for five years, and in this country little for seven years. It will take three years to build the locomotive and railroad equipment that the world needs. It will take five years to build the homes, hotels, apartment houses, theaters, warehouses and public buildings that the world needs and has gone without under the compression of war."

"Then you place absolutely no credence in predictions of panic, Mr. Barron?"

"Wherever I have been asked about conditions since the war I have answered directly that business men need have no fear of a panic. Speculators in equities or wildcat oil stocks or in merchandise may get pinched here and there, for there will be sharp fluctuations both up and down in many commodities. Demand and prices will be irregular. But it ought to be common sense that conditions of universal panic cannot prevail under conditions of universal demand. The Government is pledged with the Federal Reserve Act behind it to prevent another 1907 'money panic,' when merchandise moving to market could not command the necessary credit."

Supply Must Catch Up With Demand.

"Then you don't believe it possible that money will again disappear as in 1907?"

"There is and will be plenty of credit under the Federal Reserve system—only you will have to pay higher prices for it. Not only were the shelves of the world laid bare by war, but the capital of the world has been used up, and it is not being rapidly replenished. The demand for food, fuel, clothing and shelter is still ahead of the supply and the demand for capital is far ahead of the supply. But there will be money enough in Uncle Sam's dominions to go around, as between producer and consumer, although there will not be enough for rapid construction, under high cost of labor in this country or throughout the world. The peak of high prices cannot be reached until the supply approaches the demand."

"Think for a moment of the wheat situation. Only a few months ago it was figured in the budget of the United States that it might cost a billion of dollars for the Administration to make good its promise to the farmers of \$2 25 for wheat. Now it is seen that the world is going to eat all that wheat at \$2 25, and if shipping could be had, with the removal of Government restrictions on wheat prices, you would have \$3 wheat instead of \$2 25 wheat."

"But why does not the price stimulate larger production?"

"On the contrary, it works just the other way," responded Mr. Barron. "The farmer thought, with remembrance of wealth in \$1 wheat, that \$2 25 wheat was a bonanza; but when he came to settle his labor account and supply bills he found that the old days had passed and that there was less money now in \$2 25 wheat than formerly in \$1 wheat. The result is a reduction of more than 20% in the winter wheat acreage. Wheat can be raised profitably only by the unpaid family farm labor which has always raised the dairy products and a large part of the food products of the world. Give the farmer and his family, or hired labor, an eight-hour day and you insure an era of high prices."

"The world cannot raise its food on an eight-hour day unless you increase the number of people in agriculture; and have we any surplus labor?" concluded Mr. Barron.

F. A. VANDERLIP SEES EUROPE IN CRITICAL NEED.

In addressing a gathering at the City Club of Boston on Jan. 12, Frank A. Vanderlip, formerly President of the National City Bank of New York, again expressed his belief that "Europe is in an extremely critical condition" and declared that "the difficulties seem to be almost insuperable without help." He observed that we have supplied \$4,000,000,000 of credit without scarcely knowing it, and asserted

that "we must sustain this and create a lot more if our exports are to go on." The demand, he said "is insistent and it must be met in part if Europe is to live." The Boston "News Bureau" of the 13th inst. quotes from Mr. Vanderlip's remarks as follows:

We are in a period of tremendous activity. Every manufacturer is busy with orders, every worker is employed. But still we find people inclined to look into the future with great doubt. We find criticism of the credit situation, that it is seriously expanded.

When it comes to opinions of affairs in Europe, the divergence of opinion is still wider. One advises letting Europe alone and says we do not want to be involved in the Old World's affairs. Another view is that the whole civilization of Europe is in danger of such collapse as will involve us in a ruinous situation. From my own point of view, I believe that Europe is in an exceedingly critical situation. Europe lacks food and will continue to do so until it gets to work and makes something to exchange for food.

Europe cannot live from its own fields, and industry is absolutely essential to its life. Government expenditures in every nation vastly exceed income and the deficit is being made up with the printing press. They have difficulty in getting raw materials because they have nothing to exchange for them. The difficulties seem to be almost insuperable without help.

Italy still has 2,000,000 men under arms, which she dare not disband because they will go into idleness, possibly into revolution. Poland without a shirt to its back, has a million men under arms facing the wave of Bolshevism.

The German Government, like every other government, is subsidizing wheat. Wheat is being sold in Germany at a gold equivalent of 32 cents a bushel. One pound leaves cost one cent, gold equivalent. The Government has to make up 3,500,000,000 marks and if it stops there will be a revolution.

There is the same situation in less degree in England. England has for many months paid £1,000,000 a week in wheat subsidies. Czecho-Slovakia is selling wheat at a gold equivalent of 38 cents a bushel. There can be no sound basis of credit for a nation until it can control its budget, so that its income is equal to its outgo.

In the last year we exported \$8,000,000,000 and only imported half that amount. Now somehow we supplied \$4,000,000,000 of credit without scarcely knowing it. The Government supplied \$1,750,000,000; over \$2,000,000,000 of credit has been supplied by merchants, manufacturers and bankers. Those are largely short-term credits. We must sustain this and create a lot more if our exports are to go on.

The demand is insistent and it must be met in part if Europe is to live. We have seen the exchanges collapse and we are apt to see them collapse still further, because Europe has so inflated its currency that it no longer represents anything like the old figures.

If those nations are going on, trying to balance their budgets with the printing press, there is no limit to where these exchanges may go. And if they go on down the difficulty of keeping up our exports becomes very terrible. So we need that information.

We lack leadership. If it were possible, there might be asked in Congress:

"Will the Government give a statement of the actual food situation? What is necessary to prevent widespread starvation? Are there any countries in Europe with a food surplus? Is internal transportation capable of handling food, if it is furnished? What are the facts regarding industrial plants? What are the minimum financial needs of the other countries to furnish food and raw materials for them to start at once? What do the several countries require in the way of credits to resume work?"

"Has the large influence of the Government with the Federal Reserve Bank been used to prevent inflation? Has the desire of the Treasury to issue short-term obligations at low interest rates led to the Government using its influence to hold down the Federal Reserve Bank's discount rates and have these low discount rates encouraged commercial and industrial expansion, dangerous stock flotations, fostered speculation in commodities and credits and contributed to a general orgy of extravagance by Government, corporations and individuals until we now find we have used up our available credits and are unable to grant the aid Europe needs?"

"The complications of the European situation are so great that it is beyond the power of business men to collect the data and shape their course. We are entitled to have the facts so clearly presented that there shall no longer be such wide diversity of opinion. We are entitled to leadership, to sympathetic and helpful co-operation from the Government. If the Government cannot furnish this, ought not the business community to unite in an effort to make an intelligent survey and take the necessary steps?"

"I think the Government ought to furnish that leadership."

SIR GEORGE PAISH ANEW ON NEED OF CREDITS FOR EUROPE—LEAGUE OF NATION BONDS.

Sir George Paish, the English financial writer, who is now on a visit to the United States, was a speaker at two important gatherings in this city this week—the dinner given at the Hotel Astor on the 13th inst. under the auspices of the Council on Foreign Relations, and the luncheon-conference at the Hotel Pennsylvania on the 14th inst. under the auspices of the American Manufacturers' Export Association. At the first-named function speeches were also made by Moreton Frewen, the English economist; Frank A. Vanderlip, Otto H. Kahn, Senator Walter E. Edge, A. C. Pearson, of the "Dry Goods Economist," and Herbert S. Houston. The remarks of Sir George at both affairs have attracted, of course, more or less attention. His declaration at the luncheon of the American Manufacturers' Export Association were answered by Eugene Meyer, Jr., of the War Finance Corporation, who followed him on the program, and we give under a separate heading Mr. Meyer's observations. At the gathering held under the auspices of the Council on Foreign Relations, the subject of discussion was "The Financing of our Foreign Trade." Sir George, speaking before the council, said in part:

America's power to supply the world in general and Europe in particular with the necessities of life was never greater than to-day.

The question now is not whether the American people are willing to sell their products or the willingness of the peoples of Europe to buy them. It

is how can American goods be paid for until the productive power of Europe is restored. That this problem will not settle itself is evident from the great fall in the value of exchange.

A complete breakdown of the exchanges will mean that American farmers, planters and manufacturers will be left with vast quantities of produce and goods upon their hands and that Europe, deprived of American food and material will be destroyed by starvation and anarchy.

The situation demands: First, that America sell her products for securities of unquestioned value, so that the American people may be sure that they will on the maturity of the securities receive prompt payment; second, that the power to issue such securities shall be equal to the needs of the world in general, including the United States and of Europe in particular; third, that the funds provided shall not be used for ordinary governmental purposes as they were used during the war, but shall be exclusively devoted to the work of restoring Europe's productive power and will thus enable Europe to pay her way at the earliest moment possible.

The organization capable of carrying out this work is, in my judgment, the new League of Nations, whose birth was provided for in the treaty of peace.

The Supreme Economic Council should now be made an essential part of the League of Nations and be intrusted with the work of ascertaining the needs of the various nations of the world unable to pay in goods for the produce they require to import and of arranging credit on such a basis that credits granted to these nations shall be fully and adequately secured. The Reparation Committee set up under the treaty of peace should also be made a committee of the League of Nations and intrusted with the task of ultimately employing all the credit granted to Europe for the purpose of reconstructing the devastated districts.

How much credit will be needed for this purpose cannot now be determined. If Europe were to purchase as much produce from the United States in 1920 as she did in 1919 and were unable to expand her sale of goods to the American people the amount of securities which America alone would require in payment for her surplus would be \$4,500,000,000 in the coming year. A very considerable expansion in America's imports from Europe, however, may be looked for, and America's surplus for 1920 to be settled in securities should be much smaller than in the last year.

But it is unlikely that Europe will be able to create in a single year an equilibrium between what she needs to buy and what she is able to sell, and any comprehensive plan that is devised to take care of the situation must provide for the continuance for several years of America's ability to sell a much larger quantity of her products than she is able to willing to buy from other nations. Consequently the amount of credit facilities to be arranged for must allow for the continuance of an American surplus of exports over imports for several years, and must also allow for the continuance of a surplus of exports over imports by the other countries of the world which supply Europe with food and raw material.

If one takes the needs of Europe as a whole, her present need to purchase food and raw material in order to maintain life and to restore her industries and her subsequent need to purchase a large part of the material required for the reparation of the devastated districts, it is clear that a total sum of \$20,000,000,000 is not an excessive estimate, especially when spread over five or even ten years. Such an estimate merely means that America will continue to have power to sell her surplus productions of food, raw materials and manufactured goods for a number of years without needing to buy a corresponding amount of goods from Europe in exchange.

Experience will probably show that from the level of \$4,500,000,000 of America's surplus exports in 1919 the amount will probably decline year by year until America is again purchasing from Europe goods and services to the extent needed fully to cover Europe's purchases from America.

The security which would undoubtedly find the greatest favor in the United States as well as in other countries would be a bond free of all taxes both in the United States and in all other countries, and therefore of great value for the purpose of international payment. At what rate of interest such bonds would have to be issued can be gained only by experience, but it is evident that a League of Nations bond, interest and principal of which was guaranteed by every member of the League, would be the finest security that could be issued. Its issue would assure to American producers prompt payment of their accounts. At the present moment the chief security for the American credits created is the purchaser and the seller of the goods.

Under such a plan as I have sketched the security would not only be that of the purchaser and seller of the goods, but the collective credit of every member of the League of Nations. Having regard to the state of exchange and the state of the money markets of the world, the adoption of some comprehensive plan for adjusting the situation cannot be further delayed without involving the danger of catastrophe.

In his remarks before the American Manufacturers' Export Association, Sir George said:

You have been told recently that Europe is not in any very serious condition as regards its food supply. I would ask you to note, and I challenge denial; I would ask you to note that the food production of Europe during this war, according to the Governmental figures, has gone down nearly 40%, and without your food we will be starved. Are you prepared to grant the credits to enable us to buy your food and to avoid starvation? Are you prepared to grant us the credits to enable us to buy your food and to avoid anarchy? If we have starvation and anarchy, then good-bye to your foreign trade.

The idea that Europe is bankrupt, he said, "is a myth." "It isn't true," he continued, "Europe is not bankrupt." He added in part:

What a nation can do depends upon its character, and the record of Europe in the past does not indicate that we have the character of a bankrupt. Europe intends to pay its way and to pay for everything that it buys. I am not here to beg, I am here, it is true, to ask you to assist these starving people of Vienna to get through this particular time. But apart from Austria, I am not here to ask for gifts. I am here to tell you that we do not want your gifts. I am here to tell you that we shall be able and ready to pay for everything you send us. There is, in my judgment, no doubt about that at all. What we want you to do is to send us your food, your raw material, your manufactures.

But the question is, how we are to pay for it, and that is the big factor. During the past year, as the Secretary of Commerce has told us, your supports have been enormous. If I estimate, if I add to his figures and estimated the sum for December on the basis of November, you have sold abroad to the world, during this year eight billions of dollars worth of goods and produce. You have bought back from the world less than four billion dollars worth, you have a favorable balance of four billions of dollars. In my judgment, that should again be the result for 1920, if you do not ask us to send you back things we need ourselves. But, how are you going to finance a favorable trade balance of four billions of dollars in the coming year? During the past year you have financed that great sum, because the American Government has supplied credit to Europe to the extent of two billions of dollars, through American Government loans. You have supplied the balance by means of bankers' credits and by sales of securities of

all kind and description. By purchases of securities of all kinds and description. What are you going to do in the coming year? Has America the power to finance so great a trade?

In my judgment, and I have studied the question very carefully, I believe America has the power to finance so great a balance and I hope you will again sell to the world eight billions of dollars worth of produce and goods. But how can it be done? It is essential that you should realize that your bankers cannot do this. Bankers' funds are not for the purpose of financing long credits; they are for the purpose of financing short credits. In so far as imports are paid by exports, then the banker should take the bills and discount the bills for imports, knowing that it will be paid. They should finance the bills for exports, knowing that those bills will be paid by imports.

But as regards a favorable trade balance, that is not the case, that is not the question for the banker except for the investment banker, it is a question for the investors of the United States. We in England have had favorable balances for a great number of years, but we have always taken payment for them in permanent securities; that is the reason that Great Britain has accumulated twenty billions of dollars of foreign investments which it held prior to the war. And, if you are to maintain this great trade you must also take permanent investments. Another question is, are your investors prepared to take such a vast quantity of securities? I have no doubt what the answer will be. I have no doubt whatever.

Your savings, the growth of wealth in this country is fabulous. Out of that vast growth, I don't wish to put it at an excessive figure, before the war you saved in this country four times the amount that we in Great Britain saved. Before the war we in Great Britain out of four hundred millions of savings a year supplied the outside nations with one-half of that, two hundred millions a year. If the growth of your savings is no greater than it was before the war, and your investors supply one-half of that as we supplied in Great Britain before the war, then you will be able to finance this favorable trade balance of four billions of dollars. I am convinced that if you will do it, if you wish to do it, if you, the manufacturers, make it clear that you can't sell your goods unless the investors of this country supply the means to enable you to sell them, if beyond that you make your investors realize that the issue at stake is not the mere question of investment but preservation of civilization from destruction, I am sure they will find the means of enabling you to sell and the peoples of Europe to buy all the food, raw material and manufactured goods they require to restore their productive power and to pay their way in the future.

EUGENE MEYER, JR., IN ANSWER TO SIR GEORGE PAISH.

Eugene Meyer Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, who was a speaker at this week's luncheon of the American Manufacturers' Export Association, following Sir George Paish, took occasion in what he had to say on the problem of international trade and finance, to answer the contentions of the English financier. Mr. Meyer said in part:

Sometimes when I read the papers or magazines and listen to the discussions of the subject from the other side of the water, in which we are told what we should do, what we haven't done, what we must do, I wonder if it is realized what we have done during the past year. Not only have we loaned from the United States Government out of the funds collected from Liberty Loans and taxes \$2,365,000,000, but we have sold practically all of it on credit, about seven hundred million dollars worth of our goods, food supplies, machinery, motor vehicles, sent to Europe for purposes of our army and auxiliary organizations. This does not represent a cost to this country of seven hundred millions, but a sum largely in excess of that amount. Our Grain Corporation has sold some grain on credit, and our merchants have granted considerable sums of credit in the aggregate and our investors have a total of a large amount of securities during the year 1919.

I don't think that I can be accused of lack of sympathy with the subject of international trade nor with the needs of Europe, but I do feel that the people of Europe have had such a reliance on us, a reliance which we have not so bountiful and so generously during the war, and for the past year, that they are deluded into the idea that this is a country with no limit to resources of material, money and credit. When Sir George Paish speaks of our surplus goods, I would like to see them tabulated. There is a shortage of almost everything in the world that we produce in this country today. It is true that the railroad equipment companies can furnish railroad equipment because they are not running full speed, and I am glad too for Sir George Paish that the War Finance Corporation made a loan for the purpose of selling locomotives to Poland only the other day, and that the man who made this sale on credit is now in Europe for the purpose of negotiating similar sales and we are ready to help him.

I have under discussion now further complications where foreign countries are trying to buy railroad equipment here on credit. The directors of the War Finance Corporation are giving every encouragement with the hope to be able to bring about some satisfactory results. But I want to say this, that a thousand million dollars from the War Finance Corporation is a very limited amount compared to the extraordinary pictures of the equipment as presented by Sir George Paish. Nevertheless I am hopeful. We have never loaned very much money without getting somebody else to lend some along with it.

During the war when we loaned to corporations we did so in every possible case that we could, trying to get the co-operation of the industry that was borrowing in taking care of its own needs through its own resources as much as possible. We tried to get the banks to co-operate, we tried to get the investment market to do its share and we tried to get existing security holders and parties interested in corporations to assume their part of the burden. As a matter of fact, this whole problem is so big, so vast, that it calls for the same kind of co-operation now. The companies that are selling the goods and that are making the profits stand, I believe, in the attitude that I indicated in what I first read. I think that they are willing to do their part. In any event, I am always asking them to do it. I think the investment market, if called upon in the right way and under the right terms, is willing to do its part. I think the banks are going ahead and setting up special organizations to do their part in helping the purpose that we are discussing.

Gentlemen, it takes more than lenders, it takes borrowers to do business and the borrowers must come to this country, as the Secretary of Commerce indicated in his remarks, with sound business propositions. With every consideration of sentiment warranted, with every desire to be helpful, I do not think that complete reliance on open credit, regardless of proper safeguards, without the closest investigation as to the ability and the intentions of the borrower to meet their obligations, and without careful scrutiny on how they propose to meet them, without all these considera-

tions, I do not believe that we would be doing a favor to the borrowers. I think the borrowers must consider their needs and come to the market place, whether it be here or abroad, with propositions that can be found acceptable and sound business. Whatever our sympathies may be, I believe that it is more in the interests of the borrowing countries, of the needy countries, to consider these things, except in cases where it is a question of pure relief, on a sound business basis. Credit has been used on a scale that no one in the world believed possible in 1914. Credit has been mobilized, as have the industrial and main resources, and credit has been strained, has done wonders, on a scale that I do not think the most optimistic could have believed possible. I feel that, at this time, we are placing, perhaps, too much reliance on the magic word "credit." There are limits even to credit and there are certainly, in my opinion, limits of safeness and soundness which we should put upon our uses of credit even if it could be invoked. Credit, I think, is a little like some drugs. It is the most helpful, useful and healing thing in the world in the hands of people who know its powers and who know its dangers, but, like some of those drugs, with misuse, with carelessness, with indulgence to excess, it can become the most demoralizing, disintegrating, and destructive agency in the world. I do not say that this is not a time for the use of credit, but I do say, and the money markets and the investment markets all over the world show it, it is a time when we must begin to use it with more care than we have during the war. We could afford to take risks then that we must cease taking now. We must look forward to the time when our balance of trade will be balanced in other ways than by paper.

What are we going to do now? I am in full accord with the idea, and have repeatedly said it, publicly and recently, that the principal sources of such assistance must come from our investment market, and I have suggested that at the present time and with a view to avoiding further radical depreciation in the exchange markets of those most closely associated with us in the war, England, France, Italy, and Belgium. I have suggested that the internal loans of those countries be listed in our public markets under proper safeguards. There is nothing new in the idea, nothing original it is merely a reversal of the steps and measures and processes which we employed when we were a borrowing instead of a lending country. I am hopeful that something will be done in this connection and soon, but it is a long time since I first proposed this and I don't know yet the reason why it hasn't been done.

DRESDNER BANK ON PRESENTATION OF CHECKS DRAWN ON GERMANY.

A communication received from the Dresdner Bank of Berlin regarding the presentation of checks drawn on Germany has been made public as follows by the American Foreign Banking Corporation of this city:

DRESDNER BANK

Berlin, Germany, Nov. 29 1919.

American Foreign Banking Corporation, New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs—We are in receipt of your favor of the 23d ult. enclosing a newspaper clipping out of the "Journal of Commerce" of Sept. 29th, which deals with the question of presentation of cheques drawn on German banks. You add that in the article referred to, it is said that the German banks have instructions not to honor cheques issued in America and payable in Germany if presented two months after issue.

In reply we beg to say that this interpretation of the matter in question is totally erroneous. The time of 60 days (not 2 months) mentioned in the article represents the legal period within which a bona fide holder of a cheque has the right of recourse against the pre-endorsers and the drawer also against the drawee, provided that a sufficient balance is existing with the latter. After the lapse of those 60 days the holder of a cheque loses that right of recourse against the pre-endorsers if the cheques remain unpaid for one reason or another. There is therefore no question of the German banks having received or issued instructions not to honor cheques issued in America and payable in Germany if presented 2 months after issue. As a fact we are paying daily quite a number of cheques which have been issued before a much longer lapse of time, examining only if the cheques are otherwise in order and advised and whether the drawer keeps still a sufficient balance with us. These periods securing the right of recourse to the holders of cheques are different according to the place of issue of the cheques; thus if drawn in Germany cheques must be presented within 10 days; if drawn in other European countries on Germany within 21 days and if drawn overseas within 60 days.

From the above it results that in some cases in which drawers or pre-endorsers do not offer a sufficient security it may have been useful to call the attention to that period of 60 days, but if you are of opinion that the warning given in the "Journal of Commerce" had an unfavorable effect on legitimate transactions we should feel obliged to you if you would give a necessary explanation to the editor and to induce him to rectify the statement as far as necessary.

We trust that you will now fully understand the matter but hold ourselves with pleasure at your disposal for any additional information you might desire.

We remain, dear sirs,

Yours very truly,

DRESDNER BANK.

HEARINGS ON REPRESENTATIVE McFADDEN'S BILL TO REPEAL REPURCHASING CLAUSE OF PITTMAN SILVER ACT.

Hearings were begun on Jan 12 by the House Banking and Currency Committee on the bill (H. R. 11226) introduced on Dec. 16 by Representative McFadden of Pennsylvania to amend the Pittman Silver Act of April 23 1911 and to reduce the standard of our subsidiary silver coin from 90 to 80%. The proposed measure was referred to at length in our issue of Dec. 20, page 2313. With the opening of the hearings before the House committee this week Mr. McFadden, a member of the committee and author of the bill, explained the purposes of his bill and the Pittman Act. He said that Act authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to melt or break up three hundred million standard silver dollars, sell the product as bullion, and re-purchase a like amount of silver bullion at \$1 an ounce. Mr. McFadden declared:

My bill amends the Pittman Act by requiring that all our standard silver dollars shall be melted and sold as bullion and repeats the re-purchase clause.

The phenomenal rise in the price of silver from 48½ cents an ounce in 1915 to \$1.37½ in 1919, has caused our standard silver dollar, worth only 37 cents in 1915, to be worth \$1.06½ in gold in 1919, and the silver dollar, being worth more as bullion than as coin, has driven itself out of circulation by the operation of the inexorable law announced by Sir Thomas Gresham, the financial adviser of Queen Elizabeth. Gresham announced that "Money of less value drives out money of more value." This law applies to the "bimetallic" or so-called double standard of value as well as to worn coins. As our gold dollar, at the coinage ratio of 1 to 16 with silver, is now less valuable than the standard silver dollar, the cheaper gold dollar has driven the more valuable silver dollar out of circulation. So here is a twentieth century proof of the fallacy of "bimetalism."

We had the very same experience in 1852, following the discovery of gold in California, when all our silver change money was melted up and the public had to use postage stamps for change. At that time our subsidiary silver coins—dimes, quarters and halves—were the alioquoit part of the standard silver dollar. Congress relieved that situation by enacting on Feb. 21 1853 our present subsidiary silver coinage law, which reduced their weight by 7% and sustained their parity with gold by Government credit. When silver is worth \$1.29 an ounce, it is profitable to silver-smiths and silver exporters to melt full weight standard silver dollars; and when silver is worth \$1.38 an ounce, it is profitable to them to melt our full weight subsidiary coins, of which we have more than two hundred million dollars out. To prevent the inconvenience experienced by us in 1852, when we lost all our change money, I had the bill provide that all future coinage of subsidiary silver pieces should be on an 80 instead of 90% basis. The Holland Government has already proposed a bill to recoin their silver on an 80% basis, and Canada contemplates similar action.

In the debate in the Senate on the Pittman bill it was shown that silver, under ordinary labor conditions, could be produced at a profit of 50 cents an ounce, yet the Pittman Act requires the Government to repurchase a like amount of silver at \$1 an ounce. It is my purpose to repeal this vicious clause of the Pittman Act.

E. P. PASSMORE, OF PHILADELPHIA FEDERAL RESERVE BANK ON CONTRACTION OF UNNECESSARY CREDIT.

In a circular issued under date of Jan. 6 to the officers of banking institutions in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District, E. P. Passmore, Governor of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank, pointed out the duty resting upon them of taking advantage of the more plentiful supply of money in circulation at the first of the year, "to bring about orderly liquidation of bank loans in order that the reserve position in this district may be materially strengthened." We give the circular in full herewith:

The distribution of dividends, incomes and other accumulations of money which takes place at the first of the year, normally brings increased reserves and easier money conditions. Therefore, it seems an appropriate time to bring to the attention of the officers of banks the great opportunity they now have to perform an important public service; in fact, a real duty lies upon them to take advantage of such more plentiful supply of money to bring about orderly liquidation of bank loans in order that the reserve position in this district may be materially strengthened.

Money rates are such as to tempt continued expansion of loans of a speculative character, and we therefore appeal to your sense of patriotic duty to forego for the time being the natural desire for increased earnings, and lend your potent influence to the exclusion of loans of questionable propriety, so that banking institutions generally may be able to maintain a strong position to meet the unusual legitimate demands likely to be made upon them.

While the Treasury Department is coming to be less and less of a predominant factor in the money market, the calls for assistance in the restoration of Europe are insistent, and for humanitarian reasons, as well as for our own economic welfare, bring the obligation to economize in our own consumption and expenditure, in order that we may render effective help.

The problem ahead of us, although different in character, are quite as important as those of the past, and are increasingly difficult to manage, as the concentrated control of the war period is gradually relaxed. Therefore, at the threshold of the new year, we appeal to you to contribute your full share of forward vision, clear thinking, and constructive administration, to the end that wasteful spending, reckless speculation and unnecessary credit inflation may be effectively discouraged, to the untold benefit of the general situation.

A. B. HEPBURN RE-ELECTED MEMBER OF FEDERAL ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTING NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

The directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York have re-elected A. Barton Hepburn Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Chase National Bank, to be a member of the Federal Advisory Council from the Second Federal Reserve District for the year 1920.

COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION DECLARES WE MUST LEND TO EUROPE.

The need of credit for Europe is stressed in a report of the Committee on Foreign Trade of the American Economic Association, issued at Washington on Jan. 11. The Committee contends that "for purely selfish reasons we must lend," and says that "without food and raw materials Europe may fall in chaos which may react on us." The report, which has been drawn up after a study of the foreign trade situation, is signed by David Friday of the University of Michigan, Eesley Frost of the office of Foreign Trade Adviser, State Department; A. Barton Hepburn of the Chase National Bank, Phillip B. Kennedy of the Bureau of Foreign

and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce; Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co., Jason A. Neilson of the Mercantile Bank of the Americas, J. Russell Smith of the School of Business, Columbian University; O. M. W. Sprague of the Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University; F. W. Taussig of Harvard, and Elisha M. Friedman of the War Finance Corporation. Mr. Friedman is Chairman of the Committee. The Committee observes that "the sentiment in the United States is averse to further loans by our Government; the financing of foreign trade by the Government," it says, "may lead to further inflation," and it adds that "the financing of exports through private channels can be accomplished only through savings, past or present." Investment trusts, the report says, might be established, these institutions, it continues, "would invest in foreign securities and issue their own obligations against their holdings, which might be either Government bonds, industrials of the borrowing country, or the pledged securities of a third country or of its industries." The following is what the Committee has to say on these points under the caption "The Immediate Future."

1. Europe needs credit. Europe in part is devastated and everywhere is short of goods. The war ravaged countries need food and machinery. But even the neutrals need raw materials. Without food and raw materials Europe may fall in chaos which may react upon us, industrially and perhaps politically. Europe must have goods and to get them she needs our credit.

But for purely selfish reasons we must lend. In order to balance our international debits and credits, the courses before us are to curtail exports, increase imports or to lend. Reduction of our exports seems inevitable. However, to curtail our foreign sales suddenly would mean stagnation of industry and consequent unemployment in many lines, although in some cases the satisfaction of demands at home deferred during the war would absorb the slack in production as prices decline. We cannot at present buy more, for Europe has less to sell now than before the war. As a temporary expedient the course open to us is to lend. For the economic welfare of the country credits of some sort must be advanced in order to move American goods.

2. The supply of short term credit. Some European statesmen thought that they could borrow from America sufficient funds to restore the devastation quickly. Unfortunately that is not the case. The credit needed is of two kinds, long term and short term. The neutrals and the belligerents not devastated by the war will not need long term credit to any great extent. The machinery for supplying short term credit for exports consists of the facilities afforded by the Federal Reserve system. However, should a scarcity of short term credit for exporters arise there are untapped reserves in the discount houses which may accept drafts up to several times their capital. To a great extent these institutions would relieve the banks of deposit of the risk of too heavy commitments on account of foreign acceptance liabilities in addition to their ordinary commercial risks. Several of these have been established.

3. The supply of long term credit. Six months' credit, even with a renewal, would hardly provide for the needs of countries in which factories and even cities will have to be rebuilt and re-equipped.

(a). Government Advances.—During the war the United States Government made advances to other Governments to the extent of about \$10,000,000,000. These advances cease with the proclamation of peace. The sentiment in the United States is averse to further loans by our Government. Our Government has a floating debt of over three billions. This is a revolving debt and is responsible in part for the inflation of prices and the high cost of living. The Government could loan to Europe by issuing more bonds. Congress would hardly authorize such loans and the public would hardly take such loans if authorized. Conceivably conditions in Europe might compel a change of sentiment in the United States. The evils of inflation may be less menacing than industrial debility in Europe attended perhaps by political disturbances.

(b). Indirect Government Aid.—The United States has, however, undertaken to aid the exporter indirectly, through the War Finance Corporation, which may make advances to the extent of \$1,000,000,000 for periods of not exceeding five years, to exporters or bankers upon the promissory note of the borrower. However, the difficulty inherent in the Act under which the War Finance Corporation operates is that while the country as a whole benefits by the export of goods, the burden of the present unusual risk is placed entirely upon the exporter. Nevertheless the facilities of the Corporation are being utilized.

(c). Private Means.—The financing of foreign trade by the Government may lead to further inflation. The financing of exports through private channels can be accomplished only through savings, past or present. The alternatives of war financing, namely, inflation versus savings, face us again during the transition. Possibly the gravity of the after-war situation may compel a compromise as in war time between these two methods of financing.

The member banks of the Federal Reserve system have been permitted to invest 5% of their capital and surplus in subsidiary corporations engaged in the financing of foreign trade. The Edge Law would authorize the establishment and incorporation under Federal charter of companies to engage in international financial operations under the supervision of the Federal Reserve Board.

Investment trusts might be established. These institutions would invest in foreign securities and issue their own obligations against their holdings, which might be either Government bonds, industrials of the borrowing country, or the pledged securities of a third country or of its industries. Finally, the listing on the stock exchanges in the United States of outstanding foreign securities, under proper restrictions and with adequate safeguards of the American investors, would help greatly in accelerating the flow of trade.

(d) The Essentials of an Acceptable Foreign Security.—If advances are to be made to countries fiscally weak, or to industries already under heavy taxation charges, a priority of lien will be needed to assure the safety of interest and principal of the new loan as compared with the old ones. If new loans to weak countries are to be junior lien funds for Europe will be difficult to obtain.

"The rate of interest on loans to foreign Governments or industrials will have to be competitive with domestic rates. The market ability of securities based on foreign loans depends upon suitable publicity, and whether or not the public will avoid waste and gather funds for investment and whether or not they are favorably disposed toward the investments from the viewpoint of safety and adequacy of return.

"In order not to be the lone and sole creditor of the nations of Europe, the United States might raise a loan jointly with other Powers. The endorsement of the European banker and the guarantee of the foreign Government may be essential to secure the funds from American investors.

"Such credits as are granted to Europe should be devoted to industrial and not Governmental uses. They should be utilized not for meeting current Government expenses, not for the balancing of their budgets where there is lack of adequate measures of taxation and not for the artificial maintenance of their inflated currencies at parity in the exchange market. Credits should be devoted to increasing production."

Declaring that "the war has prepared the world for an inevitable League of Nations of some sort," the report says:

The war has hastened the growth of industrial self-sufficiency, the decentralization of trade and the lessened dependence upon Europe of the rest of the world. The war has hastened the disintegration, not only of political imperialism, but of commercial imperialism as well.

Decentralization is the prerequisite of federalism. In a more than superficial sense, therefore, the war has prepared the world for an inevitable league of nations of some sort. As the backward countries of the world become more industrialized, as the density of their population tends to increase by migration, the economic dominance of Europe will probably decline still further, but the interdependence of the nations of the world will increase. The process of economic decentralization will prepare for ultimate world federalism. More extensive interdependence of the nations will vitalize a league of nations.

REPORTS OF FURTHER INCREASES IN DISCOUNT RATES—NO IMMEDIATE CHANGE ACCORDING TO GOV. HARDING.

While reports have for several days been current in financial circles that the New York Federal Reserve Bank contemplated further increases in its discount rates, it was stated in Washington advices of the 15th that Governor Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, indicated on that date that the Board does not contemplate any immediate increase in discount rates. These advices also said that there is a disposition on the part of the Federal Reserve Board to await action of the forthcoming Clearing House conference to be held in Chicago the latter part of the month, before any action is taken by the Federal Reserve Board in changing the present level of discount rates.

Governor Harding, it is said, scouted the report that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York had dispatched a recommendation to the Board that another increase in discount rates be ordered. Governor Harding declared that he has been in constant communication with the New York Bank and that no mention of such a letter had been made in his conversation with officials of the New York Federal Reserve Bank.

In its issue yesterday (Jan. 16) "Financial America" published the following Washington dispatch:

Reports received by the Federal Reserve Board and the Treasury Department as to the reaction of the recent advance in rediscount rates, initiated for the purpose of discouraging unbridled speculation, do not indicate that this aim has been fully accomplished. Officials admit that, while the effect of the rediscount rate increase has been most marked upon legitimate business transactions, funds are being used about as freely as ever for speculative purposes.

That the problem of speculation has assumed decidedly serious proportions, which in no way have been appreciably lessened by recent Federal Reserve Board action, is the firm belief of many officials here, who have been giving close study to the problem. In view of the high rates being paid for money for speculative purposes, the wide margin of profit and loss for which allowance is made in these transactions, and the attraction held out for "market money," it is the opinion of officials that, whatever additional advances in rediscount rates are approved, or whatever other steps are taken to reduce speculation, will fall as a heavy burden upon legitimate business, but passed by unnoticed in speculative operations.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE PROTESTS AGAINST ADVANCE IN RESERVE BANK DISCOUNT RATES.

In Kansas City advices Jan. 14 the "Wall Street Journal" said:

Kansas City Live Stock Exchange has forwarded to Secretary of the Treasury Glass a protest against the advances in rediscount rates of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City on live stock paper to 5½ and 6%. The protest asserts that production will be discouraged.

President E. W. Houx of the Exchange asserts that the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City is following the wrong policy in raising rates on live stock loans in an endeavor to bring about deflation, main aim being that outstanding loans on cattle cannot be liquidated in a majority of instances at this time.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA RESTRAINED FROM ENFORCING PAR CLEARANCE RULING.

An injunction, restraining the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta from putting into effect (so far as it affects non-member banks) its ruling that all State banks shall exchange all checks at par, was granted yesterday (Jan. 16) by Judge Ellis of the Superior Court at Atlanta. Arguments will be heard Jan. 24. The injunction was granted in response to pleas of the Georgia Country Bankers' Association, which at a meeting held at Atlanta on Dec. 30 adopted resolutions protesting against the action of the Federal Reserve Bank; these resolutions in part said:

Resolved, First, we deplore this action of the Federal Reserve Bank in attempting to place all banks of the sixth Federal Reserve District upon its par list;

Second, That such action upon their part if accomplished will upset an economic principle heretofore acknowledged as just and fair to the country banks of this section; furthermore, affect seriously a legitimate source of profit and offer nothing in return for this sacrifice upon the part of the small banks situated throughout the agricultural districts of Georgia;

Third, We further deplore the announced intention of the Federal Reserve Bank as contained in their letter Dec. 22 1919, in which they state that upon our failure to submit to the enforced par clearance of our checks that they will employ methods which will be expensive, embarrassing and annoying to our institutions and to our customers, such coercive methods are both hostile and repugnant to the principles of democracy and freedom as proclaimed and defended by our Government not only by our fathers and forefathers, but more recently upon the battlefields of France.

Fourth, We regard with grave concern this contemplated action upon the part of the Federal Reserve Bank to usurp the rights, powers and privileges guaranteed us under our State charters and by the spirit (might makes right) enforce upon us nationalization or federalized control.

Fifth, That it is the settled conviction of the State banks of Georgia, here assembled, that it is the imperative duty of all such banks to defend with every expedient available against this threatened invasion of their vested rights and revenues and the vital interests of their customers and communities:

NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION APPROVES AMENDMENT AFFECTING INTEREST ON BALANCES.

At a meeting of the New York Clearing House Association yesterday afternoon (Jan. 16) an amendment to the constitution bearing on the interest rate on balances, whereby the maximum is fixed at 2¼% was adopted. The Clearing House issued the following statement relative to its action:

The Clearing House Committee recommended the adoption of the amendment in view of the request of the Federal Reserve Board, which had the approval of the delegates from clearing houses all over the country at the recent conference held with the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, that there should be no increase in the interest rate paid on balances and that the maximum rate to be paid under Clearing House regulations should not increase with an increase in the Federal Reserve bank discount rate for ninety-day paper beyond a maximum of 2¼%.

The following is the amendment proposed by the Clearing House Committee on the 15th and approved by the members of the Clearing House yesterday:

(Words constituting proposed amendment printed in italics.)

ARTICLE XI—INTEREST ON DEPOSITS; EXCHANGE CHARGES TO BE PAID BY MEMBERS, &c.

Sec. 1. No member of this Association, or bank or trust company or others clearing through any member, shall agree to pay, directly or indirectly, on any credit balance payable on demand or within thirty days, or certificate of deposit so payable, by its terms, issued to or for the account of any bank (other than a mutual savings bank located in the Second Federal Reserve District), trust company or other institution conducting a banking business, or private banker or bankers, located in the United States or Dominion of Canada, interest at a rate in excess of 1% per annum when the then ninety-day discount rate for commercial paper at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is 2% or less, and an additional one-fourth of one per cent for every one-half of one per cent that such discount rate as the Federal Reserve bank shall exceed two per cent except that the maximum rate paid or agreed to be paid on any such credit balance or certificate of deposit shall not in any case be higher than *two and one-quarter* per cent per annum; nor shall any member, or non-member clearing through a member, pay or agree to pay on any like credit balance of, or like certificate of deposit issued to, any mutual savings bank located in the Second Federal Reserve District or any person, persons, co-partnership, corporation or association, other than those specified and included above, interest at a higher rate than three per cent per annum; nor on any time deposit, or certificate of deposit payable by its terms later than thirty days from the date thereof, at a higher rate than three and one-half per cent per annum. The foregoing provisions are not intended to apply to the account of, or any certificate of deposit issued to, any person or persons residing and transacting business in any foreign country other than the Dominion of Canada, or to any corporation, association or co-partnership organized and located therein nor to affect such interest rates as are or may be fixed or regulated by law.

Under the amendment in force since April 1918 the maximum rate has been 3%. The change follows the conference held last week in Washington at the instance of the Federal Reserve Board, details of which were given in our issue of Saturday last, page 123. A further conference in the matter is to be held in Chicago on Jan. 23.

CLOSING OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO TREASURY CERTIFICATES SERIES T, D, 1920.

Secretary of the Treasury Glass announced on Jan. 15 that subscriptions for the issue of Treasury certificates Series T, D, 1920, dated Jan. 2 1920, maturing Dec. 15 1920, would be closed on the 16th inst. The certificates of this series bear interest at the rate of 4¾%. The offering was referred to in our issue of Jan. 3, page 32.

SECRETARY GLASS URGES CREDITS OF \$150,000,000 THROUGH GRAIN CORPORATION IN BEHALF OF AUSTRIA, POLAND AND ARMENIA.

A recommendation for the enactment by Congress of legislation under which the United States Grain Corporation would be "empowered to purchase, sell and deliver food and relief supplies for Europe up to the amount of \$150,000,000 and that for the supplies so furnished credit may be extended by the Grain Corporation" is made in a communi-

cation addressed by Secretary of the Treasury Glass to the House Ways and Means Committee on Jan. 10. In a previous letter to Representative Fordney, Chairman of the committee (referred to in our issue of Dec. 27, page 2402), Secretary Glass had called attention to the urgency of supplying food on credit for European countries which are suffering a lack of food. In his advices to the committee on the 10th he stated that he was of the opinion "from the information so far obtainable, that a minimum of \$125,000,000 and a maximum of \$200,000,000 would suffice to supply the portion of relief to be assumed by this Government, provided Congress should grant the necessary authorization to participate in alleviating this serious and desperate situation." The countries in whose behalf the appeal is made by Secretary Glass are Poland, Austria and Armenia; in the case of Poland the minimum grain requirements are placed at 300,000 tons, at a cost of approximately \$50,000,000; the total estimated requirements for Austrian relief are placed at \$100,000,000, but, Secretary Glass says, "the British participation should reduce the amount of relief to be supplied from the United States to Austria to about \$70,000,000;" as to Armenia he states that "it has been estimated that a bare minimum program of 7,500 tons of flour, together with other necessities amounting to \$500,000 will be required to meet the situation." He adds, however, that "as there are private charitable funds available for Armenia, it is probable that the amount of relief which the U. S. Government would be called upon to furnish to Armenia would not exceed \$1,000,000." The amount involved in meeting the requirements for furnishing supplies to other sections of Europe is estimated by Mr. Glass at \$25,000,000. The conditions in the respective countries are summarized as follows by Secretary Glass in his letter to the committee:

Poland.

According to the best information obtainable, the minimum grain requirement necessary to carry Poland until the next harvest, and which cannot be filled anywhere but in the United States, is 300,000 tons. This deficiency is due to a partial failure of the wheat crop and to a lack of fuel for threshing. Poland is at present living under a hand-to-mouth regime, which can be remedied only by a steady flow of imports from the only available surplus stocks of food, namely, those in the United States.

The potato crop, which is the staple food of the poorer classes, has been destroyed by frosts to the extent of 50% in many districts, as it is impossible properly to care for potatoes in transit. Due to delays in transportation, Poland has been unable to procure clothing since the beginning of the war, and the result is that during the past five years practically all clothing has been worn out and practically all clothing has not yet been replaced.

The food situation in Poland is so serious that the European Children's Relief Fund has felt obliged to loan Poland small quantities of flour from the stocks intended for child feeding. The assistance to the children of Poland rendered through this fund, which feeds 1,300,000 children daily, is claimed by its administrators to have been a powerful means of averting revolutions up to this time, and the failure of the Polish Government properly to ration its adult population has already caused demonstrations by the Reds in Warsaw. The cost of supplying the 300,000-ton grain minimum would be approximately \$50,000,000. It is possible that a portion of this requirement may be met through private charity, and that the British Government may be able to supply some tonnage for the transportation of this grain from the United States. In so far as this outside aid is received, the assistance to be furnished by the United States would be diminished.

Austria.

In Austria the acute misery and suffering are probably greater than in Poland. Two-tenths only of the present Austrian State are self-supporting in food, and the remaining eight-tenths, even before the war, produced food to supply themselves for six months of the year at most, and were dependent for the remaining six months upon importations. Consequently, the situation to-day, especially in Vienna, has become exceedingly grave, due to a shortage of coal and food. There is every indication that unless some relief is afforded immediately the population cannot withstand the strain of conditions that are already well-nigh intolerable.

Coal and food rations for domestic consumption have been reduced below a safety minimum and it is only a question of days before existing stocks will be exhausted, when even the present reduced rations will become impossible unless new supplies are obtained. Already the forests in the neighborhood of Vienna are being cut down for fuel, as are also many of the wooden dwellings. Famine riots have broken out in some Austrian towns during the last months and, although the population of Vienna has shown admirable patience, this city and large parts of Austria are faced with the danger of a complete breakdown, which, according to the Chancellor, Dr. Renner, must unavoidably occur by the end of January unless outside assistance is obtained.

What the effect of a general social breakdown in Austria would be can, of course, only be conjectured. That it would be confined to Austria, however, seems highly improbable, and if it spread to Germany, Poland and possibly all of Europe the result would be no less than a general disintegration of political cohesion in Western Europe. Such an event would be fraught with the most serious consequences for the United States, and would certainly leave in its wake severe suffering and thousands of deaths among the poorer classes of the people.

The British Government has definitely proposed to join to the extent of its ability with the United States Government in furnishing relief to Austria. The British Government has explained, however, that with the present depreciation in its exchange, it could not supply dollars for the purchase of food in the United States, but it can no doubt supply the requisite tonnage and some relief supplies obtainable in the United Kingdom. The total estimated requirements for Austrian relief are \$100,000,000, but the British participation should reduce the amount of relief to be supplied from the United States to Austria to about \$70,000,000.

Armenia.

Although the population of Armenia is small, the situation there is desperate, and the winter season will see many deaths unless adequate food, medical supplies and clothing are received from outside sources. It has been

estimated that a bare minimum program of 7,500 tons of flour, together with other necessities amounting to \$500,000 monthly, will be required to meet the situation, and if deliveries are not maintained after the severe winter sets in, orphanages will close and great numbers of deaths will result. At present there are 700,000 destitute people being kept alive by this program and partial aid is being furnished to many others.

As there are private charitable funds available for Armenia, it is probable that the amount of relief which the United States Government would be called upon to furnish to Armenia would not exceed \$1,000,000. In addition to the three above-mentioned countries or territories where the requirements are most urgent, it may be necessary to furnish some supplies to other sections of Europe (outside the boundaries of Germany) where the situation is not now so desperate, but where food supplies will be required to carry them through until the next harvest. It is estimated that \$25,000,000 would suffice for this purpose.

In conclusion Secretary Glass said:

In conclusion I may say that while it is impossible now to estimate definitely just what will be required, I am of the opinion, from the information so far obtainable, that a minimum of \$125,000,000 and a maximum of \$200,000,000 would suffice to supply the portion of relief to be assumed by this Government, provided Congress should grant the necessary authorization to participate in alleviating this serious and desperate situation.

As any reliefs undertaken, so far as concerns the United States, would be primarily a question of supplying food, and as it is advisable that the purchases of food for Europe should be handled and co-ordinated in such a manner as not to increase the prices of food in the United States, I am recommending in the proposed legislation that the United States Grain Corporation be empowered to purchase, sell and deliver food and relief supplies for Europe up to the amount of \$150,000,000 and that for the supplies so furnished credit may be extended by the Grain Corporation. If this amount proves insufficient to meet the minimum requirements, the Treasury will again submit the matter to Congress for such action as it may deem expedient.

Norman Davis, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, who appeared before the Committee on the 10th in support of the appeal of Secretary Glass, had the following to say in urging the suggested credits:

The United States has a surplus of food and is the only nation that can prevent the famine. Great Britain in a formal note to the United States has promised to co-operate to the full extent of its ability, which probably will be mainly in supplying ships to transport the supplies, as Great Britain, France and Italy already have lent Austria \$48,000,000.

The condition in Austria is so desperate that she is willing to mortgage her forests, the tobacco monopoly, the water power facilities, and even the collection of customs, to obtain food. The Treasury does not believe that customs should be taken because it would cause great delay to economic rehabilitation. Vienna has 2,500,000 people, and it is probable that many of these will have to leave because the surrounding country, since the separation of Hungary, will not support them. Poland deserves help because she is rendering great service to the world fighting the Bolsheviks.

SECRETARY GLASS APPEALS TO BANKERS FOR CONTINUED CO-OPERATION IN WAR SAVINGS SECURITIES SALES.

Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass, in a special message to the bankers of the United States, transmitted through the current issue of the "Journal of the American Bankers' Association," the official publication of the organization, makes an appeal for the continued co-operation of the banks in acting as agents for the sale of war savings securities. The Secretary lays particular stress on the desirability of having the banks urge the attractiveness of Government securities as investments. The statement says, in part:

With the issuance of 1920 Savings securities—Thrift and War Savings stamps and certificates and Treasury Savings certificates—the agency regulations for the distribution and sale of these securities have been simplified and it is believed made more attractive. The wide and possible extension of the agency organization among the incorporated banks and trust companies is greatly desired. It is felt that, especially with the termination of the selling methods which characterized the war-time "drives" and the greater emphasis at present on the desirability of the securities from the investment standpoint, the banking institutions of the country, with the Post Offices, are the logical agencies for the sale of these securities. The bank or trust company officer, especially, can be very helpful in encouraging investment in Government securities because of the constant recourse which is naturally made to him by those seeking sound investment for their surplus funds. It is hoped that not only will the desirability of Government securities be stressed, but that the banking institutions will, as agents for the War Savings securities, lend the additional co-operation of offering the securities for purchase. Application of appointment as agents should be addressed to the Governor of the Federal Reserve bank of your district.

The Government savings movement has two objects—first, to stimulate saving and investment in the War Savings securities, and, second, to develop and protect the secondary market for the Liberty and Victory loans and Treasury certificates of indebtedness. In connection with the second object also the banks and trust companies of the country can obviously be of the greatest assistance. They can by advice and counsel promote the holding and purchase of Government securities and offer facilities for their purchase or sale under proper conditions. Such service meets two present needs—first, to protect inexperienced investors from the swindling schemes of fraudulent stock vendors who are profiting by the present tendency to reckless speculation, and, second, to provide such investors with reputable means, readily accessible, for purchase or sale of Liberty bonds and Victory notes upon fair terms.

At present too many of this new investing public fall into the clutches of the scalper or the "investment company" of dubious reputation and devious business methods. More energy by the banking institutions in these directions should among other results have the consequence of securing the desired distribution among ultimate investors of Government obligations now held by the banks.

It is hardly necessary for to observe that present-day conditions offer unmatched opportunity for the expansion of banking development and usefulness, and I am sure you will appreciate the advantages in this regard involves in the suggestions for further co-operation with the Treasury in the particulars I have instanced. These suggestions reiterate the appeal for your co-operation in meeting the financing task the war has left us, and I know that now, as in the days of the war, you will lend willing and enthusiastic aid.

DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE PEACE TREATY.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16 1920.

The Peace Treaty is occupying a prominent place in the minds of Senators, and progress is being made on the question of a compromise. On Wednesday a conference between informal Committees of Republicans and Democrats who are prominent in the effort to reach a compromise on the Treaty was arranged. Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, and Senators New of Indiana, Lenroot of Wisconsin, and Kellogg of Minnesota met with Senators Hitchcock, Owen and several other Democratic Senators. This conference was arranged by Senator Owen; but nothing definite was done further than to discuss the substitute formed by Senator Colt of Rhode Island for Article 10 of the treaty and who is a member of the mild reservationists group which substitute declares that Congress has the sole power to declare war and that the United States will assume no territorial obligations nor interfere in any controversies between nations unless in any particular case Congress should authorize intervention. Monday and Tuesday conferences were held on the substitute offered by Senator King, but nothing much was accomplished. Senator Underwood of Alabama is making progress in getting the various Senators together for the purpose of exchanging views. William Jennings Bryan spent Wednesday afternoon in several conferences on the Senate side.

Senator Owen of Oklahoma had several conferences at his residence last week, the result of which has been a program of compromise reservations to be submitted to the Republicans by him Friday and Saturday of this week, and at a Sunday afternoon informal conference.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN ON 1920 ISSUES.

The declarations of William Jennings Bryan on the 1920 issues were contained in an interview which a staff correspondent of the Baltimore "Sun" had with him at Miami, Fla. Mr. Bryan's views as thus enunciated, were published in the "Sun" (Baltimore) of January 7 from which we take the following:

"What do you think, Mr. Bryan, of the call from various quarters for a business man for President?"

"I don't think the people are so much interested in the man's occupation as they are in his attitude on public questions. The greatest difficulty about a business man candidate is that the man who talk about such a candidate would not recognize any man as available except a big business man, and how many big business men have records on public questions that will commend them to the voters? What big business man has such a record? As a rule the big business men have been against the reforms that the people have carried through, and no candidate need be considered who is not a leader of the people."

Definition of "Leader."

"What do you mean by a leader of the people?"

"I do not know of any better definition than that given by Governor Oglesby of Illinois. He defined a leader as 'one who is going in the same direction the people are going and a little bit ahead.' In a democracy those lead who propose the best means of securing what the people want. No objection will be made to a business man because he is a business man, but his attitude on governmental business will receive more consideration than any success which he has achieved in his private business."

Mr. Bryan's insistence upon progressivism, and yet more progressivism; his refusal to discuss the men ofenest mentioned for President; and his statements that the candidate must fit the platform, and that the fight in each convention will be between the best representative of progressivism and the best representative of reactionarism—these circumstances may suggest that he has his eye fixed intently upon the Democratic nomination and is prepared to make a fourth try for the Presidency 24 years after his first.

Attitude on Candidacy.

But the impression gathered from talking with Mr. Bryan is very strongly to the contrary. He does not talk like a candidate, when issues are being discussed. He certainly does not use the soft pedal, as is candidatorially conventional. He seems more interested in things than in men on th whole. And, when he is not talking for publication, he has a delightful humor about his experiences as a Presidential candidate that seems far removed from the notion many people have that he lies awake at nights dreaming of his defeats and of the hour when he may win the long-sought prize. He would say about his own connection with the campaign nothing further than this:

"All that I am in politics I owe to the people—to the common people, who ask no favors from the Government, but seek simple justice. I owe them an obligation that I can never fully repay, and they can rely upon me every year while I live, every day in the year and every hour in the day, to protect them from their enemies, whether those enemies be in the Republican party, the Democratic party or any other party. That is my fixed purpose, from which I shall not turn for any personal considerations.

"I shall gladly support the most bitter personal enemy I have, if I believe him to be a friend of the people, and I shall oppose the best friend I have, if I believe him to be an enemy of the people. My obligation is to the mass, not to individuals.

"I want to see our Government the world's greatest moral leader, working through the League of Nations to prevent war, and I want to see our Government solve all of its problems with an eye single to the people's welfare. Popular government is the means through which the people can best protect their rights and promote their welfare. They can be trusted to decide every question right when they understand it. Therefore I want the Government put into their hands and every voter informed in order that truth may triumph speedily."

"Upon what line will the campaign be projected?" he was asked.

"It is some six months yet before the convention meets, and a great deal may happen in that time. Things may happen which will materially affect

the line of battle. To illustrate: The treaty is not yet ratified; failure to ratify would make the treaty a very prominent if not the dominant issue. If it is ratified the political situation will be very decidedly changed, and no one can tell which party will benefit the more by ratification until the basis of ratification is known.

