

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The Federal Reserve Bank statements to be issued to-day will be awaited with no little anxiety for the purpose of ascertaining what has been the effect of the policy of advancing the discount rate on commercial paper to 6%. Also there will be deep interest to know how the action in again establishing differentials in favor of war obligations is working out—whether the result has been to induce new borrowing on this class of paper. That the money situation remains tense, and even acute, is evident from the renewed spurt in call loan rates on the Stock Exchange the present week. A high point of 10% was reached on each of the first three days of the week, while on Thursday there was a jump to 18% and on Friday to 20%, even the renewal rate on the latter day being reported at 12%.

It may be that these extreme rates simply reflect the course of the banks in at once restricting their borrowing and curtailing their loans, in which case the monetary tension would have to be regarded as part of a curative process which may be expected speedily to work its own corrective. Should it, however, happen that notwithstanding these high rates and with the Federal Reserve banks charging full 6% to the member banks for rediscounts of commercial paper, the bill holdings of the Federal Reserve banks had nevertheless increased and perhaps also the volume of Federal Reserve notes was again expanding, after having shown substantial contraction in previous weeks, the occasion would be fraught with fresh ground for anxiety, indicating that the curative process had not yet got effectively under way.

Last Saturday's New York Clearing House return, as well as the Federal Reserve statements issued at New York and Washington, were not altogether assuring. The Clearing House banks showed a decrease in their credit balance with the Federal Reserve Bank in amount of \$30,427,000, and there was at the same time a reduction of \$44,067,000 in the aggregate of outstanding loans. Both these are changes which, standing by themselves, might be viewed with satisfaction as indicating at once curtailment in the granting of accommodation to customers and reduced borrowing by the Clearing House members at the central institution. As a matter of fact, however, the bill holdings of the New York Federal Reserve Bank actually increased again, running up from \$920,605,000 to \$964,075,000. Moreover, the whole of the increase, and more too, represented further borrowing on war obligations, the total of which increased during the week nearly \$63,000,000. The truth is, notwithstanding the reduction by the Clearing House banks of their credit balance with the Federal Reserve Bank, their borrowing from that institution would seem to have increased, permitting only one inference, namely that their reserves with the central institution shrank materially in face of larger borrowing than before. The increase in the bill holdings of the New York Federal Reserve Bank would not be altogether conclusive on this point, inasmuch as the Reserve Bank substantially reduced its own draft on the other Reserve banks, as is evident from the circumstance that its contingent liability as endorser on bills rediscounted with other Federal Reserve banks, which the previous Saturday was reported no less than \$79,500,000, last Saturday was down to \$43,700,000.

The net result of all these various operations was that the New York Reserve Bank's cash reserve to deposit and note liabilities was again sharply reduced, falling to 39½%. Another item in the Clearing House return furnishes proof positive that the Clearing House banks *did* enlarge their borrowings at the central institution. We have reference to the item termed "Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities." This item last Saturday stood at \$1,025,152,000, against \$1,016,926,000 Jan. 17 and only \$995,578,000 Jan. 10. Thus it is difficult to discern any real improvement, either in the situation of the Clearing House banks or that of the New York Federal Reserve Bank. And the same remark applies to the Federal Reserve banking system as a whole, as portrayed by the figures of the twelve Reserve banks combined. Here also there was a further reduction in the percentage of cash reserves—which suggests why there is talk of reviving the Money Committee again.

At the beginning of the week the plan agreed upon by the Allies for lifting the blockade against Russia and for the resumption of trade with the non-Soviet sections of that country still appeared to be regarded with misgivings, particularly in Paris and London. In a cablegram from the former centre to the New York "Times" it was even asserted that "the Allied program of lifting the Russian blockade without having dealings with the Soviet Government appears now impossible of realization." Representatives in Paris of the Russian Co-operative Societies were said to have admitted that they had not been able "to get the consent of Lenine and Trotzky to the trading plan, an agreement which they had told the Supreme Council they could get immediately." A further explanation of the situation was presented by the correspondent who said that "these Russians now admit that although they gave the Allies to understand that commercial relations could be resumed with the Co-operatives without dealing with the Soviets, there is, as a matter of fact, in the organization of each of the Co-operatives a Commissaire of the Soviet Government."

Apparently representatives of American manufacturers and business organizations are more confident as to the desirability and feasibility of beginning trade with Soviet Russia than are the British or French. A week ago to-day a conference was held in Washington at which 45 concerns were represented, and at which it was claimed that a decision was reached "to demand a statement from the State Department in the matter of the initiation of American trade with the Russian Soviet Government." A new organization to be known as the "American Commission to Promote Trade" was formed. A committee was appointed to seek a conference with Secretary of State Lansing last Monday. A call was issued also "for a larger conference of American export, import and financial interests to be held in New York Feb. 3." Emerson P. Jennings of the Lehigh Machine Co. of Lehigh, Pa., who presided at the Washington conference, was quoted as having said: "This is a movement of manufacturers, importers and exporters representing the first organized attempt of American business interests to make a demand on the officials of this country to permit the shipment of American goods into Russian ports, or to ascertain why such trade relations are not permitted." He claimed to have been informed that the men at the conference "represented approxi-

mately \$100,000,000 worth of orders placed with the Russian Soviet Government; that they were interested in getting trade and had no concern over the form or forms of Government in Russia."