As to League Delegates.

"If ratified it brings up a new group of questions, upon which the Republican party will have to take a position. If we are to be a part of the League of Nations, how shall our delegates be selected?"

"Have you expressed yourself on this subject?"

"Yes, I think they ought to be elected by popular vote in five districts, so that each section will be represented by a delegate of its own choosing. These delegates will occupy a position of influence next in importance to the President. They will give expression to our nation's conscience on the subject of peace and international relations. They should be the choice of the people and not the favorites of the executive, or the successful contestants in Congressional logrolling."

"Do you think the question of universal military training will be an issue?"

"There will be several questions of that class, the two most important being universal military training and a referendum on war. It seems to me that the tide is turning strongly against universal military training; and, with woman's suffrage, I believe a referendum on war is sure to come. That is the first element of uncertainty in the situation.

"Second, the Republican party having a majority in both Houses, must have a program, and the program will have a great deal to do with the shaping of the issues. The Republican party is divided into two parties, reactionary and progressive. A majority of the leaders are reactionary; a majority of the voters are progressive. Which element will shape their legislative program? Anyone who can answer the question can guess with some accuracy as to the Republican position in the national campaign, for the party will have to indorse the record made by a Republican Congress.

"But the Republicans will not have the field to themselves. The Democrats form a strong minority in the House and the Republican margin in the Senate is so small that a bolt by a few Republican progressives can prevent the enactment of a reactionary measure unless—"

"Unless what, Mr. Bryan?"

"Unless the reactionary Republicans are able to get enough reactionary Democrats to offset the progressive defection."

"Can they?"

"I hope not," replied Mr. Bryan, his eyes narrowing.

"Can't you use a stronger word?"

"Not truthfully."

"What difficult questions will the Republican party have to meet?"

"The most difficult question is the one involving the conflict between private monopoly and Government ownership. This question is the underlying issue in the railway question, the telegraph question and the telephone question.

Corporate Interests Strong.

"The railroads were very active in the campaign of 1918. They were, I think, the most active single element. They stole a march on the people and elected a Republican Senate and House in which the corporate influence is very strong. The railroad interests are tied up with the banking interests and the trusts, and these three together control nearly all the big newspapers, and these papers have been busy trying to create sentiment against Government ownership. The people have no chance whatever to get at the truth.

"As a matter of fact, the Government had to take over the railroads because they broke down under private management. The Government was able to conduct them when private ownership could not. Surely, this is a fact that ought to be considered in weighing the relative advantages of the two policies. Then, too, it must be remembered that the experiment of Government ownership has been tried with the management of the roads in the hands of the old officials who want Government ownership to fail. This is a fact that cannot be ignored in any fair discussion of the subject.

Believes in a Government Official Bulletin with Editorial Space Divided Between the Two Parties.

"I only refer to this as an illustration of the helplessness of the public in the discussion of an economic question when great financial interests are on one side and the unorganized, uninformed public on the other. The public will some day rebel against the newspaper situation and insist that a Government which consults the people as a source of power is in duty bound to see to it that the people are informed as to the issues upon which they are called to act."

"What remedy do you propose?"

"A Government bulletin, not a newspaper, but an official bulletin, containing the issues as presented by legislative and executive action, with editorial space divided between the two parties and used for the presentation of the arguments pro and con."

"How are the parties lined up on the railroad question as you see the situation?"

"The Republican leaders are strongly in favor of private ownership. The Democratic party is divided. For 20 years the Democratic platforms have declared that private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable, but as the proposition was not applied specifically to the railroads, a great many railroad attorneys were elected to the House and Senate, who are not free to apply the doctrine as against railroad monopoly. It is probable that the Republican party will come out strongly on the private ownership side, while the reactionaries in the Democratic party will try to dodge the question."

"Will they be able to dodge?"

"That is prophecy, and the situation is not developed sufficiently to make it safe to predict."

For Government Ownership.

"What is your own position on the subject?"

"I believe in Government ownership of all monopoly; that is, wherever competition is impossible, the monopoly must belong to the Government, and not to private individuals, but I think the ownership should be by the Governmental unit best able to administer the monopoly for the public welfare. For instance, city waterworks and lighting plants and telephone exchanges should be owned by the cities. The telegraph lines and long-distance telephone lines should be owned by the Federal Government and operated in connection with the Post Office Department. In the matter of railroads, I believe that the Federal Government should own a trunk line system, reaching into every State, and that the State should own and operate the local lines—the distributing radii."

Mr. Bryan digressed at this point to say that he thought hi-hway development should be on the same idea. He is in favor of what he termed "a great peaceway," constructed by the Federal Government and leading into every State. He thinks the States should supplement the enterprise of the Federal Government by extending the national highway system, on a smaller scale, into all the counties; and that, on a still smaller scale the counties should extend the system into all the precincts. He would have

the Federal enterprise called "the peaceway," in celebration of the return of peace, and for its psychologic effect upon the millions of people who would use the roads.

Profiteering Hard to Stop.

"But the public ownership question is not the only economic issue," Mr. Bryan was reminded, after he had expressed his views as to highway development.

"By no means," he said quickly. "Profiteering will demand attention, but here too, you will find the same difficulty. It has been impossible, so far, to secure effective machinery for the prevention of profiteering, because the profiteers control the newspapers. They do the advertising. Read the editorials and you will find that a great deal of space is now being given to the defense, but not of the profiteer, but of the commercial class which does the profiteering. The middleman has an influence far beyond his numbers, and there is a class consciousness that binds all predatory interests together."

"How are you going to reach these evils?"

"There is no panacea. The popularizing of government is the most fundamental remedy. For 25 years we have been making progress toward more and more popular government. We had first the adoption of the Australian ballot. That was intended to enable the voter to vote as he pleased. Then came the election of Senators by the people. This made the Senate more responsive to the popular will. Along with the popular election of Senators came the primary, which lessened the power of the boss. Then the rules of the House were changed, so that the power of the Speaker was curtailed. Next will come a cloture rule in the Senate that will enable a majority to close debate and proceed to a vote.

Initiative and Referendum.

"And most important of all the initiative and referendum is growing. I regard the adoption of the initiative and referendum as the next great constitutional reform after woman suffrage. To understand the progressiveness of this period, one need only enumerate the three constitutional reforms already accomplished—popular election of Senators, income tax and prohibition; the one nearing completion—woman suffrage—and the next one on the list, direct legislation through the initiative and referendum. When we began our fight for the initiative and referendum in Nebraska, nearly 24 years ago, it was ridiculed, and the East continued to laugh at it until Massachusetts adopted it. But, with such States as Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and California now employing the initiative and referendum, the conservatives will have to recognize it as one of the coming changes."

"You mean, Mr. Bryan, that it will become a part of the Constitution?"

"Any general principle of government which sweeps the States becomes, soon or late, a part of the Federal Government. Note the illustration. The States began to nominate their United States Senators by primaries, and each man so nominated, when elected, became an advocate of popular election. Prohibition spread in the same way and woman suffrage is traveling by the same method. The initiative and referendum, regarded as one reform, follows."

Reduction of Taxation.

The theory that a larger and larger measure of popular government is the fundamental remedy for the ills that bear down upon the people had warned Mr. Bryan. It carried him back to his first fights, and his enthusiasm mounted high. At the close of the discussion, that much more immediate means of relief—less taxation—was brought up.

"The question of taxation, always important, is now acute," said Mr. Bryan, "because pressure will be brought to bear in favor of a reduction in taxation. How shall the reduction be made? Already there is a propaganda in favor of beginning the reduction at the top—that is, in favor of reducing the taxes on large incomes more rapidly than on small, not because such reduction is just, but because the big taxpayers are influential. The big newspapers are singing the same song on this subject—namely, that big taxes on business are largely responsible for the high cost of living, the tax being transferred to consumer.

"But wait until the Senators and Representatives go back to their constituents. They will not find it easy to explain favors to those who make excess profits, when the public learns, as it is learning, that many soft coal companies made enormous profits during the war. They will not indorse the demand for reduction of taxes on these profits. Several coal companies made over 1,000%—that is, in one year they made a profit of more than ten times the amount invested in their business. The records seem to show that more millionaires were created in the United States during the last five years than in all the previous history of the country. Any partiality shown to war-made fortunes will be resented by the mass of the people, who, under the impulse of patriotism, were straining every nerve to support the Government in its gigantic task.

"I think," observed Mr. Bryan, leaning back in his seat, "that these matters I have mentioned are enough to prove that the Republican party will have to meet many questions, the decision of which may have an influence upon the campaign."

Labor Question Prominent.

"What place will the labor question have in the campaign?"

"A very prominent place. I think both parties are likely to declare in favor of the doctrine of collective bargaining, which seems to be one of the issues raised, and I expect both parties to favor the investigation of all disputes before they reach the strike or lockout stage—a plan modeled after the peace treaty plan. Compulsory arbitration is not suited to our political ideas, but compulsory investigation is an entirely different thing and in perfect harmony with our theory of government. Public opinion is all-powerful, when the people know the facts. An investigation will bring out the facts."

"Would public opinion settle a strike like that of the miners or the steel workers?"

"It would do more. It would prevent a strike, if the investigation should precede. The public is the largest party at interest, and can be relied on to do justice."

DR. NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER'S PLANS FOR DEALING WITH RADICALISM.

In this annual report Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, has the following to say as to the plans of the University for the treatment of students "enamored of the cruder and more stupid forms of radicalism."

One of the notable educational advances of the year is the institution, under the Faculty of Columbia College, of a course of instruction in contemporary civilization, prescribed for all freshmen. The object of this course is to give first-year college students an outlook on the modern world, as well as a point of view that will enable them better to understand and appreciate their subsequent studies.

For those college students who are enamored of the cruder and more stupid forms of radicalism, early instruction in the facts relating to the origin and development of modern civilization and the part that time plays in building and perfecting human institutions is of the greatest value. For those college students who are afflicted with the more stubborn forms of conservatism, early appreciation of the fact that movement and development are characteristic of life and that change may be constructive as well as destructive is most desirable. The main purpose of the course is to lay a foundation for intelligent citizenship and to enable under-graduate students to prepare themselves to make decisions concerning public questions with intelligence and with conviction. It is not the purpose of this course to teach or to preach doctrine, but rather to show the movement of civilization in its great achievement of constructive progress. The content of the course is drawn not merely from history, but from economics, politics, ethics and social science.

As to charges that university teachers are "unduly radical and revolutionary," Dr. Butler says:

It is quite fashionable to attack university teachers as unduly radical and revolutionary. The truth is that the radicals and revolutionaries among them are so few that they are very conspicuous. The university teacher, on the contrary, is usually very conservative, very solid-minded, and very difficult to bring to the support of a new idea or a new project. The history of the development of any important university will amply illustrate this fact. The notion that some university professors are dangerously radical because their salaries are not large enough is more than usually uncomplimentary. Such a view pushes the economic interpretation of history pretty far. The man who will change his views on economic, historical or political subjects because his salary is doubled is made of pretty poor stuff, and the views of such a man need not trouble any one very seriously.

SHALL STRIKES RUSSIANIZE AMERICA?

[By Dr. James C. Hallock.]

In 1917 strikers overthrew the Russian Empire, the largest nation on earth except China. The next largest country is the United States of America, and here organized strikers are planning widespread disturbances.

In Russia the seizure of the government by strikers was made possible by the weakness and abdication of the Czar, the inefficiency of the Provisional Government which succeeded him, and the self-abasement of the Russian Congress, that is, the Duma. The Bolsheviks got complete control at Petrograd only after the Russian Army had been largely broken up or demoralized and the Duma silenced.

Strikers who would Russianize America could not prevent our having always a chief Executive. Unlike the Czar, each President and each Vice-President of the United States has a designated successor to replace him immediately, if necessary. Nor by any means whatever could strikers impair our military power. All that remains to Russianize is Congress. Could the organizers of strikes silence the House of Representatives or the Senate? Not this year. In short, America can save herself, and will.

The Railway Threat.

For eight months the constant threat of the Russian revolutionists was a general railway strike, which they did not resort to until just before the partisans of Lenin and Trotsky took possession of Petrograd in November 1917. Their emulators in America started off with a railway strike which was nipped in the bud.

At Washington the threat of a railway strike was made openly and directly to the chosen representatives of the American people by one of the leaders representing labor organizations with a total membership of several millions. This agent of a vast host said to the House Interstate Commerce Committee that if Congress adopted a certain plan recommended by the President of the United States to establish justice between American railways and their employees, "we will tie the railways up so tight that they will never run again." Thus he avowed the existence of an enormous plot which, if carried out, would incidentally paralyze such an essential part of our Government as the postal railway service. Congress was disgusted and the President in person, out of his own mouth, told both Houses that "there must be no threats." However, there were not only threats, but also actually a railway strike and one unauthorized by the chief plotters at Washington.

A Vital Blow.

The "unauthorized" strike of railway employees on the Pacific Coast tied up the shipment of the fruit crop and the running of the United States mail there. The Government promptly decided to exercise its entire power in operating trains where the strike had paralyzed transportation. This decision ended the strike and, in effect, arrayed the whole military strength of the United States against all strikers rioting anywhere within our borders. Opposed by such forces as the Government has at its command, unarmed mobs should not expect to accomplish much by violence.

Violent interference with traffic on roads and waterways was practiced by the robber barons of Europe for centuries. Those strikers were suppressed. Can not the United States keep the roads of this country open to the undisturbed use of our citizens? Railways are roads. Strikers stopped traffic on them in California and threatened to stop it everywhere in every State. The majority of us do not approve of letting strikers as a pleasure violently cut off the transportation of such necessary supplies as food and fuel, to say nothing of goods.

The Clayton Act.

In Russia strikers gained more by wheedling and indirection than by violence. What undid Russia was a great strike not of workmen, but of soldiers. The Boston police showed that one body of armed forces in the United States would strike. The attempt to unionize the police in the District of Columbia has brought the question of strikes up in Congress. As Massachusetts adjudged the Boston police strike mutiny and desertion punishable by dismissal, Congress may be expected to pass a law forbidding the affiliation of the Washington police with labor unions. But will not Congress reconsider and amend the law legalizing strikes? Their prevalence in this country is largely due to the Anti-Trust Act of 1914, which declares that labor organizations shall not be held or construed to be illegal combinations or conspiracies in restraint of trade, under the Anti-Trust Laws.

The Clayton Anti-Trust Act of October 15 1914, created a privileged class and placed it beyond the general law of the land. This aristocracy of workers is limited to members of labor, agricultural, and horticultural organizations, instituted for the purposes of mutual help. The plot to tie up the railways is plainly a conspiracy in restraint of trade, though it may not be illegal under the Clayton Act. Five years ago the trade unions wheedled Congress into authorizing such conspiracies. That the two sections (6 and 20) legalizing strikes should now be repealed and stricken from the Clayton Act, is the lesson of dismembered Russia.

American labor organizations regard the right of collective bargaining as a right of collective threatening. Collective bargaining is thus abused

as it was in Russia. Shall these collective threateners and those who organize them not be treated as conspirators and held individually responsible for any damage done to others where the strikers resort to violence?

Russia's Experiences.

Whoever doubts the necessity of withdrawing the sanction of law from strikes should consider what took place in Petrograd.

First came the revolution dethroning the Czar, who abdicated on March 15 1917. Then the Duma, or Congress, set up the First Provisional Government, a Cabinet of Ministers, who became the controlling authority of the country. But they quickly found a rival in the Council of Workmen and Soldiers, who represented the socialists. This body had grown out of the Petrograd Council of Labor first formed during the unsuccessful Revolution of 1905, an organization similar to the Central Labor Union of New York. In the early days of the March Revolution some socialistic workers revived that Council, and, in order to give it added strength, brought soldiers into it, the body thus constituted styling itself the Council (Soviet) of Workmen and Soldiers. This Council dominated the Provisional Government.

The Bolshevik minority of the Council schemed to disrupt the army and get rid of the Duma; for they wanted no ruler, no congress, no army to curb them. The bait by which the Council attracted the workmen to their support was a six hour day and constant increases in wages, the bait for the peasants was the division of all land amongst them. For a time the Moderate Socialists joined with the Bolsheviks in debauching the soldiers, workmen and peasants. It was not till much later that the Moderates, realizing the peril the country had been placed in, split definitely with the Bolsheviks—and then it was too late.

The Bolshevik military members of the Petrograd Council drew up the famous Order of the Day No. 1 to unionize the Russian soldiers. The draft of this order was carried by some soldiers to the President of the Military Commission of the Duma, who refused to accept or issue it, a decision in which he was supported by the Provisional Committee of the Duma. This was on March 14, the day before the Czar's abdication. "Very well," said the soldier delegates, "we will issue it ourselves." It appeared the next day, signed by the Petrograd Council of Workmen and Soldiers. Forthwith all the Russian soldiers at the front elected Company Regimental, Corps and Army committees to superintend the administration of their units. In due course the soldiers struck, abandoning the war and giving the Bolsheviks control of the Government.

'Disaster Ahead.'

In Washington, all the members of Congress, with possibly a few exceptions, are beginning to see how absurd it is for labor to strike for higher wages and shorter hours when the cost of living is already so high. Generally speaking, higher wages increase the cost of living, while shorter hours of employment lessen production and make what is produced cost more. This twofold process of increasing cost has been carried so far in Russia and other European lands that the cost of living there is beyond the comprehension of us Americans. This irrational process has involved our own country to such an extent as to indicate that, unless stopped, greater financial embarrassment will ensue than has ever been known before in the United States. The question of the high cost of living is before Congress, with the question of strikes, and the latter will not be turned off in silence as the unionizing of the Russian Army was by the Duma. A majority in each House of Congress may bring light and reason to a complicated situation which needs both for its relief.

WHEAT DIRECTOR J. H. BARNES WARNS OF PRICE HAZARDS WHEN GUARANTEED PRICE EXPIRES.

Warning of price hazards which may confront wheat and flour handlers after the withdrawal of Government control, when the activities of the Grain Corporation are brought to an end next June, are contained in an official bulletin issued on Jan. 12 by Julius H. Barnes to 42,000 licensees of the Wheat Director in all parts of the United States. Emphasis is placed by Mr. Barnes on the fact that "the reduction of commitments to the minimum required for the conduct of necessary current business" will be a wise commercial policy for the grain trade upon the termination of two years of official stabilization and in view of the present world situation. He predicts that thrift as a national characteristic "may become as contagious as extravagance has been" and attributes recent price advances in certain grades of flour to "restricted transportation and extraordinary indifference to expenditures by a section of our people." The bulletin follows:

The Wheat Director and the Grain Corporation approach the last half-year of their official service. For over two years the Grain Corporation has been a dominant influence in grain marketing. The end of that official influence and control is in sight.

Forty-two thousand licensees should realize that the withdrawal of such a market and price influence can not be made without introducing large hazards to the wheat and flour handler. World influences of great potentiality in price-making exist to-day.

There is no guide to point the way to commercial security. Individual judgment must solve unusual problems, soon to be faced. We can only warn of the play of world-wide factors of unprecedented potentiality, and submit information, as accurate as humanly possible, on which business policies must contract. The Grain Corporation's weekly reports of trade data will continue until June 1. They should be studied.

Our total wheat crop exceeded that of 1918. Much is said of the relative scarcity of strong wheats. The curious fact develops, however, that by continued replacements from the Southwest and the Pacific Coast, and because Eastern mills will probably draw their smaller needs of strong wheats from Canada and the Argentine, the Northwestern mills can grind fully equal to last year's large production and still leave, at the end of this crop-year, a larger carry-over in the Northwest than last year.

Exports for past six months are 33,000,000 bushels less than last year. Difficult finances abroad, forcing utmost curtailment of purchases, will continue. Present purchases, still to be shipped, largely supply foreign requirements for a considerable period. Cheaper rye will replace some wheat. The United States can apparently export 50,000,000 bushels rye, against 35,000,000 bushels last year.

Flour production in the United States for six months exceeded last year's production by 12,000,000 barrels, while exports of flour have been 1,000,000 barrels less. How much of this 13,000,000 barrels represents increased consumption of wheat bread, and how much increase in domestic and

commercial stocks, with its resultant later shrinkage of current demand? Flour stocks, visible, are very large: 15,000,000 barrels, against 8,000,000 last year.

With no immediate prospect of further purchases of flour by the Grain Corporation, it is fairer to ask the mills to discontinue their weekly offerings until we can advise some prospect of further purchases. The export outlet is open to them individually without necessity for permits.

Restricted transportation and extraordinary indifference to expenditures by a section of our people have facilitated easy price advances in certain qualities of flour. Our own campaign of placing the lower-priced flours through the retail trade is demonstrating that there is a section of our people desirous of the practice of thrift. It may become contagious as extravagance has been. The extraordinary choice is offered our consumers of standard qualities of flour in the same retail trade at ranges from \$1 40 to \$2 00 for the one-eighth barrel.

New-crop prospects will shortly be a decided price influence. Much emphasis is laid on our fall-sown acreage this year of 39,000,000 acres, against 50,000,000 a year ago. It is well to remember that America's second-largest winter wheat yield (685,000,000 bushels), came from 37,000,000 acres sown. Also, that twice in our history the yield from spring sowings alone has exceeded 350,000,000 bushels. Last year, our total home consumption for food and seed did not exceed 570,000,000 bushels.

Import and export embargo restrictions are now eliminated and Canada and Argentina are already making sales attracted by our prices now ruling above the guarantee level.

Farmers, millers and dealers (outside of the Grain Corporation) own and are carrying 437,000,000 bushels of wheat, against 299,000,000 a year ago. Seriously ponder on this statement. After June 1 next the Grain Corporation authority to buy wheat at the guaranteed price expires, and thereafter the security of that basis is withdrawn. The fact that present prices largely rule above the Government guarantee should not obstruct a study to conditions which may develop, and at a time when that price assurance no longer exists. America's complex and delicate marketing structure must be preserved, and prepared to function when this agency retires.

Price fluctuation always is followed by distress and loss. Wisdom dictates the reduction of commitments to the minimum required for the conduct of necessary current business. We should not feel that the full responsibility of this office had been discharged, without calling attention to the price hazard which may exist for many months, knowing that a large part of the producing and distributing trades have been accustomed by two years of official stabilization and assurance, perhaps not to fully realize the danger of over-extended commitments under the present extraordinary world situation.

PROGRESS OF RAILROAD LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON.

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With the exception of a few minor matters, the conferees on the railroad bill have made very little progress. It is reported that the conferees inserted the first day of March for the Act to become operative. On Saturday the conferees turned their attention to the Transportation Board proposition again and the provision giving the Inter-State Commerce Commission its pre-war powers in the matter of rate regulation. This power will remain with the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the old system of filing schedules of rates with the Railroad Commission on which hearings are had will remain the same.

The conferees are understood to have agreed Monday that the rights and interests of the United States acquired under the Federal Control Act in the matter of construction, utilization, and operation of boats, barges, tugs and other transportation facilities on the inland, canal and coastwise water ways, including those boats constructed and to be constructed for Mississippi River navigation, above St. Louis, all of which were acquired by special expenditure under Section 6 of the Federal Control Act, are to be transferred to the United States Shipping Board. This is the provision in the Senate Bill, the House Bill providing that the Secretary of War through the Chief of Engineers shall utilize and operate such transportation facilities. This was though the wiser of the two courses, in view of the fact that enormous expenditures will yet have to be made for construction yet unfinished, and the Shipping Board has ample funds of which to defray the expenses incident to this construction.

The Senate conferees, holding out for the anti-strike provision as long as possible, realize that the sentiment of the House of Representatives is overwhelmingly opposed to this anti-strike provision and have yielded, but a separate vote in the Senate is to be demanded.

The conferees have agreed on the mode of procedure as to causes of action arising out of Federal Control to be brought in the United States District Court having jurisdiction. This was agreed to Monday.

In the matter of refunding the indebtedness of the carriers to the United States, it is understood the conferees have practically agreed to the House provision providing that the President shall ascertain the amount of indebtedness of each carrier, incurred for additions and betterments made during Federal Control and the amount of the indebtedness of the United States to such carrier, and take the remaining indebtedness of the carrier to the United States, all to be funded into ten equal parts, one of such parts to be payable annually, with the exception that the Senate provision for

a straight ten years extension, or a shorter period at the option of the carrier, will take the place of the House provision for one of the ten equal parts to be payable at the expiration of five years. The President is to prescribe any other form of security than first-mortgage bonds of the country. This phase of the matter however has been tentatively agreed upon and will be taken up again before the conference report is submitted to both Houses.

It is stated that the entire attention of the conferees will be occupied during the remainder of this week to the question of guaranty to railroads after the termination of Federal Control and to the question of dividing the country into districts and the carriers into rate-making groups. The House provision for the guaranty period of six months, and a test period, meaning the three years ending June 30 1917, is favored. Under this provision the United States guarantees to each carrier that its railway operating income for the guaranty period as a whole shall not be less than the average of its railway operating income for the three corresponding periods of six months each during the test period; but much trouble is being experienced in the mode of determining and computing operating income. No further progress has been made in a definite way.

JOHN HENRY HAMMOND'S WARNING AS TO REMEDIAL RAILROAD LEGISLATION—SECTION SIX OF CUMMINS BILL ONLY SOLUTION.

A warning that "in approaching the subject of remedial railroad legislation we should bear in mind that if the problem is not solved we shall have nearly universal railroad bankruptcy which in turn would ruin our savings banks, trust companies, insurance companies and other financial institutions," was given in a statement made by John Henry Hammond, Acting President of the Bangor & Aroostook RR., at a meeting of the Association of Railway Executives in Washington on Jan. 5. The situation which he pictured as above Mr. Hammond contended would in turn destroy our industries and our commerce. Continuing he said:

It follows that an extension of Federal control is better than unwise legislation and that Government ownership is better than railroad bankruptcy. I like neither the idea of Federal control nor Government ownership, but prefer both to bankruptcy.

In my opinion the Esch bill from the rate-making standpoint means disaster. The Inter-State Commerce Commission will never grant sufficient rate increase to save roads from which traffic has been diverted because the roads to which traffic has been diverted would be too prosperous. The poorer roads would necessarily be bankrupted and Government ownership would be the immediate result.

The provisions of Section 6 of the Cummins bill stand out as the only possible solution of the difficulty. Section 6 sounds unfair, but bearing in mind the manner in which traffic has been diverted and certain organizations disrupted by the war, it is by no means as unfair as it sounds, and with a few changes I believe would make a fairly satisfactory solution of this great problem. Briefly, it provides for the division of the country into districts and the carriers into rate making groups, and that rates shall be established yielding 5½% upon the aggregate value of the railway property of the carriers in the district, held for and used in the service of transportation.

I suggest these four changes:

1. That the right to receive this net operating income shall be cumulative, a deficiency in any one year to be immediately made good.
2. That until the values of the properties in the district have been determined by the Commission, the aggregate property investment accounts of the carriers in the district shall be adopted by the Commission as the proper value for rate making.
3. That each carrier in determining its net railway operating income may consolidate its balance sheet and income and expense accounts with the balance sheets, income and expense accounts of all carriers which it controls through lease or stock ownership, to the extent of its ownership, so that the entire system shall be entitled to dispose of its net railway operating income as provided by the Act. Other security-holders of controlled roads should not be adversely affected.
4. That in determining the actual or relative values of properties for rate making, or computing earnings, or for the purpose of purchase, lease, consolidation or exchange of securities, the Commission shall be required to consider not only the cost of reproduction but the earning power of a property under normal conditions, operating ratios, physical condition, terminals, gradients, possibilities of traffic development, advantages of location and similar elements of value.

The reason for the first change is obvious. The Commission may fix rates too low and this must be made good. Railroad credit must be restored and 5½% at best is probably too little, but with the contingent fund we may survive and if revenues are found insufficient the law can be amended. It is the best we can expect at the moment.

As to the second suggestion, I believe that the aggregate property investment accounts as a rate making basis will be sufficient temporarily. They have been accepted for this purpose by the National Transportation Conference, the Associated Industries of Massachusetts and by the National Association of Security Owners.

The Act provides that in case a carrier shall receive net operating income in any year of more than 6% of property value, after allowing for non-productive improvements, one-half of such excess between 6 and 7% shall be placed in a reserve fund and the remaining ½% paid to the general contingent fund. Of the excess above 7%, one-fourth goes to reserve and the balance to the general fund. This is not a limitation on dividends, but on earnings from property used in transportation, and prosperous carriers may still pay dividends in excess of 6% if they have surpluses.

The object of the Act, as I understand it, is not to rob one railroad for the benefit of another, or one set of security-holders for another set. It is to meet a practical situation. Suppose you have a carrier with branch lines,

some of which are very prosperous, others not even feeders but suckers, not earning their charges. It seems unfair to deny to the system the right to retain excess earnings of some of its prosperous subsidiaries to make up for deficiencies of others—and the stockholders of very valuable properties should not be unfairly sacrificed. I have endeavored to meet this situation by my third and fourth suggestions, viz., for the consolidation of balance sheets and income and expense accounts of systems and by providing that in determining values for any purpose—rate making, computing earnings, purchase, lease, consolidation or exchange of securities—the Commission must consider not only reproduction cost, but normal earning power, operating ratios, physical condition, gradients, terminals, advantages of location, traffic possibilities, &c.

CLIFFORD THORNE PRESENTS SHIPPERS' VIEWS ON RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

In a statement made by Clifford Thorne, on behalf of the National Shippers' Conference, at an audience which the committee representing the latter had on Jan. 9 with Chairmen Cummins and Esch of the Senate and House Committees on Inter-State Commerce, the restoration of the pre-war powers of courts and commissions over common carriers was advocated, as well as the restoration of the railroads to their owners as of March 1 1920, and the extension of the present standard return provided in the railroad control law for such a time as may be reasonably necessary, possibly until Jan. 1 1921. The further suggestion was made that "it might be well for the Government to make loans to the railroads at a reasonable rate of interest for the purpose of constructing additions and betterments and purchasing new equipment." Mr. Thorne made known the opposition of the shippers to the creation of a transportation board, the compulsory consolidation of the railroads and Government appropriation of surplus earnings. The committee representing the Shippers' Conference which conferred with Messrs. Esch and Cummins in regard to the pending railroad legislation consisted of W. E. Lamb, J. F. Callbreath, George H. Bailey, L. C. Boyle, Frank Carnahan, D. C. Williams, Charles E. Elmquist, Judge S. H. Cowan, Graddy Cary, J. W. Shorthill, H. R. Park, H. F. Jones, John A. Ronan, R. E. Riley and Mr. Thorne. Mr. Thorne's statement follows:

Labor and the railroads have made their influence felt in your deliberations. The great shipping interests of the nation, those that must pay the bills, are entitled to a hearing on some of the legislation now pending which is of very vital concern to them. The National Shippers' Conference, held at Chicago, on Dec. 30, was without question the most representative gathering of shippers that has ever been held in the United States. The unanimity of thought in that gathering was very remarkable. Without one dissenting voice the conference went on record as opposed to the creation of a Transportation Board, as opposed to the compulsory consolidation of our railroads, as opposed to the Government appropriation of earnings of certain railroads, and in favor of the restoration of the powers of both the Inter-State Commerce Commission and of the State Commissions as they existed prior to Federal control.

During our conference at Chicago, one of the attorneys of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, which has been styled recently the Association of Owners of Weak Securities, asked for an opportunity to address the meeting. For a half-hour he discussed Section 6 of the Senate bill, which provides a virtual Government guarantee of 5¼ or 5% on the present value of American railroads. After he concluded his remarks a vote was taken and this gentleman and his Government guarantee were defeated overwhelmingly by a vote of 240 to 6; and later the entire set of resolutions which we have presented to you this morning, in the form of a printed memorial, was adopted unanimously without a vote in the negative. We believe that this fact alone justifies your serious consideration of these few propositions upon which the shippers of the United States are practically united.

The Director-General of Railroads day before yesterday made an address at New York City in which he attempted to outline his conclusions concerning the railroad situation. We are in accord with some of his suggestions. We believe that the present is a transition period when business is unsettled and when the best interests of the railroads and of the shippers of the country demand that some protection should be given the railroad industry.

It has been charged that the shippers have not suggested a constructive program, but an examination of the memorial which we have presented will disclose a program of action which is constructive in character and adequate to meet the present critical situation. In substance we have suggested to you gentlemen:

First, the restoration of the pre-war powers of courts and commissions over our common carriers. This might well be effected March 1 1920.

Second, the restoration of the railroads to their owners as of March 1 1920.

Third, the extension of the present standard return provided in the railroad control law for such a time as may be reasonably necessary, possibly until Jan. 1 1921.

Fourth, it might be well for the Government to make loans to the railroads at a reasonable rate of interest for the purpose of constructing additions and betterments and purchasing new equipment.

This program could be consummated with but little labor. The draft of the law for the first proposition has already been prepared. It was passed by both Houses of Congress and recently vetoed by the President. The principal objection to the President to the bill as passed is obviated by the return of the railroads to their owners on the suggested effective date of the law. The second proposition is already cared for by the Proclamation of the President. A very short bill would take care of the third proposition. The fourth suggestion is the only one which would require great care in the framing of the law. However, we have several precedents including the provisions of both measures now pending before you.

While we are opposed to the compulsory consolidation of railroads, we think it is fair to say that the vast majority of the shippers are in favor of permissive consolidation as contemplated during the first seven years under the Cummins bill, and permanently under the Esch bill, providing it is subjected to adequate governmental supervision.

to file income tax returns, or are we exempt? How much tax do we pay?

A.—As single persons you must both file returns, as you receive \$1,000 or over during the year. From your statements it appears that your mother is not wholly dependent upon you or your sister. Therefore, assuming you are residents, neither could claim exemption as head of a family, but each would be entitled to \$1,000 exemption. For the same reason an exemption of \$200 for your mother as a dependent could not be permitted. If your sister and yourself equally divide the expense of maintaining the children of your dead sister, either in your home or somewhere else, you each could claim an exemption of \$200, assuming that you each bear the expenses of one child.

94 Q.—A New York man owes me \$2,000. The only security I had for this debt was an assigned life insurance policy for \$2,500 issued March 18 1899. He borrowed \$500 on this policy. He defaulted the June 1919, payment of premium. The policy contains a condition that in default the beneficiary will be entitled to a paid-up policy for \$1,337. Instead of deducting the \$500 loan from the \$1,337 the company sent me a paid-up policy for \$431. In answer to my inquiry the company tells me under the State Insurance laws they are allowed to make the amount \$431. Can I claim any deduction for this loss?

A.—If you are a resident you are entitled to a deductible loss of \$1,569 as a bad debt, assuming that the value of the policy on Jan. 1 1919, was \$2,000.

95 Q.—Four years ago I bought a few shares of stock outright. I sold them this month at a loss. Am I permitted to deduct this loss from my returns for 1919?

A.—This being property acquired before Jan. 1 1919 your deductible loss, if you are a resident, would be the difference between the fair market price or value of it on Jan. 1 1919 and its selling price. In the case of securities dealt in on a recognized exchange the fair market value on Jan. 1 1919 will ordinarily be determined by the average of the bid and asked prices after closing on Dec. 31 1918. In all other cases other evidence of value is necessary and bona fide sales nearest Jan. 1 1919 of securities publicly or privately dealt in will be considered.

96 Q.—My husband died in October, 1919. Since that time his former employers have paid me monthly the amount equal to the salary which he received. Is this a compensation to me and do I report it as income?

A.—Yes, this should be reported as income to you.

97 Q.—During 1919, while I was permanently residing in Buffalo, I sent \$60 monthly to help support my mother living with my sister in Brooklyn. Am I considered the head of a family and allowed \$2,000 for this payment?

A.—You are not the head of a family because you are not supporting your mother in the same household.

98 Q.—During the year I gave \$250 to the War Chest, Inc., and contributed \$250 to the synagogue. My net income was \$2,500. May I claim this amount as deduction for charitable purposes?

A.—No. You are only allowed to claim as deduction 15% of your net income. This amount involved 25%. Therefore you would be permitted a deduction of only \$375.

99 Q.—I am a widow with two children who are under 18 years of age. They are in preparatory schools distant from our home. I am keeping up the family house and paying their expenses. What is my exemption?

A.—\$2,400, because you are the head of a family with two dependents.

100 Q.—At the death of my uncle he provided for monthly payments to me of \$150, to be paid out of his estate. He died Jan. 1 1919. Is this bequest deductible? I invested the \$1,800 during 1919 and received interest from the bonds. How do I treat this amount?

A.—If this is paid from income of the estate it is taxable; if from principal of the estate it is not taxable. Your bond interest, however, from the investment is taxable income, assuming that you are a resident.

101 Q.—I am a life insurance agent and in March, 1919, received \$200 commissions on a policy which I wrote in 1918. Is this income to me?

A.—No. Such income is considered to have been earned by you in the year in which the policy was written.

102 Q.—I am 19 years of age and during 1919 I earned \$1,600. I live with my parents and pay them \$60 a month. This sum, with my father's earnings, constitute the main earnings of our household. To what exemption am I entitled?

A.—You are not actually supporting your parents so you are only entitled to an exemption of \$1,000 as a single man.

103 Q.—In the village where I live the electric light plant is municipally owned. May I exclude as village tax the amount which I pay for electric lighting in my residence?

A.—No. Such amount is not a tax but is a personal living expense.

104 Q.—I am a traveling man receiving a *per diem* allowance for expenses. I submit bills on the basis of railroad fare, but actually use my automobile on my trips. May I claim depreciation on this automobile?

A.—Yes, but expense allowance received is included in your income.

105 Q.—I am a civil engineer practicing my profession 25 miles from my country residence. May I deduct the expense of operation of my car on trips to and from my office?

A.—No. This is a personal expense.

106 Q.—I am a widower, living in the family home with my son. He earns \$900 a year. He is 17 years of age. Do I receive an exemption of \$200 for him and do I have to include his salary in my return?

A.—No, you are not permitted the \$200 exemption, because your son is not dependent upon you, nor do you include the salary in your return unless you appropriate it, in which case, the amount which your son retains is considered a gift from you. As a single person having income of less than \$1,000 he would not be required to file a return.

107 Q.—I am a city employee. During service in the navy in 1919 the city paid me \$1,100, the difference between my Government pay and my salary. Is this a pension, because I did not work for the city during that time and if I received no other income do I make a return?

A.—This is a taxable income and you would make a return; assuming that you are unmarried.

108 Q.—I am a member of the Legislature. May I deduct from my State salary traveling expenses from my home to Albany and return during the session and living expenses in Albany during the session?

A.—Yes, because both are necessary business expenses incidental to your office, but you must include in income the mileage allowances paid you.

109 Q.—I have before me forms 105 and 106 requiring returns of information on payments of \$1,000 or more during the calendar year. Must I make an information return of \$1,200 rent which I pay to the agent acting for the owner of the property?

A.—No. Payments to agents are specially excluded from inclusion in these returns of information. If, however, the payment was to a landlord direct, you would be required to report.

100 Q.—Head of a family—I am a maiden lady paying rent and keeping the table; with income of \$1,250 a year. Do I have to make return and pay a tax?

A.—Yes, you have to make a return because you have income of over \$1,000. Whether or not you are entitled to an additional exemption would depend on your personal situation. To be the head of a family you must actually support in one household one or more individuals closely connected with you by blood relationship, by marriage or adoption, and such person

must be legally or morally dependent upon you for support. If you have such dependents you are the head of a family and you may claim a \$2,000 exemption and \$200 for each dependent.

111 Q.—Three American girls, one married to a Canadian, and all three living in Canada. Are they supposed to pay income tax, and how much?

A.—As to the married girl, it is assumed that she has permanently taken up her residence in Canada. As such non-resident, if she derives income in New York State from any business, trade or profession, these earnings would be taxable. If, however, she was married during 1919, and prior to her marriage was a resident of New York, she would be considered a resident for the purpose of the tax, for the whole year, and would be required to pay on her income from all sources. If the other two girls are only temporarily in Canada and intend to return to New York State, or if at any time during 1919 they were residents of New York State, they would be viewed as residents for the whole year for the purpose of the tax.

112 Q.—I am a single man and this year I made about \$1,600 and I have no other income. I have a mother and younger brother, and my father has been dead seven years, and I am considered the head of the family. From January until March my brother did not have any work, and in April he was called in the army. He went to work in September and is working up to the present time. Will you please state if I have to pay income tax from the time he went to work in September until December, or do I have to pay for the whole year while I was getting no help from him.

A.—If your mother and brother are living with you you are the head of the family. Your younger brother having been dependent upon you a part of the year 1919, you receive an exemption of \$200 for him for the year. Thus with two dependents your total exemption would be \$2,400, but being a single man with an income of \$1,000 you would file a return and by reason of exemptions not be required to pay any tax.

113 Q.—I am a widow and keep up a home. I pay a woman to live with me and support a brother sixty-three years old, who does not live with me. Should I not have an exemption of \$2,000?

A.—No. You are entitled to an exemption of \$1,000 as a single person with an additional \$200 for your brother, providing that by reason of physical or mental defects he is incapable of self-support. You do not come within the definition of the head of a family.

114 Q.—Is a man allowed exemptions for dues paid into a labor union? If not, why are exemptions allowed for dues paid for a Chamber of Commerce membership?

A.—No deduction may be made for dues paid to a labor union. This does not come within the meaning of business expenses as used in the law. Business expenses include all items entering into what is ordinarily known as the cost of goods sold together with selling and management expenses. Dues for a Chamber of Commerce membership are a proper business expense and may be deducted from gross income. Dues paid to a labor union are in the nature of a personal expense.

115 Q.—Fifteen years ago I lived in Yonkers. Since that date I live in hotels wherever I happen to be located. I pay my Federal taxes through my attorney's address, New York city. Am I subject to the New York State income tax?

A.—From the facts set forth you would not be deemed a resident of New York State. If, however, you derive income from business or property within New York State, you are taxed as a non-resident on such income.

116 Q.—(a) Must I pay a State tax on army pay? (b) Must I pay a State tax on the income received by me from securities during the period when I was not living in the State?

A.—(a) No. (b) If a resident, you are taxed on interest from securities. If you are a non-resident, you are taxed on interest on securities only when they are connected with a business, trade, profession or occupation carried on or by you in New York State.

117. Ex-farmer—I sold a farm which I bought a number of years ago for \$2,000 above the cost price. Must I pay a tax on this \$2,000?

A.—Where a farm was purchased prior to Jan. 1 1919 you should take the fair market value of the farm as of Jan. 1 1919 and the difference between that value and the selling price determines whether a gain or loss has resulted.

118. R. S.—Am I exempt from income tax while working for the United States Navy?

A.—No. Employees of the United States Government, including those in the armed forces, are not exempt from the payment of a tax under the Personal Income Tax Law, but the compensation which they receive from the Government is not taxed.

119. Homesteader.—On selling my residence I realized \$1,500 more than I paid for it in 1917. Is this all income?

A.—No. You should report as income the difference between the value of your residence on Jan. 1 1919 and the date you sold it.

120. Curious.—I have paid street assessment on a large tract of land together with interest for the remaining nine payments. I know an assessment itself is not deductible, but may I exclude this interest?

A.—Yes, in the proportion that your gross income bears to your total gross income. Your total gross income is your gross income, together with any interest on Federal bonds or bonds of New York State and its political subdivisions, and compensation received from the United States Government.

121. Invalid.—I have been unemployed for some time and want to know if I may reduce my income by the amounts which I paid for an operation and hospital expenses.

A.—No. Such payments are personal expenses.

122. Query.—(a) Do I report as income \$200 paid to me on a note dated March, 1917? (b) I realized \$75 from the sale of some discarded clothing. Is this income?

A.—(a) No, this is return of capital. (b) There would be no profit in this transaction, on the assumption that the amount you received was less than that which you originally paid for the clothing.

123. Landlord.—We own a large house and rent practically one-half the rooms with heat and light, living in the balance. Is any part of the expense of heating and lighting these rented rooms deductible?

A.—Yes, in the proportion that they bear to the total expense of your home. If they comprise about one-half of your home, then it would follow that approximately one-half of the cost of heating and lighting these rooms would be deductible. Of course, you would have to include as income the amount which you receive from your roomers.

124. Leader.—I manage an orchestra. May I deduct depreciation on sheet music which is only popular for a few years? A.—Yes, depending upon its value to you and its original cost and the number of years which you can use it.

125. Inquirer.—During 1919 I received \$690 from the Government on account of my cousin who was killed in France. I am married, with two dependents. My salary is \$3,000 a year. Does the \$690 insurance compensation reduce in any way my \$2,400 exemption?

A.—No. The law only states that this personal exemption shall be reduced when a taxpayer receives salary, wages or other compensation from the United States as an official. You would be entitled to the \$2,400 exemption of a resident.

126. Agent.—In March 1919 I received commissions on produce sold in 1918. Is this taxable income to me in 1919?

A.—No. Where services were rendered prior to Jan. 1 1919, but paid thereafter, the amount received for such services ordinarily should not be included in gross income.

127. Farmer.—Two of my cattle which were raised on the farm strayed on the highway and were killed by a motor truck. May I deduct their value? My business is raising and selling cattle.

A.—Yes, if this is a loss not covered by insurance, you may deduct their value as of Jan. 1 1919.

128. Executor.—My mother was a resident of Nevada and made me, a New York resident, executor of her will. During part of 1919 my duties in this work required me to spend some time in the State of Wyoming, and during the rest of the year I occupied my time in New York. Do I report my income as executor in this State?

A.—Yes. Your fees and commissions from the estate are taxable income to you as a resident, no matter where you perform duties in connection with it. Of course, they are subject to whatever necessary expenses you incur in connection with such work, including your railroad fare and other expenses while outside of New York State.

129. Bondholder.—The Hotel Company issued bonds paying 6% interest. The city has purchased the property and assumed the obligation of these bonds. I own some of them. Does the fact that the city is now obligor on these bonds permit me to exclude the bond interest from my gross income?

A.—No. Under the circumstances these bonds are not considered obligations of the city, and you would be required to include the interest from them in your gross income if a resident of New York.

130 R. L. M.—I owed \$500 on a note which was due in 1919. Having performed some unusual service for the payee of the note during the year, he wrote me saying he would call it off. Do I have to report this amount as income?

A.—Yes, if the basis of the cancellation of the obligation was the service performed by you for him.

131 Doubtful.—In to-day's "Times" I noticed the granting of a \$200 exemption for a dependent who served in the army. If he was in military service, was he not over eighteen and therefore not a dependent?

A.—This answer was incorrect. No exemption for dependent should have been permitted to this taxpayer.

132 Interest.—Do I understand that I can exclude from my gross income all the interest which I pay on any kind of indebtedness, either personal or business?

A.—Yes, in the proportion that your gross income bears to your total gross income. Your total gross income is your gross income plus interest on obligations of the United States, the State of New York or its political subdivisions and other obligations mentioned in the law, together with any salaries or wages which you receive from the United States. For example, if you had a gross income of \$4,704 and you received interest on Liberty bonds of \$96 during the year your total gross income would be \$4,800. If you were paying interest on mortgages, &c., of \$600 you would be allowed to deduct 4704-4800 of \$900, or \$588.

133 Inquiry.—I am single and get \$2,100 a year and contribute \$1,200 a year toward my invalid mother's support. Another son gives equal or greater support. There are no others in our family. Do I receive exemption as head of a family and would I have to file a return?

A.—Assuming you are residents, if you and your brother are living in the same household with your mother and she is not mainly dependent on either for her support, neither could receive the \$2,000 exemption as head of a family. Each would be given \$1,000 exemption. Both, being single, would be required to file returns.

134 H. G.—I entered into a contract in 1919 which will not be completed until 1920. It requires me to make expenditures for material and labor, provide for possible losses, &c. Must I include the advance payments I received in 1919 in my return for that year?

A.—You have an option: (1) You may wait until the completion of the contract to report the entire profit. Then the payments during 1919 are not included and the expenses will not be charged until the completion of the contract. When the contract is completed, the net gain or profit derived should be reported under gross income in your return rendered for the year 1920. (2) You may make return for the 1919 advance payments less the 1919 expenses.

135 Q.—May I charge off depreciation for good will?

A.—No.

136 Q.—I am a dealer in installment transactions. How do I compute my income?

A.—You should take such a proportion of the money received as the gross profit bears to the gross selling price. For instance, a piano cost \$500 and the selling price is \$1,000. A pays \$100. At this point the dealer has income of \$20.

137 Q.—I am employed in a State institution. I receive \$1,000 per year, board and room. Is board and room to be considered as income?

A.—You must include the fair value of the board and room as additional income.

138 Q.—I am receiving a pension of \$1,500 a year from a firm for whom I worked forty years. Is this taxable income?

A.—This constitutes taxable income unless you have contributed to such pension fund. In that case, no income is to be reported until you have received an amount equal to the amount you contributed.

139 Q.—A tenant pays rent and in addition the taxes on the property. Is the amount paid as taxes income to the landlord?

A.—Yes. This is the same as if the tenant paid a larger amount for rent and the landlord paid the taxes himself.

140 Q.—I have received dividends on fifty shares of stock of a domestic corporation which stand in my name on the books of the corporation, but I do not actually own the shares of stock; am I personally liable for the income tax on the dividends received by me?

A.—Yes; you as the record owner of the stock will be held liable for the tax unless a disclosure of the actual ownership is made to the Controller which shall show that the record owner is not the actual owner and who the owner is and his address.

141 Q.—May I, as in the case of my Federal income tax, pay the amount of my income tax in Liberty bond coupons? Will the Controller accept my uncertified check for the amount of the tax in payment of the same?

A.—Liberty bond coupons will not be accepted in payment for the amount of the tax, but the Controller will accept a check from you for the amount of the tax, and the check may be certified or uncertified.

142 Q.—I pay my Federal income tax in installment payments. May I pay my State income tax in like manner?

A.—No. The State income tax law makes no provision for paying the tax in installment payments. The entire amount of the tax must be paid in full when due.

143. Actor: I am an actor and a resident of New York State, maintaining a home in the city of Rochester. The company of which I am a member is, and for some time has been, playing in New York City. Are my

expenditures for meals and lodging while away from home a deductible expense? How about costumes and other items of wardrobe, as well as grease paints, wigs and powder necessarily used in my profession?

A. Those expenses, which are part of your business, are deductible. You would be permitted to deduct the amount paid out for traveling expenses in and out of the State and your living expenses at points when playing in any locality except your home, and you may deduct expense of powder, paints, &c., and for items of wardrobe other than ordinary and present-day clothes, as colonial costumes, &c., assuming that you are not reimbursed for such expenses.

144. Father: My son is seventeen years of age. During the vacation he worked for the State Highway Department and earned \$400. Am I required to include his earnings in my income?

A. Yes. Where a minor is not regularly employed and his earnings are of the character described by you, such earnings are income to the parent and not to the minor for the purpose of the tax. Any amount of this retained by the minor is considered as a gift of the parent to him.

145. Uncertain: Why is it that if I am married and living with my wife and daughter, eight years old, with an income of \$2,100, and my exemptions of \$2,200 would free me from paying a tax, I have to make out a return?

A. The law specifically requires every taxpayer having a net income of \$2,000 or over in a taxable year to file a return. It is true that under the state of facts given by you no payment of tax would be made, but a return nevertheless must be filed.

146. Stranger: On July 1 1919, I moved into New York City, having previously lived in Pennsylvania. Do I understand that I must make a return of the income I received for the first six months of the year while I was out of this State?

A. Yes. The law (Section 350, Subdivision 7) requires that a person who becomes a resident of New York State at any time between Jan. 1 1919 and March 15 1920 is considered a resident of the State for the entire year of 1919 for the purposes of the tax.

147. Five Oaks: I am a Civil War veteran and receive a pension from the Government. As I understand it, a law passed in New York many years ago made these payments tax exempt. How does this affect personal income tax?

A. As payment from the United States Government you would not be required to include any of these amounts in your gross income.

148. Investor: My income is \$3,350 a year from shares of the New Jersey Standard Oil. I am a resident of New York State and have no other income. Am I required to pay tax on these dividends?

A. Yes, as a resident you are taxed on your income both from sources within and without the State.

149. Port Chester: My husband died March 1 1919. He had been maintaining our home for our two children, eight and eleven years old, and myself. His will appointed me executrix. I have also a separate personal income. In filing a return as his executrix (1) what of his personal exemptions may I claim as reduction on income during 1919 to the time of his death; (2) on my individual return may I be permitted the \$2,400 exemption as head of family?

A. (1) As executrix you may claim his undiminished personal exemption of \$2,400; (2) if you are keeping up the family home with your two children you are head of a family and permitted an exemption of \$2,400 on your personal return.

150. Bad Debt: In 1915 I filed judgment against a debtor. It has never been paid. May I charge this off as a bad debt during 1919?

A. In considering a loss, the law in this case permits the difference between the value on Jan. 1 1919 and the time when you definitely knew that this account was valueless. This judgment probably was worthless on Jan. 1 1919, and therefore no deduction could be made for it as a bad debt; if, however, it had any value on Jan. 1 1919, that value only is the amount which you would be permitted to deduct.

151. Farmer: My country store takes up the front part of our home. This fall I had the roof of the whole building reshingled. How do I treat this in income tax return?

A. This is an expenditure tending to offset the depreciation of past years. You may deduct a portion of this year's depreciation as a business expense. The proportion being determined by the portion of the building used for business purposes.

152. Suburban: While my nominal earnings are \$1,500, with interest, repairs and taxes, it is less than \$1,000. Being single, do I have to file a return?

A. No; unless your net income is \$1,000 or more.

153. Tradesman: My wife was injured in an automobile accident, which kept her in the hospital for four months. In the meantime I closed my home, put my furniture in storage and boarded my two minor children and myself. This cost \$800. In settlement with the insurer of the automobile I received \$1,000. Do I have to pay a tax on any part of this amount?

A. No. The law specifically excludes from gross income any amount received as a result of injuries either through suit or agreement.

154. One year after a purchase-money mortgage on my office building became due, I spent \$45 in securing a new mortgage at a lower interest rate. Is this a business expense?

A. Yes. It is a business expense.

155. Physician: What form shall I use in making income tax return for (1) myself; (2) what form shall I use in making income tax return for Jan. 1 1919 to date of death of a person not in business or profession?

A. (1) If you are a resident, you should use form No. 201 for your personal return; (2) if the decedent were a resident, you may make the return on short form No. 200.

156. Am I required to file a return of information concerning fees and commissions paid to brokers?

A. No. Information returns are not required on payments to brokers and others who maintain offices, the expenses of which are met.

157. Southern Tier: In 1919 I paid out \$500 for drilling of oil wells on my property. Is this a business expense?

A. No. It is considered a capital investment.

158. Doctor: As a surgeon I own my home and use half of the first floor as my office and laboratory. May I charge off any of this upkeep as a business expense?

A. Yes, in that proportion of your expenses in maintaining the house which can be apportioned to the space used for professional purposes. Such business expense would cover lighting, heating and repairs to this property and also the total amount of your business expense, such as telephone, clerical help, purchasing of medicines and material used in your profession. On the other hand, any expenditure which you make of a permanent nature such as an operating table or an X-ray apparatus are capital investment, not business expense.

159 Q.—In January 1919, I received quarterly dividends on some stock. Is all of this income in 1919?

A.—That depends on when the corporation declared the dividend to be payable. If made payable in 1918, it is not taxable although received in 1919. If made payable in 1919 it is taxable.

160 Traveller: I am a resident of the State of New York and derive income from England. The Federal Government allows me a credit against the amount of the income tax I have paid to the British Government. Do I get a similar credit under the State law?

A.—There is no provision in the State law for a credit for a tax paid by a resident of the State to a foreign Government, nor are such taxes allowable deductions.

161 Engineer: My business is incorporated, but the Federal Government taxes me as a member of a personal service corporation on my share of all the earnings of the company. Do we also have to file a partnership return with the State and are we taxed on our shares of the profits whether we receive them or not?

A.—Personal service corporations are not classed with partnerships under the State law as they are under the Federal law. You do not have to file any partnership return and you will be taxed only on those profits that you personally receive in the way of dividends, in addition, of course, to any salary which you draw. As a corporation you will be obliged to file a return with the State Tax Commission.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.—"EXPERIENCES OF A CENTURY."

The Philadelphia house of Brown Brothers & Co. has prepared for private distribution a book entitled "Experiences of a Century," which is the complement of "A Hundred Years of Merchant Banking," by John Crosby Brown, published some years ago. This book is an interesting record of the changes and developments of the firm in Philadelphia since its establishment there in 1818 as a branch of the house of Alexander Brown & Sons, which began business in Baltimore in 1800. To the merchant and to the banker the record will be of much interest, as well as to the student of commercial and banking conditions during the past one hundred years. There is a very close relationship shown in "Experiences of a Century" between the expansion of Brown Brothers & Co. and the economic changes that followed one another quite rapidly in the early part of the nineteenth century. Alexander Brown, who was a linen auctioneer in Belfast, Ireland, came to Baltimore in 1800 and in that year established himself there, as Baltimore was then the centre of the linen trade in this country. In 1818 the house of Alexander Brown & Sons opened a branch in Philadelphia, because of the rapid increase in the trade of that port and its growing business with the interior. In 1825 the influence of the Erie Canal on New York City and the fact that communication with the Atlantic was open all the year, began to give New York its present commercial and financial pre-eminence, so in that year Brown Brothers & Co. established themselves here. Later, in 1844, an agency was opened in Boston which had begun to be an important centre for East India trade. It is evident, therefore, that there is a very definite continuity between the expansion of the firm and the commercial growth of the eastern part of this country. "Experiences of a Century," attractively bound in cloth, contains a number of old prints of Philadelphia and the first advertisements issued by the house in that city. The present members of the firm are George Harrison Frazier and James Crosby Brown, in Philadelphia; Eugene Dalano, James Brown, Thatcher M. Brown, Moreau Delano and John Henry Hammond, in New York, and Louis Curtis, in Boston.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

Ten shares of trust company stock were sold this week at auction. No bank stocks were sold either at the Stock Exchange or at auction.

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Three New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer, two of them for the record price of \$115,000 each and the third for \$108,000. The last previous transaction was at \$109,000.

The Guaranty Trust Company of New York has issued a booklet, "Foreign Financing Under the Edge Act," in which an outline is given of the purposes and functions of financial corporations organized for negotiating foreign credits and securities under this newly-enacted law. The full text of the law and a synopsis are also given.

The Guaranty has also printed in booklet form a discussion, by Morris F. Frey, Assistant Treasurer and Tax Consultant, of measures which should be taken to relieve business from the unwarranted burden of existing taxation.

George C. Van Tuyl Jr., President of the Metropolitan Trust Company of this city, for the last five years, tendered his resignation at a special meeting of the directors on the 9th inst. The resignation was accepted with regret. Harold I. Pratt of Charles Pratt & Co., a director of the Metropolitan Trust Co. for several years, was elected to succeed

Mr. Van Tuyl in the presidency. At the same time Beverly Chew, Senior Vice-President of the company, also resigned. It is stated that at the special request of the board Mr. Van Tuyl will continue as a director and a member of the Executive Committee of the trust company. Before becoming head of the Metropolitan Trust Co. Mr. Van Tuyl was State Superintendent of Banking. Mr. Pratt, the new President of the Metropolitan Trust, is a trustee of Pratt Institute, director of the Ladd & Tilton Bank, Portland, Oregon, Secretary of the Chelsea Fiber Mills, President and director of the Self-Winding Clock Co., The Thrift, the Brooklyn Trust Co., the Metropolitan Trust Co., and a trustee of the Brooklyn Savings Bank.

The changes which were announced on Tuesday in The National City Bank of New York were among the most important which took place at the annual meetings of the local institutions. Samuel McRoberts, at his own request, was not re-elected an Executive Manager, and is retiring from the bank. Mr. McRoberts had been identified with The National City Bank since 1909. B. A. Duis, Manager of the Foreign Exchange Trading Department, and Ernest E. Ling, who has been Assistant Vice-President in charge of the bank's business in southeastern Europe and the Near East, were elected Vice-Presidents. Robert Forgan and James B. Pike, heretofore Assistant Cashiers, were elected Assistant Vice-Presidents. Nathan C. Lenfestey, who was elected Cashier in November, was re-elected, and William F. C. Merkel and W. G. Speer were elected Assistant Cashiers.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Chatham & Phenix National Bank on the 13th inst., Norborne P. Gatling, Vice-President, and Bert L. Haskins, Vice-President and Cashier, were elected members of the board of directors—thus the bank confers an additional distinction upon two of its officers—who by long and loyal service have contributed greatly to the success of this splendid institution. Mr. Haskins came to New York about fifteen years ago to be an Assistant Cashier of the Phenix National Bank, and later was promoted to the cashiership. When the Chatham and Phenix National banks were consolidated he was elected Cashier, and a few years later, Vice-President, and now serves in the dual capacity. Mr. Gatling is a Virginian, and began his contact with banking interest in 1902, when he became Secretary of the Virginia Bankers' Association. In 1904, Mr. Gatling was drafted by the Merchants National Bank and later the First National Bank of Philadelphia to build up their outside business among banks, and upon the amalgamation of the Chatham and Phenix banks, Mr. Gatling was elected an Assistant Cashier, and a few years later Vice-President of the Chatham & Phenix National Bank. Mr. Gatling enjoys a wide acquaintance among bankers all over the United States, and is quite active in Bankers' Association matters, being now a member of the Executive Committee of the National Bank Section of the American Bankers' Association.

E. Francis Hyde retired at the end of the year as Vice-President of the Central Union Trust Company of this city, and Henry C. Holt, formerly Assistant Treasurer connected with the 42nd Street branch, was elected a Vice-President. Samuel A. Brown, Charles E. Sigler and Charles J. Farrell were elected Assistant Secretaries. Richard C. Roetger was elected an Assistant Treasurer.

Percy H. Johnston was this week elected President of the Chemical National Bank of this city, succeeding Herbert K. Twitchell, who has been elected to the newly created post of Chairman of the board. Mr. Johnston had been a Vice-President of the Chemical since 1917. Previously he had been Vice-President of The Citizens National Bank of Louisville, Kentucky.

B. L. Haskins and Norborne P. Gatling, Vice-Presidents of the Chatham and Phoenix National Bank of this city were elected to the directorate of the bank this week. Retiring directors with the exception of O. G. Fessenden, were re-elected.

At this week's meeting of the board of directors of the Seaboard National Bank of the city of New York, W. A. B. Ditto was elected an Assistant Cashier.

Alfred H. Smith, President of the New York Central Railroad Co., was elected a director of the Hudson Trust Co., Broadway and 39th Street, this city.

Charles H. Baldwin, cashier of the Public Bank of this city, was added to the board at this week's meeting. The appointment of the following Assistant Cashiers is announced: Abraham S. Bernstein, Geo. J. Klein and C. N. Tracy.

At their annual meeting this week of the directors of the East River National Bank of this city Dr. A. H. Giennini was re-elected President, J. L. Williams, James F. Cavagnaro, George E. Hoyer, and Louis Costa were re-elected Vice-Presidents, and Irving S. Metzler was elected Vice-President for the ensuing year. A. Hampton Gibson was re-elected Cashier, Roland N. Cocker was re-elected Assistant Cashier, and Dunn Van Geisen was elected Assistant Cashier. Maximilian Zolnier was elected Manager of the foreign department and Amedeo De Prado was re-elected Assistant Manager of the foreign department.

J. W. Wheeler, formerly auditor of the foreign department of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, has been appointed auditor of the Asia Banking Corporation.

The Murray Hill National Bank is the title of a prospective banking institution in New York City. Application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency for a charter for the new bank, the capital of which is placed at \$1,000,000. Leonard G. Robinson is named as the principal in the movement.

James MacDonough, previously Assistant Cashier of the Columbia Bank of this city has been made a Vice-President of the institution. The following directors were elected at this week's annual meeting: Sylvan M. Barnet, Hyman Bauman, Eli H. Bernheim, George B. Bernheim, Sidney Blumenthal, Simeon Ford, Mortimer J. Fox, Walter S. Griffith, Samuel K. Jacobs, James MacDonough, Robert E. Simon, Joseph Steiner, John P. Stevens and Oswald W. Uhl.

A consolidation of the Irving National Bank and the Irving Trust Co. of this city is planned. The resultant institution will be a national bank, in furtherance of the movement the Irving Trust Co. has applied for a charter as a national bank under the title National Irving Bank. The Irving Trust Co. has a capital of \$3,000,000 while the Irving National Bank has a capital of \$6,000,000, and stockholders of the latter are holders of the stock of the trust company. The Irving Trust Co. has deposits of about \$77,000,000, while the deposits of the Irving National amount to about \$119,000,000. The trust company acquired in May last the business of the Sherman National City Bank and in July took over the National City Bank of Brooklyn. The offices of these two banks are operated as branches of the trust company.

Elsewhere we give the principal changes which occurred in the official staffs and directorates of the local banking institutions at the annual meetings this week; some changes in directorates not otherwise especially noted have also been made as follows:

Chase National Bank.—William Boyce Thompson was added to the board
Coal & Iron National Bank.—Albert H. Diebold, Treasurer of the Sterling Products Co., was elected a director to succeed Arthur Hamilton.

Continental Bank.—Edward E. Bartlett, Jr., of the firm of Gwathmey & Co., elected a director.

Fifth National Bank.—The following directors were added to the board at this week's meeting: Max Englander, Ralph Bloom, William Fischman, Samuel M. Goldberg, D. S. Gottesman, Frederick Hecht, Irvin Heilbronner, Benjamin Hollander, Samuel Lubell, Dr. J. B. Squier and Jesse Woolf.

First National Bank.—E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corp., and Edward Cass Ledyard, elected directors.

Importers & Traders National Bank.—Frank L. Worrall elected a director succeeding William Hamlin Childs, retired.

Union Exchange National Bank.—Joseph C. Widmer, of the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., was elected a director.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the American Exchange National Bank of this city on Jan. 13 the retiring board of directors was re-elected and the following additions made:

Avery D. Andrews—American representative of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Co. of Holland and the Shell Transport & Trading Co. of London.
Orion H. Cheney, President of Pacific Bank of New York, which is closely affiliated with the American Exchange National Bank; and
Brisson Howie, a member of the law firm of Cardozo & Nathan.

Following the meeting the board of directors re-elected the executive staff headed by Lewis L. Clarke, President. At the meeting of the directors of the bank on the same day Luke D. Doyle and John P. G. Moran were appointed Assistant Cashiers. Both have been connected with the bank for many years, Mr. Doyle having just completed his 35th year of continuous service.

The American Exchange National Bank continues to forge steadily ahead, its total resources as shown by the Comptroller's call as of Dec. 31 1919, being over \$200,000,000. During the year it added a Trust Department and organized the American Exchange Securities Corporation.

In the "Chronicle" of December 20th, we referred to the resignation of William Y. Conrad as Vice-President of the Central National Bank of Philadelphia, to become associated with the Irving National Bank of New York, in the same capacity. Mr. Conrad now informs the "Chronicle" representative that he will assume his new duties with the New York institution on Monday morning January 19th.

John Clausen announces that after completing his year with the Chemical National Bank of New York, he has weighed matters well and decided, because of the many happy years spent in the West, to return to the Pacific Coast, and to this end has connected himself with the Union National Bank of Seattle, Wash., as director and Vice-President. Mr. Clausen became a Vice-President of the Chemical National in December 1918. He had previously been Vice-President of The Crocker National Bank of San Francisco.

W. Irving Bullard, textile manufacturer, banker and publicist, was elected Vice-President of the Merchants National Bank of this city on Jan. 13. Mr. Bullard has been associated with the Merchants National for the past three years, having established in 1917 the textile department, now known as the industrial service department of the bank. He is particularly prominent in the textile industry, being a director of several cotton mills, Treasurer of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers and, with Sir James Hope Simpson of England, joint Treasurer of the World Cotton Conference. Last year Mr. Bullard was a member of the special commission representing the American Cotton Industry which was sent to Europe to invite personally the leaders of the European cotton industry to the World Cotton Conference at New Orleans, and to assist in textile reconstruction problems in the devastated countries of Europe.

At a regular meeting of the directors of the Bank of the Manhattan Co. of this city on Dec. 31, H. M. Bucklin and W. A. Rush were appointed Assistant Cashiers. At a regular meeting of the directors on Jan. 8, P. A. Rowley and V. W. Smith were appointed Vice-Presidents, and G. S. Downing, E. S. MacDonald and O. G. Alexander were appointed Assistant Cashiers.

James Timpson was elected a director of the National Bank of Commerce in New York at the annual meeting of shareholders on the 13th inst. Mr. Timpson is a Vice-President of the Mutual Life Insurance Co.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Atlantic National Bank of this city, Tuesday, the retiring board of directors was re-elected to succeed itself without change. Members of the board are: Phineas C. Lounsbury, John H. Hanan, Gilbert H. Johnson, Edwin E. Jackson, Jr., Kimball C. Atwood, Jose M. Diaz, David L. Luke, Lorenzo Benedict, George A. Graham, Edward K. Cherrill, H. D. Kountze, Charles F. Junod, Frank E. Andruss, Victor A. Lersner, William H. Gregory, Rufus W. Scott, William B. Davis.

Russell Brittingham, Vice-President of The Equitable Safe Deposit Company of this city, was re-elected President of the New York State Safe Deposit Association at its annual meeting. The other officers elected were Samuel E. Martin of the Peoples Trust Co. Vaults, Brooklyn, and Walter J. Barrows of the Standard Safe Deposit Co., New York, Vice-Presidents. Walter C. Reid of the Lincoln Safe Deposit Co., and L. V. Ennis of the Chatham & Phoenix National Bank, were elected members of the executive committee.

The deposits of the Fidelity Trust Company, Chambers and Hudson Streets, have increased \$3,240,521.98 during the last year. They are announced as \$14,237,899.47 in the annual statement which the company issued this week as compared to \$10,997,377.49 a year ago. The company's net assets are now \$18,896,802.45.

James P. Gardner and Fred A. Thomas were appointed additional Assistant Cashiers of the Hanover National Bank of this City at the annual meeting this week.

W. Irving Bullard has been elected Vice-President of the Merchants National Bank of this City.

Charles Olney retired this week as Vice-President of the Bank of New York, N. B. A., of this city.

Irving V. Scott, formerly connected with the New York State Banking Department, has been appointed Assistant Treasurer of the Park Union Foreign Banking Corporation.

In order to provide facilities for its increasing Westchester County business and for the convenience of its clients in the lower end of the county, the New York Title and Mortgage Company has opened a branch office at 3 South Third Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

The New York agency of the Bank of British West Africa Ltd., announces that Sir Henry Babington Smith, K.C.B., C.S.I., who formerly acted in charge of the British Embassy at Washington after the departure of Lord Reading, has been appointed a member of the board of directors of the bank.

At the special meeting of the stockholders of the Mutual Bank of Roseville held at Newark, N. J., Jan. 13 1920 at which meeting the stockholders were to vote upon the proposed increase of capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000, the vote was not taken, owing to an insufficient number being received. Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned until Feb. 10 at 11 o'clock. If the proposal is then successfully voted and carried, the stockholders will be allowed to purchase an amount of the new issue, equal to their present holdings. Par value of the new stock is (or will be) \$150; the book value \$300; it is proposed to sell the stock at \$150 per share. A 25% dividend on the capital stock, payable Jan. 31 to stockholders of record Jan. 20 has been declared. Since its organization in 1914 the institution has declared a total of 100% in dividends on the capital stock. Many of the stockholders who are profiting by these dividends were depositors who suffered losses through the suspension of the Roseville Trust Co., predecessor of the Mutual Bank of Roseville.

At the last meeting of directors of the National Commercial Bank of Albany, N. Y., the resignation of James C. Brady as a director was received and accepted. Mr. Brady's resignation, he states, is because of his inability to attend the meetings regularly. In Mr. Brady's place, the board elected his brother, Nicholas F. Brady, who is a resident of Albany and votes there and who is frequently in Albany caring for extensive business interests, so he will be able to attend meetings of the board.

A dinner was given at the Algonquin Club, Boston, on Saturday night Jan. 10 by the members of the firm of Richardson, Hill & Co., in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the firm. Besides all the general and special partners of the firm there were present 150 employees, and more than 20 invited guests, among those from other cities being Messrs. Root and VanDervoort, of Moline, Ill.; Harry T. and J. R. Peters, of the Fairbanks Co., New York; Messrs. Rushton and Babcock of Chicago, Ill.; Percy Pyne of Pyne, Kendall & Hollister, N. Y.; Arthur Myles of Moore & Schley, N. Y. A monograph, covering the 50 years of progress of the firm was especially prepared for the occasion. The original articles of co-partnership were entered into on Oct. 1 1870, and bound the three partners, Spencer W. Richardson, William H. Hill, Jr., and Edward D. Adams, each to furnish \$10,000, making a capital of \$30,000.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, on Jan. 13 1920, the following were added to the board of directors:

Norman I. Adams, Vice-President of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston.

Robert S. Potter, Vice-President of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston.
Nathaniel F. Ayer, Treasurer and Director of the Nyanza Mill.
Harold S. Edwards of Francis Willey & Company.

F. G. Nichols, Vice-President of the Industrial Trust Company of Providence, R. I., has been appointed a Vice-President. Earl F. Fillmore and Leon H. White appointed Assistant Cashiers; and Frank H. Wrigley and William J. Hartney, Assistant Managers of the Foreign Department.

The stockholders of the Liberty Trust Co. of Boston, at their annual meeting on January 7 voted to increase the capital from \$200,000 to \$500,000. Two thousand shares of the new stock will be offered to present shareholders at par (\$100) pro rata to their present holdings and the remaining 1,000 shares will be offered to others at \$225 per share. No changes were made in the officials of the company, who are as follows: George B. Wason, President; Melvin O. Adams, Vice-President; Allan H. Sturges, Vice-President and Treasurer and Wm. H. Sumner and J. Henry Miley, Assistant Treasurers. Three new directors were added to the board, namely Robert Grant, President of the New England Fuel Transportation Co., Lester G. Hathaway of C. F. Hathaway & Sons Co., and Charles D. Kepner of the C. D. Kepner Leather Co.

The stockholders of the Philadelphia National Bank of Philadelphia at a special meeting on Jan. 13 voted to increase the capital from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 through the issuance of 20,000 additional shares to be offered to the present stockholders at \$200 per share. Payment for the new stock is to be on or before Feb. 2, and when completed the capital will be \$5,000,000, with surplus and undivided profits over \$10,000,000—the combined capital, surplus and profits exceeding \$15,000,000.

Sydney E. Hutchinson tendered his resignation as a director of the First National Bank of Philadelphia at the annual meeting this week. The other retiring directors were re-elected.

The Bank of North America, N.A., of Philadelphia, announces the addition of six new directors to its board, namely, Charles O. Alexander, Leonard T. Beale, Marvin A. Neeland, James D. C. Henderson, Walter Erben and Samuel D. Jordan. On account of the continued illness of Charles H. Harding, Lincoln K. Passmore was temporarily elected President. The other directors were re-elected.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Central National Bank of Philadelphia, Charles E. Mather was added to the board, the membership of which has been increased to sixteen directors.

At this week's annual meeting of the Ninth National Bank of Philadelphia, John G. Sonneborn was elected an additional member of the board.

The stockholders of the Market Street National Bank of Philadelphia this week elected T. Charlton Henry an additional director.

Comly Shoemaker and Russell Wilson were this week elected to the directorate of the Sixth National Bank of Philadelphia. One of the new members fills the vacancy caused by the death of John P. Wilson, while the other represents an addition to the Bank's board.

New directors as follows were added to the board of the Southwestern National Bank of Philadelphia on the 13th inst.: James Irvin, G. Ayres Swayze, Eugene Walter, John H. Wood and George B. Scheerer, Jr. Vacancies on the board had been created through the death of William J. Barr and Edmund Webster and the resignation of John J. Hirschler and Christopher Gallagher.

George R. Bullen was elected a director of the Commonwealth Bank of Baltimore at the annual meeting of that institution on January 13.

Many changes were made in the personnel of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Baltimore at the annual meeting on January 13. Van Lear Black, First Vice-President of the company, was elected President of the institution to take the place of former Gov. Edwin Warfield, who resigned from the presi-

deney on account of failing health. Mr. Warfield, however will continue to be identified with the bank as Chairman of the board of directors, a position created for him. A new Vice-Presidency was also created and J. H. Beatson, who has been Secretary and Treasurer of the company for many years, elected to the position which he will hold in addition to his duties as Secretary. W. Bladen Lowndes was elected First Vice-President to succeed Mr. Black and Samuel M. Mann and Richard E. Hanson were also made Vice-Presidents. Other elections were: George L. Mahler, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary; Vincent L. Connolly, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary and Edward L. Wernsing, Assistant to First Vice-President. Mr. Black, the new President, has been identified with the Fidelity Trust Co. for many years as Vice-President and previously was connected with its parent organization, the Fidelity & Deposit Co.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' National Bank of Baltimore, the doubling of the capital of the institution, thereby raising it from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 was unanimously approved. The new stock will consist of 100,000 shares of the par value of \$10 a share and will be offered to present stockholders at \$40 a share, the premium thus obtained of \$3,000,000 to be added to the bank's surplus. Morton Samuels and James A. Gary, Jr., were elected directors to take the places of Gen. James A. Gary and Van Lear Black. There were no changes in the official staff.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Trust Co. of Maryland, on Jan. 12, the following were elected directors for the ensuing year:

W. Graham Boyce,	Hammond J. Dugan,	Charles A. Morrow,
Walter H. Buck,	Thomas Goodwille,	William O. Peirson,
A. W. Calloway,	Maurice H. Grape,	George F. Randolph,
Frank J. Caughy,	Henry H. Head,	Edward N. Rich,
Charles H. Consoivo,	H. W. Hunter,	Michael Schloss,
Benj. W. Corkran, Jr.,	J. M. Jones,	Frederick C. Seeman,
John W. Dennis,	John Keating,	Wm. T. Shackelford,
Frank S. Dudley,	Ferdinand A. Meyer,	Howard E. Young.

Also the following officers:

John M. Dennis, President.	Joshua S. Dew, Secretary.
Maurice H. Grape, Vice-President.	William O. Peirson, Treasurer.
W. Graham Boyce, Vice-President.	Thomas C. Thatcher, Asst. Treas.

The Mercantile Bank of the Americas announces the opening in Cucuta of the eleventh branch of its affiliate, the Banco Mercantil Americano de Colombia, the head office of which is in Bogota, Colombia.

The merger of the Bank of Long Island with the Bank of the Manhattan Company of this city having become effective, the latter institution will number, beside its main office at 40 Wall Street and its uptown office at 31 Union Square, 13 offices in the Borough of Queens, located at Jamaica, Rockaway Beach, Far Rockaway, Seaside, Flushing, College Point, Corona, Elmhurst, Fresh Pond, Woodhaven, Ridgewood, Richmond Hill, and Long Island City. This consolidation marks the taking of a further step in the carrying out of the Bank of Manhattan Company's policy of combining conservatism with progressiveness.

The officers and directors of the First Wisconsin National Bank and First Wisconsin Trust Co., of Milwaukee, Wis. announce that hereafter the investment business of the bond departments of both institutions will be conducted by the newly organized First Wisconsin Co., Trust Company Building, with the following officers: Oliver C. Fuller, President; Walter Kasten, H. O. Seymour and Robert W. Baird, Vice-Presidents; John C. Partridge, Secretary-Treasurer; George A. Patmythes, Assistant Secretary; Hugh W. Grove, Assistant Treasurer.

The first weeks of 1920 have found every industrial sinew of Cleveland straining to supply a tremendous demand for the goods and services of many diversified activities, practically all of which have sufficient work on hand to insure capacity operations for months, says The Cleveland Trust Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, in its first number of its new monthly Business Bulletin, which made its initial appearance this week. The publication contains an analysis and a concise panoramic survey of business conditions in Cleveland and surrounding territory. The bank urges increased production, efficient labor and less extravagance as the great present day needs in helping to solve the high cost of living problem. Speculation and profiteering, it says, are incident to the existing shortage of goods and would be impossible

with the supply brought nearer to the level of the demand. Analyzing the present orgy of extravagance, the bank asserts that it may be traced largely to the newly rich, whether in recently acquired wealth or in fabulous wages, prevalence of the latter having created a "new silk shirt aristocracy." The bank points out that in contrast to the reckless spenders there is a great body of people who either are restricting purchases rather than pay exorbitant prices, or are buying discriminately only the things they need. The efforts of governmental and local agencies are directed toward increasing the numbers of this stabilizing class. The bank sees in recent developments in the labor movement including the official ending of the steel strike and the favorable action of the coal miners in convention in Columbus last week, some indication that labor may be undergoing a change of heart.

On the 13th inst. the stockholders of the People's State Bank of Detroit (John W. Staley, President) authorized the issuance of 25,000 new shares of stock (par \$100); the new issue will be disposed of at \$200 per share, thus enabling an addition of \$2,500,000 to capital and \$2,500,000 to surplus; \$500,000 additional will be provided for surplus by establishing the bank's building account at \$1,750,000 to more nearly approach the actual cost, which amount, however, is less than the assessed valuation. This will give the bank a capital of \$5,000,000, a surplus of \$7,500,000, and undivided profits of \$669,000, or a total capital fund of \$13,169,000, the largest, it is said, in Michigan. We have before alluded to the development of the bank; in the twelve months from Dec. 31 1918 to Dec. 31 1919 its resources rose from \$97,996,981.64 to \$140,186,930.53, and in the same interval the deposits increased from \$85,020,192.19 to \$115,501,248.21, an increase of \$30,481,056.02. At this week's annual meeting all the directors were re-elected, and Dr. Fred T. Murphy, trustee of the Simon J. Murphy estate, was added to the board. Richard T. Cudmore, cashier, and Charles H. Ayres, assistant cashier, were made vice-presidents, and Arnold H. Moody, assistant cashier, was chosen cashier. Curtis C. Bogan was made assistant cashier, Fred Herbst, assistant bond officer, and Charles P. Besancon, assistant manager of the foreign department. The bank has under construction five additional branches, and also plans the erection of six more branches during the year. With the nineteen branches now established it will thus have thirty branches when the present plans are consummated. The bank is also adding to its safe deposit vaults, which will give it additional capacity for 14,000 boxes. The new vaults will be completed by June 1 next.

At a recent meeting the directors of the Dime Savings Bank of Detroit approved a plan to increase the capital and surplus of the institution, making the former \$1,500,000 instead of \$1,000,000 and the latter \$2,000,000 instead of \$1,400,000. Under the proposed plan 5,000 shares of new stock will be issued which will be offered to present stockholders at \$200 per share in the ratio of one share of new for every two shares of their present holdings. The \$1,000,000 thus obtained will be divided equally between capital and surplus accounts. In addition \$100,000 is to be taken from undivided profits and transferred to surplus account, bringing the latter up to the desired \$2,000,000. The resources of the Dime Savings Bank amount to approximately \$40,000,000 and the deposits of the institution are in the neighborhood of \$37,000,000. William Livingstone is President of the bank.

A record of the growth of the Great Lakes Trust Co. of Chicago, from the date of its opening on July 22 last to Dec. 23, is furnished in a leaflet issued by the institution. At the close of the first day's business the company's deposits totaled \$3,596,684. On July 31 1919 it was accepted as a member of the Federal Reserve system; on Oct. 24 1919, when the institution completed 90 days of business its deposits reached \$5,505,514, the number of depositors' accounts totaling 2,312. With the completion of 155 days of business on Dec. 23 deposits of \$7,208,591 were reported, the depositors' accounts numbering 3,156. The total resources on Dec. 23 were \$12,488,489. The company has a capital of \$3,000,000 and surplus of \$600,000.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Chicago, held Jan. 13, four new directors were added to the board, viz: John H. Hardin, President F. A. Hardy & Co.; James Norris, President and Treasurer Norris Grain Co.; Clifford M. Leonard, President Leonard

Construction Co., and John P. Oleson, Vice-President The First National Bank.

At the meeting of the board of directors which followed, the following changes and additions were made in the official staff of the First National Bank: C. V. Essroger was elected Vice-President in charge of Division A, and Hugo A. Anderson, Assistant Cashier, in the vacancy created by Mr. Essroger's election. Charles P. Clifford was elected Vice-President of the foreign exchange department, relinquishing his position as manager to which Harry Salinger was elected, and W. G. Strand was elected Assistant Manager of the foreign exchange department succeeding Mr. Salinger. E. E. Brown was elected Vice-President and General Counsel and was succeeded by John N. Ott, who was formerly assistant attorney, as Attorney. Other additions to the official staff were as follows: O. C. Brodhay, Assistant Cashier; ladies department; G. W. Cooke, G. P. Allmendinger, H. R. Ross, Assistant Cashier, new business; Robert F. Green, Manager, domestic exchange.

In the First Trust and Savings Bank, A. W. Converse was elected Cashier and was succeeded as Manager of the savings department by George R. Roehm. E. E. Brown was elected General Counsel and was succeeded as Attorney by John N. Ott, who was formerly assistant attorney. The following additions were made to the official staff: Edward Nobyn, Assistant Cashier; Roy Marquardt, Assistant Cashier; T. S. McCarthy, Assistant Cashier; W. K. Harrison, Assistant Secretary; S. J. Donaldson, Assistant Manager, real estate department.

Wilson W. Lampert was elected Vice-President of the Continental and Commercial National Bank on January 13. Mr. Lampert who is a native of Chicago, became a messenger in the America Trust and Savings Bank in 1894 and was later elected Assistant Cashier. When that bank was taken over by the Continental National Bank in 1909 he became Assistant Cashier of the combined institutions and he retained that position when the Continental National and Commercial National Banks were merged in 1910. Mr. Lampert was elected to the Cashiership of the Continental and Commercial National Bank on May 1 1917.

Reuben G. Daniels, who has been connected with the Continental and Commercial National Bank and institutions that were merged into it, was on January 13, elected to the Cashiership. Mr. Danielson entered the employ of the Continental National Bank in 1904 and served in various capacities until 1910 when he was appointed manager of the Transit Department. He held this position after the consolidation of his bank and the Commercial National. In January 1918 he was elected Assistant Cashier and now he is honored by elevation to the office of Cashier.

W. H. Gilkes, for the past three years manager of the Discount Department of the Continental and Commercial National Bank, was elected Assistant Cashier at the meeting of directors on January 13. In 1904 he entered the employ of the Continental National Bank of Chicago when that institution took over the National Bank of North America. He served in various departments of the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago since that organization's existence and for the past three years has been head of its Discount Department.

At a regular meeting of the board of directors of the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank held January 13, Walter F. Braun elected was Vice-President. For the past six months Mr. Braun was manager of sales in the Bond Department of the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank. He became a traveling salesman in the Bond Department of the bank about nine years ago.

The final step in the consolidation of the Corn Exchange National Bank of Chicago, with the Merchants Loan & Trust Company and the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank was taken by the election this week of Edmund D. Hulbert, President of the Merchants Loan & Trust Company and the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, to the Presidency of the Corn Exchange National Bank. Ernest A. Hamill, formerly President of the Corn Exchange National Bank has been made chairman of the board of directors. John J. Mitchell, formerly President of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank was recently made Chairman of the board of directors of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank and also the Merchants Loan and Trust Company. These three banks have been consolidated as to management and ownership since October 1 1919, and earnings are pooled for the benefit of the stockholders of all three banks. The banks will continue to

operate as separate institutions until their physical unification which will take place after their new building is completed on the block on the North side of Jackson Blvd., between LaSalle and Clark Streets. James G. Wakefield, former Cashier Corn Exchange National Bank, was elected Vice-President in place of D. A. Moulton, resigned. Edward F. Schoeneek, formerly Assistant Cashier was made Cashier, and James S. Cook appointed Assistant Cashier.

Announcement is made of the forming of the Fort Dearborn Securities Company of Chicago, under the laws of the State of Illinois. All of the shares of the corporation are owned by the stockholders of the Fort Dearborn Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago. The new concern will underwrite and sell high grade investment securities. Its officers are: William A. Tilden, President; Stanley G. Miller, and Averill Tilden, Vice-Presidents and John E. Shea, Sec.-Treas.

The two oldest banks in South Chicago were consolidated this week in a deal involving \$1,000,000. The Calumet National Bank, which was founded in 1883, took over the Merchants Exchange Bank, a private bank organized in 1885 by W. E. Colburn. Emil Seip remains President of the Calumet National, and Mr. Colburn becomes Chairman of the Board of Directors. F. A. Tinkham, who has been Cashier of the Merchants' Bank for twenty-five years, was elected Cashier of the Calumet institution, to succeed Marcus A. Aurelius, who will become Acting Vice-President. Walter E. Smith, State grain inspector and First Vice-President of the Calumet Bank, was instrumental in arranging the consolidation.

The Live Stock Exchange National Bank of Chicago announces the re-election of their directors and officers with the addition of C. L. Wistrand as Assistant Cashier.

Benjamin S. Mayer, former President of the West Side Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Charles O. Fetscher, former Vice-President, was made President.

D. Wiedemann, Cashier of the Logan Square Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, was elected to the board of directors to succeed A. J. Sabbath.

John R. Macomber, of Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc., Boston, was added to the board of directors of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. The bank reports earnings for the year 1919 of \$582,229, or 10.07% on the average capital employed, including surplus, as compared with 10.31% on the capital employed during the preceding year. This is after creating reserve for Government and other taxes of \$273,399 and adding \$30,703 to the employees' savings and profit-sharing fund. The total capital, surplus and undivided profits are now \$5,800,651, or \$162,229 more than a year ago.

The National City Bank of Chicago announces that C. H. Beaty, formerly national bank examiner for Chicago district, was elected Cashier. W. G. McLaury, former Cashier and Vice-President, remains a Vice-President. Henry S. Henschen, former Vice-President and Cashier of the State Bank of Chicago, relinquished the latter position, and Austin J. Lindstrom, former Assistant Cashier, was elected Cashier, to succeed him. In addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 5%, an extra dividend of 5% was declared as of Dec. 31.

Foreman Brothers Banking Co., of Chicago, announced the election of Max J. Theis and Frank B. Woltz as Assistant Cashiers, and the appointment of John H. Bartelme as Auditor.

There were no changes in the board of the Fort Dearborn National Bank of Chicago. W. S. Davis was made an Assistant Cashier. The other officers were re-elected. Charles Aaron succeeds Henry J. Aaron on the board of the Fort Dearborn Trust and Savings, and William H. A. Johnson has been elected Assistant Secretary.

P. D. Armour, Vice-President and Director of Armour & Co., was elected a director of the People's Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, succeeding W. Irving Osborne, resigned. The other directors and the officers were re-elected. The bank has had a very successful year, earning 28.1% on its capital, as against 21.2% in 1918, and 15.8% on its capital

employed, as against 12.4% in 1918. Deposits increased over 30% and \$100,000 was added to the surplus.

Fred A. Cuscaden, Vice-President of the Merchants National Bank of Omaha, and before that a national bank examiner, was elected a Vice-President of the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, and will be connected with the banking department. Martin Lindsay retired as a Vice-President in charge of the bond department to enter the firm of Rutter, Lindsay & Co., which will be formed Feb. 1, to engage in the investment and financial business. Arthur Hourtley, for 28 years the Secretary of the company, retired on a pension because of ill health, and Harold H. Rockwell, formerly an Assistant Secretary, was elected Secretary. Thomas F. Ford and David Johnstone were elected Assistant Cashiers, and James A. Russell, formerly chief clerk in the trust department, was elected an Assistant Secretary. Other officers were re-elected.

Ernest A. Hamill retired as a director of the Northern Trust Co. because of his representing the Corn Exchange National Bank on the boards of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank and the Merchants Loan and Trust Co., and A. Watson Armour, Vice-President of Armour & Co., was elected a director in his place. The other directors were re-elected.

A number of interesting changes were made in the family of the Union Trust Co. of Chicago. Frederick A. Yard, retired from the board to make room for George J. Thorp, Vice-President of the Illinois Steel Co. Mr. Yard remains as Vice-President and head of the bond department. C. P. Kenning, who has been an assistant cashier, was added to the list of vice-presidents. R. F. Chapin, Secretary, was made Vice-President and Secretary. J. S. Gleason, an Assistant Cashier, becomes Assistant to President Frederick H. Rawson. Raymond J. Darby, who for some time has been one of the assistant judges of the Probate Court, was made trust officer. With these exceptions the directors and officers were re-elected.

Aleck Bauer of Bauer & Black was added to the board of the National Bank of the Republic of Chicago. The present directors and the officers were re-elected.

Frederick N. Mercer, Vice-President of the Drovers' National Bank, was added to the board of that institution, and Charles Aaron was elected a director to succeed Henry J. Aaron. The other directors and officers were re-elected.

The stockholders of the Chicago Trust Co. added the following to the board: Patrick H. Joyce, President of the Illinois Car & Manufacturing Co.; William B. Simpson, President of A. M. Castle & Co., and Philip K. Wrigley, Vice-President of the William Wrigley, Jr. Co. Other directors and the officers were re-elected.

With the opening of the new year the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. announces the appointment of John A. Monroe as its Texas representative. Mr. Monroe resigns the position of Manager of Operation of the Credit Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, to join the field force of the Trust Company. In 1907 Mr. Monroe was elected Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank of Paris, Texas, a position which he held until 1918, when he joined the Federal Reserve Bank. For more than a year he has been Educational Director of the Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Banking and will continue in this position.

Announcement is made that L. S. Critchell, Assistant Secretary of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, has accepted the presidency of the Continental National Bank of Kansas City, Mo. This institution was organized in July 1919, with capital of \$1,000,000 and surplus of \$100,000. The new President expects to enter upon the duties of his new office immediately. As to Mr. Critchell's banking experience the Guaranty Trust Co. issues an announcement saying:

Mr. Critchell was born in the West in 1881 and gained his first banking experience in 1898 with the Metropolitan National Bank of Chicago. Later he became a member of the staff of the Drovers National Bank of Chicago, and thereafter was connected with the Swift and Tilden interests which controlled that bank and others, for a number of years in various official capacities including positions as Cashier of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Bank, Treasurer of the St. Joseph Cattle Loan Co. Vice-President of the Live Stock National Bank of Sioux City, Iowa, and Cashier of the

First National Bank, Sioux City. In the fall of 1912 Mr. Critchell came East and joined the forces of the Guaranty Trust Co. He has been an officer of that institution since April 1915.

Announcement is made of the issuance of a charter for the Farmers & Mechanics State Bank of Helena, Mont., by State Bank Examiner H. S. Magraw. The new institution will begin business on Helena Ave. It has a capital of \$25,000 in \$100 shares. The stock is to be sold at \$105 per share. The officers are announced as follows: Fred E. Kennedy, President; J. A. Eck, Vice-President, and W. S. Goodyer, Cashier.

The American National Securities Company, Nashville, Has been organized for the purpose of assisting in all kinds of legitimate financing and for distribution and underwriting of investment securities. The capital is owned by the stockholders of the American National Bank of Nashville. The officers of the company are: P. D. Houston, Pres.; Paul M. Davis, Vice-Pres.; R. A. Shillinglaw, Mgr.

At a meeting of the directors of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Louisiana, at New Orleans on the 7th inst., the following officers were elected:

Charles J. Theard, President; Simon Pfeiffer, A. J. Stallings, H. C. Grenier and Chas. St. Raymond, Vice-Presidents; J. C. Delery, Cashier; H. C. Doize, and D. A. Chauvin, Assistant Cashiers; P. N. Nott, Trust Officer.

Mr. St. Raymond, formerly Cashier, was elected one of the Vice-Presidents; Mr. Delery, formerly Assistant Cashier, to the Cashiership, and Mr. Chauvin, formerly Secretary of the Board, to an Assistant Cashier. The promotion of these young men is in recognition of many years of faithful service to the bank.

Announcement is made of the purchase of the Sacramento Valley Bank & Trust Co. of Sacramento by the California National Bank of the same city. The capital of the Sacramento Valley Bank & Trust Co. is \$600,000 and the capital of the California National Bank is \$1,000,000. The combined assets of these institutions, including the California Trust & Savings Bank (an affiliation of the California National Bank) is \$27,000,000.

The annual statement of the Union Bank of Canada has been issued to the shareholders of the bank in anticipation of the annual meeting to be held in Winnipeg Jan. 7 1920. During the fiscal year ending Nov. 30 1919 the assets of the bank increased \$21,807,606, totaling \$174,898,057, a gain of more than 14% during the year. Liquid assets were \$76,062,432, as compared with \$72,368,327 in 1918. Profits for the year were \$932,256, compared with the 1918 total of \$824,174. The paid-up capital of the bank was increased by \$3,000,000 during the year and \$2,000,000 was added to the rest account. A particularly gratifying feature of the report from a Canadian standpoint was the increase in deposits. Deposits of the bank at the close of the fiscal year were \$135,496,514, against \$127,242,698 a year ago. Since the signing of the armistice the Union Bank has opened eighty new branches, bringing the total under its control to 390. During the year the Park-Union Foreign Banking Corporation was incorporated in co-operation with the National Park Bank, of this city, thus giving the Union Bank of Canada direct connection with the Far East.

H. J. Daly, a director of the Home Bank of Canada, of Toronto, has been elected President of the bank, succeeding M. J. Haney; the latter retires in order to give more attention to his other business interests. In stating that when he accepted the Presidency four years ago his intention was not to retain the position for any extended period, Mr. Haney added:

Negotiations looking to the extension of the bank's business and foreign connections have now been completed, and this has enabled me to ask to be relieved. I have felt the more free to do so in that we have been able to secure Mr. Daly, who came on the board at my suggestion, and who has been of great assistance in these negotiations, to succeed me as President.

I am not at liberty to give particulars of the new affiliations, but they are very satisfactory and in my opinion fraught with great promise for increased prestige and continued prosperity of the bank.

Mr. Daly, who is only 38 years of age, is associated with department stores in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal, and is interested in lumber and metal business enterprises. He was formerly Vice-President of the National Cash Register Co. and General Manager in Canada of that company. He is also a member of the Dominion Labor Council and was first Chairman of the Labor Appeal Board.

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. 24 1919:

GOLD.

The demand has again been keen, mainly for India: the price has been well maintained. The following amounts of gold are reported as having been engaged for shipment from New York: \$105,000 to South America and \$2,750,000 to Argentine. Dutch official statistics reveal that Germany sent to Holland during the first seven months of the year bar gold worth Fl. 42,550,000 and gold coin worth Fl. 418,000,000. The gold exports from Holland between January 1 and August 31 amounted to Fl. 52,668,000; for August alone, Fl. 28,001,000. The Minister of Finance for Siberia reports that 792 puds 23 lb. (417,400 ounces) of gold were minted for the Government in 1918.

SILVER.

The market has been fairly well supplied, and, as American exchange has been more in favor of this country, the price has been inclined to fall. Though the demand for China continues to be fed with silver dollars from America, there is still a good enquiry from Shanghai and Hong Kong. It is reported that legislation is about to be introduced in the United States releasing the U. S. Government from the obligation to repurchase at one dollar per fine ounce silver dollars sold under the Pittman Act, extending the provision of that Act to a further quantity of dollars—possibly ninety million—and reducing the quality of the subsidiary coinage from 900 to 800 fine. The U. S. Treasury is also said to have contracted with the three U. S. banks operating in China to sell twenty million silver dollars on commission with a minimum of \$1 35 per fine ounce delivery in China.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with 4 columns: In Lacs of Rupees, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 15. Rows include Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion in India, Gold coin and bullion in India, etc.

The coinage during the week ending 15th inst. amounted to 40 lacs of rupees. The stock in Shanghai on the 20th inst. consisted of about 17,500,000 ounces in sycee, \$10,800,000 and 5,900 bars, as compared with about 16,700 ounces in sycee, \$11,000,000, and 180 bars on the 13th December 1919. The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 7s. 10d. the tael.

Quotations for bar silver per oz. standard:

Table with 5 columns: Date, Cash, Two Mos., Dec. 24, Cash, Two Mos. Rows for Dec 19, Dec 20, Dec 22, Dec 23.

The prices to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 1 1/4 d and 1 d. below those fixed on the 18th inst.

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, Jan. 10, Jan. 12, Jan. 13, Jan. 14, Jan. 15, Jan. 16. Rows for Silver, Consols, British, French, etc.

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz., 135 137 136 1/4 135 130 1/4 128 1/2

TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENT.

UNFILLED ORDERS OF STEEL CORPORATION.—The United States Steel Corporation on Saturday, Jan. 10 1920, issued its regular monthly statement showing unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations as of Dec. 31 1919, to the amount of 8,265,366 tons. This compares with 7,128,330 tons as of Nov. 30 last, an increase of 1,137 036 tons, and with 7,379,152 tons as of Dec. 31 1918, a gain of 886,214 tons. The unfilled tonnage on hand at this time is the largest of any month since Oct. 31 1918.

In the following we give comparisons with previous months:

Large table with columns: Date, Tons. Rows for Dec. 31 1919, Nov. 30 1919, Oct. 31 1919, etc.

PRICES IN 1919 AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The tables on the following pages show the highest and lowest prices at the New York Stock Exchange of Railroad, Industrial and Miscellaneous bonds and stocks, and also of Government and State securities, for each month of the past year. The tables are all compiled from actual sales. Under a resolution of the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange, prices of all interest-paying bonds since Jan. 1 1909 have been on a different basis. The buyer now pays accrued interest in addition to the stated price or quotation. Previous to 1909 the quotations were "flat"—that is, the price included all accrued interest. Income bonds and bonds upon which interest is in default are still dealt in "flat."

COURSE OF PRICES OF RAILROAD AND MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

1919.

Large table with columns: Bonds, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December. Rows include Ann Arbor, Atch Top & S Fe gen g, Registered, etc.

1919-Continued.

Table with columns for Bonds and Street Railway, and rows for various financial instruments like Southern-1st 1994 gold, Registered, Develop & gen Ser A, etc. Columns include months from January to December with Low and High values.

1919—Concluded.

Table of bond prices for 1919, categorized by type (BONDS, COAL IRON & STEEL, TELEGRAPH) and month (January to December). Each entry includes a bond name and its price range (Low/High).

COURSE OF PRICES OF STATE AND CITY SECURITIES DURING THE YEAR 1919.

Table showing the course of prices for state and city securities during 1919, organized by state/city (New York State, Virginia, New York City) and security type (Highway Improvement, Canal Improvement, Corporate Stock). Includes monthly price ranges.

DEALINGS IN FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AT NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE IN 1919.

Table with columns for Bonds (January to December) and rows for various foreign government securities like Amer Foreign Securities 1919, Anglo-French 5-year, Argentine-Internal 5s of '09, etc.

£ In case of bonds of foreign Governments issued in pounds sterling, indicated thus—£—the usage of the Stock Exchange is to consider \$5 as the equivalent of one pound sterling, and the above quotations are on that basis.

COURSE OF PRICES OF RAILROAD AND MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS FOR THE YEAR 1919.

Table with columns for Stocks (January to December) and rows for various railroad and miscellaneous stocks like Albany & Susquehanna, Ann Arbor, Atchafalaya, etc.

1919—Continued.

Table with columns for STOCKS, EXPRESS, and COAL AND MINING. Rows list various companies and their stock prices for each month from January to December. Includes sub-columns for Low and High prices and per share values.

1919-Continued.

Table with columns for STOCKS, VARIOUS, and monthly price ranges (January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December). Rows list various commodities and companies like Miami Copper, Nevada Consol Copper, etc.

*Stamped

b Ex-rights

1919-Continued.

Table with columns for STOCKS, months (January to December), and price ranges (Low High). Rows list various companies like Computing-Tab-Record, Consolidated Cigar, etc.

1919—Concluded.

Table of stock prices for 1919, including columns for months (January to December) and price ranges (Low, High). Lists various stocks like United Dyewood, United Fruit, etc.

COURSE OF PRICES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FOR THE YEAR 1919.

[Compiled from sales made at the New York Stock Exchange.]

Table of government securities prices for 1919, categorized into Coupon Bonds and Registered Bonds, with sub-sections for Liberty Loan and Victory Lib. Loan.

* First Liberty Loan second converted (under the terms of the fourth loan).

CURRENT NOTICES

—Arthur Batty, who has been in the investment bond business for the past 19 years, recently resigned from Halsey, Stuart & Co., 49 Wall St., to accept the Vice-Presidency of the Steiner Oil Corporation.

—Announcement is made of the formation of the Realty Associates Investment Corporation with a capital and surplus of \$1,100,000, and offices at 31 Nassau St., New York City, and 162-164 Remsen St., Brooklyn.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

New York City Banks and Trust Companies

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various banks and trust companies in New York City, including Bank of America, Chase, and various trust companies, with columns for bid, ask, and price.

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

New York City Realty and Surety Companies

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various realty and surety companies in New York City, including Alliance Realty, Amer Surety, and others, with columns for bid, ask, and price.

BANK NOTES—CHANGES IN TOTALS OF, AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, &c.—We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefor:

Table showing monthly changes in national bank notes and legal tenders on deposit from 1918-19 to Dec 31 1918.

\$269,122,500 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding Dec. 31 (all secured by bonds), against \$128,143,530 in 1918.

The following show the amount of each class of U. S. bonds held against national bank circulation and to secure public moneys held in national bank depositories on Dec. 31:

Table showing the amount of U. S. bonds held against national bank circulation and to secure public moneys as of Dec 31 1919.

The following shows the amount of national bank notes affloat and the amount of legal-tender deposits Dec. 1 and Jan. 1 and their increase or decrease during the month of December:

Table showing the amount of national bank notes affloat and legal-tender deposits as of Dec 1 1919 and Jan 1 1920.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending Jan. 8 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1919, show an increase in the aggregate of 38.8%.

Clearings at—

Week ending January 8.

Table showing bank clearings at various Canadian cities for the week ending January 8, comparing 1920 and 1919.

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

Table listing auction sales of various securities, including shares of Morriltown Trust Co and bonds of Rklyn. Ferry Co.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing auction sales by R. L. Day & Co., including shares of National Union Bank and other securities.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing auction sales by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, including shares of Union Cotton Mfg and other securities.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing auction sales by Barnes & Lofland, including shares of Frankford Trust and other securities.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table listing national banks and their capital, including The Security National Bank of Rockford, Ill. and others.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table with columns: Original organizations, Capital, Conversion of State banks. Lists various banks and their capital amounts.

INCREASES OF CAPITAL.

Table with columns: Name of organization, Amount. Lists organizations that have increased their capital and the amount.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table with columns: Name of organization, Capital. Lists organizations that have voluntarily liquidated and their capital.

CHARTERS EXTENDED.

Table with columns: Name of organization, Charter extended until close of business on. Lists organizations whose charters have been extended.

CHARTERS RE-EXTENDED.

Table with columns: Name of organization, Charter re-extended until close of business on. Lists organizations whose charters have been re-extended.

DIVIDENDS.

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

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Lists various companies and their dividend details.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Lists various companies and their dividend details.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like Midwest Refining, Mohawk Mining, etc.

Statement of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.—The following detailed statement shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Jan. 10. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of totals, actual figures at end of the week are also given:

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers 1,000 omitted.) Table with columns: CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Losses, Reserve, etc.

Table with columns: State Banks, Trust Companies, etc. Includes sub-sections for State Banks and Trust Companies with detailed financial data.

* From unofficial sources. † Declared subject to the approval of Director-General of Railroads. ‡ The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that shares will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and until further notice. § Transfer books not closed for this dividend. ¶ Less British income tax. †† Correction. ‡‡ Payable in stock. ††† Payable in common stock. ‡‡‡ Payable in scrip. †††† On account of accumulated dividends. ††††† Payable in Liberty Loan bonds. †††††† Declared 4%, payable in quarterly installments of 1% each on Jan. 24, April 24, July 24 & Oct. 25 to holders of rec. Jan. 9, Apr. 9, July 9 & Oct. 11, respectively. ††††††† Declared 5% (par value \$10), payable in quarterly installments. †††††††† Declared 8% payable 4% as above and 4% Sept. 30 to holders of rec. Sept. 25. ††††††††† Payable March 1 1920. †††††††††† At rate of 8% per annum from date of issue, Oct. 6 1919.

Boston Clearing House Banks.—We give below a summary showing the totals for all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS. Table with columns: Jan. 10 1919, Changes from previous week, Jan. 3, 1920, Dec. 27, 1919. Lists items like Circulation, Loans, Dis'ts & Investments, etc.

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

Table with columns: Averages, Cash Reserve, Reserve on Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Lists various bank categories and their respective reserve figures.

* Formerly included under the head of "Individual Deposits."

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

Table with columns for districts: Boston, New York, Philadel., Cleveland, 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, Reserve balances with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable with F. R. Bank, Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, 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 columns for cities: 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. incl. Lib. bds., 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 oblig., Reserve balances with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable with F. R. Bank, Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank, Ratio of U. S. war securities and war paper to total loans and investments, per cent.

NOTE.—Banks in Los Angeles are classed with banks in Federal Reserve branch cities for first time.

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Jan. 9:

Liquidation of nearly 200 millions of bills and Treasury certificates and substantial reduction of deposit and note liabilities are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on Jan. 9 1920. The reserve ratio of the banks, accordingly, shows a rise for the week from 43.7 to 45.4%, notwithstanding a decline of 19.2 millions in cash reserves. War paper holdings show a decline for the week of 132.2 millions, other discounts fell off 19.3 millions, while acceptance holdings remained practically unchanged. Of the total of 1,351.1 millions of war paper held, 675.4 millions, or 49.9% was secured by Liberty bonds, 256.8 millions, or 19% by Victory notes, and 419.9 millions, or 31.1% by Treasury certificates, as against 49.5, 19.4 and 31.1% of a total of 1,484.3 millions of war paper held the week before. A decrease of 46.7 millions in Treasury certificates represents approximately the amount of temporary certificates redeemed by the Government during the week.

Discounted paper held by the Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, and Dallas banks includes about 49.1 millions of paper discounted for three other Federal Reserve banks, while acceptance holdings of six Reserve banks are inclusive of 60.9 millions of bills acquired from the Boston and New York banks, as against 91.2 millions the week before; reserve Government deposits were 11.1 millions less than the week before; reserve deposits 72.6 millions less, and other deposits, including foreign government credits, 10.9 millions less. The "float," carried by the Reserve banks shows an increase of 31.7 millions, while net deposits figure out 135.2 millions below the corresponding total for the preceding week. Federal Reserve note circulation shows a reduction of \$4.6 millions, all Reserve banks reporting considerable return movements of notes. Export withdrawals and the sale to foreign interests of about \$ millions held in London account largely for a reduction of 21.1 millions in gold reserves. Other cash reserves, i. e., silver and legal tender note holdings, show an increase for the week of 2.1 millions.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 9 1920.

Table with columns for dates: Jan. 9 1920, Jan. 2 1920, Dec. 26 1919, Dec. 19 1919, Dec. 12 1919, Dec. 5 1919, Nov. 28 1919, Nov. 21 1919, Jan. 16 1919. 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, 4% redemp fund asst. 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.

Main financial table showing ratios of gold reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined for various dates from Jan. 9 1920 to Jan. 3 1919. Includes sub-sections for Distribution by Maturity and Federal Reserve Notes.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 9 1920

Large table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., and Total. Rows include Resources (Gold coin and certificates, gold with Federal Reserve agents, total gold reserves, legal tender notes, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital paid in, surplus, government deposits, etc.).

* Includes Government overdraft of \$204,000.

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 9 1920. Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., and Total. Rows include Federal Reserve notes (received, returned, chargeable), issued to F. R. bank, collateral security for outstanding notes, and amount of eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent.

Banking and Financial.

CANADIAN BANKING AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE

AN ADDRESS BY SIR JOHN AIRD, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

The following review of the operations of one of Canada's largest Banks and of the reason for the present exchange situation between this Country and Canada is taken from an address delivered by Sir John Aird, General Manager of The Canadian Bank of Commerce, to his shareholders.

Contrary to the view expressed last year, that it was unlikely that we should again see large figures for some years to come, the unexpected happened, and we have made a new record in both deposits and total assets. Undoubtedly the continued high prices for commodities of all kinds has left its mark upon the balance sheets of financial institutions, and while this condition continues it will be reflected in the figures of our own annual statement.

INCREASED EARNINGS.

The net profits have amounted to \$3,074,000, after a most careful provision for all the doubtful items among the Bank's assets. These earnings exceed those of last year by \$224,000, a satisfactory increase of 7.9 per cent, but which compares with an increase of 8.9 per cent in assets. The figures show that the forces which have been steadily reducing the rate of earnings on the services performed by Canadian banks for the public, to which I referred last year, are still actively at work, and it is fervently to be hoped that the keen spirit of competition, so strenuously active in many directions, will not blind Canadian bankers to this tendency of the times. When it is considered that the three million odd dollars that we show as our net profits represent the combined earnings of over 500 offices, and the result of the efforts of a staff of over 4,000 employees, it will be more clearly recognized how meagre is the showing in comparison with the vast amount of hard labor and heavy responsibility involved.

THE PENSION FUND.

We have paid during the year four quarterly dividends of 3 per cent, or 12 per cent in all, and now that the war is over and we find it necessary to take up our building program again, we have resumed our former practice and have written the sum of \$250,000 off Bank Premises Account. This is perhaps more necessary now than ever, owing to the extremely high cost of all building operations, which has naturally caused us to limit our program to only the most necessary work. The release of large numbers of our men from military service, and their return into the service of the Bank, has rendered a large increase necessary in the Bank's contribution to the Pension Fund.

There has been a decrease in our note circulation for the first time since the commencement of the war. The decrease is only \$1,536,000, but if it is one of the first signs of a check to the inflation of prices, it is not unwelcome. The increase in deposits of \$40,446,000 is the striking item of our statement, and it has taken place almost entirely in the more stable item of deposits bearing interest. The decreases in balances due to foreign banks and in bills payable are almost offset by the increase in acceptances under letters of credit, and none of these changes possess any special significance, save only that the increase in the use of letters of credit indicates a revival of foreign trade as a result of the ending of the war.

INCREASED CASH ASSETS.

On the assets side of the statement we show an increase of \$1,390,000 in cash on hand. The change is more than accounted for by the increase in Dominion notes held, there having been a slight decrease in our holdings of coin. Dominion notes in the Central Gold Reserves are \$1,000,000 lower, corresponding to the decrease in our note circulation. There is a decrease of about \$1,400,000 in the item of cheques on other banks, which may indicate a slight lessening in the activity of general business, but an increase in bank balances, which leaves the combined total of notes and cheques and bank balances \$1,133,000 greater than the figures of last year. There has been an increase in our call and short loans in Canada and a decrease in those elsewhere, the combined effect of all these changes in assets being that our quick or easily realizable assets have increased by \$16,892,000, and stand at 49.11 per cent of our liabilities to the public. Our holdings of Dominion and Provincial Government securities have increased \$10,700,000 during the year, largely represented by our share of advances to the Dominion Government which are being repaid out of the proceeds of the last Victory Loan. Current commercial loans, that is, those current loans not classified as "call and short loans," both in Canada and elsewhere, show considerable increases, amounting to \$20,837,000 in all, which may be considered as another welcome indication of reviving commercial activity. The increase in Bank Premises Account is due principally to the acquirement of sites for a number of our newer branches, in pursuance of our general policy in this respect. The total of our assets has grown during the year by \$39,333,000, or 8.9 per cent, which under the circumstances we consider satisfactory.

NEW BRANCHES.

Throughout the war the Canadian banks abstained, by common consent, from the opening of new branches. Not only was this justified by the uncertainty of the outlook, but the drain upon the manhood of the country for military service was so great that it was only with difficulty that those members of our staff who were left behind were able to cope with the work thrust upon them, even with the assistance of the temporary staff. Accordingly, while the conflict lasted, we could do no more than to keep a record of those places which seemed to offer a promising field, with a view to occupying them when the general situation justified such a step. The program thus laid down has fully employed our energies during the past year, but is fairly well completed, and now that we have occupied most of the promising new fields in Canada that have been brought to our attention, and have protected our business at those points where such action seemed necessary, we purpose turning our attention to foreign fields. In the meantime the new branches we have opened are, most of them, progressing satisfactorily, and although the initial expenses connected with them are heavy, we look to see them become before long a source of strength and profit.

THE BANK'S TAXES.

Some years ago, the year after the outbreak of the war, we took occasion to refer to the subject of taxes paid by the Bank and advised you that the total was about \$650,000. It will no doubt be of interest to you to know that the sum taken out of the profits of the Bank during the past year, and applied to the payment of taxes, was nearly double that amount, or over \$1,200,000. We have thought it well to speak thus frankly because the opinion seems to be more or less widely held that banks do not bear their fair share of the burdens of general taxation.

Out of the total of 1,704 officers of this Bank who volunteered for the defense of the Empire, either in the army or navy, we have reinstated during the course of the year 996, and have still to hear from 253 of them. We have been glad to welcome these officers back to our service, and will do all in our power to assist them to become re-established in civil life. *It is our hope that in the course of a reasonably short time they will find themselves at no disadvantage as a result of the loss in banking experience which naturally resulted from their absence. The opening of new branches and the expansion of our business have made it possible to take on the staff again all those who apply for reinstatement.

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE.

An unlooked for consequence of the war has been the unsettlement of the relations between employer and employed in every walk of life. One of the primary causes of this has been the extraordinary increase in the cost of living, but any one who is forced to grapple with the problems before the employer knows that this can be the cause of only a small part of his difficulties. The deeper and more complex part of them, no doubt, had their origin in that phase of the war, when it took on the aspect of a life and death struggle between the opposing forces. For a time everything had to be subordinated to the turning out of men, munitions and material for use in the war. The Government became, practically, almost the sole employer, the erst-while employer acting as its manager or agent to secure the necessary production. Under these conditions the usual balance-weights and counterpoises of business enterprise were lacking. To secure the necessary production was the only thing that mattered; the cost of doing so was a secondary consideration, and any demands made by employees were granted almost before they were asked. Thus new conditions arose, some showing marked improvement over those existing before the war, but others such as are foredoomed to failure if put into practice under the usual conditions of peace. It is, perhaps, too much to ask of either employees or employers that they should at once grasp with a clear mental vision all the far-reaching consequences of these changes. Suffice it to say that the adjustments necessary now that business conditions have become more normal are many and difficult, and involve to the utmost a spirit of fairness and a willingness to compromise opposing points of view on both sides. Speaking for our own staff, both permanent and temporary, they have rendered us loyal service in difficult days, and we have sought to give generous and sympathetic consideration to the difficulties which have been particularly their lot, as salaried men and women, during an extraordinary rise in the cost of living.

THE 1919 VICTORY LOAN.

In November last the Canadian Government issued its sixth War Loan, the money being required for purposes connected with the transition from war to peace. The Minister of Finance, Sir Henry Drayton, again asked for a minimum of \$300,000,000, and the total subscriptions received were \$676,242,790, almost as much as subscribed

to the previous loan. The Minister of Finance, and the country itself, are to be congratulated most heartily upon this new demonstration of the financial strength of Canada. There was a large reduction in the number of subscribers, the total number being 789,532, as compared with 1,140,057 in the case of the 1918 loan, so that the average amount subscribed was considerably larger, being \$857, as against \$610. It is interesting to note, as showing the popularity of the Victory Loans among small subscribers, that in the case of the 1917 loan \$100,300,000, and in the case of the 1918 loan \$104,500,000, was issued in \$50 and \$100 bonds. The corresponding figures for the 1919 loan are not yet available, and owing to the reduction in the number of subscribers the total will probably not be so great, but it is evident that about \$300,000,000 of the last three loans has been obtained in this way.

DEPRECIATED EXCHANGE.

The condition of the foreign exchanges is one of the problems with which we have had to deal during the past year, and it is one in which the people of Canada are deeply concerned, as it has a very direct effect upon their economic life. Canada is not alone in suffering from the effects of a depreciated exchange, in fact, it is a condition now familiar to almost every country in the world. The artificial expedients which have been resorted to in order to correct the situation, such as the shipping of gold, the sale of securities and an attempt at fixing exchange rates, are inadequate and may even prove dangerous. The rehabilitation of our dollar can only be accomplished by saving, economy and greater production. It has perhaps become fairly generally known among those who take an interest in the matter that our imports from the United States greatly exceed our exports to that country, and that in the case of Great Britain the reverse is true, our exports greatly exceeding our imports. Therefore in the case of our trade with the United States there is a scarcity of bills receivable which we can set off against our bills payable to that country; while in the case of our trade with Great Britain the reverse is true, and the bills receivable exceed the bills payable to such an extent that she has been forced to obtain credit from us for many of her purchases of foodstuffs produced in Canada.

FOREIGN CREDITS.

There is much more, however, in the situation than this. We have been selling on credit to France, Belgium, Greece, Rumania, and to some extent to Great Britain, manufactured goods, the raw materials of which are largely imported from the United States, and we are called upon to pay for these raw materials in cash. In addition to this, the interest payments on our debt abroad have increased, as well as the heavy shipping charges which have to be paid on water-borne goods. In paying for the raw materials referred to we are forced to use up a large part of those funds ordinarily available to defray the cost of our normal imports from the United States. The scarcity of United States funds has thus been accentuated by the increased demand, while the source from which we have been wont in the past to make up any deficiencies, that is, the balance due to us by merchants and others in Great Britain, is not now available for this purpose for two reasons; first, that Great Britain is not settling in cash as in the past; second, that such part of this indebtedness as might be made available for the purpose is not now acceptable to the United States as payment, because that country has already a surplus of British debts which she is anxious to realize. If to these factors in the problem be added the effect of increased purchases of luxuries imported from the United States in the present era of free and easy spending, an idea will be obtained of at least some of the main reasons for the present situation.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Jan. 16 1920.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—Business at the Stock Exchange has been decidedly limited in volume and negative in character throughout the week now closing. The chief cause for these conditions has been the money market, where call loan rates fluctuated between 8 and 15% until Thursday and all the time a notable paucity of other influences of any kind has obtained. The stock market has, however, been in purely professional hands.

The drop in railway shares from 1 1/2 to 2 points and of the speculative industrials from 5 to 10 and in some cases over 20 points has, therefore, no significance. Both may drop lower next week, or may in the immediate future recover more than they have lost this week.

Among the exceptional features are Texas & Pacific, which closes almost 4 points lower than last week, while Can. Pacific has lost 3 1/4, So. Pacific 2 3/8 and Union Pacific, Great Northern, New York Central and Reading between 1 and 2.

Of the other group Mex. Petroleum is conspicuous for a decline of 24 points, General Motors 21, Am. Tob., Atlantic G. & W. I., Baldwin Loco., Cruc. Steel, Ind. Alcohol and S. Rubber 10 or near 10, while not one active stock of either group has made even a fractional advance.

The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range for Year 1919 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Am Bosh Magneto rts, Am Brake Shoe & Fdy, etc.

ness has, however, included a large number of issues. Of a list of 20 relatively active bonds only two are fractionally higher than last week and one is unchanged. Of the notably weak features New York Ry.'s have declines nearly 4 points, Mo. Pac. 4s, 1 1/2, Rock Island 4s 1 1/2, and Atchison, Ches. & Ohio 5s, Inter. R. T. 5s, St. L. & S. F. and Reading are a point or near a point lower than last week. C. & O. 4 1/2s and Steels are fractionally higher.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly, and yearly. Columns include Week ending, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad & Foreign Bonds, State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds, and United States Bonds.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange for the week ending Jan. 16, 1920, and for the period Jan. 1 to Jan. 15, 1920. Columns include Stocks—No. shares, Par value, Bank shares, par, Bonds, Government bonds, State, mun., &c., bonds, R.R. and misc. bonds, and Total bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges. Columns include Week ending, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), and Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales).

United States Bonds.

Table showing daily records of Liberty Loan prices from Jan. 10 to Jan. 16, 1920. Columns include Date, Price, and various bond types like First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, etc.

Foreign Exchange.—The market for sterling exchange has ruled dull but weak, with a further recession to lower levels.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3.65@3.66 for sixty days, 3.68 1/4@3.69 1/4 for cheques and 3.60@3.70 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight 3.67 1/4@3.68 1/4, sixty days 3.63 1/4@3.64 1/4, ninety days 3.61 1/4@3.62 1/4, and documents for payment (sixty days) 3.62 1/4@3.63 1/4. Cotton for payment 3.67 1/4@3.68 1/4, and grain for payment 3.67 1/4@3.68 1/4.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 11.70@11.73 for long and 11.62@11.65 for short. Germany bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 36 15-16@36 1/4 for long and 37 5-16@37 1/4 for short. Exchange at Paris on London 42.89 fr., week's range 41.77 fr. high and 42.89 fr. low.

Table showing the range for foreign exchange for the week follows. Columns include Sterling Actual, High for the week, Low for the week, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, Domestic Exchange—Chicago, par, St. Louis, 15@25c, per \$1,000 discount, Boston, par, San Francisco, par, Montreal, \$82 25c per \$1,000 premium, Cincinnati, par.

State and Railroad Bonds.—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week.

The market for railway and miscellaneous bonds has again been dull and generally weak. The limited amount of busi-

ness has, however, included a large number of issues. Of a list of 20 relatively active bonds only two are fractionally higher than last week and one is unchanged. Of the notably weak features New York Ry.'s have declines nearly 4 points, Mo. Pac. 4s, 1 1/2, Rock Island 4s 1 1/2, and Atchison, Ches. & Ohio 5s, Inter. R. T. 5s, St. L. & S. F. and Reading are a point or near a point lower than last week. C. & O. 4 1/2s and Steels are fractionally higher.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE NOT PER CENT (Saturday Jan. 10 to Friday Jan. 16), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1919 (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1918 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like American Sugar Refining, Amer Telephone & Teleg, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ 80% paid. ■ Full paid. ▲ Old stock. †† Ex-dividend. For fluctuations in rights see second page preceding.

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

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Jan. 10 to Friday Jan. 16), Sales or this Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1919, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1918. Lists various stocks like Industrial & Misc. (Con.), Monks Companies, Do prof., Manhattan Shirt, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div and rights. ¶ Ex-div. †† For fluctuations in rights see p. 150

Jan. 1902 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for interest and defaulted bonds.

Main table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending Jan. 16, Interest Period, Price Friday Jan. 16, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Year 1919, and detailed bond listings with prices and dates.

* No price Friday; latest this week. † Due Jan. ‡ Due April. § Due May. ¶ Due June. †† Due July. ‡‡ Due Aug. §‡ Due Oct. ¶‡ Due Nov. §‡‡ Due Dec. †‡‡ Option sale.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending Jan. 16., Interest Period, Price Friday Jan. 16., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Year 1919. Includes various bond types like N Y Cent & H R RR (Com), N Y & P U, Pine Creek, etc.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending Jan. 16., Interest Period, Price Friday Jan. 16., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Year 1919. Includes various bond types like P. C. C. & St. L. (Com.), Series F guar 4 1/2 gold, etc.

* No other Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due Mar. d Due Apr. e Due May. f Due June. g Due July. h Due Aug. i Due Oct. j Due Nov. k Due Dec. l Option sale.

BONDS		Price		Week's		Range	Yield	
N Y STOCK EXCHANGE		Friday Jan. 16		Range of Last Sale				1919
Week ending Jan 16		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High
Virginian 1st 5s series A	1902	M	N	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Wabash 1st gold 5s	1930	M	N	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
2d gold 5s	1930	F	A	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Debutante series B	1939	J	J	90	Aug '18			
1st lien equip a f 5s	1921	M	S	98 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
1st lien 60-yr term 4s	1954	J	J	70 1/2	70 1/2	Nov '19	70 1/2	70 1/2
Det & Ch Ext lat g 5s	1941	J	J	88 1/2	88 1/2	Jan '20	88 1/2	88 1/2
Des Moines Div lat g 4s	1939	J	J	75 1/2	80	Aug '12		
Om Div lat g 3 1/2s	1941	A	O	65	67	Feb '19	67	67
Tol & Ch Div g 4s	1941	M	S	65	74 1/2	Oct '19	72	74 1/2
Wash Term lat gu 3 1/2s	1945	F	A	71 1/2	72	Aug '18	72	72 1/2
1st 40-yr guar 4s	1945	F	A	75	81	5 1/2	75	81
West Maryland 1st g 4s	1932	A	O	61	61 1/2		61	61 1/2
West N Y & Pa 1st g 5s	1927	J	J	93	92	Jan '20	92	100
Gen gold 5s	1943	A	O	63	63	Dec '19	63	63
Income 5s	1943	N	O	63	63	Oct '17		
Western Pac lat ser A 5s	1946	M	S	84 1/2	84	84 1/2	61	79 1/2
Wheeling & L E 1st g 5s	1926	A	O	92	92	92 1/2	5	92
Wheel Div lat gold 5s	1928	J	J	85	95	100	Feb '17	
Exten & Impnt gold 5s	1930	F	A	81 1/2	90 1/2	Mar '17		
Refunding 4 1/2s series A	1946	M	S	51	54	50	5	49 1/2
RR lat consol 4s	1949	M	S	53 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	5	65 1/2
Winston-Salem S B lat 4s	1900	J	J	60 1/2	76 1/2	Nov '19	67 1/2	76
W Va Cent 40-yr 1st gen 4s	1949	J	J	68 1/2	69 1/2	69	10	63 1/2
Sup & Dul Div & Term lat 4s	1936	M	N	68 1/2	70	70	Jan '20	67

BONDS		Price		Week's		Range	Yield	
N Y STOCK EXCHANGE		Friday Jan. 16		Range of Last Sale				1919
Week ending Jan. 16		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High
Miscellaneous								
Adams Ex coll tr f 4s	1948	M	S	57	57 1/2	56	57 1/2	7
Alaska Gold M deb 6s A	1925	M	S	15 1/2	20	15 1/2	Jan '20	15 1/2
Conv deb 5s series B	1926	M	S	15 1/2	17 1/2	14	Dec '19	12
Am SS of W Va lat 5s	1920	M	N	97 1/2	97 1/2			
Armour & Co lat real est 4 1/2s	1939	J	D	83 1/2	83	83 1/2	84	81
Bath Floristies deb s f 6s	1926	A	O	95 1/2	90	Feb '18		
Braden Cop M coll tr s f 6s	1931	F	A	92 1/2	94	90 1/2	Dec '19	89 1/2
Bush Terminal lat 4s	1922	A	O	77	81 1/2	79 1/2	Jan '20	77
Consol 5s	1955	J	J	76	81	80	82	9
Buildings 5s guar tax ex	1960	A	O	80 1/2	82 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	4
Chic C & Conn Ry s f 5s	1927	A	O	40 1/2	58	Mar '18		
Chic Un Sta lat gu 4 1/2s A	1963	J	J	62	63	63	18	73 1/2
Chile Copper 10-yr conv 7s	1923	M	N	106 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	45	101 1/2
Coats (part paid) conv 6s ser A	1932	A	O	89 1/2	89 1/2	Oct '19		
Coll tr & conv 6s ser A	1932	A	O	80	84	83 1/2	370	75
Computing-Tab-Rec a f 6s	1941	J	J	86	86	86	7	82
Granby Cons MS&P con 6s A	1928	M	N	95	100	96	Dec '19	96
Stamped	1928	M	N	95	98	98	Dec '19	95
Great Falls Pow lat s f 5s	1940	M	N	90	91 1/2	93	Dec '19	93
Int Mercan Marine s f 6s	1941	A	O	94	94	93 1/2	188	92 1/2
Montana Power lat 5s A	1943	J	J	85	84	84 1/2	39	84
Morris & Co lat s f 4 1/2s	1939	J	J	80 1/2	85	82	83 1/2	8
Mtge Bonds (N Y) 4s ser 2	1966	A	O		83	Apr '14		
10-20-yr 5s series 3	1932	J	J		94	June '16		
N Y Dec 50-yr 1st g 4s	1951	F	A	67	68	68 1/2	5	65
Niagara Falls Power lat 5s	1932	J	J	91 1/2	95	92 1/2	1	93 1/2
Ref & gen 6s	1932	A	O	100 1/2	101 1/2	Oct '19		
Niag Loc & O Pow lat 5s	1954	M	N	86	90 1/2	88	88	2
Nor States Power 25-yr 5s A	1941	A	O	85	86	83	17	82 1/2
Ontario Power N F lat 5s	1943	F	A	83	84	82 1/2	7	84 1/2
Ontario Transmission 5s	1945	M	N	75	84	75	4	79
Pa-Am-Pac & Tri lat conv 6s	1927	J	J	125	155 1/2	May '10		
Pub Serv Corp N J gen 5s	1950	A	O	66	66	66	20	54 1/2
Tennessee Cop lat conv 6s	1925	M	N	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	16	91
Wash Water Power lat 5s	1939	J	J		90 1/2	July '19		
Wilson & Co lat 25-yr s f 6s	1941	A	O	98	98	97 1/2	61	94 1/2
10-yr conv s f 6s	1928	J	D	95 1/2	95	96 1/2	90	94 1/2

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked, a Due Jan., b Due April, c Due May, d Due June, e Due July, f Due Aug, g Due Oct, h Due Nov, i Due Dec, j Option sale

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Jan. 10 to Jan. 16, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1919 (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Jan. 10 to Jan. 16, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1919 (Low, High).

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Jan. 10 to Jan. 16, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1919 (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1919 (Low, High).

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Jan. 10 to Jan. 16, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1919 (Low, High).

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Jan. 10 to Jan. 16, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1919 (Low, High).

Table with columns: Other Oil Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale, Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low, High, Sales for Week, Shares, Range since Jan. 1, Low, High. Includes Wayland Oil & Gas com., White Eagle Oil Ref., etc.

Main table of stock prices with columns: Company Name, Par, Friday Last Sale, Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low, High, Sales for Week, Shares, Range since Jan. 1, Low, High. Includes Mining Stocks, Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments, etc.

Bonds section with columns: Bond Name, Par, Price, Yield, etc. Includes Allied Bank conv deb 6%, Amer Tel & Tel Co., etc.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies. See page 238.
New York City Realty and Surety Companies. See page 238.

Quotations for Sundry Securities

Table of quotations for various securities including Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments, Tobacco Stocks, and Short Term Notes. Includes columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and other market data.

CURRENT NOTICES

The Wall Street Division of New York University, which since 1915 has conducted classes in the Broad Exchange Building, moves on Feb. 1 to its new headquarters at 90 Trinity Place, where it will occupy the entire premises of what was formerly Trinity Church School.

* Per share, \$ Baets, d Purchase also pays accrued dividend, e New stock, / Flat price, n Nominal, Ex-dividend, y Ex-rights, (f) Without par value.

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of the electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

Main table with columns: ROADS, Latest Gross Earnings (Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include Alabama & Vicksb., Ann Arbor, Atch Topoka & S Fe, Gulf Colo & S Fe, Panhandle & S Fe, Atlanta Birm & Atl, Atlanta & West Pt., Atlantic City, Atlantic Coast Line, Baltimore & Ohio, B & O Ch Term, Bangor & Aroostook, Bellefonte Central, Belt Ry of Chicago, Bessemer & L Erie, Birmingham & Garfield, Birmingham South, Boston & Maine, Buff Roch & Pittsb, Buffalo & Susq, Canadian Nat Rys, Can Pac Lines in Mo, Canadian Pacific, Caro Clinch & Ohio, Central of Georgia, Central RR of N J, Cent New England, Central Vermont, Charleston & W Car, Ches & Ohio Lines, Chicago & Alton, Chic Burl & Quincy, Chicago & East Ill, Chicago Great West, Chic Ind & Louisv, Chicago Junction, Chic Milw & St Paul, Chic & North West, Chic Peoria & St L, Chic R I & Pacific, Chic R I & Gulf, Chic St P M & Om, Chic Terre H & S E, Cin Ind & Western, Cin N O & Tex Pac, Colo & Southern, Ft W & Den City, Trin & Brazos Val, Colo & Wyoming, Cuba Railroad, Delaware & Hudson, Delaw Lack & West, Deny & Rio Grande, Duver & Salt Lake, Detroit & Mackinac, Detroit Tol & Front, Det & Tol Shore L, Del & Iron Range, Dul Missabe & Nor, Dul Son Shore & Atl, Duluth Winn & Pac, East St Louis Conn, Elgin Joliet & East, El Paso & Rio Grande, Erie Railroad, Chicago & Erie, Florida East Coast, Fonda Johns & Glov, Ft Smith & Western, Galveston Wharf, Georgia Railroad, Georgia & Florida, Grd Trk L in New E, Grand Trunk Syst, Grd Trunk West, Great North System, Gulf Mobile & Nor, Gulf & Shp Island, Hocking Valley, Illinois Central, Internat & Gt Nor, Kan City Mex & Or, K C Mex & O of Tex, Kansas City South, Texark & Ft Sm, Kansas City Term, Lehigh & Hud River, Lehigh & New Eng, Lehigh Valley, Los Ang & Salt Lake, Louisiana & Arkan, Louisiana Ry & Nav, Louisville & Nashv, Louisv Hend & St L, Maine Central, Midland Valley, Mineral Range, Minneap & St Louis, Miss St P & S M, Mississippi Central, Missouri Kan & Tex, Mo K & T Ry of Tex, Mo & North Arkan, Mo Okla & Gulf, Missouri Pacific.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns: Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %), Monthly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %). Rows include 8d week Oct (14 roads), 4th week Oct (9 roads), 1st week Nov (14 roads), 2d week Nov (14 roads), 3d week Nov (8 roads), 4th week Nov (11 roads), 1st week Dec (13 roads), 2d week Dec (9 roads), 3d week Dec (11 roads), 1st week Jan (6 roads), Mileage, Curr. Yr., Prev. Yr., Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, August, September, October, November.

*We no longer include Mexican roads in any of our totals.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of January. The table covers 6 roads and shows 14.42% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with 4 columns: First Week of January, 1920, 1919, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Ann Arbor, Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Canadian National Ry., Canadian Pacific, Nevada-California-Oregon, Texas & Pacific, and Total (6 roads).

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad and industrial companies reported this week:

Table with 6 columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Other Income, Gross Income, Fixed Charges, Balance-Surplus. Rows include New York Chicago & St. Louis RR, Nov '19, '18, and 11 mos '19, '18.

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: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance-Surplus. Rows include Cities Service Co, Detroit Edison Co, Keystone Telep Co, Detroit United Lines.

z After allowing for other income received.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railway and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Dec. 27. The next will appear in that of Jan. 31.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. (Prelim. Statement for 4th Quar. 1919 and for Cal. Year 1919.) Vice-President W. S. Gifford, Jan. 14 1920, says:

The earnings and expenses for the fourth quarter of 1919 are given below as well as the results for the entire year, as it is the first complete fiscal quarter since Aug. 1 1919, when the telephone properties comprising the Bell System were returned to the owners by the U. S. Government.

EARNINGS FOR CALENDAR YEARS AND THREE MONTHS OF 1919.

Table with 3 columns: 4th Quarter 1919, Calendar Years 1919, 1918. Rows include Dividends, Interest and other revenue, Telephone traffic (net), Compensation accf. Govt. contract, Total, Expenses, Net earnings, Deduct Interest, Balance, Deduct dividends (8% per annum), Balance available for reserves & sur.

National Biscuit Company. (22d Annual Report—Year ending Dec. 31 1919.) President Roy E. Tomlinson says in substance:

The only indebtedness of the company is for raw materials, supplies and other incidental items, incurred so recently that the accounts could not be audited and paid before the close of the year. Many of the raw materials produced abroad were not obtainable during the past year. This restricted somewhat the variety of our products but all the staple lines were placed on their pre-war formula bases. The result has been a demand for our biscuit vastly exceeding our baking facilities.

This gives the company ownership in fee of all its bakery properties in New York City.

The demand for our products increases each year. This is evidence of enduring good will on the part of the consumer.

INGOME ACCOUNT. Calendar Years 1919, 1918, 1917. Jan. 31 Yr. 1916-17. Rows include Net profits, Common dividends (7%), Preferred dividends (7%), Balance, surplus.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31. 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Assets: Plant, real estate, machinery, U. S. Treas. certifi., U. S. bonds & notes, Cash, Stocks & securities, Acc'ts receivable, Raw mats. sup. piles, etc., Total. Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, Common div., payable Jan. 15, Carton factory reserve, Tax reserve, Surplus, Total.

-V. 110, p. 172.

Consumers Power Co. (of Maine)—Michigan Light Co. (Earnings and Balance Sheet to Nov. 30 1919.)

A circular of Jan. 3, issued by Commonwealth Power, Railway & Light Co. (which see under "Investment News" below), proposing amalgamation of Consumers Power Co. and Michigan Light Co. and the making of a new bond issue by the Consumers Power Co., reports:

EARNINGS CAL. YEARS 1914 AND 1916-18 AND 11 MOS. 1919.

Table with 5 columns: 11 Mos. '19, 1918, 1917, 1916, 1914. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating exp., Gross income, Fixed charges, Preferred divs., Balance for depr. & replacement, Gross earnings, Operating exp., Gross income, Fixed charges, Preferred div., Balance for depr. & replacement.

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS OF NOV. 30 1919.

Table with 4 columns: Consumers Power Co., Michigan Light Co., Consumers Light Co., Michigan Light Co. Rows include Assets: Plant & investm't, Investments, Sinking funds, Cash, Special deposits, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Materials & supp., Debt disc. & exp., Prepaid accounts, Total. Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, Bonds, Loans payable, Accounts payable, Consum. deposits, Accr. & res. acc'ts, Repl. & cont. res., Profit & loss (sur.), Total.

-V. 107, p. 699; V. 108, p. 84.

Manhattan Shirt Co., New York.

(Report for the Fiscal Year ending Nov. 29 1919.)

President Lewis Levi, Jan. 10 1920, wrote in substance:

During the year ending Nov. 29 1919 the par value of the Common stock was reduced to \$25 per share and exchanged for the outstanding stock on the basis of 4 shares of new stock for one share of old.

Dividends on the Common stock during that period were increased to the basis of 7% per annum and there is every indication that business in hand and future prospects will justify a continuance of this rate.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING NOV. 29.

Table with 5 columns: 1918-19, 1917-18, 1916-17, 1915-16, 1914-15. Rows include Net profits, Dividends on investm'ts, Interest (net), Net income, Reserve for Income and Excess Profits Taxes, Preferred dividends (7%), Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Total, Preferred stock reserve, Difference between cost and par value of stock written off (net), Adjustments, Total profit & loss surp.

x See text above.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET NOV. 29.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1919, 1918. Rows include Assets: Land, bldgs. mach., ec., less deprec., Trade name, goodwill and patterns, Investments, U. S. Govt. bonds (at cost), War Sav. stamps, Cash, Notes & acct. rec., Inventories, Deferred charges, Total. Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, Notes & accounts payable and accrued accounts, Reserve to retire preferred stock, Reserve for Federal and N. Y. State taxes, Profit and loss, Total.

a Includes Manhattan Shirt Co. preferred and common stock purchased. -V. 109, p. 683.

Creamery Package Mfg. Co., Chicago.

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

Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr. E. W. Chandler, Dec. 31 1919, wrote in substance:

After paying our dividends, making adequate deductions for bad accounts, setting up reserves for discounts, doubtful items, depreciation of buildings, machinery and equipment, expiration of patents, and U. S. revenue taxes, there remains a substantial balance to the credit of undivided profits.

[The company's factories are located at Bay City, Mich.; Dytheville, Ark.; Coffeyville, Kan.; De Kalb, Ill.; Elgin, Ill.; Fort Atkinson, Wis.; Lake Mills, Wis.; Mankato, Minn.; Portland, Ind.; and Rutland, Vt.]

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING NOVEMBER 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1918-19, 1917-18, 1916-17, 1915-16. Rows include Net earnings, Depreciation, Balance, Common dividends, Preferred dividends, Res'ved for exp'n of patents, Res've for U. S. revenue taxes, and Balance, surplus.

BALANCE SHEET NOVEMBER 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1919, 1918. Rows include Real est., mach., Patents, Inventories, Accts. & bills rec., Misc. investments, U. S. Liberty bonds, Cash on hand, Timber lands, Unexp'd insurance, and Total.

* Real estate, machinery, plants, &c., in 1919 include lands, buildings and their equipment, \$1,303,743; power plants and their equipment, manufacturing machinery and minor equipment, \$555,974; motors and transportation equipment, \$78,431; furniture and fixtures, \$67,734; less \$298,176 reserve to provide for depreciation. a After deducting \$200,197 for discount and doubtful items and refrigeration contracts. b Including reserve for excess profits tax.—V. 109, p. 2360.

United Paperboard Co.

(Semi-Annual Report for Six Months ending Nov. 29 1919.)

RESULTS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING NOV. 30 1918 AND NOV. 29 1919.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1919, 1918. Rows include Gross earnings, Taxes and insur., Administration expen., Net earnings, Interest charges, Pref. dividends, Common divs., and Balance, surp.

x No deduction has been made for depreciation and income taxes.

BALANCE SHEET NOV. 29.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1919, 1918. Rows include Plants, equip'mt, Sundry securities, Cash, Cash (ins. fd. for replacement), Bills & accts. rec., Mfgs. & supplis., Deferred charges, Suspended assets, and Total.

—V. 109, p. 1904.

Houston Oil Co. of Texas.

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

The comparative income account and balance sheet were cited in V. 110, p. 166.

The report, dated Nov. 22 1919, says in substance:

Report.—The following constitutes a review of the operations of both the Houston Oil Co. of Texas and the Southwestern Settlement & Development Co. (not incorporated), except as hereinafter noted, taken as a whole, and without distinction because of their independent legal entities.

Oil Business.—During the past fiscal year the total oil produced by and for account of the two companies aggregated 466,792 bbls. (an increase of 196%), viz.: (1) By Houston Oil Co. from the Corsicana field, 39,440 bbls.; (2) company's interest in the operations on joint account with Republic Production Co. in Liberty County field, 352,495 bbls. (as of Nov. 1 1919); (3) company's interest in the production of the Higgins Oil & Fuel Co., and through the latter in that of the Booth Oil & Gas Co., was 75,857 bbls. The Higgins Oil & Fuel Co. owns 50% of the stock of the Booth Oil & Gas Co. the trustees of the Southwestern Settlement & Development Co. (not incorporated) own, say, 53% of the stock of the Higgins Oil & Fuel Co.

During the fiscal year just closed (and to Nov. 1 1919), 14 wells have been drilled on the Devore tract in Liberty County, 10 of which are now producing, 1 was lost, and work on 3 has been temporarily suspended; 6 of these wells are flowing and the others are pumping; the exact location of many of the wells was determined for the purpose of delimiting the field.

A total of 21 wells have been drilled (from Aug. 1918 to Nov. 1 1919) on the Devore tract, 15 of which are now producing; 3 have been abandoned; 2 have been suspended temporarily, and 1 lost. The oil is of low grade in gasoline content, but high in lubricants.

The Devore tract, consisting of 800 acres, is situated in Liberty County, Texas, near Hull, a station on the Gulf Coast Lines. This tract was selected as the site of the first development under the provisions of the operating contract and conveyance between your company and the Republic Production Co.; production began in August 1918. Your company has acquired, jointly with the Republic Production Co., additional acreage, adjacent to the Devore, aggregating, say, 2,309 acres, including ample terminal facilities at Hull.

Although the extent of the oil deposit in this field is not definitely determined, yet the results, so far obtained are considered to indicate that the field constitutes an asset of very great value. The company owns in fee, say, 775,000 acres, in addition to over 200,000 acres of oil and mineral rights, in East Texas and Louisiana; these holdings are situated within the general area known as the Gulf Coastal Plain, recognized as productive of oil, sulphur and other minerals. Several sites for future boring operations have been selected, where the indications are considered to be promising.

Lands, &c.—Land sales during the past fiscal year aggregated 5,605.86 acres (first payment having been made in each instance), at an average price of, say, \$20.74 per acre, an increase in acreage sold of 169%, and an increase in average price per acre of 2%. In all land sales the mineral rights are reserved to the grantor.

Receipts from turpentine operations during the past fiscal year amount to \$27,532.32, an increase of 36%. Sales of hardwood amounted to \$27,532.32, an increase of, say, 23%.

New Stock—Retirement Feb. 1 1920 of Last of Timber Certificates.—Within the fiscal year closing Sept. 30 1919, the common capital stock was increased by appropriate proceedings from \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. The 50,000 additional shares were offered for subscription to all stockholders at \$1.00 par (\$1.00). Total subscriptions aggregated 71,819 shares (V. 108, p. 2128 V. 109, p. 275).

Of the proceeds of this subscription, an amount sufficient to retire the outstanding balance of new series timber certificates has been deposited

with the Maryland Trust Co., trustee, and by Feb. 1 1920 (the earliest available redemption date), these obligations and all mortgage indebtedness of the Houston Oil Co. of Texas will have been paid. The balance of the proceeds of subscription is available for general corporate purposes, all of which appears in the balance sheet hereto attached.

Kirby Lumber Contract.—During the past year the Kirby Lumber Co. has met promptly the minimum semi-annual payments due the Houston Oil Co. of Texas under the terms of the contract between those two companies and of the decree of the U. S. Circuit Court.

A final statement of accounts between your company and the Kirby Lumber Co. is approaching, involving the interpretation of points of ambiguity in the decree and in the timber contract itself, and the ascertainment of certain facts, such as the liability of the lumber company for timber destroyed by hurricane, &c.; also the liability of the lumber company for taxes, and interest thereon, on timber represented by the difference between the minimum payments made by the lumber company and those contemplated by the decree, &c. It is hoped that litigation may be avoided.

President.—It is with deep regret that we report the death in July last of Col. S. W. Fordyce, the President since 1904.

(Signed by Henry J. Bowdoin, now V.-Pres. Houston Oil Co. of Texas, and Edwards Whitaker, President trustees constituting the Southwestern Settlement & Development Co.)

Capital Assets of Houston Oil Co.—Additions to capital assets during the year, including increase arising from the revaluation of the company's interest in oil and gas rights on properties owned jointly with the Republic Production Co., \$1,200,000, and developments, \$250,000, aggregated \$1,626,324; less net receipts for year from timber, &c. (per realization account below), \$520,927, and reserves for depletion of oil lands and depreciation of plant and equipment, \$77,810; total capital assets Sept. 30 1919, \$332,552,965 (see footnote to balance sheet). V. 110, p. 166.

American Ice Company.

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

Table with 4 columns: 1918-19, 1917-18, 1916-17, 1915-16. Rows include Gross receipts, Income from investments, Interest, discount, &c., Total, Less cost of merchandise oper. expenses, &c., Balance, Bond interest, &c., Taxes, Insurance, Maintenance & improv't, Res'va for Federal taxes, Disc. on coll. trust bonds, Depreciation, Dissolution exp. (Amer. Ice Securities Co.), Adj. or gen. prop. values, and Total.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1919, 1918. Rows include Total, Net gain, Preferred dividends, Balance, surplus, and CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET OCT. 31 (INCL. SUBSIDIARY COS.).

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1919, 1918. Rows include Assets—Land, buildings, machinery, &c., Good-will, water & patent rights, Invest't securities, Cash, Notes and accounts receivable, Certificates of indebtedness, Liberty bonds, Insur'ce premiums, Inventory of mer- chandise, &c., Fund investments, and Total.

a Includes in 1919 American Ice Co. treasury stock (1,593 shares pref, and 3,934 shares of common), \$297,391; Independent Ice Co. stock (509 shares pref., 237 shares com.), \$125,000; and sundry stocks and bonds (outside companies), \$53,068; real estate mortgages, \$84,500. d Consists of \$554,000 U. S. Liberty bonds, New York City bonds, \$31,134 (par value \$35,000); sinking and release fund cash, \$6,805; loans, \$772. e After deducting in 1919 \$817,500 owned by American Ice Co. f After deducting in 1919 \$206,000 in treasury. x After adding the aforesaid \$1,127,901 and excess Federal tax reserve for 1918 credited back to surplus, \$19,568, and after making deductions as follows: 798 shares pref. and 3,386 shares com. stock of American Ice Co. in treasury reduced to market, \$193,275; discount on sale of \$1,000,000 par value of real estate First & Gen. M. 6% bonds, \$55,000.—V. 109, p. 2441.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

American Railway & Power Co.—Sale.—The foreclosure sale originally set for June 11 1919 and several times postponed has now been set for Feb. 4 1920.—V. 109, p. 2262.

Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.—Payment of Full 18 Months' Interest to June 30 1919 on 5% Income Bonds, Covering Coupons Due Sept. 1 1918 to Sept. 1 1919, Incl.

The Columbia Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y., announces that it has received deposit of funds to pay interest at the rate of 5% per annum on past due coupons of Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic 5% Income Bonds. These coupons numbered 5, 6 and 7, which were due Sept. 1st 1918, March 1st 1919, Sept. 1st 1919 respectively, will be paid at the rate of \$25 each on and after Monday, Jan. 12th 1920 when accompanied by appropriate income tax certificates. Funds have heretofore been unavailable due to the delay in executing the compensation contract with the U. S. Railroad Administration. This contract was signed on or about Dec. 9, fixing the annual compensation at \$480,000 per annum. The outstanding issue of incomes was recently \$4,543,907.—Compare V. 109, p. 2262, 2354; V. 110, p. 166.

Atlanta Terminal Co.—Certificates Ready.—On and after Jan. 15 1920 Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., will be prepared to deliver at its trust department, definitive Atlanta Terminal Co. 1st Mtge. 20-year 6% Series 'A' bonds, due 1939, with coupon No. 1 due February, 1920, and subsequent attached, in exchange for the outstanding temporary certificates of the issue.—V. 109, p. 1271.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Exchange of Bonds.—Notice is given that the Baltimore & Ohio RR., Toledo Cincinnati Division, Series A, 4% Gold bonds, due July 1 1950, with coupons due Jan. 1 1920, and onward, to be issued in exchange for the Cincinnati Hamilton & Dayton Ry. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 4% 50-year Gold bonds, 1950, guaranteed by the Baltimore & Ohio RR., have been received in London. Holders of certificates of deposit issued by the Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd., should present the certificates to the National Provincial & Union Bank of England, Ltd., 2, Princes St. E. C. 2, to be exchanged for the new bonds. [At last accounts only \$180,000 of the C. H. & D. 1st & Ref. bonds were unexchanged.]—V. 109, p. 2439.

Brooklyn Queens County & Suburban RR.—Committee for First Mortgage 5% Gold Bonds due 1941.—

The committee named below in a notice to the holders of the above bonds says in substance:

Default having been made in the July 1 1919 and Jan. 1 1920 interest on these bonds the committee named below, at the request of the holders of a large amount of said bonds, have consented to act as a committee, under the terms of a deposit agreement, dated Jan. 5 1920, copies of which may be obtained from the depository, Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, New York, or the Secretary of the Committee. Holders of the bonds are invited to deposit their bonds on or before Jan. 31 1920 with the depository under the deposit agreement. Coupon bonds must be accompanied by the coupons maturing July 1 1919 and Jan. 1 1920, and all subsequent coupons and ownership certificates, in accordance with the Federal income tax law. Registered bonds must be accompanied by properly executed transfers thereof in blank. For all bonds deposited, transferable certificates of deposit will be issued by the Guaranty Trust Co. No bonds will be received after Jan. 31 1920, except upon such terms as the committee may impose.

Committee.—Charles A. Peabody, Alexander J. Hemphill, Ellis W. Gladwin, Frederick L. Allen, Counsel; Frederick S. Stevenson, Sec., 55 Cedar St., N. Y. City.—V. 109, p. 2355.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co.—Vice-President.—F. M. Whitaker has been elected Vice-President of this company and the Hocking Valley Ry., effective Jan. 15.—V. 109, p. 2355.

Cincinnati Hamilton & Dayton Ry.—Exchange of Bonds See Baltimore & Ohio RR. above.—V. 108, p. 2241.

Cleveland Railway.—Dividend Increase Approved.—The Cleveland City Council on Dec. 29 formally granted the company the right to increase the dividend rate on its stock from 6% to 7% in accordance with the recommendations of the arbitration board.—V. 109, p. 2262, 2266.

Commonwealth Power Railway & Light Co.—Proposed Amalgamation of Michigan Light Co. with Consumers Power Co., the last named to Make New Bond Issue—Earnings.—President Geo. E. Hardy, 14 Wall St., N. Y., in circular of Jan. 3 addressed to the holders of Preferred stock of Michigan Light Co. says in substance:

Ownership.—This company owns all, except directors qualifying shares, of the common capital stock of the Michigan Light Co. and of the Consumers Power Co., both of which are operating in Michigan.

The Consumers Power Co. is now doing the electric business in all of the cities wherein the Michigan Light Co. serves gas, and also furnishes electric light and power in Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Muskegon, Owosso, Cadillac and several other important cities and communities in lower Michigan. It owns and operates steam-electric generating plants in most of the cities served and hydro-electric generating plants on the Grand, Muskegon, Kalamazoo, Au Sable and Manistee rivers and owns undeveloped water power sites and flowage lands and rights.

Proposed Amalgamation.—To serve the best interests of both companies, especially in obtaining necessary capital for their respective needs, it has been considered advisable to have the Consumers Power Co. acquire the common and preferred stock of the Michigan Light Co. by the issue, when authorized by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, of an equal par amount of its own common and preferred stock, and the potential value of the Consumers Power Co. Preferred stock is at least equal to that of the Michigan Light Co.

We are arranging for the acquisition of the stocks of the Michigan Light Co. by the Consumers Power Co., and have agreed to exchange all our stock par for par. We unhesitatingly recommend that you exchange yours.

New Mortgage.—Subject to the acquiescence of Common and Preferred stock of the Michigan Light Co., the approval of the stockholders of the Consumers Power Co. and obtaining the authority of the Michigan P. U. Commission, the directors of the Consumers Power Co. have taken the necessary steps to authorize a General and Refunding Mortgage to The National City Bank of New York, at the same rates of interest, of different dates of maturity, bearing different or the same rates of interest, of different dates of maturity, all as may be determined by the board of directors at the time of the authorization and issue of bonds of any one series, but no bonds to be issued without the authorization of said Commission. The company believes that such bonds can be sold at a reasonable price, and money obtained to provide for necessary extensions, additions and betterments to the plants and properties of both companies.

Deposit of Assenting Stock.—In order to be effective, stock must be deposited, unless further time be granted, by Jan. 15 1920 with National City Bank of New York as depository in exchange for a negotiable receipt therefor, under the terms of which it will, upon direction from this company, on or before Feb. 15 1920 (or not exceeding 30 days thereafter) either return the stock or send a like par amount of the Preferred stock of the Consumers Power Co., bearing the same cumulative dividends of 6% per annum, payable Q. J.

[The balance sheet and earnings of both companies as shown in the circular will be found among "Financial Reports" on a preceding page under caption Consumers Power Co.—Ed.]—V. 108, p. 2528.

Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee Ry.—Bonds Offered Fenton, Corrigan & Boyle, Detroit, are offering at a price to yield 9 1/2% \$100,000 Consol. Extended Mtge 6% Gold bonds, payable at 101 and int. at maturity. Dated Nov. 15 1878. Due Nov. 15 1920. Int. payable A. & O. at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, N. Y., or the London office of the Grand Trunk Ry. Denom. \$200, \$500 and \$1,000. These bonds matured in November, 1918, and the holders were given the option of receiving payment in cash or an extension for two years, the bonds then to be paid at 101 and int. Each bond is guaranteed by the endorsement of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada. The latter company has been practically taken over by the Canadian Government.—V. 108, p. 2528.

Eastern Massachusetts St. Ry.—Service Discontinued.—The company discontinued all its lines in Salem, Mass., and a large part of the Interurban Service to that city on Jan. 15. The public trustee refused to operate the cars because of continued losses of revenue alleged to be due to jitney competition.

Service on its lines from Bridgewater to New Bedford has been abandoned except for 3 miles from Taunton to Bridgewater. The action of the town of Whitman, Mass., in barring jitneys from its streets was overruled on Dec. 3 when Judge George W. Kelly of the District Court ordered dismissed the case against Jason E. Cushing and three other jitney drivers charged with operating their vehicles in Whitman without licenses. The court held that the regulation adopted by the Whitman Board of Selectmen forbidding licenses to jitneys to compete against the Eastern Mass. St. Ry. could not be sustained because it discriminated against the jitneys.—V. 109, p. 2171.

Fairmount Park & Haddington Ry.—Sec. & Treas.—Daniel Houseman has been elected Secretary and Treasurer to serve for the ensuing year.—V. 108, p. 784.

Fort Wayne & Northern Indiana Traction Co.—Plan as Modified to be Carried Out.—The committee of holders of Consol. Mortgage 5% bonds of Fort Wayne & Wabash Valley Traction Co., deposited under protective agreement of Sept. 12 1917, in their circular dated at Philadelphia Dec. 26, outline the modifications of the re-organization plan substantially as follows:

Changes in Plan.—At meetings of this committee with the committee appointed under the Fort Wayne & Northern Indiana Traction Co. Bondholders' Protective Agreement dated Oct. 31 1917, arrangements were made for the carrying out of the plan of re-organization declared operative by this committee under date of Sept. 2 1919 (see V. 109, p. 775, 1700), subject to the following revisions:

1. A settlement has been made with the Protective Committee of the Lafayette & Logansport Traction Co. bonds whereby the holders of \$849,000 of these bonds will be entitled to receive the following allotment, when, if

and as issued, of the securities of the New Company, namely:—40% in 1st M. bonds, 40% in adjustment bonds and 20% in Pref. stock, this being in lieu of 25% in 1st M. bonds, 25% in adjustment bonds, 25% in Pref. stock and 25% in common stock, provided in the plan.

2. An agreement is being negotiated with the Protective Committee of the \$275,000 Wabash River Traction Co. bonds by which they will recommend to their depositors and bondholders the even exchange, par for par, of their bonds for 1st Mtge. bonds of the new company, in lieu of 50% in 1st M. bonds and 50% in adjustment bonds provided in the plan.

3. \$350,000 Additional 1st M. Bonds.—Under the plan there were reserved \$320,550 1st M. bonds for expenses, adjustments and contingencies. The settlement above referred to required the appropriation of \$264,850 reserve bonds for these adjustments, leaving but \$55,700 of said reserve bonds. In order to replace the bonds thus applied to these settlements and to make adequate provisions for expenses, contingencies or other adjustments, after careful estimate the committee determined that the new company shall have authority with the approval of the P. S. Commission of Indiana, to issue \$350,000 additional 1st M. bonds; any balance not so appropriated to remain in the treasury.

4. Pref. Stock.—The committee has also determined that in the organization of the new company there shall be reserved to it the right to create, under approval of the P. S. Commission of Indiana, at any future time, a preferred stock or other security, subordinate to the 1st M. bonds, but which shall be entitled to the payment of dividends or interest prior to the adjustment bonds and junior securities, as well as to priority over them in payment of the principal upon liquidation.

Effect of Changes.—The above adjustments when fully carried out, will give the new company a continuous line of operation from Lafayette to Fort Wayne, will eliminate any opposition by these bondholders and will obviate a severance of the operating line between Wabash and Peru, and make the 1st M. of the new company a first lien on the entire line from Lafayette to Fort Wayne.

Sale Dec. 29.—A decree of foreclosure and receiver's sale has been entered by the Superior Court of Allen County, Indiana, and the entire Northern Indiana System will be sold in three parcels or divisions at receiver's sale, Dec. 29 1919. [The Chancellor Committee bid in the property for \$1,301,000 at the said sale. See V. 110, p. 77; V. 109, p. 2262.—Ed.]

The statement of earnings herewith for the ten months ended Nov. 1 1919 shows a considerable improvement in the earnings of the property.

Committee, P. M. Chandler, Chairman; E. W. Clark, John M. Irwin, A. A. Jackson, John M. Mason, C. S. W. Packard, and R. Lancaster Williams, with W. J. Devine, secretary pro tem, 701 Franklin Bank Building, Philadelphia.

Result of Operation for 10 Months Ended Oct. 31 1919.

	Gross Revenue	Oper. Exp.	Net Earn.
Fort W. & Nor. Ind. Traction Co. and Wabash Valley Utilities Co.			
Railway	\$1,527,972	\$1,186,172	\$341,800
Light	560,750	408,851	151,899
Total	\$2,088,722	\$1,595,023	\$493,699
Taxes			68,354
Miscellaneous			Cr1,031
Net earnings			\$426,346

V. 110, p. 77.

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.—Director.—W. P. Hinton, Vice-President and General Manager, with office at Windipe, Man., has been elected a director.—V. 109, p. 1272.

Hagerstown & Frederick Ry.—Syndicate Distribution.—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% Colateral Trust notes.—V. 109, p. 1700, 1610.

Hocking Valley Ry.—Vice-President.—See Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co. above.—V. 109, p. 2356.

Huntington (L. I.) RR.—Sale Approved.—The sale of the property by Receiver Wallace E. J. Collins to William A. Dempsey has been confirmed by Supreme Court Justice Faber.—V. 109, p. 2356.

Interboro. R. T. Co.—To Sell Real Estate, &c.—President Frank Hedley has announced that the company has decided to sell all its real estate holdings located in Manhattan, Bronx and Queens that are not required in the operation of the company. These properties (unofficially estimated as worth \$2,000,000) were pledged as security in connection with the loan of \$3,300,000 obtained to pay the Jan. 1 interest. Joseph E. Day, auctioneer, has been retained to sell the properties at public auction some time in April next.

The Extraordinary Grand Jury has made a presentment before Justice Weeks in the Supreme Court dismissing the charges made by Mayor Hylan that there had existed a conspiracy between officers and employees of the I. R. T. to foment the strike of last summer and also a conspiracy to intimidate himself and other public officials in order to force them to grant an increased fare.

Public Service Commissioner Lewis Nixon has transmitted to the N. Y. Legislature the 13th annual report of the Commission for the year ending Dec. 31 1919.—V. 110, p. 167, 78.

International Rys. of Buffalo.—President to Resign.—President E. G. Connette has tendered his resignation to the board of directors, to become effective at their pleasure.—V. 109, p. 2172.

Lake Shore Elec. Ry., Cleveland.—Seeks Fare Increase.—The company has applied to the City Commission of Sandusky, Ohio, for permission to increase fares to 6 cents. Present fare is 5 cents with 6 tickets for 25 cents and free transfers. The company proposes to sell 5 tickets for 25 cents and to charge 1 cent for transfers.—V. 110, p. 167.

Lehigh Valley Transit Co.—No Div. Declared—Earnings.—Owing to high costs of operation it was found impossible to declare any dividend at the annual meeting on Jan. 12. President Harrison R. Fehr could not attend on account of illness. He was re-elected President of the transit and all subsidiary companies.

The following directors were elected: Charles H. Bean, John C. Dawson, Thomas Newhall, Philadelphia; E. K. Hall, Montclair, N. J.; Leonard Peckitt, Catsaugua, P. B.; Hempstead, N. Y.; Congressman Harry J. Steele, Easton; Warren A. Wiburl, Bethlehem; General Harry C. Trexler, Colonel E. M. Young and Harrison R. Fehr, of Allentown.

	1918-19.	1917-18.
Gross earnings	\$3,771,303	\$3,320,145
Net earnings	\$1,044,923	\$886,525
Income from divs., interest on bonds, &c.	Cr 149,464	Cr 142,835
Deduct—Depreciation	80,270	43,761
Interest	633,851	613,829
Amortization discount, &c.	24,001	23,524
Balance, surplus	\$456,264	\$348,256

—V. 109, p. 2263.

Lehigh Power Securities Corporation.—See Lehigh Valley Transit Co. above.—V. 109, p. 1793.

Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co.—Fare Rehearing.—Judge E. Ray Stevens of the Dane County Circuit Court has ordered the Wisconsin R.R. Commission to reconsider its recent order under which it permitted the company to raise its fare from 5 cents to 7 cents. The City of Milwaukee had appealed to the court from the Commission's order on the ground that the company had earned more than the 7.5% allowed by the Commission.—V. 109, p. 1793.

Morris County Traction Co.—Seeks Fare Increase.—The company has applied to the New Jersey P. U. Commissioners for permission to raise its fare from 6 cents to 7 cents, the new schedule to go into effect on Feb. 1.—V. 109, p. 2357.

New Orleans Ry. & Light Co.—City to Purchase Gas Plant—The natural gas committee appointed to act in an advisory capacity to the Commission Council in working out a plan for bringing natural gas to the New Orleans has recommended (a) that the city offer the New Orleans Gas Light Co. (a subsidiary of New Orleans Ry. & Light Co.) \$5,250,000 for its New Orleans plant, including franchise rights; (b) that if the offer

is not accepted the city proceed with arrangements for construction of a municipal distribution system, taking at the same time steps to assure to the city the exclusive right to vend gas, either natural or artificial, in New Orleans after 1925, when it is held the gas company's franchise expires.—V. 110, p. 78.

New York State Rys.—No Charge for Transfers.—

The New York P. S. Commission has denied the application of the company for permission to charge 2 cents for transfers in Rochester. The Commission held that under the decision of the Court of Appeals in the Quimby case it had not the power to do so.—V. 109, p. 1610.

Northern Ohio Electric Corporation.—Plan to Issue at Par \$4,000,000 Class A 8% (1st) Pref. Stock Against Deposit of Common Stock of Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co.—Proceeds for Redemption of \$4,000,000 Collateral Loan on Feb. 1 1920—Present 6% Preferred to be Exchanged for New Class B 7% [2d] Pref. Shares Provided Its Holders Subscribe for 66 2-3% Class A Pref. at Par and also Pay \$10 Per Share Held for Privilege of Exchange.—President George E. Hardy, in circular dated at N. Y., Jan. 12, says in brief:

The original financing in 1916 through the issuance of \$6,000,000 Pref. stock, 75,000 shares Common stock without par value and a \$4,000,000 one-year loan, provided for the purchase of approximately \$9,000,000 Common stock of the Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co. and about \$900,000 working capital. The one-year loan secured by pledge of the Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co. Common stock purchased, has been renewed from year to year owing to the unfavorable financial conditions attributable to the war, and the last renewal was secured upon assurance that some plan would be devised for retirement of the loan at maturity, Feb. 1 1920.

Liquidation of this \$4,000,000 loan now being necessary and as any securities issued at this time for that purpose must carry a high rate of return, your directors feel that the stockholders should not only have the opportunity to subscribe therefor, but that the advantage of so doing should be especially brought to their attention.

At a special meeting to be held Jan. 27 1920 the shareholders will be asked to increase the Pref. stock and to classify all the Pref. stock as follows:

Class A: \$4,000,000 (40,000 shares of \$100 each) 8% cumulative, dividends payable quarterly (March 1, &c.), to be preferred over all other stock both as to payment of dividends and distribution of assets; to be callable at 115; to participate in the distribution of profits equally per share with the Common stock after the Common stock shall have received \$4 per share in any year.

The corporation to keep on deposit with a bank or trust company as trustee two shares of Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co. Common stock for each and every share of Class A Pref. stock outstanding and to covenant not to pledge or hypothecate the same or any part thereof or interest therein, which covenant can only be waived by a three-quarters vote of all of Class A stock outstanding.

Class B: Not exceeding \$6,000,000 (60,000 shares of \$100 each) 7% cumulative, dividends payable quarterly (March 1, &c.); to be preferred over all other stock except Class A stock to which it is subject as to payment of dividends and distribution of assets; to be issued, upon the payment of \$10 per share, only in exchange for 6% Pref. stock now outstanding, share for share, so that at no time will the aggregate amount of Class B and 6% Pref. stock exceed \$6,000,000.

All stockholders are invited to subscribe at par to the above described Class A 8% Pref. stock to any amount they may desire subject to allotment in case of over-subscription.

Preferred stockholders upon subscription to Class A 8% Pref. stock to the extent of two-thirds of the par value of their present holdings of 6% Pref. stock may convert their 6% Pref. stock into Class B 7% Pref. stock upon the payment of \$10 per share for such conversion privilege. Example: Holder of 15 shares of 6% Pref. stock subscribing for 10 shares of Class A 8% Pref. stock (two-thirds of present holding), requiring an investment of \$1,000, may convert his 15 shares of 6% Pref. stock into 15 shares of Class B 7% Pref. stock upon payment of \$10 per share, requiring further investment of \$150, making a total investment of \$1,150.

Subscriptions must be received by Jan. 26 1920 unless this time limit is extended, and upon the plan being declared operative each subscriber after at least ten days' notice may forward his 6% Pref. stock for conversion into Class B 7% Pref. stock, and must pay his subscription to Class A 8% Pref. stock, either (a) in full payment upon call or 25% at that time and 25% in 3, 6 and 9 months respectively, with privilege of prepayment of any or all installments. Dividend adjustments upon an 8% basis will be made from dates of payment. The \$10 per share for conversion of 6% Pref. stock into Class B 7% Pref. stock must be paid in full upon call.

Upon subscription to the full amount of Class A Pref. stock and conversion of 6% Pref. stock into Class B 7% Pref. stock the capitalization of the corporation will be as follows:

Class A 8% Preferred stock.....\$4,000,000
Class B 7% Preferred stock.....6,000,000
Common stock (without par value).....75,000 shares

Statement of Earnings of the Corporation and Its Constituent Co's.

Table with 5 columns: 12 Months ended, Aug. 31 '16, Nov. 30 '17, Nov. 30 '18, Nov. 30 '19. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, and Gross income.

Table with 5 columns: Fixed charges, incl. divs. on outstanding Pref. stocks of constituent co's in addition to taxes and interest. Rows include Net income available for replace., deprec. & divs., Dividend \$4,000,000 Class A 8% Pref. stock, Dividend \$6,000,000 Class B 7% Pref. stock.

The gross earnings since August 1916 have nearly doubled. While the operating expenses have greatly increased because of vastly higher cost of labor and materials, as have also the fixed charges occasioned by the financing of a large amount of extensions and additions to the property and the refunding of maturing obligations on a higher interest basis and largely increased taxes, we feel that your corporation has been exceptionally fortunate in its maintenance of net income, the decrease therein during the years 1917 and 1918 having been very much less than in the majority of public utility companies, and for the year 1919 showing a substantial increase, with excellent prospects for continuing improvement.

The corporation, through its subsidiaries, serves a very rapidly growing territory in northeastern Ohio extending from Cleveland to Akron, Canton, Massillon and Uhrichsville, furnishing electric light and power in Akron and several adjacent communities and operating the electric interurban lines connecting the cities above named and the city railway lines in all except Cleveland.

The electric light and power business has increased remarkably, the total gross receipts from this source having more than trebled during the past three years, and now being more than 35% of the total gross receipts as compared with less than 22% at the time the property was acquired. The interurban railway business is profitable and growing rapidly. The city electric railway business is not satisfactory, no increases in fares having been secured, but continuing efforts are being made to secure such increases and we are confident satisfactory adjustments of fares will result.

During the past few weeks, as opportunity presented, your officers have interviewed and submitted this plan to holders of approximately one-half of the outstanding Pref. stock, and a large majority of them definitely indicated their intention to subscribe to the Class A 8% Pref. stock and to convert their 6% Pref. stock into the Class B 7% Pref. stck.—V. 109, p. 2176.

Oakland Antioch & Eastern Ry.—New Co. Incorp.—

See San Francisco & Sacramento RR. below.—V. 110, p. 78.

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Rys.—Bond Interest Ordered Paid.—

Judge C. P. Orr in the U. S. Court has handed down an order directing the receivers to pay bond interest due the Fidelity Title & Trust Co. July 1, last trustee on mortgages affecting underlying companies of the Consolidated Traction Co.

The mortgages affected and the amounts of interest ordered paid are: Duquesne Traction Co., \$36,750; Federal Street & Pleasant Valley Passenger Ry. (issue of 1899), \$2,300; (issue of 1892), \$36,825; Troy Hill Passenger

Ry. Co., \$925; Allegheny Street Ry. Co., \$675; Allegheny & Bellevue St. Ry. Co., \$75; Central Traction Co., \$9,375.

The Court also granted a rule on the receivers to show cause Jan. 20 why they should not pay an aggregate of \$151,950 interest due for three semi-annual interest periods to the Maryland Trust Co., trustee for a mortgage of the Second Avenue Traction Co.—V. 110, p. 78.

Republic Ry. & Light Co.—Fare Increase.—

Car fares in Youngstown were increased to 8 cents with 1 cent for transfers on Jan. 1 under the service-at-cost plan, the stabilizing fund provided by the city having fallen below its minimum, \$50,000.—V. 110, p. 168.

Rhode Island Co.—Reorganization Failure Feared.—

Touching the failure of the general committee representing the security holders both stock and bonds of the company and the Suburban Company to agree upon a plan of reorganization, William C. Bliss, Chairman of the P. U. Commission, is quoted as saying:

"I think it is the absolute duty of the holders of the underlying securities to unite on some plan of reorganization to present to the General Assembly. Until they do so, they cannot expect any sort of relief from the Legislature, either in the abolition of taxes or in any other way. "I would regard it as a calamity to the State if the present Rhode Island Company system were disintegrated, as it must be if the receivership proceedings are carried to their furthest logical conclusion. It is the present unified operation that makes it possible to keep many of the less important lines going. Break up this unified operation, lose the economies of centralization, and these lines could not stand on their own feet. "I repeat that it is clearly the duty of the security holders to get together on some plan. If they do not unite on a plan, I fear the session will expire without the needed legislation and that the existence of the system as a unit will then be gravely imperilled."—See Rhode Island Suburban Ry. below.—V. 110, p. 78.

Rhode Island Suburban Ry.—Receivership.—

Benjamin A. Jackson and Harold J. Gross were appointed temporary receivers by Judge Turner in the Rhode Island Superior Court on Jan. 10. A hearing for the appointment of a permanent receiver has been set for Feb. 2. The receivership was asked in a bill of complaint filed by the Union Trust Co., Providence, trustee, under the First Mtge. 4% bonds of 1900 of which \$4,751,000 are outstanding and on which the July 1 1919 and Jan. 1 1920 interest has been defaulted. Counsel for the complainant said they wished to emphasize that the receivership proceedings were not brought to embarrass the pending reorganization of the Rhode Island Co., but rather to assist it. The suburban company owns the power house, the machine shops, the Elmwood avenue car barn and several other car barns and property which form a part of the Rhode Island street railway system. It owns the railways in the Pawtuxet Valley, in Warwick, in Cumberland, in Barrington, Warren and Bristol, and a part of the street railway system of Pawtucket.

The property was leased to the Rhode Island Co., but the lease was terminated by decree of the Superior Court, May 14 1919 (V. 108, p. 2123), because the Rhode Island Co. had failed to pay its rent. Since the termination of the lease the property has been used by the receivers of the Rhode Island Co. under an arrangement by which these receivers are to pay the Suburban Company for the use of its property.—V. 108, p. 2123.

San Francisco & Sacramento RR.—Incorporated.—

Articles of incorporation of this company were filed in San Francisco on or about Jan. 1 1920. The company is the successor to the Oakland Antioch & Eastern Ry. Incorporators are: Hugo Arnstein, Walter Arnstein, L. L. Levy and Jesse H. Steinhart, San Francisco; H. E. Mitchell, William E. Garvey, S. T. Marr, H. J. Sutherland, Oakland, and S. P. Westinghouse of Alameda.—V. 110, p. 79.

San Joaquin Light & Power Corp.—Bonds.—

Under a supplemental order issued by the Calif. RR. Commission the company has been authorized to sell at 94½% and int., \$494,000 of the bond issue of \$1,250,000 authorized by the Commission Aug. 29 1919.—V. 110, p. 173.

Southern Pacific Terminal Co.—Federal Contract.—

Director-General of RRs. Hines has signed the Federal operating contract with the company, fixing the annual compensation at \$284,701.

Spokane & Inland Empire RR.—Successor Co. Incorp.

A press dispatch from Spokane states that articles of incorporation have been filed for the Spokane & Eastern Ry. & Power Co. and the Inland Empire RR., the former capitalized for \$3,000,000 and the latter for \$1,000,000. The Inland Empire RR., it is stated, will operate the present "inland division" of the Spokane & Inland Empire RR., comprising interurban lines to Moscow, Idaho, and Colfax, Wash. The other company will operate the other property, including the city street car system in Spokane, the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, interurban line and the power plant. The property of the Spokane & Inland Empire RR. was recently purchased by the bondholders at receiver's sale for \$3,600,000. See V. 109, p. 1893.

6-cent Fare Extended.—

The City of Spokane has agreed to a further extension of the present 6-cent fare charged by this company and the Washington Water Power Co. for a period of 90 days. The city it is stated will demand a return to a 5-cent fare on March 2, the expiration of this period.—V. 109, p. 1893.

Staten Island Midland RR.—Threatens to Suspend.—

The owners of the Staten Island trolley lines have announced the closing down of operation of the lines on Jan. 19. A committee appointed by Commissioner Nixon brought the situation to the attention of the Board of Estimate and Appropriations and requested an increase in fares to 7 cents, and as no relief was obtained from that quarter the owners of the companies have given notice that they will suspend operation.—V. 110, p. 79.

Trenton & Mercer County Traction Co.—Bonds Authorized.—

The New Jersey P. U. Commission has approved the issuance of \$26,000 in bonds to be sold at not less than 85.—V. 110, p. 79.

Union St. Ry., New Bedford, Mass.—Fare Increase.—

The Mass. P. S. Commission has ordered the company to file a schedule of new tariff. By this order the last single 5-cent fare will disappear in the State of Massachusetts.—V. 109, p. 777.

United Railroads of San Francisco.—Securities Deposited.—

George A. Bateholder of E. H. Rollins & Sons, who has been acting for the reorganization committee, has issued the following statement:

Over 91% of the holders of underlying bonds of the United RR., namely, Market St. Cable 6s, Ferry & Cliffs 6s, Omnibus Cable 6s, and Sutter Street 5s, have now agreed to exchange their underlying bonds for the new Market Street Railways 5-year 6% notes.

The last one of the financial institutions holding any of these underlying bonds has joined in the reorganization, and there remain outstanding but a few private holders, at least 50% of whom will deposit within the next ten days. This will bring over \$5,000,000 of the \$5,200,000 underlying bonds into the agreement which is an unusually high percentage considering that some of the underlying bonds are held abroad and about \$28,000 of them have not been located.

Enough of the bonds having joined for the plan to become operative, steps will be taken to bring about the foreclosure of the mortgages, and it is to be hoped that the non-participating underlying bondholders will be more fortunate in the cash they receive for their bonds than were the holders of the Oakland-Antioch bonds who did not join in that reorganization.

With this successful refinancing of the street car system on the very conservative basis of a funded debt on which the road is earning 2½ times its fixed charges, San Francisco will have in the Market Street Railways Company a street car system which will compare more than favorably with any other in the United States.—V. 109, p. 2074.

Washington Ry. & Electric Co.—Seeks Fare Increase.—

The company, through President William F. Ham, has applied to the Wash. (D. C.) P. U. Commission for a straight 7-cent fare and 2 cents for transfers effective at once.—V. 109, p. 2358.

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Production (lbs.)—

	1919.	1918.	1917.
Month of Dec.	4,502,000	3,094,000	5,816,000
12 mos. to Dec. 31	46,450,000	50,570,000	59,938,400

—V. 109, p. 2266, 1989.

Canada North-West Land Co., Ltd.—Dividend.—
Notice has been given that a distribution on realization of assets No. 13 of \$5 per share has been declared, payable Jan. 18 1920 to holders of record of Dec. 20 1919 (fractional shares not included).—V. 84, p. 1369.

Canadian Car & Foundry Co.—Directors.—
Four new directors were elected on Jan. 15 as follows: W. H. Woodin, President of the American Car & Foundry Co., R. E. Fletcher and Lewis L. Clark, of New York, and Francis H. Clergue, of Montreal. Erskine Hewitt and J. F. Taylor retired as directors, and there were two vacancies on the board.—V. 109, p. 2169.

Canadian Converters Co.—Dividend Increased 6%.—
A quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% has been declared on the stock, payable Feb. 16 to holders of record Jan. 31, which increases the annual rate from 5% to 6%. A dividend of 1 3/4% has been paid quarterly since August 1918, previous to which 1% was paid.—V. 106, p. 2563.

(J. I.) Case Threshing Machine Co.—Com. Div. of 10%.—
A cash dividend of 10% has been declared on the Common stock. In Jan. 1919 a dividend of 7% was paid in Liberty bonds, the first that had been paid since 1911.—V. 109, p. 1894.

Central Sugar Corp.—Plan Ratified.—
The stockholders voted Dec. 29 to transfer the Cuban business and assets of the company to a new company to be organized in Cuba as per plan in V. 109, p. 2442.

Cerro de Pasco Mining Co.—Production (in lbs.)—

	1919.	1918.	1917.
Month of Dec.	4,644,000	6,410,000	6,308,000
12 mos. to Dec. 31	58,124,000	71,906,000	72,648,000

—V. 109, p. 1794, 1463.

Channon Co., Chicago.—Preferred Stocks Offered.—
Elston & Co., Chicago, are offering by advertisement on another page \$650,000 1st Cumul. 7% Pref. stock, \$400,000 Cumul. Participating 8% Pref. stock, par \$100. Price—7% Cumul. 1st Pref. stock 98 and divs., with bonus of 20% Common; 8% cumul. Particip. Pref. stock 98 and divs.

Preferred as to both assets and dividends. Red. all or part at 110 and div. on any div. date upon 30 days' notice. Div. Q.-J. No mtgs. without the consent of 75% of the outstanding Pref. stocks.

Data From Letter of Pres. H. G. Elfborg, dated Chicago, Dec. 20 1919.

Sinking Fund.—After providing for all dividends on \$650,000 Cumul. Pref. stock, beginning April 1 1921, and each year thereafter, 15% of net earnings or 3% of the par value of all outstanding Cumul. 1st Pref. stock, whichever is greater, must be used to retire stock of this issue at not a record 110 and divs. Exactly the same provision applies April 1 1921 in the same percentages, to the participating 8% Pref.

Participation Provision.—In addition to the Cumul. 8% div., the participating Pref. must receive an extra dividend, equal share for share to any div. declared on the Com. stock.

Company.—Established in 1871. In its inception business was confined to ship chandlery in small quarters. In 1883 was incorp. with small capital and the present organization, which ranks among the largest of its kind in the country, has been a direct and consistent development. Is engaged extensively in handling mill machinery, machinists' and contractors' supplies, machinery and tools, heavy and light hardware and cordage, some 1,600 items being included in the company's daily transactions. Canvas and leather goods and flags are manufactured on the company's premises and important developments have come in late years in automobile tires and supplies. The present quarters being inadequate a new building is being erected at a cost of \$1,000,000.

Capitalization After Present Financing (No Bonds) Auth. & Outstg.

Cumulative 7% 1st Pref. stock (par \$100)	\$650,000
Cumulative Participating 8% Pref. stock (par \$100)	400,000
Common stock (no par value)	shares 40,000

[A report from Chicago states that Fairbanks Co., New York, has purchased practically the entire Common stock.]

Net Earnings Before and After Federal Taxes (Nov. and Dec. 1919 est.)

Calyears—	1916.	1917.	1918.	'19(2mo.est)
Before Federal taxes	\$221,244	\$447,054	\$362,401	\$265,000
After Federal taxes	214,828	306,665	164,413	200,000

Net sales in 1916 were \$2,087,000; 1917, \$2,887,000; 1918, \$3,416,000.

Management.—H. G. Elfborg, Pres.; Benjamin Bernston, V.-Pres.; C. D. Viehoff, 2d V.-Pres.; John L. Hanley, Sec.

Chemical Foundation, Inc.—Aims and Purposes.—
A 70-page booklet has been published stating the aims and purposes of this company and the reasons for its organization as told by A. Mitchell Palmer, United States Attorney-General and former alien property custodian. In this report to Congress, and by Francis P. Garvan, alien property custodian, in an address to the National Cotton Manufacturer's Association. Mr. Palmer's report is entitled "How Germany Dominated the American Chemical and Dyestuff Industry."

Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.—Listing.—
On Jan. 14 1920, the New York Stock Exchange authorized the listing of \$6,514,200 Capital stock on or after Jan. 20 1920, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount authorized to be listed \$13,000,000. Of this new stock \$6,448,800 was offered at par to stockholders of record Dec. 19 and is issuable Jan. 20 and the remainder is to be sold at par to employees.—V. 109, p. 1794, 1075, 2442.

Chile Copper Co.—Production (in lbs.)—

	1919.	1918.	1917.
Month of November	10,000,000	9,854,000	8,872,000
11 mos. to Nov. 30	71,937,084	91,232,512	80,420,000

—V. 109, p. 2266, 2075.

Chino Copper Co.—Production (in lbs.)—

	1919.	1918.	1917.
Month of Dec.	3,288,524	5,507,635	8,094,122
12 months to Dec. 31	43,174,055	78,637,332	82,399,488

—V. 110, p. 80.

Clinchfield Coal Co.—Common Dividend.—
A dividend of 1/4 of 1% has been declared on the Com. stock payable Feb. 14 to holders of record Feb. 9. In November, 1919, 1 3/4% was paid on the Com. and in March 3/4 of 1%. The regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the Pref. was also declared payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 26.—V. 109, p. 1612.

Clinton-Wright Wire Co.—Consolidation.—
See Wickwire-Spencer Steel Corp. below.—V. 109, p. 2174, 1612.

Collins Company, Hartford.—To Be Acquired, &c.—
The stockholders will vote Jan. 22 on selling the entire property to the Simonds Manufacturing Co., Fitchburg, Mass., which will organize a new company under the same name, viz., Collins Company.

The Hartford "Courier" says in part: The terms are practically par in cash for each share of the present company and the formation of a new company, whose Preferred stock shall be either \$1,000,000 bearing 14% a year, or \$2,000,000 at 7%, and in addition to the cash, each shareholder shall receive for a share of the old company either one share of the 14% Pref. stock or two shares of the 7% Pref. This Pref. stock is to be all the Pref. stock and is to be non-voting.

In effect the offer is for an annual income of 20% on each present share. The directors have had the offer under consideration for some time and after prolonged discussion and careful study decided to call a meeting of the stockholders, recommending to them the acceptance of the offer.

The Simonds Company is a very large and prosperous concern, with large metal working mills in Fitchburg, Mass., Lockport, N. Y., Chicago, &c., and has facilities for expanding the manufacture of the famous Collins edge tools.—V. 109, p. 75.

Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y.—Bonds Authorized.—
The P. S. Commission has granted the company permission to issue bonds to the extent of \$25,000,000 for the purpose of refunding other securities of like amount. Bonds are to be dated Feb. 1 1920 and payable Feb. 1 1925.—See V. 110, p. 170, 80.

Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co.—Director.—
J. K. L. Ross has been elected a director.—V. 109, p. 274.

Consolidated Textile Corp.—Stock Certs.—Dividends.—
Holders of full-paid subscription receipt or receipts are notified that upon the surrender thereof, properly endorsed, on and after Jan. 9 1920, at the office of Mercantile Trust Co., New York, certificates for stock will be delivered in exchange therefor.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 75c. per share, payable Jan. 22 to stock of record Jan. 15 1920 on the outstanding shares, including the 55,000 shares recently offered to stockholders for subscription.—V. 109, p. 2442.

Consumers Power Co. (of Me.)—Proposed Amalgamation and New Mortgage—Earnings and Balance Sheet.—
See Commonwealth Power Railway & Light Co. under "Railroads" above; also see company's own caption under "Financial Reports" on a preceding page.—V. 107, p. 699.

Continental Motors Corp., Detroit.—Pref. Stock.—
The stockholders will vote Jan. 21 on authorizing the retirement of 3,377 shares of Preferred stock (par \$100) through a special surplus account and sinking fund, purchased through said special surplus account and now owned by the corporation and held for retirement.—V. 109, p. 1795.

Continental Sugar Co.—Dividend.—
A dividend of 8% has been declared payable in quarterly installments of 2% on Jan. 15, April 15, July 15 and Oct. 15.—V. 109, p. 1083.

Corn Products Refining Co.—Dividends—Status.—In connection with the recent declaration of an initial dividend of 1% and an extra of 1/2 of 1% on the common stock payable Jan. 15 Pres. E. C. Bedford was quoted as saying in subst.: In inaugurating this quarterly dividend of 1% on the common stock, it is hoped that from time to time this may be increased by such extra quarterly dividends as the profits may warrant.

Notwithstanding losses occasioned by the shutdown, due to labor and coal strikes during this year, it is estimated that the net earnings (particularly by reason of lower taxes) will be greater than the net profits for last year. The company's business has only been limited by its ability to produce, because the products from corn, by reason of their food values and the fact that they are the only products capable of replacing cane and beet sugar, has occasioned an unprecedented world demand greater than the industry as a whole has been able to supply.

We believe that particularly at this time a conservative policy is needed in order to reserve from the earnings ample capital to provide for the increasing world-wide business, and to enable the company to increase its facilities in all the principal centres of the world, as well as to increase its factory facilities, thereby replacing the capacity it is losing in the settlement of its Government case, as well as to improve its relations and position in South America, by bettering its facilities for obtaining Argentine corn, which during the last year has been so largely supplying the requirements of our seaboard factory at Edgewater, N. J.

Compared with ten years ago, the mortgages of the company have been very greatly reduced—in fact, at this time, the preferred stock practically has become the first charge upon the earnings of the company.—"Wall Street Journal."—V. 109, p. 2442.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—Additional Director, &c.—
E. W. Stetson has been added to the board of directors. All retiring directors were re-elected.

It is announced that the company has made 459,710 bags of sugar, compared with 374,983 bags for the same period last season, an increase of 184,736 bags.—V. 110, p. 81.

Cuban Portland Cement Corp.—Merger.—
See International Cement Corp. below.—V. 107, p. 85.

(The) Detroit Edison Co.—New 7% Convertible Debentures to be Offered at Par to Shareholders of Record Feb. 4—Issue to be Underwritten.—As authorized by the stockholders on Nov. 24 1919, the company is offering its 10-year 7% Convertible Debenture Bonds (Series 1930), to stockholders of record Feb. 4 for subscription, at par, on or before March 1 in amounts equal to 20% of respective holdings.

Digest of Statement by Pres. Alex. Dow, N. Y., Jan. 5 1920. These bonds will be convertible between March 1 1922 and Sept 1 1929, at the option of the holders, into paid-up shares of the capital stock of the same par value. They are to be dated March 1 1920, and mature March 1 1930, int. at 7% p. a., payable M. & S. Denom. \$100 or \$1,000 (c). Subject to call by the company for redemption on or after March 1 1924 and before maturity, at 105 and int., and on or after March 1 1928 and before maturity, at 102 and accrued int., on 60 days' notice, and when so called may, at the option of the holders, provided the time for conversion has not expired, be converted into stock as aforesaid, at any time before the date named for redemption.

When properly endorsed subscription warrants may be transferred either at the office of the company, No. 30 Broad St., N. Y., or at the office of the company, David Whitney Building, Detroit, Mich.

Subscription warrants will be mailed on or about Feb. 7 1920. Payment may be made in full on March 1 1920 (entitling the subscriber to the immediate delivery of the bonds) or in three installments, viz: March 1 1920 50%, June 1 1920 25%, Sept. 1 1920 25%, upon which last named payment the bonds will be delivered with interest to that date at the rate of 6% per annum upon the installments paid.

All subscriptions must be filed (on or before March 1), and all payments must be made to the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y., or Security Trust Co., at its office in Detroit, and must be in funds current in the city where such payment is paid and free from collection charges. Arrangements will be made with bankers whereby the offering of the bonds to the stockholders will be underwritten by them.

Listing of Additional Capital Stock—Earnings.—
The New York Stock Exchange on Jan. 14 authorized the listing of \$3,800,000 additional capital stock when and as issued in exchange at par for an equal amount of its 10-year 7% Convertible Gold Debenture Bonds (Series 1928), due Jan. 15 1928, making the total stock authorized to be listed \$29,777,400.

Consolidated Income Account of Detroit Edison Co. for 12 Months Ended Nov. 30 1919.

Gross earnings: electricity, \$14,902,457; heat, \$981,634; miscellaneous, \$277,159	\$16,161,550
Expenses of operation	10,094,587
Renewal, replacement and contingent (depreciation reserve)	850,000
Federal income and other taxes	973,850

Balance—being net earnings from operation	\$4,243,112
Interest on funded debt, \$1,751,250; interest on unfunded debt, \$91,358; total, \$1,842,608; less charged to property account for interest on money borrowed for construction purposes, \$150,550	1,692,059
Extraordinary charges: extinguishment of discount, &c.	257,842
Dividends	\$2,057,740

Balance surplus for period 205,771
Profit and loss carried to balance sheet Nov. 30 1919, \$3,006,607.—V. 110, p. 2360.

Dominion Steel Corporation.—Director Resigns.—
J. K. L. Ross tendered his resignation as a member of the board. The vacancy has not filled.
The directors confirmed the appointment of the newly constituted London advisory committee of the corporation, consisting of Viscount Furness

Sir William Beardmore, General the Hon. Sir Newton Moore, Henry Steele, Benjamin Talbot and Col. W. Grant Morden.—V. 109, p. 2174.

Durham Hosiery Mills.—Dividends.— The directors have declared a dividend of 4% on the Common A stock and a dividend of 4% on the Common R stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. The company also has declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% and 1/2% extra on its Common A and Common B stock, all payable April 1 to holders of record March 20.—V. 109, p. 2443.

Electric Storage Battery Co.—Listing—Earnings.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$400,000 Common stock, issued to certain officers of the company on account of profits, with authority to add \$87,000 on official notice of issuance on conversion of outstanding preferred stock, making the total amount of Common stock authorized to be listed \$18,561,800.

Results for 8 mos. Ending Aug. 31 1919 and Cal. Year 1918.

Gross sales, less cost of manufac. purch., &c.	\$3,723,982	\$4,825,757
Oper exp. (incl. salaries, com., selling, &c.)	1,072,360	1,163,532
Net earnings from sales	\$2,651,622	\$3,662,225
Divs. paid Apr. 1 & July 1 1919—1% Com. & Pref.	324,984 (4%)	649,968
Balance	\$2,326,638	\$3,012,257
Other income	313,963	287,149
Net earnings	\$2,640,602	\$3,299,406

No reserve has been set aside from 1919 earnings for Federal taxes. These taxes will be charged to surplus account when paid. For the year 1918 1st and 2nd installments 50% aggregated \$998,530.—V. 109, p. 2174.

Electric Vacuum Cleaner Co., Inc.—Pref. Stock.— The Maynard H. Murch Co., Cleveland, recommending this company's 7% Cumul. Pref. stock at 93 and divs. In the event of Com. divs. company must redeem annually 2 1/2% of the largest amount of Pref. stock at any one time outstanding, or 5% if Com. divs. shall be at a higher rate than 5%. Divs. Q.-J. Red. at 10 and div. Company.—Successor, by purchase, to the business of the Frantz Premier Co., Cleveland, manufacturers of electric vacuum cleaners, and the electric vacuum cleaner department of the Edison Electric Appliance Co., Chicago, manufacturers and distributors of "Hot-Point" cleaners. Plant on Ivanhoe Road, Cleveland. The General Electric Co. is the largest owner of both the Pref. and Com. stock of this company, which it purchased for cash. Earnings.—Earnings for the year ending Dec. 31 1919, are conservatively estimated in excess of \$600,000 before taxes. Officers & Directors.—Julius Futeur, Pres.; F. S. Hunting, V.-Pres.; E. W. Miner, Treas.; A. V. Cannon, Sec.; J. W. Elwood, O. D. Young, Geo. A. Hughes, John Sherwin, A. K. Baylor, C. E. Patterson, Maynard H. Murch.

Eureka Pipe Line Co.—Vice-President and Director.— Alan T. Towl has been elected Vice-President and director to succeed W. J. Alexander, retired.—V. 108, p. 1392.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp.—Initial Pref. Div.— An initial dividend of 2% has been declared on the Preferred stock for the period from Nov. 28 1919 to Feb. 1 1920, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 21. The retiring directors were re-elected.—V. 109, p. 2443.

Fisher Body Ohio Co.—Purchase Factory Site.— President F. J. Fisher has announced that the company has purchased a site for its factory in Cleveland, 40 acres at the corner of Colt Road and East 140th St. See V. 109, p. 1612, 1990.

Gaston, Williams & Wigmore, Inc.—Officers.— Henry S. Kimball and W. H. Swift have been elected Vice-Presidents.—V. 109, p. 2261.

General Asphalt Co.—Exchange of Stock.— The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$32,400 additional Common stock issued in exchange for \$21,600 Pref. stock surrendered and canceled, making the total amount of Common stock listed \$19,126,900, and reducing the amount of Pref. stock listed to \$7,915,400.—V. 109, p. 2443.

General Electric Co., N. Y.—Stock Dividend.— Holders of fractional shares of stock of record Dec. 6 received on Jan. 15 an account of 2% stock dividend a check from the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., N. Y., at the rate of \$168 a full share, the market price for said stock on Dec. 6 1919, in accordance with the terms of circular letter of May 16 1919. Checks in payment of the regular dividend are mailed, as usual, from the office of the Treasurer of the company at Schenectady, N. Y.—V. 110, p. 81.

General Motors Corporation.—Holders of Pref. Stock and 6% Debenture Stock of Record Jan. 9 Permitted to Subscribe for New 7% Debenture Stock.— Secretary T. S. Merrill in circular dated Jan. 10, says in substance:

A portion of the new 7% Cumul. Deb. stock (V. 109, p. 2267) is being offered for subscription to the holders of the present Pref. and 6% Debenture stock. The holders on Jan. 9 1920, of the Pref. and the 6% Deb. stock, have the right to subscribe at the company's N. Y. office, on or before Feb. 2, to two shares of the new 7% Deb. stock for each share of the Pref. or 6% Deb. stock, held by them of record on Jan. 9. The price is \$100 a share, payable at the office, No. 1764 Broadway, New York City, as follows: 1. In full on February 2nd 1920, either wholly in cash, or one-half in cash and the balance in certificates duly endorsed for Pref. or 6% Deb. stock, receivable for the purposes of the subscription at par. 2. Or at the subscriber's option—By installments, as follows: (a) 62 1/2% of the amount of the subscription on Feb. 2nd 1920, 12 1/2% thereof in cash, and 50% thereof by surrendering certificates of Pref. or Deb. stock, at par. (b) 12 1/2% thereof in cash on or before May 1 1920. (c) 12 1/2% thereof in cash on or before Aug. 2 1920. (d) 12 1/2% thereof in cash on or before Nov. 1 1920. Interest on partial payments will be allowed at the rate of 6% p. a., and a charge for dividends accrued will be made at 7% p. a., to be adjusted at the date of final payment. The subscribed shares will carry all dividends payable after the date of payment in full of subscription. Upon payment in full stock certificates for the amount paid for will be issued. [The New York Stock Exchange in December last authorized the listing when and as issued, of \$8,352,000 6% Cumulative Debenture stock and \$5,690,800 Common stock, making the total amounts authorized to be listed \$39,092,800 6% Cumulative Debenture stock and \$157,033,100 Common stock. The balance sheet of July 31 1919 showed outstanding \$61,676,700 6% debenture stock, \$16,943,700 Pref. stock and \$147,833,900 Common stock.—Compare V. 109, p. 2262, 2267; V. 110, p. 81, 170.

[The New York Stock Exchange on Jan. 16 was asked to authorize the listing when and as issued of \$217,602,400 7% cumulative 7% debenture stock and 15,705,310 shares common stock of no par value. [The General Motors Corporation was recently reported as negotiating for four plate-glass concerns, viz.: Standard Plate Glass Co. at Butler, the Columbia Plate Glass Co. at Blaisville, the Federal Plate Glass Co. at Ottawa, and the Saginaw Plate Glass Co. at Saginaw.—V. 110, p. 81, 170.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—To Issue Treasury Stock.—Div. The directors at their meeting Jan. 14 voted to increase the company's working capital by offering to shareholders of record Jan. 30 1920 shares in the company's treasury at \$100 per share. The company's capital is now 250,000 shares, no par value, of which about 25,000 shares are in the treasury. This offering enables shareholders to subscribe for one share of new stock for each 10 shares owned. The increase in capital is to be used for the company's program of expansion. The directors have declared a regular dividend of \$2.50 per share, payable March 1 to stock of record Jan. 30.—V. 109, p. 682.

Glidden Company, Cleveland.—Pref. Stock Offering.— Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland, are offering at 100 and

div. yielding 7% \$1,853,600 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100 (see advertising pages).

Dividends Q.-J. Red. all or part on any div. date at 105 and divs. Beginning with the year 1922, 5% of the annual net earnings, after the payment of taxes and Pref. divs., shall be set aside and used for the redemption and cancellation of this Pref. stock.

Data from Letter of Pres. Adrian D. Joyce, Cleveland, Jan. 6, 1920. History & Business.—Company is a consolidation under the Ohio laws of the following companies: (a) Glidden Co., Cleveland, founded 1870; (b) Forest City Paint & Varnish Co., Cleveland, founded 1864 (c) Glidden Co. of California San Francisco founded 1918 (d) Campbell Glass & Paint Co., St. Louis founded 1879; (e) American Paint Works, New Orleans, founded 1900; (f) Twin City Varnish Co., Minneapolis, founded 1900; (g) T. L. Blood & Co., St. Paul, founded 1897; (h) Nubian Paint & Varnish Co., Chicago, founded 1879; (i) Heath & Milligan Mfg. Co., Chicago, founded 1851. (j) Adams & Elting Co., Chicago, founded 1892; (k) A. Wilhelm & Co., Reading, founded 1857; (l) Glidden Co., Ltd., Toronto, founded 1909.

Manufacturers and distributors of paints, varnishes, dry colors, kalsomines, linseed and oriental oils, insecticides and allied products.

Capitalization (No Bonds)	Authorized	Issued
7% Pref.	\$7,500,000	\$5,914,700
Common (no par value)	360,000 sh.	309,400 sh.

Assets.—The combined balance sheets of the constituent companies as examined and summarized by Messrs. Ernst & Ernst, certified public accountants, with no allowance for patents, trade-marks, good-will or organization expenses, show total net assets of \$13,034,983 and net current assets of \$6,693,619, equivalent respectively to \$20 and \$13 per share of Preferred stock now to be issued. **Earnings.**—For the past three years net earnings, after the payment of all taxes, but making allowance for interest charges now to be eliminated, have averaged 2 1/2 times the annual dividend requirements of this issue of Preferred stock. For 1919 net earnings approximate 4 times the annual dividend requirements.

\$7,920 Shares Common Stock Offered.—W. F. Ladd & Co., New York, and Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland, are offering \$7,920 shares of Common stock, no par value, at \$36 per share. Net earnings for the Common stock for 1920 are estimated at \$2,520,000, or equal to \$8 per share, this before deducting the Federal income tax, estimated at \$1 per share on the Common stock.—V. 108, p. 1063.

Gosnold Mills of New Bedford.—To Increase Capital.—It is stated that the stockholders will vote Jan. 16 on doubling present capital stock (consisting of \$825,000 common and \$825,000 6% cum. pref. par \$100). Subscriptions at par to pay for additional stock, aggregating \$1,650,000, to acquire shares of Page Mfg. Co. from Textile Tractors Co.—V. 89, p. 723.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.—Sales—1919 1918. Increase. 10 mos. from March 3 to Dec. 31—\$154,718,124 \$122,192,671 \$32,525,453 —V. 109, p. 1277, 375.

Greene-Canaan Copper Co.—Output.

	Copper (lbs.)	Silver (ozs.)	Gold (ozs.)
December 1918	3,600,000	124,100	620
December 1919	5,100,000	174,900	1,280
12 months 1919	41,300,000	1,709,933	9,020
12 months 1918	5,3270,000	1,668,672	13,988

—V. 109 p. 2268, 1895.

Griswoldville (Mass.) Manufacturing Co.—Pref. Stock Offering.—Estabrook & Co., Boston are offering at 98 and divs. \$300,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock.

Par \$100. Divs. Q.-J. Callable all or part at \$110 and divs. on any div. date on 30 days' notice. Annual Sinking fund of 15% of net profits after Pref. divs. commencing May 1 1921, will retire Pref. stock at not exceeding \$110. Capital stock, pref., \$300,000; common, \$300,000.

Data from Letter of Treas. J. W. Ballard, Dated Griswoldville, Jan. 2. Company.—Formed in 1917, in Mass. succeeding a company of the same name dating from 1840, and the Turners Falls Cotton Mills dating from 1853. Manufactures cheese cloth, surgical gauze, buntings, super, interlinings and crinolines. Owns two mills and a finishing works in Colrain and a mill in Turners Falls, Mass. Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue, together with proceeds of \$100,000 additional Common stock to be purchased at par by the present stockholders, will provide for the installation of additional machinery. Earnings.—The consolidated profits of the Griswoldville Mfg. Co. and the Turners Falls Cotton Mills for the 20 years 1900 to 1919 incl. (two months est.), have averaged \$52,163 per annum. For the five years ending Dec. 31 1919 (two months est.) earnings have been at annual rate of \$107,213 after taxes equal to 5.10 times the div. requirements for this issue.

Hart, Schaffner & Marx.—Capital Stock Decrease.—The stockholders will vote Jan. 26 on decreasing the Preferred stock from \$3,331,500 to \$3,314,000.—V. 108, p. 484, 475.

Hendee Manufacturing Co.—Application to List.—Application has been made to the New York Stock Exchange to list \$1,000,000 7% Cum. Pref. stock and \$10,000,000 Common stock.—V. 109, p. 1889.

Imperial Oil, Ltd.—New Stock—Rights.—Shareholders of record Jan. 20 1920, are entitled to subscribe for new shares at \$75 per share in the proportion of one share of new stock for every six shares held. Holders of share warrants deposited on or before Feb. 7 1920; at company's office, Toronto, or at National City Bank, N. Y. City, are also entitled to subscribe for new shares at \$75 per share in the same proportion. Receipts will be issued to depositors, and upon surrender thereof after March 1, 1920, share warrants will be returned. Books close from Jan. 20 to Feb. 7. The new shares will be allotted by the directors on or after March 1 1920, and subscriptions are payable 25% on or before March 1 1920 \$18.75. June 1 1920 \$18.75. Sept. 1 1920 \$18.75. Dec. 1 1920 \$18.75. Shares may be paid for in full on March 1 1920 or on any date on which installments are payable. Shares subscribed for will rank for dividend pro rata in the proportion which the amount paid up on such shares from time to time bears to the full price of \$75 per share, but no divs. will be actually paid by the company to subscribers until their shares shall have been fully paid for and share certificates issued. No fractional shares will be allotted but conditional certificates of fractional rights will be issued, which will lapse and be cancelled unless consolidated into full shares and paid in full on or before March 1 1920.—V. 109, p. 2443.

Indianahoa Refining Co.—Capital Increase.—The stockholders have authorized an increase in the Capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The stockholders of record Jan. 12 are given the right to subscribe to the new stock at \$8 50 a share, on the basis of two shares of the new for every three shares of old stock. The right to subscribe expires February 2.—See V. 109, p. 2444.

International Cement Corp.—Merger of Four Cement Companies.—In connection with the listing of 249,968 shares of stock, no par value, on the Boston Stock Exchange (V. 110, p. 171), we give further information from a letter of Chairman F. Rayburn Bissell, dated Nov. 20 1919: Company.—Organized in Maine (Nov. 15 1919) controls through stock ownership four established and operating cement manufacturing plants with a total capacity of about 3,000,000 bbls. per year. Capitalization.—Authorized 400,000 shares no par value, of which 176,651 have been issued in exchange for shares of the constituent companies, and 122,816 shares will be reserved until Dec. 15 1919, for issue in

The company reports to the Exchange that, pursuant to the right offered last October, stockholders of the company subscribed for 102,956 shares Class B stock, of the par value of \$5,149,800, and 8,268 shares, of the par value of \$412,900, have been taken by the bankers who underwrote the subscription. The total amount of such subscription being \$5,562,700 for 111,224 shares, of the par value of \$50 each (V. 109, p. 1270, 1279, 1705, 2270).

There have been issued in exchange for 50 shares of the common stock of Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd., of Delaware, 100 shares of the Class B common stock of this company on the terms set forth in the previous application, except that such 100 shares did not receive the subscription privilege as the exchange was made subsequent to Nov. 25 1919 (compare V. 109, p. 2270, 1705). William Salomon & Co., N. Y., syndicate managers who underwrote the "B" stock, announce that all the stock not taken by the stockholders has been disposed of to an English group and the syndicate closed.—V. 110, p. 172.

Penn Central Light & Power Co.—Stock Offering.—Mention was made in these columns last week of the offering of 30,000 shares Cumul. Preference stock, no par value, by Frazier & Co., Phila. Brown Brothers & Co., W. H. Newbold's Son & Co. and Robt. Glendinning & Co. of Phila., are also offering the stock.

Dividends Q.-J. at the rate of: \$3 20 per annum in 1920, \$3 60 in 1921, \$4 00 in 1922 and thereafter. After full quarterly divs. are paid on the Preference shares, the Common shares may receive quarterly divs. at the rate of \$1 per annum in 1920 and 1921 and \$1 50 in 1922 and thereafter. On and after Jan. 1 1922, any additional distribution of divs. shall be at the same rate per share for both classes of stock. Red. in case of liquidation, at \$70 per share and divs.

Data from Letter of Pres. John E. Zimmerman, Phila., Dec. 25 1919 Company.—Incorp. in Pa. Producer and distributor of electricity for light, heat and power, 86% of its gross operating revenues being obtained from this source. Serves 10 cities and towns with electricity for light, heat and power, and furnishes artificial gas to 2 towns. Also leases and operates the Pennsylvania Hydro-Electric Co., Northern Cambria Light, Heat & Power Co. and the Lewistown & Reedsville Electric Ry.

Number of customers served with electricity for light, heat and power purposes is 20,100 and the total rated h. p. of all electric motors connected to the system is 40,544. The total output of the system in 1911 was substantially 16,000,000 k. w. h. annually; whereas it has now reached substantially 82,000,000 k. w. h.

Capitalization After a Conversion has Been Made of the Preferred and Common Stock now Outstanding into Common Shares of No Par Value.

	Authorized.	Issued
Preference shares (No par value)	32,000	32,000
Common shares (No par value)	61,120	61,120
First and Ref. 5% Mortgage bonds (closed Mtge.)	4,000,000	2,469,500
First and Consolidated 6% Mortgage bonds	7,500,000	3,351,000
Mifflin County Gas & Electric 5% First Mtge. bonds	175,000	175,000

Consolidated Income Account Calendar Years—Inter Co. Items Eliminated.	1916.	1917.	1918.	*1919.	1920 (est.)
Gross earnings	\$1,092,456	\$1,344,562	\$1,585,136	\$1,889,993	\$2,079,000
Earn. from oper.	500,325	551,035	721,127	765,612	879,000
Taxes	38,253	49,985	78,483	89,370	83,000
Net earnings	\$423,827	\$501,050	\$642,644	\$695,142	\$796,000
Fixed charges	279,499	316,563	358,750	353,879	393,000
Balance	\$182,572	\$184,487	\$283,894	\$342,263	\$403,000
Amortiz. of bond discount, &c.	\$12,739	\$8,371	\$9,252	\$29,575	\$25,000
Divs. on Pref. shares					\$96,000

Bal. available for Renewal Res. and Com. Div.	* 1 Month (Dec. 1919) estimated.
	\$282,000

Franchises.—Franchises covering the gas, electric light, power and railway service are, in the opinion of counsel, perpetual and free from burdensome restrictions.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay for the installation of the 10,000 k. w. unit, with accessories and other improvements, in the Williamsburg station, and to the payment of the floating debt.

Management.—Company is managed by Messrs. Day & Zimmerman, Inc., Phila.—V. 110, p. 173.

J. C. Penney Co.—Listing—Sales, &c.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,000,000 7% Cum. Pref. stock.

The company operates 107 department stores distributed in 25 States, principally in the West and Middle West. Since 1913 sales have increased over 700% and net profits over 500%, against an increase in stores of 310%. Sales in 1918 amounted to \$2,037,000 and increased steadily to \$28,793,965 in 1919. Sales in 1919 showed an increase of 34.95% over 1918 sales. Net profits for the past year are estimated at \$1,650,000 after taxes, or nearly eight times the amount required to pay dividends on the pref. stock.

The company has outstanding \$3,000,000 7% Cum. Pref. stock, and \$1,581,000 Common stock. Since 1913, \$1,255,500 has been reinvested in the company's capital stock from divs. received by stockholders.

Sales.

Month of Dec.	1919.	1918.	Increase.
12 months to Dec. 31	\$3,304,189	\$2,528,350	\$775,839
12 months to Dec. 31	28,793,965	21,038,104	7,455,861

—V. 109, p. 2362, 1993.

(T. W.) Phillips Gas & Oil Co., Butler, Pa.—To Retire Bonds.

In answer to our inquiry, the company states: "The \$200,000 bonds due Feb. 15 1920 will be paid on that date. The company is not in need of any additional financing, but on the contrary has endeavored from time to time during the past year to purchase these bonds at par and int. and early in the year offered a slight premium. The cash receipts from the sale of gas and oil between Feb. 1 and Feb. 15 would be sufficient to take care of all bonds accruing on that date." T. W. Phillips, Jr., Pres.; B. D. Phillips, Sec.

Phillips Petroleum Corporation.—Stock Increase.—The stockholders have increased the capital stock from 255,500 shares to 1,000,000 shares, no par value. The stockholders of record Feb. 2 will receive one new share of stock for each share held.—V. 109, p. 1466.

Pools Engineering & Machine Co.—Dividend Omitted.—The dividend on the Common stock has been deferred. The last dividend paid on the Common was 1 1/2% in Oct. 1919. It is said this policy was deemed advisable by the board in view of the existing condition in business, the uncertainties of the money market and the high rates which money is now commanding. The company may be better able to use its earnings in its business than to make loans.—V. 109, p. 1699.

Portage Rubber Co., Akron, O.—New Stock.—President M. S. Long in circular of Dec. 24 says in substance: Since the change in management, on Sept. 17 1919, our business has been so stimulated that to provide for future expansion and the additional volume already booked, as well as largely increased inventories of materials, the directors have voted to sell 3,000 shares (\$500,000) each of Common and Pref. treasury stock to our stockholders at par. Each stockholder may subscribe at the office in Barberton, O., on or before Jan. 10 for one share each of Common and Pref. stock for each five shares of Common stock now owned. He cannot subscribe for Common alone, nor for Preferred alone. [Auth stock \$5,000,000 each of Common and 7% Cum. Pref.; outstanding in March 1919, \$2,499,700; Pref., \$1,200,000. Par of all shares, \$100. See V. 108, p. 1170.—Ed.] J. W. Maguire is V.-Pres.; L. E. Larson, Sec.—Treas.—V. 110, p. 173.

Producers & Refiners Corp., Denver.—New Stock, &c.—Pres. Frank E. Kistler, in circular of Jan. 5 1920, says in brief: In the beginning we had only the proceeds received from the sale of our pref. stock, with which we have built up a company, the assets of which are well worth double the issued capital, and with net earnings now running at the rate of \$2,500,000 per annum.

The earnings have so increased that your board has felt warranted in placing the common stock on a dividend basis. A regular annual dividend on that stock, at the rate of 5% per annum, has accordingly been declared, payable in quarterly installments of 1 1/4% cents per share, the first Feb. 1 1920 on stock of record Dec. 31 1919. With the increasing earnings your management expect that extra dividends may be paid within the year.

The company has in its treasury \$1,800,000 common stock and offers this stock pro rata to stockholders of record Dec. 31 1919 at par (\$10 per share) at the rate of one share for each ten shares of pref. or com. stock now held. Stockholders will not be entitled to subscribe for a fractional share in respect of five or less odd shares held; but should they hold six to ten shares, may subscribe for one whole new share as to same. Subscription warrants and remittance in full must be in the hands of The International Trust Co., in Denver or New York exchange, prior to Feb. 1 1920. This entire issue has been underwritten by a syndicate of bankers who agree to purchase at par any portion thereof remaining unsubscribed by the stockholders on Feb. 1.

This stock is being offered for the purpose of increasing our cash working capital and taking over valuable revenue-bearing properties, which will materially increase the earnings. Your board is contemplating taking over the stock of The Western Oil Fields Corp., which, we believe, should double the present earnings.—V. 109, p. 2445, 2270.

Ray Consolidated Copper Co.—Production (lbs.)—

Month of Dec.	1919.	1918.	1917.
	3,860,000	5,800,000	7,442,000
12 mos. to Dec. 31	47,129,000	86,707,559	92,998,679

—V. 110, p. 83.

Realty Associates.—See Realty Associates Investment Corporation below.—V. 109, p. 2077

Realty Associates Investment Corporation, N. Y.—New Enterprise Organized by Well-known Interests—Company to Sell Guaranteed Bonds, Collaterally Secured on Productive Real Estate.—An advertisement on another page announces that this new company will (a) loan funds on improved, income producing real estate, centrally located, in intensively developed sections, such as office buildings, apartments and industrial buildings, (b) sell 5 1/2% guaranteed bonds of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 denominations, secured both by 1st mtgs. and the credit of the borrower, and by an income adequate to permit rapid amortization. An authorized statement says in substance:

To supply capital for building construction Realty Association Investment Corporation, whose directorate is identical with that of the well-known Realty Associates, will issue bonds bearing a guaranty both as to principal and interest, and secured by first mortgages on high grade income producing property.

The directors are prominently identified with some of the great financial institutions of Greater New York. Frank Bailey is Vice-President of the Title Guaranty & Trust Co., Chas. S. Brown is a member of the firm of Brown, Wheelock Co., Inc., successors to Douglas Robinson; Chas. S. Brown Co.; Louis J. Morowitz is President of the widely-known Thompson-Starrett Co.; Clarence H. Kelsey is President of the Title Guaranty & Trust Co., and Charles A. Peabody is President of the Mutual Life.

The new corporation has behind its guaranty its capital and surplus of \$1,100,000, and the mortgages against which its bonds are issued. Behind the bonds will be such stable security as property used by centrally located manufacturing business, or apartment houses and office buildings, with large earning capacity—a class of security in which it is usually impossible for the small investor to participate in ordinary, as it takes large capital to handle such property.

Robert Reis & Co.—Notice to Pref. Stockholders.—Columbia Trust Co. gives notice to holders of First Pref. stock to the extent of 20,000 shares to the fact that this stock carries with it the right given by the syndicate managers to holders of record Jan. 10 1920 to purchase at the Columbia Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y., at \$20 per share, on or before Jan. 22 on presentation of their certificates, an amount of Com. shares equal to 25% of the number of shares of 1st Pref. stock held by them as of that date. Fractional shares will not be recognized. See V. 109, p. 1706; V. 109, p. 2445.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.—Listing—Earnings.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,648,000 Common stock, offered at par to stockholders of record Dec. 26, making the total amount of Common stock authorized to be listed \$30,000,000.—See V. 109, p. 2270.

Revere Motor Car Corp.—Stock Offering.—Weeden, Smith & Angrove, Providence, R. I., are offering at \$12.50 per share 150,000 shares of capital stock, par value \$10. An adv. shows:

Purpose.—Entire issue to be devoted to the increase of production necessary to meet contracts already made.

Company.—Plant located at Logansport, Ind. Company recently entered into a contract with a New York corporation which has agreed under terms of contract to purchase the entire production of the corporation up to 3,000 cars per annum, covering a term of 5 years with a minimum profit of \$500 per car to the company, which, on a production of 3,000 cars amount to a profit of \$1,500,000 per year. Under this agreement all cars are shipped sight draft bill of lading, which means spot cash on delivery.

The company manufactures a high-powered, four cylinder Duesenberg type motor, developing about 103 h. p. at 2600 r.p.m., giving about 14 miles per gallon of gasoline.

Capitalization.—Authorized 350,000 shares; issued 158,000, par value \$10. The majority of the stock that is being offered has been purchased by people of Logansport, Ind., and vicinity. No bonds or pref. stock.

Officers.—Newton Van Zandt, Pres.; Jas. Henderson, Vice-Pres.; C. H. Wilson, Treas.; Frank Amoss, Sec.

Directors.—Newton Van Zandt, Frank Amoss, C. H. Wilson, Adolph Monson, E. F. Metzger, Victor Wise, B. F. Sharts.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.—\$10,000,000 Pref. Stock Subscribed For.—Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Winston-Salem, N. C., and Bernhard, Scholle & Co., New York, announce by advertisement on another page that all of the \$10,000,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock received by them as underwriters has been applied for. Red. at 120 and div. Divs. Q.-J. Bankers state:

Capitalization.

	Auth. & Outsidg.
Three Year 6% notes due Aug. 1 1922 (V. 109, p. 584)	\$15,000,000
7% Cumul. Pref. stock (incl. ths. issue)	20,000,000
Com. stk. (\$10,000,000), Class B Com. stk. (\$10,000,000)	20,000,000

Business.—Manufactures and sells chewing and smoking tobacco and cigarettes. Principal brands are Camel cigarettes and Prince Albert smoking tobacco, the largest selling brands of cigarettes and smoking tobacco in the world.

Purpose.—This issue was made for the purpose of providing additional working capital necessitated by the increased volume of its business.

Equities.—The Pref. stock is followed by \$20,000,000 Common stock and Class B Common stock, the combined market value of which are in excess of \$50,000,000. See V. 109, p. 684, 1799, 2445.

Riley Shoe Manufacturing Co.—To Increase Capital.—The stockholders will vote Feb. 12 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$100,000 to \$750,000, to be divided into 3,500 shares Preferred and 4,000 shares of the Common stock, each of the par value of \$100 a share.

(Walden W.) Shaw Corp.—Listed.—The Chicago Stock Exchange has admitted to list 100,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, making total listed 200,000 shares.—V. 110, p. 173.

Shell Transport & Trading Co.—Dividend.—The Equitable Trust Co., as depositary of certain ordinary shares of the Shell Transport Trading Co., Ltd., under an agreement made Aug. 28 1919,

has received a dividend on the ordinary stock it holds of two shillings per share of the par value of 41 sterling each. The equivalent that is distributable to holders of the American shares under the agreement is 74 cents on each share. The dividend will be distributed Feb. 3 to registered holders of the American shares of record Jan. 27, provided the necessary income tax certificates are filed with it on or before that date.—V. 109, p. 1799.

Simms Petroleum Co.—Director.

Thomas W. Streeter has been elected a director and a member of the Executive Committee.

President E. F. Simms announces that the company has purchased pipe and has let contracts for the immediate construction of a standard 8-inch pipe line to extend from the Homer field to a point on the Mississippi River near New Orleans.—V. 110, p. 173.

Southern California Edison Co.—Bonds Offered.

Harris Forbes & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons and National City Co. are offering at 96 and int., to yield over 6.30%, \$7,500,000 Gen. & Ref. Mtge. 25-year 6% Gold bonds, "Series of 1919" (full particulars in V. 108, p. 487, 789). A circular shows:

Earnings Year ended Nov. 30 1919.

Gross earnings	\$10,481,694
Operating expenses, including taxes, insurance & maintenance	4,345,098
Net earnings	\$6,135,996
Annual int. charge on outstanding mtge. bonds, incl. this issue	2,647,280

Bal. avail. for int. on Deb. bonds, amortiz'n, deprec. and divs \$3,488,716
Annual interest charge on \$8,000,000 Debenture bonds, \$560,000.

Capitalization after Present Financing—

	Authorized	Outstanding
First Pref. stock paying 7%	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
Second Pref. stock limited to and paying 5%	12,500,000	12,029,900
Common stock paying 7%	83,500,000	15,826,972
General & Ref. Mtge. bonds "Series of 1919" (incl. this issue)	15,500,000	—
"Debenture bonds of 1915," equally secured with this issue	1,978,000	—
Underlying bonds outstanding with public	31,785,000	—
7% Gold Debenture bonds	8,000,000	—

—V. 110, p. 173.

Southern California Gas Co.—Bonds Authorized.

The Calif. RR. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$300,000 1st Mtge. 6% bonds, of which \$185,000 are to be used to pay the Farmers & Merchants' National Bank and the balance is to be used to liquidate current debt or reimburse the company's treasury for earnings expended for construction. The bonds are to be sold for not less than 95 and int.—V. 110, p. 83.

Standard Oil Co. of New York.—Director.

Howard A. Wilkinson has been elected a director to succeed William B. King, deceased.—V. 110, p. 83.

Standard Oil Co. (of Ohio)—Stock Increase.

The stockholders Jan. 12 voted to increase the total authorized issue of capital stock from \$7,000,000 to \$21,000,000 by creating 7,000,000 new Common stock and by issuing 7,000,000 Pref. stock, par \$100. The stockholders of record Jan. 12 have the right to subscribe for one share of Pref. stock at par (\$100 a share) for each share of Common stock. Subscriptions will be payable in cash either (1) in full on or before March 1 1920, or (2) in four equal installments payable on or before March 1 1920, April 1 1920, May 1 1920 and June 1 1920, respectively.

The new Common stock will be held in the treasury subject to later issuance at the discretion of the board. See V. 109, p. 2261, 2271.

Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.—Listed.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of the 400,000 shares of capital stock without nominal or par value which are being exchanged for the outstanding \$10,000,000 Common stock of \$100 par value, four new shares for one old.

The Boston Stock Exchange has admitted to list 400,000 shares of capital stock, no par value. See V. 109, p. 1598, 1799.

Stollwerck Chocolate Co. (Successor to Stollwerck Bros., Inc.) Pref. Stock Offering.—Estabrook & Co., Boston, recently offered \$500,000 8% Cumul. Conv. Second Pref. (a. & d.) stock, Class A, par \$100.

Dividends Q.-J. Conv., par for par, into Common stock up to 5 days before any date on which it may be called for redemption. Callable all or part at 110 and divs. on 30 days' notice after all 1st Pref. stock has been retired.

Data from Letter of Pres. H. B. Duane, Dated December 8 1919.

Company.—Incorp. in Mass. in 1919 and acquired the property and business of Stollwerck Brothers, Inc. of Conn. (V. 110, p. 83). Manufactures chocolate coatings which are used by some of the leading candy manufacturers, and also makes high grade breakfast cocoas. Main factory building, completed in 1907, is located at Stamford, Conn.

Capitalization After this Financing (No Bonds)

	Auth.	Outstg.
7% Cumul. First Pref. stock (closed issue)	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000
8% Cumulative Conv. Second Pref. stock Class A	500,000	500,000
Common stock	2,000,000	2,000,000

* There is also authorized such additional amount of Common Stock as may be required for issue to holders of Second Preferred stock, Class A, who present their stock for conversion.

Purpose.—Present issue is to provide for the purchase of existing buildings adjacent to the present plant and the installation of machinery for sugar refining that will assure company a continuous supply of sugar for its own use.

Earnings.—Net earnings of Stollwerck Brothers, Inc., for the 6 years ended Dec. 31 1918, after tax deductions averaged \$193,332 p. a., equal to 1.75 times the div. requirements on the First and Second Pref. stocks. This amount equals \$20 96 per share of 2nd Pref. stock, Class A, after deducting divs. and sink. fund requirements on the 1st Pref. stock. For the 10 months ended Oct. 31 1919, net earnings before taxes, of The Stollwerck Chocolate Co. have been at the annual rate of \$579,186 equal to 5.26 times the div. requirements on the 1st and 2nd Pref. stocks or to \$86 87 per share of the 2nd Pref. stock, Class A, after deducting div. and sink. fund requirement on the 1st Pref. stock.

Sinking Fund.—An annual payment beginning Feb. 1 1921, of 10% of the net profits for the preceding fiscal year, after payment of divs. on the 1st and 2nd Pref. stocks and the sink. fund on the 1st Pref. stock shall be applied to the purchase or redemption of 1st Pref. stock at not exceeding \$110 and divs. In case there shall be no 1st Pref. stock outstanding, the sink. fund shall be applied to the purchase or redemption of 2nd Pref. stock in the same manner.—V. 110, p. 83.

Struthers Furnace Co., Cleveland.—Pref. Stock Offering.—A. B. Leach & Co., Cincinnati, New York, & Co., Central Trust Co. and W. H. Fillmore & Co., Cincinnati, are offering at 99 and div. \$1,250,000 7% cumul. Pref. (a & d) stock, par \$100.

Dividends Q.-F. Red. all or part at 105 and div. on any div. date on 30 days' notice. Beginning Jan. 1 1922 company will set aside each year 10%, beginning Jan. 1 1927, 15%, and beginning Jan. 1 1933, 20%, of the net earnings of the preceding year, after all proper deductions, for the redemption of the Pref. stock at not exceeding 105 and div. No mortgage without the consent of 75% of the outstanding Pref. shares.

Data from Letter of Pres. W. C. Runyon, Cleveland, O., Dec. 5 1919.

Capitalization after this Financing (no bonds) Auth. and Outstanding.

Preferred stock (7% cumulative)	\$1,250,000
Common stock	1,000,000

Company.—Incorp. in May, 1896, in Ohio, and has an established trade and reputation as manufacturers of basic Bessemer and foundry pig iron. Property comprises over 34 acres at Struthers, O. Equipment consists of a modern blast furnace with a production of 15,000 tons of pig iron monthly with modern equipment, such as blowing engines, hot blast stoves, &c., a new pumping plant, capacity 18,000,000 gallons of water daily, a doubli-

casting machine, locomotive cranes, and complete yard switching equipment. A modern crushing plant for the disposal of slag is about to be completed.

Owns (a) entire capital stock of Struthers Coal & Coke Co. with plant at Fairbank, Pa., consisting of 200 bee-hive coke ovens; (b) an undivided one-half interest in the Wade & Helmer Iron Ore Mines on the Mesaba Range in equal partnership with Cleveland Cliff Iron Co.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to increase working capital.

Year

—1916 April 30—1917	—1917 (8 mos.) Dec. 31 1918
Gross sales	\$1,973,653 \$2,905,448 \$3,593,410 \$5,922,960
Net profits	102,206 313,696 442,157 1,001,154

Average net earnings for the 3 years and 8 months ended Dec. 31 1918, above Federal taxes, amounted to \$507,058 p. m. and after Federal taxes amounted to \$229,897, equal to more than 2½ times annual div. requirements on this Pref. stock.—V. 106, p. 1349.

Submarine Boat Corp.—Leases Government Yard, &c.

The company and the Emergency Fleet Corp. of the Shipping Board It is stated, have reached a contract settlement agreement on war-time ship construction under which the company will lease the Newark Bay shipyard until Nov. 15 1923, for \$4,000,000. At the expiration of the lease the Government option on the site belonging to the city of Newark will be turned over for \$1,250,000. Of the 150 ships originally contracted for the Government agrees to complete 118, of which 88 have been delivered, leaving 15 on the ways and 15 in the fitting basins; the Submarine Boat Corp. will finish the remaining 32 itself.

Dividends Not Yet Resumed.

The directors on Jan. 14 took no action on the declaration of a dividend, —V. 109, p. 1898.

Tinken-Detroit Axle Co.—Additional Data.

In connection with the offering of \$5,000,000 7% Cumulative Pref. stock, as noted in V. 109, p. 2077, a circular further shows:

Condensed Balance Sheet as of June 30 1919, Not Including Present Financing.

Assets	Liabilities
Real estate, plant, &c.	Preferred stock
Good-will and patents	Common stock
Cash	7% gold notes
Customers' accounts	Accounts payable
Merchandise inventory	Accr. taxes, ins., &c.
U. S. Govt. securities	Dividends payable
Investment securities	Fed. taxes (pay. in 1919)
Customers' notes	Res. for Fed. taxes, &c.
Other assets	Surplus
Deferred assets	Total (each side)

Compare V. 109, p. 2077, 1899.

Titusville (Pa.) Forge Co.—Notes Offered.

Mention was made in these columns last week of the offering of \$1,150,000 First (closed) Mtge. 7% 5-year sink. fund gold notes at 99 and int. by Fidelity Securities Corp. of Md. and Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore, Denom. \$100 and \$500 (c). Fidelity Trust Co., Baltimore, trustee. Dated Jan. 15 1920. Due Jan. 15 1925.

Data from Letter of Pres. John T. Dillon, Jr., Titusville, Pa., Jan. 5.

Company.—Incorp. in Maryland and will acquire the entire property and business, as a going concern, of the Titusville plant of the Bethlehem Steel Co. Company is the largest manufacturer of hammered and pressed gas and steam engine crank shafts in the U. S. Plant, located at Titusville, Pa., in successful operation for the past 23 years, covers about 10 acres.

Within a radius of 50 miles is a ready and increasing market for more than 50% of the company's product. Principal customers include the leading manufacturers of marine, power and oil well machinery in the United States, among whom are: United Engineering & Foundry Co., Fairbanks, Morse & Co., Oil Well Supply Co., Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., Baltimore Dry Docks & Ship Building Co., Pacific Coast Ship Building Co., Wm. Cramp & Son Ship & Engine Building Co., New London Ship & Engine Building Co.

Capitalization.—Authorized and issued, 1st mtge. 5-year 7% notes, 1925, \$1,150,000; Com. stock (par \$100), \$1,200,000.

Earnings.—Net earnings year ended Dec. 31 1916, \$307,730; 1917, \$421,838; 1918, \$737,549.

Figures for 1918 include all deductions for taxes. Figures for 1917 and 1918 include all deductions, except excess profit taxes. Segregation of taxes cannot be made, as these earnings were included in those of the parent company, which paid taxes on its total net earnings. Earnings for 1919 are not available, as earnings were not segregated from the Bethlehem Steel Co. Under normal conditions net earnings, after excess profit taxes and deductions of every nature, should be not less than \$300,000 per annum.

Balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1919, after allowing for the new financing.

Assets (Total each side \$2,399,386)	Liabilities
Cash & accounts rec.	Capital stock
Inventory	First mtge. gold notes
Plant, equip., tools, &c.	Accounts payable
Good will, trade m. & des.	Surplus

Directors.—John T. Dillon, Jr., Chairman; John T. Dillon, Jr., Pres.; B. A. Brennan, V.-Pres.; Van Lear Black, James C. Fenhagen, George T. Bishop.—V. 110, p. 174.

Tobacco Products Corporation.—Directors.

Norman E. Oliver and H. Mason Day have been elected directors.—V. 109, p. 1468.

Tribune Building Corp., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.

Union Trust Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$900,000 1st Mtge. 5½% Serial Gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1919, due \$100,000 each Nov. 1 1920-28. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100 (c). Corporation agrees to pay normal 2% Federal income tax int. M. & N. at Union Trust Co., trustee, Chicago. Callable all or part in order of maturity on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 102 and int.

Tug River Electric Co.—Bonds Called.—Merger.

All of the outstanding Joint First Mtge. 6% Serial gold bonds have been called for payment on Feb. 1 at 105 and int. at the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore. See Ky. & W. Va. Power Co. above.

Union Twist Drill Co.—Incorporated.

The company was incorp. in Massachusetts on or about Jan. 2 1920.—See V. 109, p. 2445; V. 110, p. 86.

United Gas Improvement Co.—Notes Offered.

Drexel & Co., Phila., are offering at 99 and int., to yield over 7%, \$7,500,000 One-Year 6% Gold Coupon notes dated Feb. 1 1920, maturing Feb. 1 1921. Bankers state:

Interest payable F. & A. Denom. \$1,000. Company will pay both principal and interest without deduction for any State or Government taxes, excepting succession or inheritance taxes and the normal Federal income tax in excess of 2% p. a. Company assumes the payment of the Pennsylvania State tax of four mills on holders resident in Pennsylvania.

Capitalization, &c.—Company at the close of its fiscal year ending Dec. 31 1919 had capital stock outstanding of \$61,029,830, and undivided profits amounting to over \$32,000,000. It has no funded debt and its net earnings for the last 10 years have averaged an amount in excess of 13 times the interest requirements upon this, its only issue of notes.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire an issue of like amount of notes due Feb. 1 1920.—V. 109, p. 1707.

United States Gypsum Co.—Recapitalization Rumor.

According to recent press reports the company is to be recapitalized, the Common stock being changed from shares of \$100 par to no par value shares, the present shares of \$100 to be exchanged for the no par value shares in the ratio of one old to five new. Action it is said will be taken by the stockholders at their annual meeting on Jan. 20.—V. 109, p. 1899.

United States Rubber Co.—Purchase of Property and Business of Dolgeville Felt Shoe Co.

The company on Jan. 12 announced the purchase of the entire plant, equipment, stock, goodwill and business of the Dolgeville Felt Shoe Co., Dolgeville, N. Y., manufacturers of felt shoes and slippers. The plant consists of three factory buildings and employs several hundred workers. It was organized in 1906 and has developed very rapidly. H. I. Patrie and William Menge, owners for some years past, will remain with the Dolgeville concern, which will continue to do business under the same name.—V. 110, p. 174.

United States Steel Corp.—Offers 60,000 Shares of Common at \$106 to Employees.

The company has decided to offer 60,000 shares of Common stock to its employees at \$106 a share. In making this announcement the company stated that all subscriptions above 60,000 would be honored. The terms of the offering are the same as in preceding years, the employees to be allowed to pay for the stock in monthly installments. This year's subscription price compares with \$92 for 1919 and 1918; \$107 for 1917 and \$85 for 1916. No Common stock was offered for subscription in 1915, in which year the corporation discontinued its policy of offering to employees its Preferred stock.

Steel Strike Officially Ended—Unfilled Orders.

See under "Current Events" in last week's "Chronicle," p. 130. See "Trade and Traffic Movement" on a previous page.—V. 110, p. 174.

United States Trucking Corporation.—Organized.

Incorp. Dec. 12 1919 in New York and has acquired the business, assets and goodwill of 27 representative trucking concerns operating in New York City, including Meade Transfer Co., E. R. Lowe Co., Oscar S. Brummer, Inc., Monahan's Express, Healy & Callahan, Edward F. Kelly, William Casey, Inc., S. Hannon, H. L. Sweet, Halvey Bros., Daniel & Kennedy, D. Guroy & Sons, R. J. Mulligan, James F. Stanton, J. Lawrence, J. J. Sullivan, J. J. Gillan & Co., Matthew J. Sullivan, John F. Lange, R. H. Thornberry, Kerwin Bros., P. Reardon, Inc., Richard Fitzpatrick and Paul Veal.

The capitalization of the consolidated corporation is as follows: Auth. and presently to be issued, \$2,000,000 8% Cum. Pref., par \$100, and 80,000 shares Common stock, no par value. No bonds. It is expected that a public offering will be made in the near future.

Utah Copper Co.—Production (lbs.)—

	1919.	1918.	1917.
Month of Dec.	9,005,591	13,835,000	16,250,000
12 mos. to Dec. 31	110,553,697	198,233,596	204,702,325

Van Raalte Co., Inc.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial dividend of \$1.75 per share on the first and second pref. stock, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 14. The company, it is stated, has acquired the Clark Textile Co. of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., which manufactures silk goods and knit goods.—V. 109, p. 194.

Vulcan Detinning Co.—Dividends.

A quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the Pref. stock and also 1% on accumulations, both payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 10. In April, July and Oct. last 1% was paid on accumulations.—V. 109, p. 1185.

Results for Three and Nine Months ending September 30.

	1919—3 Mos.	1918.	1919.—9 Mos.	1918.—9 Mos.
Sales	\$270,404	\$452,182	\$1,254,714	\$1,211,174
Increase in inventories	13,009	dec. 6,151	dec. 77,435	dec. 16,226
Other income	8,032	4,822	21,957	11,560

Gross income	\$291,445	\$450,853	\$1,199,236	\$1,206,508
Costs, gen. expenses, &c.	277,168	375,485	1,082,333	940,507
Depreciation, taxes, &c.		45,000	45,000	144,645

Balance, surplus	\$14,277	\$30,368	\$71,903	\$161,356
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Note.—Since April 1919 the company has been paying quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% and 1% on accumulated dividends.

BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30.

	1919.	1918.		1919.	1918.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Plant & equip't.	521,785	507,055	Pref. stk. 7% cuml.	500,000	1,500,000
Pats., proc., &c.	3,200,000	3,200,000	Common stock	2,000,000	2,000,000
Cash	74,635	138,918	Accs. pay. & res.	258,242	169,415
U. S. Lib. bds.	569,000	145,500	Fed. tax reserve		100,000
U. S. cts. of ind. deb.		155,000	Surplus	770,025	746,274
Accounts receiv.	73,558	88,270			
Inventories	89,390	220,948			
Total	4,528,268	4,515,689	Total	4,528,268	4,515,689

—V. 109, p. 1186.

Western Knitting Mills, Inc., Rochester, Minn.—Stock Sold.

Merrill, Cox & Co. and Fort Dearborn Securities Co., Chicago, announce the sale at \$22 per share, by advertisement on another page, of 95,000 shares of capital stock, no par value. Bankers state:

Company.—Incorp. in Illinois to acquire all of the assets of the Western Knitting Mills of Mich., established over 30 years. Up to 1916, principal products were knitted wool socks, gloves and mittens, known as the "Big Four Brand." In 1916 entered the wool cloth field when knitted cloth had just become known. In 1917 this new product was put on the market under the trade name "Wesnit." Mills located at Rochester and Middleville, Mich., employing about 700 operators.

Capitalization.—Authorized, 150,000 shares; outstanding, 140,000 shares, no par value. No bonds or Preferred stock.

Earnings.—Annual net earnings before taxes, for the 3 years ending Dec. 31 1919 (2 months 1919 est.) were \$454,993, or equivalent to almost \$3.25 per share. Earnings for 1920 are estimated at over \$600,000.

The Chicago Stock Exchange has admitted to list 140,000 shares, no par value. The directors are: Joseph Weissenbach, W. C. Chapman (V.-Pres.), L. B. Patterson, W. M. DeKey, Wallace Kay, Wilbur Kay, Gus Strauss, Stanley G. Miller and E. H. Smith.—V. 109, p. 2178.

Western States Oil & Land Co.—Capital Increase.

The company, it is stated, is offering stockholders of record Jan. 19 the right to subscribe to 1 1/2 additional shares of stock for each share now held. In all, 3,000,000 new shares are being offered at 80 cents a share, payment for which is to be made on or before Feb. 7. The issue has been underwritten. Midwest Refining Co. owns about 51% of the capital stock.—V. 109, p. 2178.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—To Issue Stock.

The company, it is stated, is offering 46,500 shares (no par value) of treasury stock to shareholders of record Jan. 15 at \$22.50 per share. Warrants to be issued will entitle holders to secure 20% of their present holdings in the new offering. Proceeds will be used for payments on the Fort Worth refinery, recently acquired, and for other expansion, including purchase of tank cars.—V. 109, p. 1374.

Wichita (Kan.) Union Stock Yards Co.—Offering of Bonds.

F. P. Wright Investment Co., Kansas City, are offering at 99 and int., \$100,000 First Mortgage 6% Gold Bonds of 1914. Due Aug. 1 1934. A circular shows:

Interest payable F. & A. at Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago trustee. Redeemable at 102 1/4 and int. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (e*). Annual sinking fund 6% of all outstanding bonds.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Capital stock	\$1,500,000	\$1,400,000
First m. ds. incl. this issue	600,000	266,900

Earnings for the Years Ending Dec. 31.

Year—	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
Gross	\$153,197	\$168,162	\$227,448	\$269,786	\$315,521
Net	83,101	95,693	141,866	156,825	162,022

Compare V. 99, p. 1838, 1916; V. 106, p. 197.

Wickwire-Spencer Steel Corporation.—Consolidation.

—Arrangements for the consolidation of the Clinton-Wright

Wire Co. of Worcester, Mass. (V. 109, p. 1276, 2174), and the Wickwire Steel Co., of Buffalo, N. Y. (V. 109, p. 2178 V. 102, p. 1353), have been completed, the name of the new company to be the Wickwire-Spencer Steel Corporation, a Massachusetts corporation, successor to Clinton-Wright Wire Co. An authoritative statement says:

The Clinton-Wright Wire Co. is one of the largest manufacturers of wire, wire rope, screening, netting, fences, springs, hardware and other wire specialties in the world. Its eight plants are located in Worcester, Mass., and vicinity.

The Wickwire Steel Co. is one of the largest manufacturers of high-grade steel wire material and its plants are located at Buffalo, N. Y.

The combined business of these two companies is a large and important industry, independent and self-contained, with complete and modern plants in which are carried forward all the successive steps from the production of iron ore (the basic raw material), its conversion into pig iron and steel ingots, to the manufacture of wire rods and all forms of wire products which the market demands.

The consolidation is the outgrowth of the following businesses: Clinton Wire Cloth Co., founded 1856; Moran Spring Co., founded 1881; Wright Wire Co., founded 1883; Spencer Wire Co., founded 1820; Wickwire Steel Co., founded 1907.

E. H. Rollins & Sons have formed syndicates for the purchase of the First Mortgage 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds and the First Preferred Cumulative 8% stock shown in the following table of capitalization:

First Mortgage 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds	Authorized.	Outstanding.
First Preferred stock, 8% cumulative	\$30,000,000	\$12,500,000
Class A Common shares, entitled to cumulative divs. at the rate of \$4 per share p. a., but no more	7,500,000	7,500,000
Class B Common shares	80,000 sh.	80,000 sh.
	250,000 sh.	250,000 sh.

*The Class A and Class B Common shares have a nominal or par value of \$5 a share, as under Massachusetts laws a nominal or par value of at least \$5 a share is required.

It is expected that the board of directors will include:

T. Harry Wickwire Jr., President, and Ward A. Wickwire, Vice-President. Harry W. Goddard, formerly Chmn. of Board of Clinton-Wright Wire Co. George M. Thompson, V.-Pres. and Gen. Mgr. (formerly President of Clinton-Wright Wire Co.). Frank Kilmer, Treasurer, (formerly Treas. of Clinton-Wright Wire Co.). R. B. Young, Vice-President of E. H. Rollins & Sons.

Wickwire Steel Co. of Buffalo.—Consolidation.

See Wickwire-Spencer Steel Corp. above.—V. 109, p. 2178.

Willys Corporation.—Earnings.

The net income for the four months ended Dec. 31 last, after making provision for Federal taxes, amounted to \$,656,998, which is at the rate of more than four times the dividend requirements on the \$15,000,000 8% First Pref. stock. These earnings were made without any benefit from the manufacture of the new six-cylinder car which will be in production shortly.—V. 110, p. 75.

World Wide Advertising Corp.—Incorporated.

See last week's "Chronicle," page 175.

CURRENT NOTICES

—The formation of N. A. MacDonald & Co., Inc., with offices in the Duell-Lapey Insurance Building, 120 Pearl Street, Buffalo, and with Beverly L. Worden as Chairman of the Board and Norman A. MacDonald as President and executive head, is announced. Tucker, Morris & Lockwood, Inc., of Ellicott Square, Buffalo, and the well-known Hartford (Conn.) firm of Blake Bros. & Pimm are constituent elements in the new concern and give the MacDonald Company a big clientele at its very outset. Organized so as to cover all branches and departments of investment the new house will be active in every phase of the business. To enable them to cope with the many details incident to the conduct of such a varied enterprise, the new organization has six vice-presidents, a treasurer and two assistants and a secretary and two assistants. The officers are: Chairman, Beverly L. Worden; President, Norman A. MacDonald. Mr. MacDonald was the organizer of the Citizens Commercial Trust Company and the active head of that institution for a term of years. The Vice-Presidents comprise Edwin S. Miller, August McLean, Sydney J. Tucker (former president of the investment banking firm of Tucker, Morris & Lockwood, Inc.), Alfred B. Pimm, formerly President of Blake Bros. & Pimm, and Robert W. Morris, who was a Vice-President of the Tucker, Morris & Lockwood firm; Ira D. Lockwood, also a Vice-President of the new firm, was a former Treasurer of the Lockwood firm. The other officers of the new concern are: Treasurer, R. W. H. Campbell; Assistant Treasurers, A. G. O. Cooke and I. D. Broit; Secretary, E. I. Thompson, and Assistant Secretaries, F. G. Driscoll and F. D. Jones.

—Dansard-Hull & Company, members of the Detroit Stock Exchange, with offices at 27 Congress Street, West, Detroit, announce the admission of Kirk G. Bumpus as a general partner in their business and incidentally the change in their firm name to Dansard-Hull-Bumpus Company. Under the name of Bumpus & Company, Mr. Bumpus has been active in the buying and selling of municipal issues for over fifteen years both in and outside of the State of Michigan. Mr. Dansard and Mr. Hull, both having to their credit a record of ten years in the investment security field, will continue in the management of the business. Mr. Bumpus will give special attention to the new company's bond department.

—Stone & Webster, Boston, announced Jan. 1 that Frederick P. Royce, George O. Muhlfield, Henry B. Sawyer, Frederick S. Pratt, Harry H. Hunt and Howard L. Rogers had been made partners in the firm. All have been leading members of the organization for years and have had important parts in its activities.

—The Guaranty Trust Company of New York has been appointed transfer agent of stock of the Alvarado Mining & Milling Co., registrar of the capital stock of the Metex Petroleum Corp. and dividend disbursing agent of the Preferred stock of the Hodgman Rubber Co.

—John D. Curtis & Co. of Boston announce the discontinuance on Jan. 2 of their firm and the incorporation of the firm of Curtis, Stephenson & Co., Inc. The new firm, composed of John D. Curtis and B. T. Stephenson, will be located at 87 Milk St., Boston, Mass.

—"Investment News," financial weekly published in Chicago, announces the opening of its New York office at 25 Broad St., Room 1347, to be in charge of J. C. Adams, who has been associated with "Investment News" in the West.

—Ross K. Boore, for 11 years with Harris, Forbes & Co., announces that he has opened an office in the Coal Exchange Bldg., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for the purpose of dealing in investment securities.

—Robert Le C. Hovey announces the opening of an office at 160 Broadway, where he will engage in practice as a financial accountant and consultant in investment matters.

—Columbia Trust Co. has been appointed co-transfer agent of the capital stock of Associated Welding Companies, Inc.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Jan. 16 1920.

There is an increase in wholesale and jobbing trade, while retail business is less active, owing partly to mild weather at the West, and partly to a natural slowing down after a long period of great activity. But there is a big demand for iron and steel as well as textiles. The trouble is that production still lags behind the demand. Mills and factories have a larger supply of coal, but short hours and inefficient labor are handicaps not easy to overcome. The scarcity of cars is also still a serious drawback. It affects the movement of grain, lumber and coal. Some kinds of steel are bringing high premiums. And as to the car situation, it is hoped that it is beginning to mend. Certainly, though cars are still in short supply, they are more plentiful than recently. And the movement of lumber and other building materials has increased somewhat. This is a cheering factor at a time when the country is so badly short of housing. Building this spring is expected to be on a very large scale. The production of coal is increasing. Hides and leather are firmer. There seems to be no likelihood of an immediate reduction in the price of shoes. Woolen clothing is selling freely. Hereabouts the weather has latterly been cold and raw, in sharp contrast with that at the West. Collections are in the main good. It is gratifying to notice that land speculation at the West is falling off. Failures are still noticeably fewer than in former years.

Of course, however, there is apt to be a fly in the amber. Call money has risen. There is talk of a further rise in the discount rates. To-day stocks broke and foreign exchange declined. Wall Street is keenly watched by the commercial world. Also the treaty has not been ratified. The Bolsheviks have won new victories and London fears that England may be drawn into a war with the so-called Russian "Government" to repel a possible invasion of Poland or even of India. Prices are still high with production short. Of course what the situation needs is larger production. The deficit can only be made good under existing circumstances by increased working hours or greater economy on the part of the American people—something which they may have to come to, however unnatural it would seem, to a people always accustomed to plenty. Also something must be done to promote our foreign trade. A big slump in exports would naturally affect the buying power of the American people, especially in the great agricultural and manufacturing sections of the country. Naturally, this in turn would react upon domestic trade generally, adding this drawback to the loss in foreign commerce, due to Europe's crippled buying power. Yet, on the whole, the feeling in this country is not uncheerful. Obstacles, it is believed, will be surmounted. Europe will somehow get credits. It needs our commodities and we need its custom. "One hand washes the other," or must in this knotty problem, which taxes the ingenuity of financiers and merchants at home and abroad.

A world-wide conference to solve the present economic problems is the aim of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York. Paul Warburg, Frank A. Vanderlip, Thomas W. Lamont and Alfred E. Marling were selected to represent this country in the preliminary work leading up to this exchange of ideas, and they are understood to have begun their task on the 15th inst. Eminent citizens of Great Britain, France, Holland, Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and the United States will address a memorial to their respective governments laying down sound principles, on the lines of which, the signatories believe, the solution of the world's economic problems must be sought. The step is being taken, the formal announcement says, because the signatories are convinced that critical days are now imminent for Europe and that no time is to be lost.

Butter prices have recently fallen, owing, it is stated, to arrivals here of 144,480 pounds of Danish butter, which will be followed by other shipments of daily products. Also there have been arrivals from Holland favored by high prices here and low exchange. Cold storage warehouses in this State on Dec. 1 last held 21,418,516 pounds of butter, against 12,187,247 pounds at the same time in 1918 and 20,503,720 dozen eggs, against 11,039,880 dozen in 1918. The export demand at American butter markets is not so large as expected, and the very low rate of exchange is causing Scandinavian Europe to send foodstuffs to this country. That may help materially to relieve food conditions here. Strange as it may sound, Dr. George Frederick Kunz, gem expert, finds that the rise in the cost of diamonds is partly the result of increased purchases by shipyard workers, municipal workers, in farming districts, at ports of embarkation, and in large cities near which camps have been located. It is said that the working classes are spending more freely than the wealthy.

Julius H. Barnes warns wheat and flour handlers of price hazards which may confront them after the withdrawal of Government control on June 1 next. Wheat prices fell early in the week 25 cents per bushel.

London cables state that both Sauerbeck's and "Economist's" index numbers of British commodity prices are reported at record high prices at the end of December. The

former was 235.4, compared with 231 the preceding month, and the "Economist" at 7,364, against 6,985.

The Boston Shoe Dealers' Association says that shoe prices must be raised. High cost of materials, a big domestic and export demand and under-production due to labor troubles are among the reasons given.

At the present level of clothing prices any increase cannot be met by the public, said Howard Figg, assistant to Attorney-General Palmer, to the National Association of Retail Clothiers. Prices should go down within six months, he said, and if they don't the Government is determined to find out why not. Clothing is not only high but the quality is notoriously inferior to that sold formerly for half the price.

LARD quiet; prime Western 24.80@24.90c.; refined to the Continent 27c.; South America 27 1/4c.; Brazil in kegs 28 1/4c. Futures have declined with grain. This offset the firmness of prices for hogs early in the week. Stock yard interests have been sellers at Chicago. Exports, however, have been liberal. Shorts have been buying. Last week the exports from New York were 7,503,330 pounds of lard and 29,872,745 pounds of bacon. To-day prices declined and closed lower than last Friday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery	23.90	24.10	23.97	24.00	24.15	23.97
May delivery	24.90	25.05	24.80	24.77	24.95	24.75
July delivery	25.22	25.40	25.12	25.05	25.20	25.12

PORK quiet; mess \$45 50@\$46; family \$52@\$53; clear \$44@\$50. January pork closed at 38.80c., a decline for the week of 20c. Beef slightly easier; mess \$18@\$19; packet \$19@\$20; extra India mess \$45@\$47; No. 1 canned roast beef \$3 25; No. 2, \$6 25. Cut meats firmer; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 24 1/4@26c.; pickled bellies 25@27c. Butter, creamery extras, 62 1/2@63c.; other grades 51@63c. Cheese, flats, 20@33c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 76c. first to extra firsts 72@75c.

COFFEE on the spot quiet but steady; Rio No. 7, 16@16 1/2c.; Santos No. 4 25 1/2@25 3/4c.; fair to good Cucuta 28@28 1/2c. Futures declined, partly owing to reports that the Brazilian Government had been selling. This offset what is regarded as a strong statistical position. Long liquidation has been very noticeable, although Brazilian prices have advanced. Firm offers, too, have been strong. The stock at Rio of 124,000 bags withdrawn in July 1918, is said to have all been sold. The Santos Government, it appears, sold recently 250,000 bags. The quantity held under valorization is now stated at 2,669,000 bags, mostly of high grades, supposed to be easily salable. It is part of the gossip here, however, that the Sao Paulo Government is supposed to be buying futures at Santos in order to make a market to sell on. This is one reason why so little attention has been paid to the Santos cables, reporting higher prices. The world's visible supply of coffee, exclusive of Brazilian Government stocks, on Jan. 1, however, was only 6,957,718 bags, the smallest in over twenty years. It compares with 11,111,401 bags in 1917 and 10,430,976 in 1916. For twenty years the supply on Jan. 1 ranged from 7,000,000 to over 16,000,000 bags. The decrease during December was 379,607 bags. In reply to an inquiry from the New York Coffee Exchange regarding the Government's stock at Rio, the Comteluro, Ltd., has cabled the following: "Twenty-seven thousand bags, representing Food Controller's requisition, distributed to local roasters and transferred in September by Government to free stock. Rumored with appearance of veracity that part or whole of balance of 97,000 bags privately sold in Rio market, but official confirmation unobtainable." To-day prices here closed 15 to 18 points higher, but they end lower for the week. Closing prices: Jan. - cts. 15.85@15.88 | May - cts. 16.16@16.17 | Sept. - cts. 15.95@16.10 | March - 16.00@16.01 | July - 16.35@16.37 | December - 15.90@15.91

SUGAR in better demand; centrifugal, 96-degrees test, Cuban, 13.04c.; Porto Rican, 15c. The strike of longshoremen in Cuba has checked business to a considerable extent, but the outlook there now seems better. Cuban sugar has been sold for clearance this week at 12 cents cost and freight to refiners. Later January shipments were quoted at 11 1/2c. Cuba for February f. o. b., 11@11 1/4c.; March to May, 10 1/2c. Porto Rico, it is stated, has been offered at 15 cents delivered. Trading on sugar futures here may possibly be renewed before long. Refiners are delivering as a rule on allotments to the regular trade at varying prices, i. e., 15 to 16 cents for fine granulated.

OILS.—Linseed quiet and unchanged; January, February and March in car lots \$1 77; April, \$1 72; and May-September, \$1 62. Lard strained winter, unchanged at \$1 80; extra \$1 70. Coconut oil, Ceylon, barrels, 19 1/4@19 1/2c.; Cochin 20 1/2c. Olive higher at \$2 75@\$3 10. Corn oil, refined, car lots, 23.56c. Cod, domestic, 1.10c.; Newfoundland, 1.12@1.14c. Spirits of turpentine \$1 97. Common to good strained rosin \$19 20.

PETROLEUM in brisk demand and firm; refined in barrels 20@21c.; bulk New York 13@14c.; cases New York 24.74@25.75c. Gasoline also in good demand and higher; motor gasoline, in steel barrels, 26 1/2c.; consumers, 28 1/2c.; gas machine, 43 1/2c. It is declared that salt water infiltration in some oil wells in Louisiana amounts to as much as 40% and affects a considerable portion of the Homer field; also that some wells have stopped flowing and others have been pinched in. It is said that water thus far affects those wells in the deep sand in a southeasterly direction from the fault line, which cuts diagonally through the Homer field from northeast to southwest. Wells to the northwest of the

fault line in shallow sand, it is asserted, have not been affected and are expected to be of much longer life than those in deep sand. The Texas Co. has advanced gasoline one cent a gallon in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi. Following prices are now in effect: Alabama, 25 cents minimum, 27 cents maximum; Florida, 24½ cents min., 27 max.; Georgia, 25½c. min., 27½c. max.; and Mississippi, 25 cents. Kerosene prices have advanced one cent a gallon in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi.

Pennsylvania.....	\$5 00	Indiana.....	\$3 13	Strawn.....	\$3 00
Cornberg.....	3 50	Princeton.....	3 27	Thrall.....	3 00
Camell.....	3 42	Illinois, above 30 degrees.....	3 27	Healdton.....	2 25
Somerset, 32 deg. and above.....	3 25	Plymouth.....	2 78	Moran.....	3 00
Ragland.....	1 75	Kansas&Oklahoma.....	3 00	Henrietta.....	3 00
Woolster.....	3 70	Corsicana, light.....	2 75	Canada, La., light.....	3 63
North Lima.....	3 23	Corsicana, heavy.....	1 35	Caddo heavy.....	1 50
South Lima.....	3 23	Electra.....	3 00	De Soto.....	2 90

RUBBER declined, then became firmer, in response to stronger London advices. Trade has been quiet, however. Asking prices were 53½c. for ribbed smoked sheets and first latex pale crepe, spot and nearby, 53¾c. for February-March arrival, 54½c. for April-June, and 54½c. for last half of the year; Para up river fine 49c.; Caucho ball upper 35c.; Central, Corinto, 34½c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been quiet and weak, as tonnage is plentiful. Some ships, it is said, are leaving half-laden and many return in ballast. And the United States Railroad Commission has again put a ban on the exportation of coal. Europe is reported a less insistent buyer of American commodities, having in some cases replenished its supplies. Charters include 20,000 quarters of grain from St. John, N. B., to Greece at 30 s.; coal from Virginia to Greece at \$29, January; linseed from Buenos Aires to New York \$29 February; coal from Virginia to Pernambuco or Bahia \$12; coal from Virginia to Santos \$15; coal from Philadelphia to Guadeloupe \$9 50; coal from Norfolk to Sagua \$7 50; coal from Atlantic Range to West Italy \$24 50; coal from a Virginia port to Buenos Aires, 75 shillings; coal from North Atlantic port to Buenos Aires, \$12; logwood Haiti to Mobile \$6; eight months time charter in general trade \$8 50 January.

TOBACCO has been quiet, as is not unusual at the beginning of the year, when stock-taking engages general attention. But this is regarded as a mere lull before the resumption of activity on a noteworthy scale in the near future. What is more, prices are firm and holders are hopeful and in many cases confident of an advance before long.

COPPER still in fair demand and slightly higher; electrolytic 19¼@19½c. The production for the month of November was 105,835,000 pounds, against 108,345,000 pounds in October. Tin lower at 62¾@63½c. Lead remains quiet but higher at 8¾c. spot New York and 8½c. for spot St. Louis. Zinc in fair demand but slightly lower; spot New York 9.55c.; St. Louis 9.20c.

PIG IRON has sold to a considerable extent for the second half of this year, and prices are strong. Many think the trend is upward. Nearby and first quarter deliveries are exceedingly hard to get. Makers are heavily sold ahead. They are as a rule awaiting developments. As it is so difficult to fill domestic wants, export business is in abeyance, although there is said to be a sharp export demand.

STEEL is in keen demand and it is growing. Makers are not at all anxious to sell. They are in some cases selling for delivery only at the earliest possible date. Buyers have to be satisfied with that. Deliveries seem to be growing more distant. Scarcity of labor hampers output. Most concerns are running at about 75 to 80% capacity, and there seems to be little prospect of an early improvement. Railroads are still inquiring for rails. Plates have advanced \$5 per ton in one instance at Chicago. Slab, sheet bars and forging billets have recently advanced about \$2. Tubular products are held at \$10 per ton higher. There is a fair export business with Japan, South America and South Africa. As a rule the trouble in the steel trade is not to sell the product but to satisfy the demand within a reasonable time of delivery. Prices are believed to have an upward tendency.

COTTON

Friday Night, Jan. 16 1920.

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 209,074 bales, against 224,546 bales last week and 213,945 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1919 4,235,761 bales, against 3,081,150 bales for the same period of 1918-19, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1919 of 1,154,611 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston.....	13,088	12,179	15,233	8,122	13,947	6,105	68,574
Texas City.....	2,424	4,045	1,623	2,917	---	1,053	12,062
Pt. Arthur, &c.....	---	---	---	---	---	367	367
New Orleans.....	5,915	4,484	7,741	9,286	6,329	6,401	40,156
Mobile.....	727	1,857	813	2,518	1,367	1,318	8,600
Pensacola.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Jacksonville.....	---	---	---	---	---	35	35
Savannah.....	5,784	5,572	8,409	4,819	6,483	6,926	37,993
Brunswick.....	---	---	---	---	---	11,000	11,000
Charleston.....	254	976	1,042	804	583	1,200	4,859
Wilmington.....	370	710	998	735	395	962	4,170
Norfolk.....	2,718	3,389	3,022	1,305	2,120	1,964	14,518
N'port News, &c.....	---	---	---	---	---	243	243
New York.....	---	---	235	---	---	---	235
Boston.....	75	---	85	253	781	48	1,242
Baltimore.....	---	---	---	---	---	4,376	4,376
Philadelphia.....	40	257	125	---	222	---	644
Totals this week	31,295	33,469	39,326	30,759	32,227	41,998	209,074

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1919 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Jan. 16.	1919-20.		1918-19.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1919.	This Week.	Since Aug 1918.	1920.	1919.
Galveston.....	68,574	1,387,342	71,297	1,065,251	275,938	310,326
Texas City.....	12,062	211,866	---	30,145	79,778	6,560
Aransas Pass.....	---	1,801	---	---	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.....	367	62,921	1,681	17,317	---	---
New Orleans.....	40,156	700,747	32,788	798,556	474,505	465,038
Mobile.....	8,600	201,053	5,126	90,534	27,439	22,207
Pensacola.....	---	12,020	4,782	9,422	---	---
Jacksonville.....	35	9,177	647	14,968	5,779	10,500
Savannah.....	37,993	891,476	25,637	611,744	283,080	289,705
Brunswick.....	11,000	111,800	2,500	51,050	5,731	3,000
Charleston.....	4,859	189,021	5,027	110,706	57,006	56,708
Wilmington.....	4,170	107,239	2,381	63,211	52,817	51,964
Norfolk.....	14,518	237,257	7,826	177,454	95,647	110,100
N'port News, &c.....	243	2,497	---	2,909	---	---
New York.....	235	12,986	1,149	4,401	60,254	92,168
Boston.....	1,242	12,170	188	16,984	5,444	14,482
Baltimore.....	4,376	70,890	920	15,548	6,801	10,355
Philadelphia.....	644	13,498	---	30	11,760	6,117
Totals	209,074	4,235,761	161,949	3,081,150	1,442,069	1,449,230

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Galveston.....	68,574	71,297	24,302	73,652	42,624	160,472
Texas City, &c.....	12,429	1,681	10,140	5,038	20,528	43,708
New Orleans.....	40,156	32,788	35,499	17,971	32,673	70,185
Mobile.....	8,600	5,126	1,138	1,339	2,291	6,355
Savannah.....	37,993	25,637	21,149	8,625	16,705	75,032
Brunswick.....	11,000	2,500	1,500	1,000	5,000	12,000
Charleston, &c.....	4,859	5,027	8,352	1,938	3,360	13,160
Wilmington.....	4,170	2,381	208	761	4,063	7,956
Norfolk.....	14,518	7,826	8,909	5,055	10,726	25,313
N'port N., &c.....	243	---	143	248	7,482	3,587
All others.....	6,532	7,686	19,143	8,302	10,337	7,395
Total this wk.	209,074	161,949	130,483	123,929	155,789	425,164

Since Aug. 1. 4,235,761 3,081,150 3,850,353 5,013,722 4,532,162 5,864,807

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 269,674 bales, of which 137,437 were to Great Britain, 19,971 to France and 112,266 to the other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1919 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending Jan. 16 1920.				From Aug. 1 1919 to Jan. 16 1920.			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston.....	44,154	---	1,280	45,434	855,947	68,341	231,732	1,156,020
Texas City.....	25,944	---	---	25,944	99,969	13,611	---	113,580
Houston.....	---	---	---	---	45,336	---	---	45,336
Pt. Neg., &c.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	184	184
New Orleans.....	22,545	44,464	67,009	196,242	56,590	319,830	572,581	80,280
Mobile.....	---	---	---	---	57,466	21,864	950	17,540
Pensacola.....	---	---	---	---	17,840	---	---	900
Jacksonville.....	---	---	---	---	19,216	---	---	609,837
Savannah.....	15,929	17,421	39,682	57,103	170,405	145,660	344,772	125,878
Brunswick.....	---	---	---	---	15,929	125,878	---	103,979
Charleston.....	13,443	---	---	13,443	74,105	19,149	10,725	112,938
Wilmington.....	11,963	---	---	11,963	29,363	16,847	65,828	94,526
Norfolk.....	1,373	2,350	---	3,723	58,013	2,350	33,163	85,203
New York.....	511	---	1,893	2,404	6,248	6,270	75,685	85,203
Boston.....	250	---	---	250	3,367	1,257	1,932	6,556
Baltimore.....	325	---	---	325	1,713	500	---	3,213
Philadelphia.....	1,000	200	50	1,250	19,530	200	4,383	24,113
Providence.....	---	---	---	---	375	---	---	375
San Fran.....	---	---	6,020	6,020	---	---	36,273	36,273
Los Angeles.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	929	929
Seattle.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	96,564	96,564
Tacoma.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	13,521	13,521
Portland.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,799	1,799
Total	137,437	19,971	112,266	269,674	1,781,013	352,558	1,239,269	3,372,840

Total '18-19 55,505 1,000 26,309 82,814 140,328 316,059 708,679 2,165,066

Total '17-18 66,529 7,809 44,537 118,875 1,510,213 341,095 742,434 2,623,652

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named. We add similar figures for New York.

Jan. 16 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leasing Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston.....	64,442	---	4,948	19,995	11,500	100,885
New Orleans.....	18,809	21,993	4,873	64,918	---	110,593
Savannah.....	14,000	---	7,000	414,000	3,000	38,000
Charleston.....	---	---	---	---	1,500	1,500
Mobile.....	6,900	1,600	---	63,500	---	22,000
Norfolk.....	---	---	---	---	750	750
New York.....	2,000	500	---	3,000	---	5,500
Other ports.....	10,000	---	---	1,000	---	11,000
Total 1920	126,151	24,093	16,821	108,413	16,750	290,228
Total 1919	109,890	30,106	60,570	6,400	206,975	1,242,255
Total 1918	37,654	44,831	---	28,908	20,698	132,091

* Estimated. a Including for Japan at Mobile, 400; Savannah, 6,000

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on a fair scale at irregular prices, declining early in the week, rallying later, but falling still later. The outbreak of serious riots in Berlin had a more or less serious effect, especially as they were followed by the declaration of martial law throughout Germany. This will of course have some tendency to discourage the export trade with Germany. At times Liverpool has declined. Money has been up to 18%. Foreign exchange has latterly fallen. On the 15th inst. marks were 1.80 and to-day 1.73. Now and then there were reports that spot prices in some parts of the South were easy, especially on the lower grades, and the demand was only moderate. This was said to be especially the case in some parts of Texas. And it was reported that the Federal Reserve banks would again raise discount rates. This had

some effect for a time on the 15th inst., though later on it was denied. But things have come to such a pass that a committee of American and European business men has, it seems, been formed to see what can be done towards a readjustment of the economic relations between the United States and Europe. And despite oft repeated predictions to the contrary by hopeful politicians, including Col. William J. Bryan, the treaty of peace has not yet been ratified. Spot prices at Liverpool have dropped sharply. Now and then Liverpool has sold here to a greater or less extent. The South has been quite a free seller for hedge account. Wall Street sold freely. The utterance of Sir George Paish and Frank Vanderlip have been regarded as more or less pessimistic, as to the commercial and financial situation at home or abroad, or both.

Also some believe that the present high price will bring about a large increase in the acreage and in the natural course of things a considerable increase in the crop. They scout the idea of a sixth short crop in succession. Neill Brothers stick to their crop estimate of 11,700,000 bales, exclusive of linters, and of a world's consumption of American cotton of 12,500,000 bales, which, it is true, is higher than some estimates, but lower than others. Textiles continue to arrive from England, France and Belgium. Even butter has been received from Holland and Denmark. These are considered by some to be signs of the times. In other words, American markets are tempting. Europe will try to exploit them. It will be favored by the abnormally low rates of exchange. There has been a strike of 200,000 mill operatives at Bombay. Some think that the mills at home and abroad are pretty well supplied for the time being. At any rate spot sales at Liverpool have dropped to 5,000 to 8,000 bales a day. Finally, not a few are looking for a process of deflation during the year 1920. They argue that war-inflated prices cannot endure indefinitely. High prices tend to encourage economy. The big decline in wheat reported early in the week, i. e. 25 cents per bushel, was not without some effect for the moment on cotton.

On the other hand, prices have latterly advanced at times on the firmness of spot cotton and nearby futures, notably March. May, however, has also shown quite a little strength. Practically no January notices have been issued. Japanese interests, it is understood, bought spot cotton late on the 14th inst. at New Orleans to the amount of 5,000 bales. Carolina mills were reported at the same time to be buying more freely. Memphis has reported a sharp demand. Reports from Georgia have also been inspiring. And towards the close of the week money fell off to 8% as the highest, and stocks at one time advanced. Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board said that there was no immediate intention of raising rates of discount. This of itself had a heartening effect in and out of Wall Street on cotton as well as other things. And there are persistent reports that strenuous efforts are being made at Washington to get together and ratify the Treaty at an early date. Rules have been devised, it is understood, by the Federal Reserve Board at Washington for the operation of the Edge Act. Exports at times have been quite liberal. Large receipts at the ports recently are taken by some as presaging large exports in the early future. Cotton goods are very active and strong all over the world. The mills are making extraordinary profits in some countries. At Bombay it is said that the best mills are making 300% a year. Later news from Germany was taken to be more reassuring. The German Government is dealing with the situation with an iron hand. Many of the rioters in Berlin have been killed or wounded. It may prove to be a salutary lesson. The German seaports are not supposed to be seriously affected. The whole trouble may prove to be short-lived. Meanwhile German mill interests are supposed to want American cotton. They have always taken it freely in normal times.

Liverpool has at times been a good buyer here. Contracts became scarce later in the week. Wall Street shorts bought considerable March and May. These months became the leaders, especially March. And of course futures are still at heavy discounts under spot cotton. Much stress is laid on this fact by believers in higher prices. The Egyptian crop, it is said, will be smaller than the last one and Egyptian prices at Liverpool advanced sharply. To-day prices declined, owing to a break in Liverpool, fears that there may be war between England and Russia growing out of "Red" victories and fear of an invasion of Poland, perhaps India, and predictions of an increase in the discount rate in this country by the end of January. Selling was general. Spot markets declined in some cases and did not move in others. The ending is lower for the week. Middling upland spot cotton remains at 30.25c., as a week ago.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figures from the Jan. 15 quotations of the ten markets, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Jan. 22:

Middling fair.....	3.25 on	*Middling "yellow" tinged.....	4.90 off
Strict good middling.....	2.53 on	*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	7.15 off
Good middling.....	1.95 on	*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	10.10 off
Strict middling.....	1.05 on	*Good middling "yellow" stained.....	4.78 off
Strict low middling.....	2.43 off	*Strict mid. "yellow" stained.....	6.18 off
Low middling.....	6.55 off	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	7.55 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	9.43 off	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	5.35 off
*Good ordinary.....	11.80 off	*Strict middling "blue" stained.....	8.95 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	1.31 off	*Middling "blue" stained.....	8.35 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	2.30 off		
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	3.35 off		

*These ten grades are not deliverable upon new style contracts.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Jan. 10 to Jan. 16—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands.....	39.25	39.25	39.25	39.25	39.25	39.25

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

1920 c.....	39.25	1912 c.....	9.60	1904 c.....	13.80	1896 c.....	8.19
1919.....	39.35	1911.....	14.80	1903.....	8.95	1895.....	6.75
1918.....	37.55	1910.....	14.55	1902.....	8.31	1894.....	8.12
1917.....	37.50	1909.....	9.70	1901.....	9.88	1893.....	9.50
1916.....	12.50	1908.....	12.10	1900.....	7.82	1892.....	7.56
1915.....	8.20	1907.....	10.70	1899.....	6.00	1891.....	9.50
1914.....	12.85	1906.....	12.15	1898.....	5.88	1890.....	10.50
1913.....	12.90	1905.....	7.25	1897.....	7.25	1889.....	9.94

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't.	Total.
Saturday.....	Steady, unchanged	Easy			
Monday.....	Steady, unchanged	Steady			
Tuesday.....	Quiet, unchanged	Steady			
Wednesday.....	Quiet, unchanged	Steady		100	100
Thursday.....	Steady, unchanged	Steady			
Friday.....	Steady, unchanged	Barely steady			
Total.....				100	100

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.

Jan. 16—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales..... 905,000	447,000	441,000	837,000
Stock at London.....	11,000	17,000	22,000	29,000
Stock at Manchester.....	126,000	71,000	68,000	97,000
Total Great Britain.....	1,042,000	535,000	531,000	963,000
Stock at Hamburg.....				*1,000
Stock at Bremen.....				*1,000
Stock at Havre.....	224,000	66,000	139,000	272,000
Stock at Marseilles.....	2,000	1,000	4,000	4,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	80,000	26,000	47,000	86,000
Stock at Genoa.....	129,000	23,000	27,000	210,000
Stock at Trieste.....				*1,000
Total Continental stocks.....	435,000	116,000	217,000	575,000
Total European stocks.....	1,477,000	651,000	748,000	1,538,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	73,000	30,000	43,000	78,000
Amer. cotton afloat for Europe.....	765,661	317,282	242,000	472,568
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Eur'e.....	107,000	48,000	139,000	90,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	243,000	392,000	328,000	186,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	556,000	*555,000	*510,000	550,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	1,442,069	1,449,230	1,365,718	1,471,000
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,318,693	1,489,037	1,297,609	1,273,617
U. S. exports to-day.....	33,014	25,195	15,160	6,199
Total visible supply.....	6,015,437	4,956,744	4,688,487	5,665,384

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—				
Liverpool stock.....	bales..... 672,000	291,000	274,000	682,000
Manchester stock.....	82,000	32,000	24,000	74,000
Continental stock.....	361,000	*86,000	*184,000	*482,000
American afloat for Europe.....	765,661	317,282	242,000	472,568
U. S. port stocks.....	1,442,069	1,449,230	1,365,718	1,471,000
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,318,693	1,489,037	1,297,609	1,273,617
U. S. exports to-day.....	33,014	25,195	15,160	6,199
Total American.....	4,674,437	3,689,744	3,402,487	4,461,384
East India, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	233,000	156,000	167,000	155,000
London stock.....	11,000	17,000	22,000	29,000
Manchester stock.....	44,000	39,000	44,000	23,000
Continental stock.....	74,000	*30,000	*33,000	*93,000
India afloat for Europe.....	73,000	30,000	43,000	78,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat.....	107,000	48,000	139,000	90,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	243,000	392,000	328,000	186,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	556,000	*555,000	*510,000	550,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,341,000	1,267,000	1,286,000	1,264,000
Total American.....	4,674,437	3,689,744	3,402,487	4,461,384

Total visible supply.....	6,015,437	4,956,744	4,688,487	5,665,384
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	28,664.	19,044.	23,254.	10,944.
Middling uplands, New York.....	39,254.	29,100.	31,750.	17,350.
Egypt, good sakk, Liverpool.....	68,504.	39,794.	31,954.	26,204.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	45,004.	37,004.	45,404.	18,004.
Broach, fine, Liverpool.....	24,854.	18,424.	22,054.	10,454.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	25,004.	18,674.	22,304.	10,574.

* Estimated.

Continental imports for past week have been 68,000 bales. The above figures for 1920 show an increase over last week of 106,274 bales, a gain of 1,058,693 bales over 1919, an excess of 1,326,950 bales over 1918 and a gain of 350,053 bales over 1917.

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 Jan. 16.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thurs'd'y.	Friday.
Galveston.....	42.75	42.75	42.75	42.25	42.50	42.25
New Orleans.....	41.00	41.00	40.50	40.25	40.25	40.25
Mobile.....	39.50	39.25	39.25	39.00	39.00	39.00
Savannah.....	40.00	40.25	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Charleston.....			40.00			
Wilmington.....	39.00	38.34	38.25	38.50	39.00	38.50
Norfolk.....	38.75	39.00	39.00	38.75	39.00	38.75
Baltimore.....	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Philadelphia.....	39.50	39.50	39.50	39.50	39.50	39.50
Augusta.....	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.75	39.75	39.50
Memphis.....	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.50
Dallas.....		42.10	42.05	41.70	42.30	41.85
Houston.....	41.75	41.50	41.50	41.25	42.00	41.50
Little Rock.....	40.50	40.00	40.00	39.50	40.00	40.00

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Jan. 16 1920.			Movement to Jan. 17 1919.		
	Receipts.		Stocks Dec. 12.	Receipts.		Stocks Dec. 12.
	Week.	Season.		Week.	Season.	
Ala., Eufaula.....	215	5,145	362	3,208	84	4,044
Montgomery.....	1,129	61,682	2,301	10,831	615	55,972
Selma.....	392	34,837	1,755	4,134	402	52,684
Ark., Helena.....	468	25,422	1,112	8,565	300	27,547
Little Rock.....	4,443	148,881	6,874	63,250	3,994	111,305
Pine Bluff.....	---	22,330	2,000	17,000	3,000	83,357
La., Albany.....	56	9,137	69	2,639	79	9,874
Athens.....	3,765	114,169	5,100	43,513	671	94,882
Atlanta.....	5,475	178,555	10,532	34,283	6,760	128,856
Augusta.....	13,441	411,735	18,114	193,760	9,828	283,392
Columbus.....	332	35,503	1,698	25,144	1,985	48,899
Macon.....	6,658	180,673	8,344	49,348	3,000	131,913
Rome.....	1,000	44,716	1,600	14,746	768	37,342
La., Shreveport.....	2,376	64,612	2,441	56,809	2,199	102,767
Miss., Columbus.....	40	14,457	90	6,538	198	15,821
Clarksdale.....	2,500	105,580	4,017	49,000	4,091	95,210
Greenwood.....	2,000	95,438	4,000	33,600	2,500	109,378
Meridian.....	1,633	30,317	1,473	11,101	448	31,341
Natchez.....	175	24,492	807	11,250	656	33,775
Viacksburg.....	307	15,303	263	10,263	900	24,549
Yazoo City.....	292	31,793	1,258	11,470	308	30,022
Mo., St. Louis.....	12,652	424,102	13,055	7,678	18,500	302,670
N. C., Greensboro.....	1,710	31,273	3,945	8,765	600	21,492
Raleigh.....	395	8,888	250	462	254	4,866
O., Cincinnati.....	1,500	32,200	2,000	22,000	3,200	75,683
Okl., Ardmore.....	---	14,035	---	4,397	1,610	31,328
Chickasha.....	621	22,136	707	3,312	500	26,247
Hugo.....	---	23,451	---	247	300	26,387
Oklahoma.....	3,942	97,087	4,388	39,962	2,420	49,039
S. C., Greenville.....	218	14,269	1,178	9,150	250	12,711
Greenwood.....	37,056	661,952	36,068	237,875	15,761	527,204
Tenn., Memphis.....	---	1,313	---	995	---	1,268
Nashville.....	2,194	38,254	2,911	3,351	150	7,127
Tex., Abilene.....	40	5,796	40	2,201	200	16,124
Brenham.....	284	35,220	227	8,153	600	34,527
Clarksville.....	1,185	52,776	2,505	17,661	3,380	60,655
Dallas.....	893	25,763	990	3,957	400	21,468
Honey Grove.....	52,425	1,314,530	50,627	224,245	48,800	248,337
Houston.....	3,510	99,047	2,709	13,768	2,800	78,528
Paris.....	500	34,536	500	3,062	400	29,962
San Antonio.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total, 41 towns	165,9024	5,954,414	195,705	1,318,699	142,817	4,079,451

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The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 29,803 bales and are to-night 170,344 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 3,085 bales more than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Jan. 16 Shipped—	1919-20		1918-19	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis.....	13,055	6431,733	10,389	292,430
Via Mound, &c.....	14,406	276,227	10,389	252,288
Via Rock Island.....	1,415	11,717	1,053	13,925
Via Louisville.....	3,482	50,255	1,013	68,151
Via Cincinnati.....	1,000	17,363	2,400	45,153
Via Virginia points.....	5,591	94,840	1,027	90,174
Via other routes, &c.....	16,208	182,635	19,943	302,350
Total gross overland.....	55,457	1,064,770	54,025	1,064,471
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.....	6,497	109,544	2,257	36,963
Overland to interior towns.....	8,268	46,360	812	29,661
Inland, &c., from South.....	19,274	135,841	5,664	124,135
Total to be deducted.....	34,489	291,745	8,733	190,739
Leaving total net overland*.....	20,968	773,025	45,292	873,732

*Including movement by rail to Canada. a Revised. b 50,000 bales added as revision for December.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 20,968 bales, against 45,292 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 100,637 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1919-20		1918-19	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Jan. 16.....	209,074	4,235,761	161,949	3,081,150
Net overland to Jan. 16.....	20,968	773,025	45,292	873,732
Southern consumption to Jan. 16 a.....	73,000	1,667,000	60,000	1,859,000
Total marketed.....	303,042	6,675,786	267,241	5,813,882
Interior stocks in excess.....	*29,803	516,646	*5,632	792,421
Came into sight during week.....	273,239	---	261,549	---
Total in sight Jan. 16.....	---	7,192,432	---	6,606,283
North. spinners' takings to Jan. 16.....	40,364	1,526,536	34,312	1,147,279

* Decrease during week. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years:	Bales.		Bales.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
1918—Jan. 18.....	245,028	1917-18	Jan. 18.....	7,840,487
1917—Jan. 20.....	237,718	1916-17	Jan. 20.....	9,127,715
1916—Jan. 21.....	237,561	1915-16	Jan. 21.....	8,003,783

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening from the South indicate that rain has been general during the week, but moderate as a rule. Temperature has been a little higher as a rule.

Galveston, Tex.—There has been rain on three days of the week to the extent of one inch and three hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 50, the highest being 62 and the lowest 38.

Abilene, Tex.—Rain on one day of the week. Rainfall twenty-eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 30 to 48, averaging 39.

Brownsville, Tex.—Rain on two days of the week with precipitation of forty hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 53, highest 64, lowest 42.

Dallas, Tex.—There has been rain one one day of the week to the extent of seven hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 45, the highest being 58 and the lowest 32.

Palestine, Tex.—Rain on three days of the week. Rainfall forty-eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 30 to 54, averaging 42.

San Antonio, Tex.—Rain on four days of the week with precipitation of one inch and fortyseven hundredths. Average thermometer 46, highest 60, lowest 36.

New Orleans, La.—There has been rain on four days of the week to the extent of two inches and five hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 52.

Shreveport, La.—Rain on six days of the week. Rainfall eighty-two hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 28 to 52.

Mobile, Ala.—There has been rain on four days of the week to the extent of fifty-seven hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 51 the highest being 68 and the lowest 36.

Selma, Ala.—Rain on three days of the week. Rainfall forty hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 29 to 60, averaging 47.

Savannah, Ga.—Rain on one day of the week with precipitation of seventeen hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 39, highest 54, lowest 17.

Charleston, S. C.—There has been rain on one day of the week to the extent of eighteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 55, the highest being 69 and the lowest 40.

Charlotte, N. C.—Rain on two days of the week. Rainfall twelve hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 31 to 64, averaging 48.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of the rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	Jan. 16 1920.	Jan. 17 1919.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans.....	Above zero of gauge.	11.9
Memphis.....	Above zero of gauge.	24.1
Nashville.....	Above zero of gauge.	17.5
Shreveport.....	Above zero of gauge.	23.1
Viacksburg.....	Above zero of gauge.	27.5

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 10.	Monday, Jan. 12.	Tuesday, Jan. 13.	Wed. day, Jan. 14.	Thurs. day, Jan. 15.	Friday, Jan. 16.	Week.
January.....	37.80-48	37.80-50	37.93-20	37.55-20	37.90-40	37.00-30	37.55-50
Range.....	37.80-90	37.88-90	38.15-20	37.85-88	38.39-40	38.00-10	---
Closing.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
February.....	36.70-30	36.90-30	36.95-30	36.55-30	37.20-30	36.75-30	---
Range.....	36.05-07	36.11-05	36.12-48	35.58-36	35.70-60	35.50-44	35.58-97
Closing.....	36.07-15	36.28-33	36.25-30	35.85-92	36.50-55	36.05-10	---
March.....	35.00-30	35.00-30	35.20-30	34.65-75	35.35-30	34.50-30	---
Range.....	34.52-45	34.68-50	34.70-10	34.00-70	34.00-90	34.15-75	34.00-50
Closing.....	34.52-70	34.88-80	34.78-80	34.20-25	34.85-88	34.31-34	---
April.....	33.50-30	33.80-30	33.80-30	33.30-30	33.78-30	33.20-30	---
Range.....	32.90-74	33.15-80	33.17-55	32.60-20	32.70-35	32.65-20	32.60-80
Closing.....	33.00-05	33.30-37	33.30-30	32.80-85	33.28-30	32.70-80	---
May.....	32.00-25	32.20-23	32.00-05	---	31.58-30	---	31.58-25
Range.....	31.65-30	32.00-10	32.00-30	31.45-30	31.95-30	31.50-30	---
Closing.....	30.95-30	31.40-30	31.30-30	31.00-30	31.45-30	30.75-30	---
June.....	30.50-27	30.80-40	30.70-06	30.10-75	30.15-78	30.10-62	30.10-40
Range.....	30.50-65	30.95-00	30.85-88	30.24-30	30.73-78	30.30-32	---
Closing.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
July.....	30.25-30	30.70-30	30.65-30	29.95-30	30.35-30	29.95-30	---
Range.....	30.00-75	30.75-90	30.48-50	29.62-10	29.75-17	29.56-00	29.56-90
Closing.....	30.05-30	30.50-60	30.40-30	29.75-85	30.15-30	29.75-30	---

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NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 10.	Monday, Jan. 12.	Tuesday, Jan. 13.	Wed. day, Jan. 14.	Thurs. day, Jan. 15.	Friday, Jan. 16.
January.....	39.60	39.67	39.47-50	38.75-80	39.50	39.14-19
March.....	37.58-60	37.65-69	37.47-51	36.90-95	37.59-65	37.17-21
May.....	35.57-59	35.72-75	35.60-63	34.90-60	35.66-71	35.18-20
July.....	33.75-79	34.00-05	33.93-98	33.32-37	33.89-95	33.48-53
October.....	30.60-71	30.85-87	30.80-30	30.14-20	30.80-30	30.35-40
December.....	29.90-30	30.27-30	30.20-30	29.54-30	30.20-30	29.75-30
Tone.....	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Spot.....	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options.....	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports:

Week ending	Receipts at Ports			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations.		
	1919-20	1918-19	1917-18	1919-20	1918-19	1917-18	1919-20	1918-19	1917-18
Nov. 23.	269,805	136,346	182,262	1,374,035	1,340,002	1,151,522	305,056	149,071	225,622
Dec. 5.	256,804	150,747	194,741	1,325,963	1,331,279	1,216,659	308,759	142,024	250,878
12.	227,143	147,395	158,476	1,337,311	1,343,638	1,248,095	238,361	159,754	189,912
19.	225,361	171,357	123,999	1,347,767	1,390,823	1,250,429	238,817	218,542	134,353
26.	195,242	135,441	124,475	1,341,811	1,448,017	1,301,441	189,286	192,635	166,487
Jan. 2.	213,945	123,074	139,294	1,355,312	1,485,119	1,304,120	227,440	160,176	141,973
9.	224,546	131,534	153,526	1,348,496	1,494,729	1,207,927	217,730	141,144	147,333
16.	209,074	161,949	130,453	1,318,693	1,489,037	1,297,069	179,271	156,257	130,165

The above statement shows: 1. That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1919 are 4,752,407 bales; in 1918-19 were 3,873,571 bales, and in 1917-18 were 4,793,020 bales. 2. That although the receipts at the out-ports the past week were 209,074 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 179,271 bales, the balance taken from stocks at interior towns. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 156,257 bales and for 1918 they were 130,165 bales.

COTTON CONSUMPTION AND OVERLAND MOVEMENT TO JAN. 1.—Below we present a synopsis of the crop movement for the month of December and the five months ended Dec. 31 for three years:

	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross overland for December	294,803	222,039	431,246
Gross overland for 5 months	951,625	935,667	1,500,296
Net overland for December	231,759	191,080	280,371
Net overland for 5 months	673,334	764,356	876,186
Port receipts in December	1,013,600	652,900	673,521
Port receipts for 5 months	3,746,650	2,739,701	3,490,880
Exports in December	765,783	569,112	2,207,469
Exports in 5 months	2,820,530	1,918,486	4,202,469
Port stocks on Dec. 31	1,316,473	1,436,179	1,310,614
Northern spinners' takings to Jan. 1	1,496,000	1,701,000	1,843,000
Southern consumption to Jan. 1	75,403	105,586	57,645
Overland to Canada for 5 months (included in net overland)	45		
Burnt, North and South, in 5 months	1,642,449	1,263,980	1,455,312
Came in sight during December	6,466,014	5,975,057	7,167,096
Amount of crop in sight Dec. 31	5,627,577	4,744,830	4,744,830
Came in sight balance of season	11,602,634	11,911,896	11,911,896
Total crop	506.04	513.30	512.85
Average gross weight of bales	481.01	488.30	487.85

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.	1919-20.		1918-19.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Jan. 9	5,909,163	4,792,018	4,839,010	3,027,450
Visible supply Aug. 1	273,239	7,192,432	261,549	6,696,283
American in sight to Jan. 16	500,000	788,000	91,000	823,000
Bombay receipts to Jan. 15	51,000	36,000	4,000	23,000
Other India ship'ts to Jan. 15	645,000	689,000	33,000	468,000
Alexandria receipts to Jan. 14	64,000	99,000	2,000	104,000
Other supply to Jan. 14*				
Total supply	6,292,402	13,596,450	5,236,559	11,051,733
Deduct—				
Visible supply Jan. 16	6,015,437	6,015,437	4,956,744	4,956,744
Total takings to Jan. 16. a	276,965	7,581,013	273,815	6,094,989
Of which American	233,965	5,718,013	208,815	4,862,989
Of which other	43,000	1,863,000	65,000	1,232,000

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,667,000 bales in 1919-20 and 1,859,000 bales in 1918-19—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 5,914,013 bales in 1919-20 and 4,235,989 bales in 1918-19, of which 4,051,013 bales and 3,003,989 bales American. b Estimated.

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay for the week ending Dec. 25 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

December 25. Receipts at—	1919.		1918.		1917.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	84,000	697,000	48,000	549,000	81,000	532,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Conti. Ind.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Conti. Ind.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1919	13,000	26,000		39,000	38,000	187,000	535,000	756,000
1918				61,000	89,000	61,000	89,000	150,000
1917	5,000		24,000	29,000	121,000	23,000	650,000	794,000
Other India								
1919					12,000	33,000		45,000
1918								
1917								
Total All—								
1919	13,000	26,000		39,000	220,000	535,000		800,000
1918				61,000	89,000	61,000	89,000	150,000
1917	5,000		24,000	29,000	121,000	23,000	650,000	794,000

The statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Dec. 24 were 000,000 cantars and the foreign shipments were 00,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is strong with a good inquiry. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Week ending	1919-20.						1918-19.					
	32s Cop	32s Cop	32s Cop	32s Cop	32s Cop	32s Cop	32s Cop	32s Cop	32s Cop	32s Cop	32s Cop	
Nov. 23.	47 1/4	48 1/4	49 1/4	50 1/4	51 1/4	52 1/4	47 1/4	48 1/4	49 1/4	50 1/4	51 1/4	
Dec. 5.	48 1/4	49 1/4	50 1/4	51 1/4	52 1/4	53 1/4	48 1/4	49 1/4	50 1/4	51 1/4	52 1/4	
12.	49 1/4	50 1/4	51 1/4	52 1/4	53 1/4	54 1/4	49 1/4	50 1/4	51 1/4	52 1/4	53 1/4	
19.	50 1/4	51 1/4	52 1/4	53 1/4	54 1/4	55 1/4	50 1/4	51 1/4	52 1/4	53 1/4	54 1/4	
26.	51 1/4	52 1/4	53 1/4	54 1/4	55 1/4	56 1/4	51 1/4	52 1/4	53 1/4	54 1/4	55 1/4	
Jan. 2.	52 1/4	53 1/4	54 1/4	55 1/4	56 1/4	57 1/4	52 1/4	53 1/4	54 1/4	55 1/4	56 1/4	
9.	53 1/4	54 1/4	55 1/4	56 1/4	57 1/4	58 1/4	53 1/4	54 1/4	55 1/4	56 1/4	57 1/4	
16.	54 1/4	55 1/4	56 1/4	57 1/4	58 1/4	59 1/4	54 1/4	55 1/4	56 1/4	57 1/4	58 1/4	

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Destination	Date	Ship	Total bales.
NEW YORK	Jan. 8	Virgilia, 511	511
To Hamburg	Jan. 13	Kermoor, 1,363	1,363
To Genoa	Jan. 10	Duca degli Abruzzi, 530	530
TEXAS CITY	Jan. 10	Dauperata, 22,268	22,268
To Manchester	Jan. 10	Anselma de Larrinaga, 3,676	3,676
GALVESTON	Jan. 13	Magician, 12,990	12,990
Jan. 15	Ninian, 12,963		
To Manchester	Jan. 9	Anselma de Larrinaga, 5,709	5,709
Jan. 14	Pilar de Larrinaga, 12,522		
To Ghent	Jan. 10	Hornby Castle, 1,180	1,180
To Genoa	Jan. 10	Hornby Castle, 100	100
NEW ORLEANS	Jan. 9	Hanover, 15,873	15,873
Jan. 14	Nessian, 6,672		
To Rotterdam	Jan. 15	Cuttuhunk, 3,094	3,094
To Lisbon	Jan. 14	Magunkok, 2,450	2,450
To Barcelona	Jan. 10	P. Claris, 5,330	5,330
Jan. 13	Cadiz, 1,446		
To Genoa	Jan. 9	Monte Grappa, 16,394	16,394
Jan. 15	Sau Giuseppe, 11,406		
To Trieste	Jan. 9	Africana, 4,344	4,344
SAVANNAH	Jan. 9	Nonantum, 11,345	11,345
Edgewood, 6,076			
To Ghent	Jan. 10	Edgewood, 10,296	10,296
To Genoa	Jan. 9	Brasher, 10,811	10,811
To Japan	Jan. 10	Charlton Hall, 10,642	10,642
To Gothenburg	Jan. 13	Yesoking, 7,933	7,933
BRUNSWICK	Jan. 15	Nortonian, 15,929	15,929
CHARLESTON	Jan. 10	Gold Springs, 13,443	13,443
WILMINGTON	Jan. 12	Lakeside Bridge, 11,963	11,963
NORFOLK	Jan. 12	Coahoma, 1,373	1,373
To Havre	Jan. 13	Hamlin, 2,350	2,350
BOSTON	Jan. 1	Tullamore, 250	250
BALTIMORE	Jan. 1	Thistlemore, 150	150
Jan. 8	Ocean Transport, 175		
PHILADELPHIA	Jan. 10	Regina, 1,000	1,000
To Havre	Dec. 24	Casey, 200	200
Rotterdam	Jan. 2	Schroon, 50	50
SAN FRANCISCO	Jan. 6	West Sequana, 2,550	2,550
Jan. 7	Korea Maru, 2,581		
Jan. 7	Tijsonari, 200		
Jan. 10	Venezuela, 300		
To China	Jan. 10	Venezuela, 300	300
To Philippines	Jan. 10	Venezuela, 80	80
SEATTLE	Jan. 7	Africa Maru, 3,683	3,683
Montana, 4,880			
West Ison, 5,706			
Jan. 9	Kashima Maru, 4,608		
Total			269,674

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Europe.	China & Japan.	Philipp.	Total.
New York	511		1,363	530			2,404
Galveston	44,154						44,154
Texas City	25,944						25,944
New Orleans	22,545		3,094	41,370			67,009
Brunswick	15,929						15,929
Savannah		17,421		18,229	10,811	10,642	57,103
Charleston	13,443						13,443
Wilmington	11,963						11,963
Norfolk	1,373	2,350					3,723
Boston	250						250
Baltimore	325						325
Philadelphia	1,000	200		50			1,250
San Francisco					5,640	380	6,020
Seattle					18,877		18,877
Total	137,437	19,971	1,363	22,653	52,711	35,159	380 269,674

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, 1.50c.
Manchester, 1.50c.	Trieste, 2.60c.	Bombay, 1.25c.
Antwerp, 1.00c.	Flume, 2.60c.	Vladivostok, 1.50c.
Ghent via Antwerp, 1.15c.	Lisbon, 1.75c.	Gothenburg, 2.00c.
Havre, 1.50c. 1.15c.	Oporto, 1.75c.	Bremen, 2.00c.
Rotterdam, 1.50c.	Barcelona direct, 1.00c.	Hamburg, 2.00c.
Genoa, 1.50c.	Japan, 1.50c.	Danzig, 2.00c. asked.
Christiana, 2.25c.		

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Dec. 26.	Jan. 2.	Jan. 9.	Jan. 16.
Sales of the week	16,000	32,000	43,000	32,000
Of which speculators took				
Of which exporters took				
Sales, American	10,000	17,000	21,000	27,000
Actual export	4,000	8,000	9,000	8,000
Forwarded	36,000	84,000	108,000	82,000
Total stock	837,000	856,000	835,000	905,000
Of which American	626,000	640,000	618,000	672,000
Total imports of the week	84,000	104,000	69,000	157,000
Of which American	36,000	84,000	46,000	114,000
Amount afloat	321,000	432,000	576,000	
Of which American</				

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Jan. 10 to Jan. 16.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fr.	
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
January	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2
February	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2
March	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2
April	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2
May	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2
June	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2
July	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2
August	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2
September	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2
October	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2
November	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2
December	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Jan. 16 1920.

Flour prices weakened more or less on the warning from Wheat Director Julius Barnes that the outlook is uncertain for flour and wheat prices with Government control to end June 1. He says "flour production in the United States for six months exceeds last year's production by 12,000,000 bbls., while export of flour have been 1,000,000 bbls. less." How much of this 13,000,000 bbls. represents increased consumption of wheat bread and how much increase in domestic and commercial stocks, with its resultant later shrinkage of current demand? Flour stocks visible are very large, 15,000,000 bbls., against 8,000,000 last year. With no immediate prospect of further purchases of flour by the Grain Corporation, it is fairer to ask the mills to discontinue their weekly offerings until we can advise some prospect of further purchases. The export outlet is open to them individually without necessity for permits. Furthermore, wheat declined early in the week 25c. per bushel. If Congress concurs in the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury Glass that \$150,000,000 be appropriated for the relief of Poland, Armenia and Austria, it may mean large purchases of flour, including 7,500 tons monthly for Armenia. But Congress has done nothing about it as yet. Much of the business done has been by resellers at easier prices. Later on prices fell 25 to 50c. on hard wheat grades in response to the sharp decline in wheat. Soft winter flour has been steadier than hard. Recently the Grain Corporation advanced the price of soft wheat flour to \$10 65, a rise of 40c., believed to represent the cost of carrying the flour. Clears and soft wheat grades have sold more freely. Export trade has noticeably increased. It would be larger but for the serious obstacle of credits.

Wheat fell 25c. per bushel early in the week. Wheat Director Julius Barnes has warned the trade of hazards perhaps to be faced by the wheat and flour dealers after the withdrawal of Government control of the wheat trade on June 1. He suggests keeping business within minimum bounds in the meantime. He has issued a statement to 42,000 licensees in all parts of the United States. He thinks thrift may be the word taking the place of extravagance in the United States and quite as contagious. He says that recent price advances in certain grades of flour are to be attributed to "restricted transportation and extraordinary indifference to expenditures by a section of our people." He adds, "much is said of the relative scarcity of strong wheats. The curious fact develops, however, that by continued replacements from the Southwest and the Pacific Coast and because Eastern mills will probably draw their smaller needs of strong wheat from Canada and the Argentine, the Northwestern mills can grind fully equal to last year's large production and still leave, at the end of this crop year, a larger carry-over in the Northwest than last year."

The Cincinnati "Price Current" says there is considerable damage done to winter wheat by Hessian fly, by freezing and thawing in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. Conditions are not altogether favorable in Nebraska and Kansas.

In the United Kingdom seedings of grain are satisfactory. Wheat acreage there is expected to be slightly smaller than last year. In France the outlook on the whole is considered favorable. In Germany the acreage is still short and moderate frosts have set in which will retard further sowings. In Russia the outlook is gloomy as regards exports, due to the successes of the Bolsheviki. In Australia good rains fell which furthered the growth of wheat. In India the conditions are generally favorable. In Italy the situation is satisfactory, with the exception of a few sections where new seedings have been delayed. In Spain crops are making good progress. The visible supply in the United States decreased 4,402,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 3,399,000 bushels. The total is now 70,961,000 bushels, against 173,110,000 last year. Later prices rallied 5c. per bushel. Strikers in Argentina have been burning up wheat, it is said, with sunglasses.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fr.
No. 2 red	236 1/2	236 1/2	236 1/2	236 1/2	236 1/2	236 1/2
No. 1 spring	234 1/2	234 1/2	234 1/2	234 1/2	234 1/2	234 1/2

Indian corn declined sharply in sympathy with wheat following the warning issued by Director Barnes against holding supplies of grain. The Government wheat control ends on June 1. With a decline in a few days of 25c. in wheat it is not surprising that corn fell, especially as early in the week rye dropped 5c. per bushel, and oats also declined. Cash corn is more freely offered. Cash prices dropped in

one day 2 to 3c. Receipts have increased. Cars, though still in small supply, are rather more plentiful. The cash demand has fallen off. The visible supply in this country increased last week 250,000 bushels, against 497,000 in the same week last year. This raises the total to 3,171,000 bushels, against 2,912,000 a year ago. On the other hand the supply of course is still light. Exporters have not done very much, it is true, but they have bought to a moderate extent. And later in the week the cash demand improved somewhat. Export sales of oats and rye have been liberal and this fact has not been without a certain influence. Philadelphia has been doing some export business. Shorts have shown some disposition to cover. Cash corn is still at a premium over futures. The strike in Argentina had some effect for a time. If exports from that country are hindered America, of course, is expected to derive a certain benefit. Strikers are said to be burning up some supplies of grain. The Cincinnati "Price Current" says: "The car shortage is materially retarding shipments of corn, although farmers are not inclined to market as freely throughout the States of Ohio and Indiana as they are in sections of Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska. Most of the corn in northern sections is grading No. 4 and No. 5. Cattle feeding is not increased to any extent in any locality reported. Numerous reports indicate there has been a material decrease in the number of cattle on feed. In Missouri particularly feeders report heavy losses. To-day prices fell and end lower for the week."

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fr.
No. 2 yellow	168 1/2	168 1/2	168 1/2	167 1/2	168 1/2	166 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fr.
January delivery in elevator	138 1/2	139 1/2	137 1/2	138 1/2	138 1/2	137 1/2
May delivery in elevator	134 1/2	134 1/2	132 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2	132 1/2
July delivery in elevator	132 1/2	132 1/2	130 1/2	131 1/2	131 1/2	131 1/2

Oats declined in sympathy with other grain. The Northwest has been a heavy seller of May in Chicago. Car shortage hurts business. Some think it a bear argument. The visible supply in the United States, however, fell off last week 620,000 bushels. That leaves it only 12,460,000 bushels, against 33,500,000 bushels a year ago. And there has been quite a little export business. France and Sweden in one day took 600,000 bushels. The Seaboard demand at the West has been a factor. It would have been larger but for the continued shortage of cars. But if the supply of cars is beginning to increase as according to some reports it is, it ought to help cash business, including trading for export. But as things are shippers are none too anxious to make sales, not feeling certain about getting cars. But there can be no doubt that there is a persistent demand from Europe. If there is a war with Russia growing out of a possible Red invasion of Poland, European buying would no doubt increase materially regardless of low rates of exchange. To-day prices declined and closed lower for the week. Rye was lower; May closed at 1.79 1/2. The export demand was less active for oats, though late yesterday 850,000 bushels were sold for export. The weakness in corn affected oats. Yet the net decline to-day was not great. Shorts covered freely. The receipts were moderate with cars scarce. The country, in any case, shows no anxiety to sell. And the recent big business for export encourages many.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fr.
No. 1 white	101	101	99	99 1/2	99 1/2	100
No. 2 white	100	100	98	98 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fr.
May delivery in elevator	83	82 1/2	81	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2
July delivery in elevator	77	76 1/2	75	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2

The following are closing quotations:

FLOUR.		Barley goods—Portage barley:	
Spring patents	\$14 00 @ \$15 00	No. 1	\$7 70
Winter straights, soft	10 75 @ 11 25	Nos. 2, 3 and 4, pearl	6 70
Kansas straights	13 75 @ 14 75	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0	7 70 @ 7 85
Rye flour	nom. 8 50 @ 9 75	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0	7 95
Corn goods, 100 lbs.—		Oats goods—Carload,	
Yellow grain	\$3 97 1/2	spot delivery	9 40
Corn flour	3 75 @ 3 90		
WHEAT—		GRAIN.	
No. 2 red	\$2 36 1/2	Oats	
No. 1 spring	2 34 1/2	No. 1	99
Corn		No. 2 white	98 1/2
No. 2 yellow	1 66 1/2	No. 3 white	97 1/2
Rye		Barley	
No. 2	1 96 1/2	Feeding	1 58
		Malting	1 68 @ 1 72

The statement of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 190 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.
Chicago	274,000	432,000	1,680,000	1,765,000	260,000	144,000
Minneapolis	2,087,000	247,000	259,000	197,000	161,000	161,000
Duluth	126,000	114,000	8,000	5,000	373,000	
Milwaukee	13,000	439,000	588,000	187,000	157,000	
Toledo	70,000	47,000	49,000			
Detroit	18,000	49,000	47,000			
St. Louis	116,000	293,000	667,000	684,000	3,000	13,000
Peoria	86,000	13,000	44,000	169,000		
Kansas City	1,607,000	263,000	201,000		6,000	4,000
Omaha	295,000	551,000	268,000			
Indianapolis	67,000	283,000	232,000			
Total wk. '20	489,000	5,102,000	4,262,000	4,290,000	657,000	849,000
Same wk. '19	237,000	6,226,000	6,003,000	3,916,000	1,083,000	645,000
Same wk. '18	233,000	2,804,000	5,037,000	4,693,000	1,468,000	371,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1919-20	10,981,000	277,267,000	83,217,000	112,619,000	18,075,000	17,725,000
1918-19	8,245,000	328,910,000	105,103,000	171,230,000	39,251,000	32,821,000
1917-18	7,834,000	127,501,000	68,759,000	173,652,000	23,936,000	16,096,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Jan. 10 1920 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.		Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	152,000	463,000	25,000	442,000	77,000	400,000	—
Portland, Me.	35,000	1,219,000	26,000	9,000	157,000	51,000	—
Philadelphia	35,000	75,000	56,000	75,000	6,000	12,000	—
Baltimore	21,000	42,000	106,000	27,000	3,000	165,000	—
Newport News	—	233,000	—	161,000	142,000	4,000	—
New Orleans	90,000	17,000	59,000	63,000	—	—	—
Galveston	15,000	198,000	—	1,000	—	—	—
Montreal	13,000	40,000	—	65,000	11,000	—	—
St. John	23,000	1,073,000	—	9,000	166,000	34,000	—
Halifax	1,000	114,000	—	—	—	—	—
Boston	34,000	43,000	2,000	27,000	—	—	—
Total wk. '20	442,000	4,147,000	277,000	880,000	562,000	673,000	—
Since Jan. '19	806,000	5,375,000	670,000	1,553,000	802,000	1,202,000	—
Week 1919	879,000	2,383,000	445,000	2,556,000	322,000	229,000	—
Since Jan. '19	1,834,000	5,895,000	791,000	4,920,000	959,000	433,000	—

a Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Jan. 10 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	860,480	21,453	447,334	203,651	220,631	181,919	12,211
Portland, Me.	1,219,000	26,000	35,000	9,000	510,900	157,000	—
Boston	164,000	—	2,000	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	657,000	—	—	100,000	—	50,000	—
Baltimore	331,000	5,000	11,000	—	—	—	—
Newport News	233,000	—	—	161,000	4,000	142,000	—
New Orleans	728,000	6,000	23,000	9,000	—	—	—
Galveston	280,000	—	—	9,000	34,000	166,000	—
St. John, N. B.	1,703,000	—	23,000	—	—	—	—
Halifax	144	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total week	6,289,480	58,453	542,334	491,651	345,631	696,919	12,211
Week 1919	3,575,214	124,583	694,956	2,436,307	115,000	288,318	31,389

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 Jan. 10 1920.	Since July 1 1919.	Week Jan. 10 1920.	Since July 1 1919.	Week Jan. 10 1920.	Since July 1 1919.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	40,225	4,544,566	31,001,138	38,612,021	45,957	622,335
Continent	274,332	6,094,473	3,185,852	6,231,372	—	191,000
So. & Cent. Amer.	115,832	675,911	3,000	109,696	1,046	48,778
West Indies	102,345	753,116	465	1,530	11,220	572,926
Brit. No-Am. Colonies	—	—	—	—	25	—
Other countries	18,000	92,066	25	25	230	4,409
Total	551,334	12,160,132	6,289,480	106,054,554	584,453	1,436,448
Total 1918-19	694,956	4,280,358	3,575,214	65,754,433	124,583	2,968,512

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Jan. 10 1920 and since July 1 1919 and 1918 are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.		Corn.		
	1919-20.		1918-19.	1919-20.	
	Week Jan. 10.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Jan. 10.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	5,637,000	191,915,000	155,965,000	51,000	854,000
Russia	—	—	—	—	6,300,000
Danube	—	—	—	—	—
Argentina	4,007,000	92,191,000	58,525,000	2,471,000	65,130,000
Australia	1,300,000	57,347,000	20,808,000	—	—
India	—	—	6,629,000	—	—
Other countries	90,000	1,911,000	2,160,000	—	1,750,000
Total	12,034,000	343,364,000	243,021,000	2,522,000	67,734,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Jan. 10 1920 was as follows:

United States—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	1,189,000	61,000	1,123,000	808,000	325,000
Boston	357,000	4,000	271,000	44,000	22,000
Philadelphia	490,000	79,000	194,000	97,000	108,000
Baltimore	300,000	78,000	279,000	364,000	27,000
Newport News	—	—	—	95,000	63,000
New Orleans	4,239,000	121,000	157,000	—	—
Galveston	1,936,000	10,000	—	93,000	129,000
Buffalo	12,391,000	273,000	701,000	392,000	276,000
" afloat	1,539,000	—	—	2,397,000	—
Toledo	1,369,000	138,000	100,000	236,000	—
Detroit	67,000	12,000	32,000	66,000	—
Chicago	14,539,000	713,000	3,460,000	2,036,000	525,000
" afloat	—	—	—	230,000	—
Milwaukee	1,930,000	376,000	469,000	236,000	191,000
Duluth	2,395,000	—	250,000	4,283,000	15,000
Minneapolis	8,612,000	186,000	3,498,000	6,015,000	877,000
St. Louis	2,194,000	158,000	179,000	63,000	6,000
Kansas City	13,194,000	120,000	539,000	282,000	—
Peoria	9,000	180,000	267,000	—	—
Indianapolis	576,000	332,000	122,000	4,000	—
Omaha	3,615,000	360,000	424,000	249,000	11,000
Total Jan. 10 1920	70,961,000	3,171,000	12,460,000	17,958,000	3,192,000
Total Jan. 3 1920	75,363,000	2,921,000	13,080,000	17,487,000	3,179,000
Total Jan. 11 1919	123,119,000	2,912,000	33,500,000	17,167,000	7,387,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, 423,000 bushels New York, 160,000 Boston, total, 583,000 bushels; against 3,000 bushels in 1919; and barley, New York, 38,000, Duluth 5,000 bushels; total 43,000 against 77,000 in 1919.

Canadian—					
Montreal <th>2,743,000</th> <th>18,000</th> <th>616,000</th> <th>49,000</th> <th>44,000</th>	2,743,000	18,000	616,000	49,000	44,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	7,258,000	—	3,025,000	—	1,164,000
Other Canadian	2,634,000	—	2,464,000	—	618,000
Total Jan. 10 1920	12,635,000	18,000	6,105,000	49,000	1,826,000
Total Jan. 3 1920	14,564,000	14,000	5,764,000	49,000	1,808,000
Total Jan. 11 1919	35,777,000	183,000	5,039,000	3,000	462,000

Summary—					
American	70,961,000	3,171,000	12,460,000	17,958,000	3,192,000
Canadian	12,635,000	18,000	6,105,000	49,000	1,826,000
Total Jan. 10 1920	83,596,000	3,189,000	16,565,000	18,007,000	5,018,000
Total Jan. 3 1920	89,927,000	3,205,000	18,834,000	17,536,000	4,987,000
Total Jan. 11 1919	168,887,000	3,100,000	38,539,000	17,170,000	7,849,000

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 16 1920.

With dry goods jobbers arriving in goodly numbers to attend their convention, prices in the market this week were very firm. As a result the jobbers are facing a difficult situation. Feverish buyers are bidding for goods and freely offering every credit assurance asked for. The regular jobbers of the country have generally cut down their yardage of goods and in a number of instances are passing business rather than take the risks that seem to lie in credit concessions at this time. But they continue to find themselves confronted with urgent demands from customers they must supply and whose integrity they cannot question. High taxes and high prices do not seem to have chilled the buying fever and the jobber is being forced against his better judgment to purchase stocks in order that he may go on doing business. Feeling that constantly advancing prices will bring nearer a contraction of purchases in retail circles many merchants have held back until their goods have become out of all proper ratio to current values. Present advances are being forced from below but with eager buyers leading the way. Even the shortening of credits and restricting the amount of goods a buyer may have do not suffice to check the demand or make buyers desist from their bidding. Many jobbers who are now in this city declare that retailers are beginning to resist price advances, declaring that they will not pay and yet they are buying quite steadily and as far ahead as the jobber wants to sell. And yet there is little doubt of the accuracy of reports indicating good trade in retail channels at the present time. Most retailers are having a larger business than they planned for, and in some instances they have sold out stocks of domestics they were holding for January sale purposes. The measure of confidence among buyers is as large as ever and their general belief is that the market is good for at least six months to come. Their one concern is to have enough merchandise on hand to sell. The demand for goods for export has not been as keen as usual, yet agents say they can sell all they have to allot. Buyers from South America are operating steadily and look more favorably on American cottons than any they have seen abroad. The exchange situation and the delay over the Peace Treaty are still drawbacks to any expansion of trade with European countries but traders are looking expectantly toward the Edge Bill as offering a satisfactory solution.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—In the market for staple cotton goods prices are still hardening and the breadth of the demand is more noticeable than usual. The volume of individual purchases is not large, but the many buyers seeking goods is greater than most traders expected at this time. Buying of shirtings, blankets, sheetings and wash fabrics of many kinds is occupying the attention of operators. Colored cottons are rising steadily and sales are being made to be charged at much higher prices than were last quoted. It appears certain that the trade will be asked to pay well over 45 cents for 2.20 denims when new prices are named for deliveries beginning in April. Buyers of domestics are asking for bleached goods for prompt and nearby delivery in quantities larger than agents can supply. Jobbers are seeking for more of the brown cottons than can be delivered promptly and some exporters who have not been able to ship their goods have taken good-sized profits by making offerings in the domestic market. Sales of staple tickings have been reported on a basis of 52 cents a yard, and it is expected that sharp advances will be made in staple gingham and prints as a result of the recent rise in gray cloths. Mills that make cotton dress goods are being asked for more fall goods than they can hope to produce at any price. The cost of cotton and labor no longer has any bearing on prices named for merchandise. The demand is broad and buyers do not stop to talk of costs. Domestic lines seem to be most in demand but the wash fabrics are also reported to be selling freely. Gray goods have been strong with prices advancing. 38 1/2-inch standards are listed at 24 cents.

WOOLEN GOODS.—An inclination to take the new season slowly and to avoid long commitments is still the outstanding feature of the market for woolens and worsteds. This avoidance of long future commitments will probably be more characteristic of the market this year than heretofore, as sellers have found the policy of selling ahead only two or three months at a time the most successful means of moving through a difficult season. Men's wear offerings are patiently waiting the action of the American Woollen Co., which is expected at any time. It is believed that the big company's policy on worsteds will be along allotment lines. The quantity will probably be limited and if such turns out to be the case firm prices will undoubtedly prevail.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—The market for linens has been somewhat quieter during the past week, especially in importing circles. This condition is welcomed by producers on the other side, due to their sold-up position. Favorable reports are being heard regarding the January white sales in retail quarters, but it is still too early to make any definite statement as to results. Rather large consignments of linens have arrived during the past six weeks but these have been rushed into distribution and readily absorbed. The market for burlaps has been somewhat affected by the strike in Calcutta and light weights were advanced 1/4 cent a yard to 12.25 cents. Heavy weights were quieter and 17.00 cents was nominally quoted on them.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

Belgian Government.—Notes Offered in United States.—A syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co. this week offered and quickly sold \$25,000,000 6% 1 and 5-year coupon external gold notes of the Belgian Government, consisting of 1-year 6% notes at 99 and interest, to yield slightly over 7%, and 5-year 6% notes at 95¼ and interest, also to yield slightly over 7%. Further details will be found on a preceding page under "Current Events and Discussions."

In an advertisement on a preceding page the offering of these notes to investors appears as a matter of record.

Mississippi.—Legislature Convened.—The Mississippi Legislature convened in regular session on Jan. 6. Among the measures introduced are bills for promoting equal and just suffrage for women and for safeguarding the general franchise provisions in the event of the final ratification by the country at large of the Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment. These bills are pending in both branches of the Legislature and are practically identical in terms. A bill to authorize the issuance of \$25,000,000 serial bonds for highway improvement within the State was also introduced.

New Jersey.—Legislature Convened.—The 144th annual session of the New Jersey Legislature convened on Jan. 13. Acting Governor William N. Runyon in his message recommended that steps be taken to submit to the voters at an early date the question of a bond issue with which to finance the proposed New York-New Jersey vehicular tunnel and the Camden-Philadelphia bridge. He also urged the Legislature to ratify the Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment.

North Dakota.—Bonds Offered to Residents of North Dakota.—Answering our inquiry concerning the \$1,000,000 mill and elevator bonds to be sold by the State of North Dakota, William A. Anderson, Secretary of the State Industrial Commission, advises us as follows:

These bonds bear interest at the rate of 5%, due in 1949. They are secured by mill and elevator properties owned by the State and are guaranteed by the State of North Dakota. They will not be offered for sale generally to the public. Subscriptions are now being received from residents of the State, and it is anticipated that they will all be bought within the State. I think this will perhaps be all the information you desire under the circumstances.

Oregon.—Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment Ratified by Legislature.—Oregon was added to the list of States favoring Federal woman suffrage when the Legislature in special session, on Jan. 12, completed ratification of the amendment. The States which have ratified the Suffrage Amendment now total 25. They are: Wisconsin, New York, Ohio, Kansas, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Texas, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Montana, Nebraska, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Utah, California, Maine, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Rhode Island, Kentucky and Oregon.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

AFTON, Lincoln County, Wyo.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—We are informed that \$15,000 water works bonds are soon to be voted upon. Morris Hale, Mayor.

ABERDEEN, Moore County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—It is stated that bids will be received until Feb. 4 by J. L. Rhyno, Clerk Board of Town Commissioners, for \$73,000 5% 40-year water and sewer system bonds.

AKRON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Akron), Summit County, Ohio.—BIDS REJECTED.—BONDS TO BE ADVERTISED.—All bids received for \$1,000,000 5% 1-20 year serial school bonds, offered on Jan. 5—V. 109, p. 2374—were rejected. The bonds are to be re-advertised.

ALAMO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Imperial County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 5 the \$16,000 5¼% 5-20 year serial bonds, dated Dec. 8 1919—V. 110, p. 94—went. It is stated, to Strassburger & Co., on their bid of \$16,231 equal to 101.443.

ASHKUM TOWNSHIP (P. O. Ashkum), Iroquois County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 24 an issue of \$90,000 5% road bonds was purchased at par by the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1920 to 1929, incl.

ATLANTIC CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 1 the following 4½% bonds were awarded at par and interest to the Sinking Fund: \$8,000 park bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1921 to 1928, incl. 15,000 park bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1921 to 1935, incl. 37,000 electrical equipment bonds. Due yearly on July 1 from 1920 to 1949, incl. Date, July 1 1919.

BELL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 10 a. m. Feb. 2 bids will be received by C. A. Hunt, County Clerk (P. O. Santa Barbara) for \$35,000 5¼% 1-10 year school bonds. Denom. \$3,500. Int. J. & J. Cert. check for 10% of the amount bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BRADFORD COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Starke), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. Feb. 10 by E. S. Mathews, Chairman Board of Bond Trustees, it is reported, for \$100,000 8% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at New York or at the office of the Board of Trustees. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1922 to 1941 incl.; and \$5,000, 1942 to 1949 incl. Cert. check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$568,000 5% 1-5 year serial tax-free gold coupon (with privilege of registration) refunding bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919, offered on Dec. 22—V. 109, p. 2374—were purchased during the present month by Harris, Forbes & Co., of N. Y.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—John J. O'Reilly, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 noon Jan. 20 for a temporary loan of \$200,000 issued in anticipation of revenue, dated Jan. 22 1920 and maturing Nov. 8 1920

The notes will be certified to by the First National Bank of Boston, and may be made payable at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston or the National Park Bank of New York, at the option of the purchaser at the time of sale, and made in denominations to suit purchaser.

BROOKVILLE, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Jos. E. Smith, Clerk of the Village until 12 noon Jan. 31 for \$10,110 5¼% coupon street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1920. Due serially from 1921 to 1930, incl. Principal and semi-ann. interest payable at the First National Bank of Brookville, O. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for required.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Additional information is at hand relative to the offering on Jan. 21 of the 4½% registered tax-free bonds, aggregating \$1,943,000. Ross Graves, Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, will receive proposals until 11 a. m. on that date, for these bonds which are described as follows:

- \$200,000 water bonds. Due Feb. 2 1940.
- 50,000 park bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 2 from 1921 to 1970, incl.
- 125,000 public trunk sewer bonds. Due \$2,500 yearly on Feb. 2 from 1921 to 1970, incl.
- 300,000 public general hospital bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly on Feb. 2 from 1921 to 1950, incl.
- 150,000 Buffalo River Impt. bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on Feb. 2 from 1921 to 1950, incl.
- 300,000 Scajaquada Creek Impt. bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly on Feb. 2 from 1921 to 1950, incl.
- 247,000 Police and Fire Dept. bonds. Due \$12,350 yearly on Feb. 2 from 1921 to 1940, incl.
- 250,000 grade crossing structures reconstruction bonds. Due \$12,500 yearly on Feb. 2 from 1921 to 1940, incl.
- 60,000 Municipal Bldgs. bonds. Due \$3,000 yearly on Feb. 2 from 1921 to 1940, incl.
- 60,000 park bonds. Due \$3,000 yearly on Feb. 2 from 1921 to 1940, incl.
- 16,000 Hamburg Turnpike Impt. bonds. Due \$1,600 yearly on Feb. 2 from 1921 to 1930, incl.
- 185,000 street cleaning equipment bonds. Due \$18,500 yearly on Feb. 2 from 1921 to 1930, incl.

Denoms. \$1,000 and multiples, as far as practicable. Date Feb. 2 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (P. & A.) payable at the office of the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, or at the Hanover National Bank of New York, at the option of the purchaser. Cert. check on an insolvent bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The favorable opinion of Caldwell & Raymond, certifying as to the legality of these issues, will be furnished the purchaser.

CALCASIEU PARISH (P. O. Lake Charles), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 (not \$100,000 as reported in V. 110, p. 94) 5% 15-year road bonds offered on Jan. 6 were awarded on that day to the Ibernia Bank & Trust Co., of New Orleans at par and interest.

CALEXICO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Imperial County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that the Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., offering 103.51 1919, offered on Jan. 5—V. 110, p. 94.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Delphi), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 5% Madison Twp. road bonds offered without success on July 5—V. 109, p. 302—have been awarded, it is stated, to Wm. J. Guckien of Camden.

CASMALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 2 by C. A. Hunt, County Clerk (P. O. Santa Barbara) for \$3,000 6% 1-3 year school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Cert. check for 10% of the amount bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CENTER HILL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lauderdale County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—Newspapers say that J. E. Blanks was awarded on Jan. 9 the \$1,800 6% school bonds (V. 110, p. 94) at 101.44.

CHERAU TOWNSHIP, Chesterfield County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 27 by G. A. Sherrill, Chairman Board of Public Works (P. O. Chesterfield), it is stated, for \$15,000 6% 25-year road impt. bonds.

CHEVIOT (P. O. Cincinnati), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 5 the \$25,000 5% 25-year town-hall bonds, dated Jan. 24 1920—V. 109, p. 2375—were awarded to the Brighton Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, and the First National Bank, of Cheviot, at their joint bid of 100.02 and interest. W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, bid par and interest.

CHEYENNE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cheyenne Wells), Colo.—BOND ELECTION & SALE.—Subject to the election in thirty to sixty days \$100,000 5¼% 10-20 year (opt.) school bonds have been sold to Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co. of Denver.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation 1920.....	\$16,436,164
Total bonded debt.....	100,000
Population.....	7,000

CHICAGO NORTHWEST PARK DISTRICT, Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—McMannus & Co., of Chicago, have purchased at 101.037 and are now offering to investors at a price to yield 4.70%, an issue of \$100,000 5% park bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank, of Chicago. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1932, incl.; \$10,000, 1933 to 1935, incl.; and \$20,000, 1939.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation, 1919.....	\$25,451,218
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....	555,000
Population estimated over.....	90,000

CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cincinnati), Hamilton County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$600,000 4¾% school bldg. bonds offered on Jan. 12—V. 109, p. 2375.

CISCO, Eastland County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—The "Dallas News" of Jan. 11 states that an election will be held Feb. 2 to vote on a proposition to issue \$500,000 water-reservoir bonds.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Neillville), Wis.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 5% tax-free bonds has been sold to the Second Ward Securities Co., of Milwaukee. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

CLARKDALE, Yavapai County, Ariz.—BONDS VOTED.—We are informed that a \$45,000 school bond issue has been voted.

COCONINO COUNTY (P. O. Flagstaff), Ariz.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—BONDS TO BE RE-ADVERTISED.—The \$150,000 5¼% highway bonds offered on Jan. 4—V. 109, p. 2375—were not sold owing to a typographical error in publication.

L. C. Riley, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, advises us that the bonds will be re-advertised for sale on Feb. 3.

COLUMBUS COUNTY (P. O. Whiteville), No. Caro.—BIDS.—The following bankers also submitted bids for the \$50,000 5¼% road bonds awarded on Jan. 5 as reported in V. 110, p. 184:

C. W. McNear & Co.....	\$51,087 13	V. 110, p. 184.	
R. M. Grant & Co.....	50,640 00	Seasongood & Mayer.....	\$50,586 50
Sidney Spitzer & Co.....	50,608 50	John J. George.....	50,255 00
			50,000 00

COLUSA, Colusa County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of more than 5 to 1 the issuance of \$20,000 swimming pool construction bonds, carried, at a recent election, it is stated.

CONNEAUT, Ashtabula County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—In addition to the issues already reported sold, the following 5¼% street improvement bonds were purchased by the Sinking Fund on the dates mentioned: \$5,400.00 bonds on April 1. Date May 1 1919. Due in 1929. 6,076.50 bonds on Sept. 13. Date Sept. 12 1919. Due 1920 to 1929.

CONNECTICUT (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Jan. 23 by G. H. Gilpatric, State Treasurer (P. O. Hartford), for the whole or any part of \$2,500,000 4% bonds. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1936. The bonds are issued under authority of Section 106, General Statutes, Revision of 1918.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

CONWAY COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 5. Ark.—BOND SALE.—Recently the Mortgage Trust Co. of St. Louis purchased \$260,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1, 1919.

COOK COUNTY (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that \$2,000,000 4 1/2% 1-8 year serial road bonds were recently purchased by a syndicate composed of Northern Trust Co., William R. Compton Co., Kissel, Kinnell & Co., Equitable Trust Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., First National Bank, Stacy & Braun, Merrill, Oldham & Co., and R. L. Day & Co., at 98.10. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1, 1920.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Nueces County, Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—An issue of \$75,000 6% 1-10 year serial water-works impt. warrants has been sold to J. L. Arlitt of Austin. Date Jan. 1, 1920. Assessed value \$9,807,550. Population (est.), 15,000.

CROW WING COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until to-day (Jan. 17) by Howard Oltis, Clerk (P. O. Iron-ton), for the following 5 1/2% coupon bonds: \$100,000 high-school bonds. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$30,000 1932, \$35,000 1933 and 1934.

CULBERTSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Culbertson), Roosevelt County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—The \$60,000 high school bonds, mentioned in V. 110, p. 95, have been voted.

CUPERTINO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Clara County, Calif.—BIDS.—The following bids were also received for the \$75,000 5% school bonds awarded on Jan. 6 to the Garden City Bank & Trust Co. of San Jose for \$77,756.85 (103.675) and Int.—V. 110, p. 185: Sec. T. & S. Bk., Los Angeles \$75,256.00 Bk. of Italy, San Fran. \$75,032.00 R. H. Moulton & Co., S. F. 75,052.50]

CUSTER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Miles City), Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—An election upon issuing \$250,000 high-school bonds will be held in April.

DAVIS COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Woods Cross), Utah.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$60,000 drainage bonds has been voted. The district embraces 2,059 acres.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 10 by L. T. Y. Nash, Commissioner of Roads and Revenues, for \$250,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1, 1920. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.). Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1925 to 1929 incl.; \$20,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; \$30,000, 1935 to 1937 incl., and \$10,000, 1938. Cert. check for \$2,500 required.

DELFO RD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 12 an issue of 5% school bonds were awarded to the Hackensack Trust Co. at par for \$12,000 bonds.

DELTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Delta), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—On Dec. 29 \$100,000 5 1/2% 10-30 year (opt.) school bonds were voted by a large majority. Assessed valuation, \$4,688,000.

DES MOINES SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Des Moines), Polk County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—According to reports an election will probably be held March 9 to vote on a \$3,500,000 school bond issue.

DETROIT, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 19 by Henry Steffens, Jr., City Controller, for the following 4 1/2% bonds: \$500,000 1-30 year public utility bonds, 306,000 1-30 year public impt. bonds, 100,000 30-year bridge impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1, 1920.

DOOR COUNTY (P. O. Sturgeon Bay), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 20 by R. Herlache, County Clerk, for \$31,000 5% soldier bonds. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Date March 1, 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due \$5,100 yearly on March 1 from 1920 to 1929, incl. The purchaser must print and furnish blank bonds and pay all attorney's fees.

DUNKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Kennett), Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Jan. 20, it is stated, to vote on the question of issuing \$1,200,000 road bonds.

EAST CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING. Chas. A. Carran, Director of Finance, is endeavoring to sell at private sale the following 5% coupon bonds, which were offered without success on Dec. 27—V. 110, p. 95: \$25,000 "Lannert" Park bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1934 to 1958, incl. 250,000 hospital bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1920 to 1969, incl.

Auth. Sec. 3939 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1, 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, where bonds will also be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Director of Finance, required. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

EAST ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 12 the \$255,000 4 1/2% gold coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds—V. 110, p. 185—were awarded, according to reports, to the Ironbound Trust Co., of Newark, at par.

EASTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Easton), Northampton County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election is to be held Jan. 20 to vote on the question of issuing \$1,000,000 school-extension bonds.

EDENTON, Chowan County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 5 by the Town Clerk for \$77,000 street improvement bonds. Bids are requested for bonds bearing 5 1/2% or 6% interest. Date Jan. 1, 1920. Interest semi-annual. Certified 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.

ETNA, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held Jan. 6 \$200,000 4 1/2% school bonds were carried by a vote of 290 "for" to 159 "against."

FALLON COUNTY (P. O. Baker), Mont.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 10 the \$275,000 5 1/2% 10-20 year (opt.) road bonds, dated Jan. 1, 1920—V. 109, p. 2375—were awarded to the Bankers' Trust & Savings Bank of Minneapolis at 101.50 and interest. Halsey, Stuart & Co. also submitted a bid of \$276,050.

FARELL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Farrell), Mercer County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—According to reports bids will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 20 by Thos. H. Kerms, District Secretary, for \$120,000 school and \$20,000 funding bonds. Bids are requested for bonds bearing 4 1/2%, 4 3/4% and 5% interest. Date July 1, 1919. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1, from 1921 to 1948, incl., and \$10,000 July 1, 1949. Cert. check for \$2,500, required.

FERDALE (P. O. Detroit), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Halsey-Stewart Co., of Chicago, on their bid of \$72,895, was awarded the \$70,000 5% 30-year water system extension bonds offered on Nov. 24—V. 109, p. 2005.

FLATHEAD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (P. O. Dayton), Mont.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 20 \$1,390,000 refunding bonds were awarded to the State Land Board at par. Denoms. \$175 and \$165. Date Jan. 1, 1920. Int. J. & J. Due in 8 years optional on any interest paying date.

FLEMING, Logan County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$40,000 water bonds were authorized by a vote of 50 "for" to 1 "against."

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Birmingham), Erie County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 10 the \$14,000 5 1/2% 1-14 year serial coupon school bonds, dated Dec. 1, 1919—V. 109, p. 2458—were awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co., of Chicago, at 101.125 and interest.

FORT EDWARD, Washington County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 12 the \$16,000 5% paving bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 185—were awarded to the Fort Edward Nat. Bank of Fort Edward at par. Date Jan. 1, 1920. Due \$4,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1924 incl.

FREMONT, Newago County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% 5-16 year serial city hall erection bonds, dated Jan. 1, 1920, offered on Jan. 10—V. 110, p. 185—were awarded on that day to Fonton, Carrigan and Boyle at 102.75 and interest.

GALLUP, McKinley County, N. Mex.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—It is reported that an election is soon to be called to vote on issuing \$150,000 high school bonds.

GETTYSBURG, Adams County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—C. B. Kitzmiller, Secretary of Town Council, informs us that on Feb. 3 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$35,000 street impt. and \$20,000 municipal light plant 4 1/2% 1-20 year serial bonds.

GETTYSBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gettysburg), Potter County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 coupon school building and equipment bonds offered on Jan. 7—V. 109, p. 2376—were awarded on that day to the Drake-Ballard Co., of Minneapolis at 100.035 and interest for 5 1/2%. Bids were also submitted by John Sinclair & Co. and the Wells-Dickey Co.

GRANT COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Herman), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—According to newspaper reports bids will be received until 7:30 Jan. 23 by A. H. Morken, Secretary Board of Education, for \$125,000 5 1/2% school building bonds. Date Dec. 1, 1919. Int. J. & D. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1924 to 1933 incl., and \$75,000 1934. Certified check for 10% of amount bid, payable to the Treasurer Board of Education, required.

GRANTVILLE, Coweta County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 26 by L. A. Dean, Town Clerk, for the \$32,000 water-works and \$18,000 sewer 6% gold bonds, recently voted—V. 109, p. 2284. Int. semi-ann. The bonds have been duly validated by the Superior Court of Coweta County.

GREAT FALLS, Cascade County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—Eldredge & Co., of N. Y., were awarded, it is stated, on their bid of \$228,450 (101.533) the \$225,000 5 1/2% water works bonds offered on Jan. 2—V. 109, p. 2376.

GREELEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greeley), Weld County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$85,000 5% school building bonds recently authorized by a vote of 43 to 16 has been purchased by the International Trust Co., and Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co., both of Denver, for \$85,100 equal to 100.117.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Catskill), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$9,500 5% highway bonds has been awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, of New York, at 103.14.

GREENSBURG, Decatur County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Jan. 21 by Walter W. Crisler, City Clerk, for \$20,000 5% refunding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1, 1920. Int. J. & D. Due \$500 each six months from June 1, 1921 to Dec. 1, 1940, incl. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 28 by Ernest E. Erb, City Auditor for the following 5% special assessment street improvement and sewer bonds: \$49,549 Monument Ave. impt. bonds. Due \$4,954.90 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1920 to 1929, incl. 30,122 High St. impt. bonds. Due \$3,012.20 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1920 to 1929, incl. 8,610 Progress Ave. sanitary sewer bonds. Due \$861 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1920 to 1929, incl.

Date Nov. 1, 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Certified check for 5% of amount of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

HARRISON, Kootenai County, Idaho.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—An election is soon to be called it is reported to vote upon issuing \$45,000 various city improvement bonds.

HARRISON TOWNSHIP, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—Lyon, Singer & Co., of Pittsburgh, have purchased, and are now offering to investors an issue of \$25,000 4.60% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1, 1919. Int. F. & A. Due \$5,000 on Aug. 1 in 1924, 1929, 1934, 1939 & 1944.

HARTFORD, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND & NOTE SALE.—On Jan. 15 the coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds and notes, offered on that date—V. 110, p. 95—were awarded as follows: \$200,000 4% water-supply bonds to Estabrook & Co. of Boston at 93.16. Date June 1, 1917. Due June 1, 1948. 150,000 4 1/2% permanent impt. notes to the Aetna Insurance Co. of Hartford, at 101. Date Dec. 1, 1919. Due \$100,000 Dec. 1, 1928, and \$50,000 Dec. 1, 1929.

HARTFORD CENTRALIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hartford), Blackford County, Ind.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held Dec. 23 the voters favored the issuance of \$90,000 school bonds. It is stated, by a vote of 150 to 107.

HENNEPIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24 (P. O. Robbinsdale), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The Wells-Dickey Co., bidding 100.775 and interest, was awarded the \$125,000 5% 8-15-year serial school bonds, dated Jan. 2, 1920, offered on Dec. 30 (V. 109, p. 2284).

HILLSBOROUGH, Calif.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports \$15,000 5% municipal impt. bonds were recently awarded to the Mercantile National Bank at 100.552.

HOBOKEN, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Equitable Trust Co. was awarded at a private sale \$100,000 4% high-school-site bonds at par. Date Aug. 26, 1919. Due Aug. 26, 1920.

HOLMES-LIBERTY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bucyrus), Crawford County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The question of issuing \$100,000 school-building bonds was defeated by a vote of 145 "for" to 157 "against" at a recent election.

HOMINY, Osage County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 5:30 p. m. Jan. 23 by Leander Hall, City Clerk-Attorney (P. O. First National Bank, Hominy), for the \$125,000 6% bonds authorized by a vote of 117 to 17 at the election held Dec. 23 (V. 109, p. 2190). Date Dec. 23, 1919. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Oklahoma fiscal agency in New York or at some designated bank in the event of the discontinuance of the agency. Due \$25,000 yearly from 1940 to 1944, inclusive. Official circular states that the city has never defaulted in the payment of any interest or bonds and that there is no litigation pending or threatened affecting the validity of these bonds.

HUBBARD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hubbard), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Hubbard Banking Co. on Jan. 3 purchased at par and interest the \$75,000 5% school bonds offered unsuccessfully on Dec. 17—V. 109, p. 2458. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 17, 1919. Int. A. & O. Due \$1,000 on Apr. 1 and Oct. 1 in each of the years 1923 to 1937, and \$1,000 on Apr. 1 and \$2,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1938 and 1952, incl.

INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 6 by George C. Hitt, Business Director of the Board of School Commissioners, for \$550,000 4 1/2% 20-year school-building bonds, it is stated. Interest semi-annual. Certified check for 3% required.

IRONTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ironton), Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% 20-year school bonds, dated Dec. 1, 1919, which were offered on Jan. 14—V. 109, p. 2376—have been sold locally at par and interest.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Brownstown), Ind.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$24,000 4 1/2% road improvement

bonds offered on Dec. 30. It is stated that the County Commissioner will likely increase the interest rate so that the bonds can be sold.

JACKSON COUNTY SUPERVISORS' DISTRICTS, Miss.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 6 the following 6% bonds—V. 109, p. 2376—were awarded to the Merchants & Marine Bank of Pascagoula at par it is reported. \$15,000 District No. 2 bonds. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1921 to 1950, incl. 15,000 District No. 3 bonds. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1921 to 1950, incl. Date Jan. 15 1920.

JALAMA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 2 by C. A. Hunt, County Clerk (P. O. Santa Barbara) for \$2,200 6% 1-2 year school bonds. Denom. \$1,100. Int. J. & J. Cert. check for 10% of the amount bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Birmingham), Ala.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Feb. 16, it is reported, to vote on the issuance of \$5,000,000 road bonds.

JEROME COUNTY (P. O. Jerome), Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$110,000 road bonds were voted by 1,156 "for" to 988 "against."

JERSEY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pataskala R. D. 4), Licking County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 12 the \$5,250 5% 1-8 year serial coupon school bonds dated April 1 1920—V. 110, p. 96—were awarded to the Pataskala Banking Co. at 100.50. W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo bid par.

JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Johnstown), Cambria County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 4 3/4% coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 12—V. 110, p. 96—were awarded to Frazier & Co., Philadelphia on their bid of \$254,175, equal to 101.71.

Other bidders were:
Brown Bros. & Co., Philadelphia.....\$252,887 50
Biddle & Co., Philadelphia.....252,790 00
Mellon National Bank, Pittsburg.....252,250 00

KANE COUNTY (P. O. Geneva), Ill.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 10, it is reported, the voters will decide on the question of issuing \$1,500,000 road bonds.

KIRKWOOD, St. Louis County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 5 the National Bank of Commerce was awarded the \$30,000 5% water extension and impt. bonds—V. 109, p. 2458—at 101.47. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Due Jan. 1 1940. Bids were also received from the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., Bowman, Cost & Co., Kauffman, Smith, Emert Investment Co., Stlx & Co., Whitaker & Co., Hanchett Bond Co., Kirkwood Trust Co., Geo. H. Walker & Co., and the Mortgage Trust Co.

KLAMATH FALLS, Klamath County, Ore.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—According to reports the City Council has authorized the issuance of \$50,000 bonds.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Painesville), Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No award was made of the \$24,500 5% coupon Lloyd St. Clair road impt. bonds, offered on Jan. 5—V. 109, p. 2376.

LAMAR, Browsers County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The Bankers Securities Co. and International Trust Co., both of Denver, have purchased jointly \$45,000 5 1/4% 10-15-year city light bonds.

LARAMIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Hillsdale), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—At 10 a. m. Jan. 29 \$26,200 6% school bonds will be offered for sale.

LARIMER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Fort Collins), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election has been called for Feb. 3 to vote upon issuing \$320,000 school-site and building bonds.

LEPANTO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lepanto), Poinsett County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$32,500 5 1/4% bonds was recently purchased by the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Standard Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$500 1923 to 1925, incl., \$1,000 1926 to 1930, incl., \$1,500 1931 to 1935, incl., \$2,000 1936 to 1939, incl., \$3,000 1940, and \$2,500 1941 to 1943, incl.

LENAWEE COUNTY (P. O. Adrian), Mich.—BOND SALE.—Newspaper reports say that Keane, Higbie & Co., of Detroit, have been awarded \$84,000 5 1/4% highway impt. bonds.

LIBERTY, Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by James Goodie, Village Treasurer, until 3 p. m. Jan. 20 for \$10,000 4 1/4% registered water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1920. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1921 to 1930, incl. Interest semi-annual (F. & A.), payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Certified check for 5% of bid required.

Financial Statement Jan. 8 1920.

Bonded debt.....\$59,000 Total assess. val. 1919.....\$1,050,785
Sinking fund.....1,040 Total tax (per \$1,000) 1919.....\$20.00

LORAIN, Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$10,500 5% influenza epidemic refunding bonds was recently sold to the sinking fund.

LOUISIANA (State of)—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—Halsey, Stuart & Co. and the William R. Compton Co. are offering to investors on a preceding page of this issue \$5,000,000 5% Port Commission Canal Gold bonds.

LOUISVILLE, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 26 by Earl Gets, Village Clerk, for the following 5 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$50,000:
\$15,000 sewer bonds. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1951, incl. 35,000 water-works bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1950, incl.
Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1920. Interest semi-annual. Certified check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer required.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by Gabe Cooper, County Auditor, until 10:30 a. m. Feb. 2 for \$185,321 75 5 1/4% sewer bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1920. Due \$19,321 75 in 1922, \$19,000 yearly from 1923 to 1926, incl., \$18,000 yearly from 1927 to 1931, incl. Certified check for \$1,000 on a Toledo bank required.

McINTOSH, Carson County, S. Dak.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$25,000 5% 25-year electric light plant bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 109, p. 2453.

McKINLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gallup), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$9,600, offered on Dec. 6—V. 109, p. 1722—were awarded on Jan. 10 to C. H. Coffin for \$9,627, equal to 101.315.

\$4,000 School District No. 16 bonds.
\$5,600 School District No. 9 bonds.
Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1919. Int. A. & O. Due Oct. 1 1949. Optional Oct. 1 1929.

MAYVILLE, Trail County, No. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held Jan. 26 \$35,000 20-year electric light and water works bonds will be voted upon.

MEEKER COUNTY (P. O. Litchfield), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—A. V. Palmquist, County Auditor, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 11 for \$75,000 funding road bonds. Int. semi-ann. The purchaser will be requested to furnish all legal papers and bond coupons.

MIAMI, Gila County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—An issue of \$26,000 refunding bonds will be offered for sale at 2 p. m. Jan. 21.
BOND ELECTION.—On Jan. 27 \$24,000 retaining-wall and \$50,000 street-improvement bonds will be voted upon.

MIAMI CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—On a preceding page of this issue Harris, Forbes & Co., the Guaranty Trust Co. and the National City Co., are offering to investors at a price to yield about 5%. \$4,340,600 5 1/4% tax-free bonds.

MICHIGAN (State of)—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—In our advertising columns of this issue Matthew Flinn, of Detroit, is offering to investors at a price to yield 4.30%, \$1,000,000 4 1/2% 15-year highway bonds, a part of the \$1,500,000 issue sold by the State last October.

MILTON, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$25,000, issued in anticipation of revenue, dated Jan. 9 and maturing Nov. 8 1920, has been awarded, it is stated, to the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston on a 4.75% discount basis, plus \$2 premium.

MINNESOTA (State of)—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Jan. 23 by J. A. O'Preus, State Auditor (P. O. St. Paul), for \$7,500,000 tax-free coupon (with privilege of registration) holders' Bonus Certificates of Indebtedness. Bids are requested for certificates bearing 4 1/4%, 4 3/4% and 5% int. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 2 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) on coupon certificates payable at the office of the State Treasurer or at the State's Fiscal Agency in New York City, N. Y., or at St. Paul at option of holder, on registered certificates at New York or Chicago exchange. Due as follows: \$495,000 Aug. 1 1921, \$330,000 Feb. 1, and \$495,000 Aug. 1 1922 to 1928 incl., \$330,000 Feb. 1 and \$540,000 Aug. 1 1929, and \$360,000 Feb. 1 1930. Certified check of bank draft upon a solvent bank or trust company for \$50,000 payable to the State Treasurer, required.

MONESSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Monessen), Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by A. J. White, Secretary of School Board, until 7:45 p. m. Jan. 23 for the \$300,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) tax-free funding and school-bldg. bonds voted on Nov. 4—V. 109, p. 1910. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1922 and 1925; \$20,000, 1928; \$25,000, 1931 and 1934; \$30,000, 1937; \$35,000, 1940; \$40,000, 1943; \$45,000, 1946, and \$50,000, 1949. Cert. check for \$5,000 required. The official circular states that there has never been any default in obligations of the district, and that there is no litigation pending or threatened concerning these bonds, the corporate existence or boundaries of the borough, or the title of the officers or their respective offices. Bonded debt (incl. this issue), \$700,000. Assessed value 1919 (1/4 actual), \$10,732,000.

MONMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Freehold), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 28 by C. F. McDonald, County Collector, for an issue of 4 3/4% coupon (with privilege of registration) building bonds not to exceed \$62,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 2 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the County Collector on any bonds registered as to principal and interest; interest will, at the request of the holder, be remitted by mail in New York exchange. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1921 and 1922, and \$3,000, 1923 to 1940 incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above collector required. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y., as to legality will be furnished to the purchaser or purchasers without charge. The bonds will be delivered to the purchaser at the office of the County Collector at 11 a. m., Feb. 18 1920 unless another time and place shall be agreed upon in writing. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MONTANA (State of)—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids submitted for the \$200,000 coupon Veteran's Welfare Fund bonds offered on Jan. 5—V. 109, p. 2377—were rejected.

MOORE HAVEN SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT, De Soto County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—According to newspapers the Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids until Feb. 2 for the \$180,000 6% 1-30 year serial bonds recently voted—V. 109, p. 2457 Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1920.

MOORHEAD, Clay County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The following 5% bonds offered on Jan. 5 (V. 110, p. 96) have been sold, according to reports, to the First National Bank and the Moorhead National Bank, jointly: \$6,500 fire alarm system bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$500 1920 and \$1,500 1921 to 1924, inclusive. 12,000 bridge bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$15,000 1920; \$2,500 1921 to 1923, inclusive, and \$3,000 1924. 28,000 city-hall and fire-station bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1920, \$6,000 1921 to 1923, inclusive, and \$7,000 1924.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Mo.—BOND SALE.—The National Bank of Commerce at St. Louis, bidding \$90,150 (100.166) and int., was awarded the \$90,000 6% road bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 110, p. 96.

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver have purchased \$25,000 6% 15-30 year (opt.) school bonds.

NORMAN, Cleveland County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Newspaper reports say that an issue of \$125,000 municipal electric-light-plant bonds recently authorized by a vote of 225 to 215 will be purchased by R. J. Edwards of Oklahoma City.

NORTH ARKANSAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, White County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—Recently Whitaker & Co., of St. Louis, purchased \$768,000 5 1/2% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Principal and semi-annual interest (F. & A.) payable at the First National Bank, St. Louis. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$23,000 1920, \$23,000 1921, \$25,000 1922, \$26,000 1923, \$27,000 1924, \$29,000 1925, \$30,000 1926, \$32,000 1927, \$34,000 1928, \$36,000 1929, \$37,000 1930, \$40,000 1931, \$42,000 1932, \$44,000 1933, \$47,000 1934, \$49,000 1935, \$52,000 1936, \$54,000 1937, \$58,000 1938, \$61,000 1939.

NORTH ROBINSON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bucyrus Route No. 8), Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. E. Eichelberger, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive proposals until 12 m. Jan. 30 for \$75,000 5% coupon school-bldg. bonds. Auth. Sec. 7825 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 15 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Farmers' & Citizens' Bank & Savings Co. of Bucyrus, where bonds will also be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Due each six months as follows: \$1,000 April 1 1921 to Oct. 1 1925 incl., \$2,000 April 1 1926, \$1,000 Oct. 1 1926 and April 1 1927, \$2,000 Oct. 1 1927 and April 1 1928, \$1,000 Oct. 1 1928 and April 1 1929, \$2,000 Oct. 1 1929 and April 1 1930, \$1,000 Oct. 1 1930 and April 1 1931, \$2,000 Oct. 1 1931 and April 1 1932, \$1,000 Oct. 1 1932 and April 1 1933, \$3,000 April 1 1938, \$2,000 Oct. 1 1938 and April 1 1939, \$3,000 Oct. 1 1939 and April 1 1940, \$2,000 Oct. 1 1940 and April 1 1941, \$3,000 Oct. 1 1941, \$2,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 1942. Certified check on a solvent bank in Crawford County for \$500 payable to the above clerk required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

NORWICH, Chanango County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 14 the \$3,896 40 6-13-year serial paying and \$16,500 1-20-year serial special appropriation 5% bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920 (V. 110, p. 96), were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, of New York, for \$20,626 90 (101.13) and int. Other bidders were:
National Bank of Norwich.....\$20,626 40
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., New York.....20,402 51

OAKESDALE, Grays Harbor County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 19 by the Town Clerk for the \$20,500 sewer bonds recently voted.—V. 109, p. 2377.

OKEECHOBEE, Okeechobee County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Okeechobee was awarded, it is reported, at 100.80 the \$125,000 6% street-paying, water-works and sewerage bonds offered on Jan. 14.—V. 109, p. 2191.

OLD FORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Old Forge), Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—John P. Ayres, District Secretary, will receive proposals until 7:30 p. m. Jan. 26 for \$20,000 5% tax-free coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due \$10,000 on Dec. 1 in 1920 and 1930. Certified check for 5% of amount of bid, payable to the "School District," required.

ONEALS TOWNSHIP, Johnston County, N. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% road bonds offered on Sept. 1—V. 109, p. 706—have been sold to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the National Exchange Bank, N. Y. Due Aug. 1 1949.

ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Orange), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Jan. 31 the voters will decide, it is stated, whether they are in favor of issuing \$500,000 bonds.

ORD, Valley County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Feb. 5 by H. O. Hallen, City Clerk, for the \$15,000 5 1/2% 10-20-year (opt.) coupon water-extension bonds mentioned in V. 109, p. 2093. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1919. Interest semi-annually, payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Bonded debt, including this issue, \$68,000. Floating debt (additional), \$19,000.

ORWELL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Orwell), Ashtabula County, Ohio.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. Jan. 24 by Paul Holcomb, Clerk, for \$17,200 5% Cleveland-Meadville L. C. H. No. 15. Sec. B road impt. bonds. Auth. Sec. 1223 Gen. Code. Denom \$500. Date April 1 1919. Int. A & C. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1920 to 1927 incl., and \$1,200 Oct. 1 1928. Certified check for \$500 payable to the above clerk required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

OSSING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Ossining), Westchester County, N. Y.—*BONDS VOTED.*—On Dec. 29 a proposition to issue \$60,000 school bid. bonds received a favorable vote.

OTTAWA, Franklin County, Kans.—*BONDS VOTED.*—Newspapers say that an issue of \$20,000 electric light plant bonds was recently authorized by a vote of 86 to 11.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Fla.—*BOND SALE.*—The Palm Beach Bank & Trust Co., bidding 104.24 and int., was awarded the \$125,000 6% bonds offered on Jan. 8.—V. 109, p. 2378.

PARA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—*BOND SALE.*—On Jan. 12 the \$225,000 5½% 1-30 year serial coupon school bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920.—V. 109, p. 2459—were awarded to Tillotson & Wolcott Co., for \$225,525 (100.233) and int. Other bidders, all of Toledo, were: Splizer, Rorick & Co.—\$225,350.60; Stacy & Braun—\$225,095.00; Sidney Spitzer & Co.—\$25,101.35.

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—*BOND SALE.*—On Jan. 15 the \$170,000 tax-anticipation bonds (V. 110, p. 186) were disposed of on a 5% interest basis. Date Jan. 16 1920. Due July 16 1920.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—*BOND SALE.*—Local newspapers state that a syndicate composed of the Drexel & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., and Guaranty Trust Co., was awarded the \$3,000,000 4½% 50-year tax-free registered and coupon bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920, offered on Jan. 14.—V. 109, p. 2459.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—*BONDS SOLD DURING 1919.*—In addition to those already reported as sold, the following 4½% bonds were sold at par during the year ending Dec. 31 1919:

Amount.	Purpose.	Date.	Purchaser.	Date Sold.	
\$342,000.	parking.	June 1, '19.	\$25,000.20—'28, Berk. Co. Sav. Bk.	June 1, '19	
			17,000.	1929, Berk. Life Ins. Co.	

 15,000, park. Apr. 22 '19. Apr. 22 '20. 24, Berk. Mu. F. Ins. Co. Apr. 22 '19

PLAINFIELD, Pierce County, Neb.—*BOND SALE.*—Reports say that James T. Wachob of Omaha was awarded on Jan. 5 the \$36,000 5½% 20-year light and ice plant bonds—V. 110, p. 97—at par.

PLANT CITY, Hillsborough County, Fla.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 2 by Jasper Evers, City Clerk, for \$70,000 6% 20-year gold street paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in New York. Cert. check on some incorporated bank for 2% of amount of bid payable to the above City Clerk required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The city will furnish the lithographed bonds and coupons, and if successful bidder wishes to furnish such bonds and coupons the city will allow the sum of \$75 on the cost of them.

PONDERA COUNTY (P. O. Conrad), Mont.—*BOND SALE.*—The Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. and the Wells-Dickey Co., bidding jointly, were awarded the \$150,000 6½% relief bonds offered on Jan. 3 (V. 109, p. 2378) for \$150,550, equal to 100.316.

PONCA CITY, Kay County, Okla.—*BONDS NOT YET SOLD.*—No sale has yet been made of the \$150,000 water-works, \$50,000 electric plant extension and \$25,000 fire bonds voted on Sept. 3.—V. 109, p. 1202.

PONDERA COUNTY (P. O. Conrad), Mont.—*BONDS VOTED.*—At a recent election \$150,000 relief bonds were voted by 561 "for" to 86 "against."

PORTERVILLE, Tulare County, Calif.—*BOND SALE.*—On Dec. 19 the Worwisch Construction Co., offering par was awarded \$42,937.62 7% bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. J. & J.

PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—*LOAN OFFERING.*—Bids will be received by J. R. Gilmartin, City Treasurer, until noon Jan. 20 for a temporary loan of \$200,000 to be issued in anticipation of taxes. Bidders must state denomination desired. Notes will be dated Jan. 26 1920 and payable Oct. 4 1920 at the First Nat. Bank of Boston, Mass.

POSEY COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Vernon), Ind.—*BOND SALE.*—Reports state that the \$19,000 4½% road bonds offered without success on Dec. 18—V. 109, p. 2459—have been purchased by the First Nat. Bank of Mt. Vernon.

RAVOLI COUNTY (P. O. Hamilton), Mont.—*BOND SALE.*—We are informed that the Citizens Bank of Hamilton has purchased the \$100,000 5½% road bonds, mentioned in V. 109, p. 2378, at 105.22. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1919. Int. J. & J. Due \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl., optional Jan. 1 or July 1 preceding maturity.

RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Mansfield), Ohio.—*BOND SALE.*—On Jan. 5 the Richland Savings Bank, of Mansfield, bidding \$63,389, equal to 100.165, was awarded \$63,284 6% Rocky Ford improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1920. Int. A. & O. Due in from 1 to 6 years from date.

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 86 (P. O. Lambert), Mont.—*BOND SALE.*—On Jan. 5 the \$11,000 6% 10-20 year (opt.) school building and equipment bonds—V. 109, p. 2378—were awarded to the Drake-Ballard Co., for \$11,096, equal to 100.863. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J.

RIMROCK HIGHWAY DISTRICT (P. O. Genesee), Litch County, Ida.—*BOND SALE.*—On Dec. 29 \$44,000 5½% highway bonds were sold to local investors.

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—*NO BIDS RECEIVED.*—No bids were received for the two issues of 5½% bonds, aggregating \$49,200, offered Jan. 5.—V. 110, p. 97.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, Mont.—*BID.*—A bid of 101.10 and interest was received from Sweet, Cansey, Foster & Co., of Denver, for the \$25,000 6% coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 12 (V. 110, p. 97).

ROSELLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Roselle), Union County, N. J.—*BOND SALE.*—On Jan. 13 the issue of 5% coupon school bonds, dated Sept. 1 1919.—V. 109, p. 2378—was awarded to B. J. Van Ingen & Co. for \$60,028.50 and int. for \$60,000 bonds.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY (P. O. East St. Louis), Ill.—*BOND SALE.*—The "Belleville News-Democrat" in their issue of Dec. 29 states that an issue of \$540,000 5% 18-year road bonds has been sold to the Union Trust & Savings Bank of East St. Louis at par.

ST. LANDRY PARISH ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. Opelousas), La.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Feb. 2 by F. Octave Pavy, President of Police Jury, for the following 5% bonds: \$85,000 Road District No. 1 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1920 to 1932 incl.; \$2,000, 1933 to 1941 incl.; and \$3,000 1942 to 1959 incl. \$0,000 Road District No. 8 bonds. Denom. \$500. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,000 1920 to 1922 incl.; \$1,500 1923 to 1925 incl.; \$2,000 1926 to 1933 incl.; \$2,500 1934 to 1937 incl.; \$3,000 1938 1939, \$3,500 1940 to 1942 incl.; \$4,000 1943 and 1944; \$4,500 1945 to 1947 incl.; \$5,000 1948 and 1949.

Date July 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Parish Treasurer's or at the National Park Bank, N. Y., at option of holders or purchasers. Cert. check for 2½% required. The purchaser will be required to pay the cost of any legal examination or investigation in connection therewith that may be required by him.

SALEM, Marion County, Ore.—*BOND SALE.*—On Dec. 15 an issue of \$70,000 5% 1-20 year serial refunding bonds was awarded to Ralph Schmelch Co., at 109.155. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Jan. 20 1920. Int. J. & J.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—*BONDS NOT SOLD.*—The \$29,220,000 4½% tax-free water bonds of 1910 offered on Jan. 5.—V. 109, p. 2378—were not sold.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Milton), Fla.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 20 by J. F. Poore, Chairman Board of County Commissioners, for \$15,000 time warrants. Certified check for \$500, payable to the above Chairman, required.

SARANAC LAKE, Franklin County, N. Y.—*BOND SALE.*—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., N. Y., were awarded at 100.35 and int. the \$13,500 6% coupon or registered paying bonds offered on Jan. 12.—V. 110, p. 97.

SARATOGA COUNTY (P. O. Saratoga Springs), N. Y.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed proposals will be received by Will W. Blackmer, County Treasurer, until 4 p. m. Jan. 28 for \$390,000 5% coupon or registered highway bonds. Exempt from Federal income tax. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (F. & A.) payable at the Treasurer's office. Dated Feb. 1 1920. Due \$15,000 Feb. 1 1925 and \$25,000 yearly from 1926 to 1940, inclusive. County Treasurer Will W. Blackmer states that Saratoga County has never defaulted in the payment of either bonds or interest.

Financial Statement.

Bonded debt (not including the above issue)	\$125,000
Total valuation	35,821,746
Population,	61,017.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

SARCOXIE, Jasper County, Mo.—*BONDS VOTED.*—By a vote of 117 to 30 the issuance of \$9,000 5% water-works-impt. bonds carried at an election held Dec. 30.

SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Benton), Mo.—*BONDS DEFEATED.*—On Dec. 27 \$1,200,000 road bonds were defeated.

SEATTLE, Wash.—*BOND SALE.*—The city issued the following 6% bonds, aggregating \$38,514 11 at par during the month of December. 4:—

Dist. No.	Amount.	Purpose.	Date.	Due.
3172	\$21,801.99	Walks	Dec. 1 1919	Dec. 1 1931
3187	11,402.44	Water Mains	Dec. 1 1919	Dec. 1 1931
3202	1,320.30	Paving	Dec. 15 1919	Dec. 15 1931
3209	2,693.32	Paving	Dec. 15 1919	Dec. 15 1931
3226	1,596.06	Condensation	Dec. 27 1919	Dec. 27 1931

 All the above bonds are subject to call on any interest paying date.

SELAH-MOXIE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Yakima County, Wash.—*BOND SALE.*—On Nov. 6 \$45,000 6% 11-20-year serial construction bonds were awarded to Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane at 100.50 and int. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. J. & J.

SHREVEPORT, Caddo Parish, La.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 27 by Geo. O. Lilley, Commissioner of Finance, for \$400,000 5% water-works bonds of 1920. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. payable at the Seaboard National Bank, N. Y. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1921 and 1922 incl.; \$7,000, 1923 to 1927 incl.; \$5,000, 1928 to 1931, incl.; \$6,000, 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$7,000, 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$8,000, 1938 to 1940 incl.; \$9,000, 1941 and 1942; \$10,000, 1943 and 1944; \$11,000, 1945 and 1946; \$12,000, 1947 and 1948; \$13,000, 1949; \$14,000, 1950 and 1951; \$15,000, 1952; \$16,000, 1953; \$17,000, 1954; \$18,000, 1955 and 1956; \$19,000, 1957; \$20,000, 1958; \$21,000, 1959 and \$22,000, 1960. Certified check on some national bank in the State of Louisiana, or local bank in the City of Shreveport for \$12,000, payable to L. F. Clawson, City Secretary-Treasurer, required. The bonds are being prepared and will be certified as to genuineness by the Ibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans and will be registered in accordance with the law by the Secretary of State of Louisiana and the approving legal opinion of John C. Thomson of N. Y. will be furnished to purchaser. The bonds will be ready for delivery to the purchaser on or about Feb. 1 1920 at the City Hall or at any other place which the purchaser may designate, as no cost to city, at which time and place the successful bidder will be required to make payment for and accept delivery of same.

SHULLSBURG, Lafayette County, Wis.—*BONDS DEFEATED.*—An issue of \$8,000 park bonds was defeated at an election held Dec. 16 by a vote of 16 "for" to 123 "against."

SIDNEY, Delaware County, N. Y.—*BOND OFFERING.*—R. W. France, Town Clerk, will sell at public auction at 10 a. m. Jan. 22 \$75,000 5% "Sidney-Sidney Center macadam highway" bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1920. Prin. and ann. int. payable at the Sidney National Bank, Sidney. Due \$2,500 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1921 to 1950, incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to P. O. Wheeler, Town Supervisor, required.

SIOUX COUNTY (P. O. Fort Yates), No. Dak.—*BIDS.*—The following bankers also submitted bids for the \$30,000 5½% refunding bonds awarded on Jan. 6, as reported in V. 110, p. 187: W. L. Clayton & Co.—\$30,705; Chas. S. Kidder—\$30,000; Sidney Spitzer & Co.—30,553.

All the above bidders bid for bonds bearing 6% interest.

SLIPPERY ROCK TOWNSHIP, Butler County, Pa.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Bids will be received by Frank C. Ralston, Secretary Board of Supervisors, at the First National Bank, Slippery Rock, Pa., until 2 p. m. Jan. 24 for \$30,000 5% road-improvement bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at Slippery Rock Date Jan. 1 1920. Due \$500 1923; \$1,000 yearly 1924 to 1930, inclusive; \$1,500 1931; \$500 1932 and 1933; \$1,000 yearly 1934 to 1946, inclusive; and \$2,000 yearly 1947 to 1949, inclusive. Certified check for \$500, payable to Frank C. Ralston, required.

Financial Statement.

Real estate	\$435,355
Horses and cattle	33,665
Occupation	0,620
Total value	\$478,580

SOCORRO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15 (P. O. Socorro), N. Mex.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Until 3 p. m. Jan. 24 bids will be received for \$7,000 6% school bonds. Julius Campredon is County Treasurer.

SOCORRO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Socorro), N. Mex.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Until 3 p. m. Jan. 24 bids will be received for \$15,000 6% 10-20-year (opt.) school bonds. Julius Campredon is County Treasurer.

SOMERVILLE, Middlesex County, Mass.—*BOND SALE.*—On May 16 1919 Merrill, Oldham & Co. of Boston were awarded at 100.23 an issue of \$40,000 4½% highway bonds. Date April 1 1919. Due \$4,000 yearly on April 1 from 1920 to 1929, incl.

SOUTH PITTSBURG, Marion County, Tenn.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$50,000 6% coupon sewer bonds offered on Oct. 4 (V. 109, p. 1295) have been sold to Caldwell & Co., it is stated.

SOUTHWICK, Hampden County, Mass.—*BONDS AUTHORIZED.*—At a special election held Jan. 5 \$6,000 4½% electric light plant bonds were authorized by a vote of 31 to 1. No definite date of the offering of these bonds has been set.

SPRINGFIELD, Greene County, Mo.—*BOND ELECTION.*—At an election to be held Jan. 20 \$80,000 5% school bonds will be voted upon. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann.

STOW TOWNSHIP CENTRALIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cuyahoga Falls R. F. D. 8), Summit County, Ohio.—*BOND SALE.*—On Jan. 5 the \$100,000 5½% school bonds offered on that date—V. 109, p. 2378—were awarded to Splizer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo at 102.49619 and int. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1921 to 1925 incl.; \$3,000, 1926 to 1930 incl., and \$5,000, 1931 to 1945 incl. Other bidders were: Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Clev. \$102,110; Otis & Co., Cleve.—\$101,050; Sidney Spitzer & Co., Tol. 101,640; F. C. Hoehler & Co., Tol.—100,500.

SUPERIOR, Douglas County, Wis.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$50,000 general street and the \$25,000 general auditorium 5% 1-10-year serial bonds offered on Jan. 6 were awarded on Jan. 8 to the Wm. H. Compton Co. of Chicago at par, accrued int. and an allowance of \$70 for services. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

TAUNTON, Bristol County, Mass.—*TEMPORARY LOAN.*—On Jan. 13 the temporary loan of \$100,000, dated Jan. 13 1920 and maturing Oct. 18 1920 (V. 110, p. 187), was awarded to Webster & Atlas National Bank, Boston, on a 4½% discount basis.

TEMPLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Luis Obispo County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 5 Strassburger & Co., were awarded, it is reported, the \$19,000 6% school bonds—V. 110, p. 97.

TETON COUNTY (P. O. Chouteau), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis was awarded on their bid of par and interest \$150,000 5½% 15-20 year (opt.) road bonds offered on Dec. 30. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis.

THOMAS TOWNSHIP (P. O. Teahomingo), Johnston County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Geo. I. Gilbert of Oklahoma City was recently awarded \$39,000 road bonds.

TOQUERVILLE, Washington County, Utah.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—We are informed that an election is being considered to vote upon \$16,000 school bonds.

TRACY SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Strassburger & Co., were awarded on Jan. 6 the \$34,500 5½% school bonds—V. 110, p. 98—for \$35,903 equal to 104,066. Denoms. 24 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. J. & D. Due yearly on Dec. 1 from 1922 to 1940, incl.

TRIADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elm Grove), Ohio County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 20 \$60,000 6% school bonds—V. 109 p. 2192—were awarded to Sidney Spitzer & Co., at 104.78 and int.

VARNEY RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Dunklin County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$225,000 5½% bonds has been sold to Powell, Garard & Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & M.) payable at the Central Trust Co., Chicago. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows:

\$9,000—1924	\$12,000—1928	\$16,000—1932	\$18,500—1936
9,500—1925	13,500—1929	17,500—1933	19,000—1937
10,000—1926	15,000—1930	18,000—1934	23,000—1938
10,500—1927	15,500—1931	18,000—1935	

VERMILLION COUNTY (P. O. Newport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by W. O. Curtis, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Feb. 2 for the following 4½% road bonds:

\$14,600 E. H. Spellman et al Vermillion Twp. bonds. Denom. \$730.
11,270 R. V. Thompson et al Vermillion Twp. bonds. Denom. \$563.50.
Date day of sale. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,293.50 (1 bond of each issue) each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

VONA, Kit Carson County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$25,000 municipal water works bonds carried. These bonds have already been sold to the Bankers Securities Co. of Denver, as reported in V. 109, p. 1544.

WARRICK COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 5 the \$42,280 4½% 1-10-year serial Hart Twp. road bonds offered on that date—V. 109, p. 2460—were awarded to the Farmers & Merchants Bank, and the People's Trust & Savings Bank of Boonville, and the Lynnville National Bank of Lynnville, at par and int.

WARSAW, Kosciusko County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Meyer-Kaiser Bank of Indianapolis has been awarded at 101 and interest, it is reported, an issue of \$15,000 improvement bonds.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Otis), Colo.—BOND ELECTION & SALE.—Subject to election Jan. 28, \$16,800 5½% 20-40 year (opt.) school bonds have been sold to Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co. of Denver. Assessed valuation 1920 \$890,219. Total debt \$26,700. Population 800.

WATAUGA COUNTY (P. O. Boone), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Feb. 10 by W. R. Gragg, Register of Deeds, for \$50,000 road bonds.

WATER VALLEY, Yalobusha County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 20 by F. B. De Shou, for \$10,000 5% school-building bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1920. Int. annually. Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1921 to 1930, incl. Cert. check for \$500 required. Bonded debt \$98,800. Assessed value (est.), \$1,300,000.

WEBB CITY, Jasper County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 5 the \$10,000 5% park bonds—V. 109, p. 2288—were awarded to Stix & Co., of St. Louis at par and interest less \$90 for bonds and expenses. The Hanchett Bond Co., and the Wm. R. Compton Co., also submitted bids.

WELLESLEY, Norfolk County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The \$25,000 notes offered on Jan. 12 have been awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co., of Boston, on a 4.70% discount basis plus a premium of \$1.25. The notes are dated Jan. 6 1920 and due Nov. 6 1920.

WESTFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On July 11 the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston was awarded \$38,000 4½% school bonds at 101.143. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on July 1 from 1920 to 1929, incl.

WIBAUX COUNTY (P. O. Wibaux), Mont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 6½% special-relief bonds recently authorized by a vote of 215 to 68 will be taken by the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis.

WILLIAMSPORT, Lycoming County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Williamsport National Bank bidding 100.03 was awarded \$35,000 4¼% sewer and bridge extension bonds, offered on Dec. 17. Denom. \$100 and \$500. Int. J. & J.

WINTERS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Yolo County, Calif.—BIDS.—The other bids received for the \$37,000 5% 1-30 year serial gold bonds awarded on Jan. 5 to Strassburger & Co., for \$37,195 (100.52) and interest—V. 110, p. 188—were:
R. H. Moulton & Co. \$37,115 50 Meeman, Smith & Camp Co. \$37,046
Stephens & Co. 37,069 75 Bank of Italy 37,038
Security T. & S. Bank. 37,063 00

WINTHROP, Suffolk County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$25,000 revenue notes maturing Dec. 27 1920 has been awarded to S. N. Bond & Co., on a 4.85% discount basis.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Jan. 15 a temporary loan of \$150,000, dated Jan. 16 1920 and maturing Nov. 26 1920, was awarded to the Park Trust Co. of Worcester, on a 4.71 discount basis.

YAKIMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 14 by J. F. Peters, County Treasurer (P. O. Yakima), for \$225,000 school bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

YALEBUSHA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 20 by W. A. Nelen (P. O. Water Valley), for \$60,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1920. Int. annually. Due \$4,000 yearly from 1930 to 1944, incl. Cert. check for \$500 required. Total debt, \$6,000. Assessed value (appr.) \$1,500,000.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY (P. O. Billings), Mont.—BOND SALE.—Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane bidding 101.50 and interest for bonds bearing 5½% interest were awarded the \$250,000 road bonds offered on Jan. 9—V. 109, p. 2009—other bidders were:

	Bid.	Int. Rate.
E. H. Rollins & Sons		
Halsey, Stuart & Co.	\$251,387 50	5¼%
A. B. Leach & Co.		
Kalman, Matteson & Wood	250,000 00	5¼%
Minnesota Loan & Trust Co.	255,750 00	5½%
Wells-Dickey Co.	252,725 00	5½%
Merchants Loan Co.		
William R. Compton Co.	252,572 50	5½%

All the above bidders offered accrued interest.

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—Solomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York have been awarded on a 5.24% interest basis, an issue of \$150,000 certificates of indebtedness, dated Jan. 16, and maturing July 14 1920.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ASSINIBOIA R. M., Man.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Jan. 20 for the following 5% debentures, which were offered unsuccessfully on Jan. 5: \$4,663 04 1-5 year wells; \$538 64 2-7 year sidewalk; \$57,115 3-20 year water-works; \$90,190 4-20 year sewer. Address proposals to Frank Ness, P. O. Kirkfield, Man.

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BANCROFT, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—At the general election held Jan. 5 the \$5,000 (not \$500.00) sidewalk debentures were carried by a vote of 78 for to 47 against.

BEAVERTON VILLAGE, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—At the general election held Jan. 5, \$5,000 sidewalk debentures were voted.

BRANTFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—At the general election held Jan. 5, the following debentures were carried: \$185,000 hospital improvements, \$20,000 sanitarium and \$211,000 bridge.

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Province of).—DEBENTURE SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co., A. E. Ames & Co., and the Dominion Securities Corp., have purchased at 97.84 an issue of \$2,450,000 (not \$2,500,000 as reported in V. 110, p. 188) 5% 5-year debentures.

CANADA (Government of).—NOTES LISTED ON NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.—The \$75,000,000 gold notes of which details were given in V. 109, p. 124, have been listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

CHATHAM, Ont.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.—At the regular election held Jan. 5 the proposed \$600,000 Lake Erie debentures were defeated (V. 109, p. 2380).

COURTRIGHT, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—At an election held Jan. 5 \$12,000 6% 20-year water-works and fire-protection debentures were carried by a vote of 52 "for" to 39 "against."

HAMILTON, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—At the general election held Jan. 5 the following by-laws authorizing debentures were carried:

By-Law	For	Agst.
\$50,000 Mountain highways	5,044	2,784
72,000 Fire protection	3,424	2,969
\$50,000 Storm overflow sewers	3,915	2,583
150,000 Civic athletic field	4,924	2,212
50,000 Aid to Hamilton Health Association	6,468	1,152

LAKEVIEW R. M., Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$11,500 debentures has been reported sold to Harris, Read & Co., of Regina.

MIDLAND, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—At the general election held Jan. 5, \$30,000 hospital debentures were voted.

MOUNT FOREST, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—\$15,000 6% building debentures were carried at the general election held Jan. 5.

ONTARIO (Province of).—DEBENTURE SALE.—The "Toronto Globe" of Jan. 12 announces that on Jan. 10 this Province disposed of another debenture issue of \$3,000,000 at 90.41. New York funds, the purchaser being Aemilius Jarvis & Co. The debentures mature in ten years and bear 5½% interest. The "Globe" has the following to say with reference to the requirement that payment must be made in New York funds: "This means presumably that the debentures will be disposed of in the United States, where it is understood the money is required to pay off the loan to mature soon. Although the equivalent of this price in Canadian funds based on the present rate of exchange would put the loan on a 5.70 basis here, the arrangements completed with the buyers of the debentures under the necessity of repayment of the American loan means that the

money will cost the Province about 6.83%. "This is another illustration of the risks run by borrowing in the United States under present unsettled conditions. When the money has to be repaid the borrower has to place the money in the country from which it was originally secured, and under present exchange conditions, as will be seen from the above, this can easily be a costly proceeding."

OTTAWA, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—At the general election held Jan. 5, a by-law authorizing \$50,000 debentures for playgrounds was carried by a majority of 117 votes.

OWEN SOUND, Ont.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.—At the general election held Jan. 5 the by-law to issue \$180,000 technical school bonds was defeated by a vote of 365 "for" to 705 "against."

RED DEER, Alta.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$50,000 6% 10-year treasury bills offered on Jan. 6.—V. 109, p. 2461.

RIVERS, Man.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—E. J. Forman, Town Secretary-Treasurer, will receive tenders until Jan. 21 for an issue of \$9,000 6% 20-installment debentures. Date Aug. 1 1920.

ST. THOMAS, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$100,000 5½% 20-year debentures offered on Dec. 15 1919 were sold to local investors at par.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The following, according to the "Financial Post" of Toronto, is a list of authorizations granted by the local Government Board from Dec. 1 to 13 1919: Duck Lake, S.D., \$2,000; Aisme, S.D., \$1,000; Davidson, S.D., \$18,000; Chamberlain Village \$11,500; Rereshill \$500.

DEBENTURE SALE.—The following is a list of sales reported as having taken place from Dec. 1 to 13 1919: White Cap, \$2,500, Bond and Debenture Corp., Winnipeg; Dublin, \$1,000, Can. Landed National Invest., Winnipeg; Jackson, \$900, J. H. Kato, Moose Jaw; Frenshfield, \$2,400, Can. Landed & National, Winnipeg; Spion Kopp, \$1,400, Can. Landed & National, Winnipeg; Woodlawn, \$2,000, Can. Landed & National, Winnipeg; Crimea, \$2,900, Great West Life Assurance Co., Winnipeg; Davidson, \$18,000, Harris, Read & Co., Regina; Suffield, \$3,800, Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina; Wallbala, \$4,000, Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina; Rereshill, \$3,500, Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina; Black Diamond, \$7,000, T. K. McCallum, Saskatoon; Brobina, \$1,200, Canada Landed and National Invest., Winnipeg; Dubuc, \$2,000, Harris, Read & Co., Regina; Green Mount, \$600, Can. Landed and National Invest., Winnipeg; Amherst, \$4,500, Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina; Clashmoor, \$3,700, Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina; Lac Cheval, \$2,400, Regina Public School Sinking Fund Trustees.

SHERBROOKE, Que.—BIDS REJECTED.—All tenders received for the three issues of debentures, aggregating \$342,500, which were offered on Jan. 5—V. 109, p. 2461—were found unsatisfactory, and rejected.

STOUFFVILLE, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—By a vote of 173 to 14 the issuance of \$20,000 5½% 15-year electric light debentures carried at an election held Jan. 1. Date of sale not yet determined.

NEW LOANS

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Treasury Department,
Hartford, Jan. 15, 1920.

The Treasurer will open bids January 23rd, for the purchase of the whole or any part of

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\$150,000.00

Mobile County, Alabama
ROAD BONDS

The Board of Revenue and Road Commissioners of Mobile County, Alabama, respectfully call for bids for \$150,000.00 in Road and Bridge Bonds to retire debts created for constructing roads and bridges. Bids to be opened at a special meeting of the Board to be held SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 1920, AT 10:30 O'CLOCK, A. M. For further particulars address Thos. B. Allman, Clerk, Mobile, Ala.
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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 numbers of the bonds to be redeemed and 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 legally 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 may 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

New York, January 24th, 1919.
The Trustees, in conformity with the Charter of the Company, submit the following statement of its affairs on the 31st of December, 1918.

Premiums on Marine and Inland Transportation Insurance from the 1st January, 1918, to the 31st December, 1918.	\$6,634,891.55
Premiums on Policies not terminated 1st January, 1918.	1,072,539.96
Total Premiums	\$7,707,431.51
Premiums marked off as terminate from 1st January, 1918, to 31st December, 1918.	\$5,756,508.18
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	\$239,183.51
Re-insurances	1,947,733.08
	\$1,919,054.05
	\$1,758,937.01
Re-insurance Premiums and Returns of Premiums	
Expenses, including compensation of officers and clerks, taxes, stationery, advertisements, etc.	\$ 995,019.98

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	1,335,500.00
Stocks and Bonds of Railroads	3,099,879.85
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	296,904.00
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 Unsettled 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	129,017.65
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	\$3,825,570.11
Accrued Interest on the 31st day of December, 1918, amounted to	95,890.45
Rents due and accrued on the 31st day of December, 1918, amounted to	23,106.40
Re-insurances 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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