On Wednesday morning it became known through Washington advices that Ludwig C. Martens, who styles himself "Soviet Ambassador," had presented the day before to the sub-committee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee a list of 941 American firms which he claimed "had signified a desire to do business with Soviet Russia." In a London cablegram Dr. Plovtieff, the woman who is at the head of the Amalgamated Russian and Siberian Co-operative Union, was quoted as asserting that "the organization is ready to accept a credit of \$5,000,000 offered by the American Government as soon as the blockade has been lifted and expects an immediate extension of trade with Russia."

The text of the Supreme Council's note to representatives of the Russian Co-operative Union regarding the lifting of the blockade against Russia, was made public in Paris on Monday. It enters considerably into details, and in a general way provides for trading on a bartering basis. That Lenine would make trouble for the Allies if they attempted to carry out their plan, was indicated by a cablegram from Paris Tuesday morning, in which appeared the following excerpt from the "Journal des Debats": "By an official radiogram the Lenine-Trotsky Government has just declared to the Allies that it will not authorize the resumption of commercial relations, except after the conclusion of an armistice, and that if this general armistice is not concluded, all ships belonging to the Entente which are at the present time in Russian parts will be sunk."

Premier Lloyd George was reported in London advices to have caused to be issued a few days ago a statement in which it was declared that "there is no truth in reports that the British War Minister, Winston Spencer Churchill, and the General Staff advocate sending troops to the Caucasus or any other part of Russia." Last week it was definitely reported that such a plan had been decided upon. The Russian situation appeared to have been further complicated by the announcement through a telegram from Joseph H. Ray, former American Consul at Irkutsk, saying that "Colonel Blunt and seven other American engineers, Miss Ford, Captain Charette and several other members of the American Red Cross, and an entire Polish army, composed of former prisoners, have been captured by the Bolsheviki at Kluchinskaya."

A special correspondent of the New York "Times," in a cablegram made public here yesterday morning, asserted that "the Allies are gradually approaching recognition of the Soviet Government of Russia," and added that "there seems to be developing under the surface a weakening of the drastic stand against the Soviets."

Regret was expressed over the announcement from Berlin Monday afternoon that Matthias Erzberger, German Minister of Finance, had been shot "while leaving the Criminal Courts Building, after a hearing in the Helfferich libel suit." Only one of the shots fired was said to have entered the body

of the Minister. That one struck him in the shoulder. The name of the assailant is Oltwig von Hirschfield, a former cadet officer. He was arrested and was quoted as having alleged that "he considered Erzberger dangerous to the Empire." That night Wilhelmstrasse was said to have been "barricaded and under the guard of numerous troops." These precautions, it was added, were "stimulated by rumors that the Monarchists would attempt an insurrection on the eve of the former Emperor's birthday" (the next day, Tuesday). The explanation was offered in the cable advices that the suit of Minister Erzberger against former Vice-Chancellor Helfferich is "for libel, based on repeated public statements against the Finance Minister by Helfferich." In a cablegram from Berlin Tuesday afternoon it was said that indignation had been expressed over the attempt upon Herr Erzberger's life, and that a proclamation had been issued in which it was characterized "as a criminal excess of political warfare." An X-ray examination of the wound on Tuesday disclosed the fact that "the bullet splintered part of Herr Erzberger's shoulder blade, where it is firmly lodged." The wound was said to be "extremely painful, with much bleeding," and that while the patient had no fever he was "very weak." The specialist who was in attendance was reported to have expressed the opinion that "the removal of the bullet is inadvisable at present." In a cablegram from Berlin Thursday morning it was made known that the "Lokal Anzeiger" had published a statement on Wednesday which said, among other things, that "the condition of Minister Erzberger is very critical." It was added that "cardiac trouble has developed, accompanied by violent pain." Yesterday morning's advices from Berlin stated that while he was in no immediate danger, the patient was extremely weak.

As noted briefly in our last week's issue, the Holland Government refused the demand of the Allies to give up the former Kaiser. In a cablegram from Paris last Sunday it was stated that "the Committee of Ambassadors to-morrow will discuss Holland's refusal to give up the former Kaiser." It was stated that "the French diplomats are waiting for England to make the next move," and it was also added that "their greatest concern in Holland's reply is that invalidation of one clause of the Versailles Treaty may damage other clauses, notably those providing for German payments to France." In a special cablegram from The Hague to the New York "Times" the same day the assertion was made that "the Netherlands Government's refusal to deliver up the ex-Kaiser can be considered as the vote of the Dutch people, for even those who would be only too glad to see Wilhelm Hohenzollern leave the country—and they are many—consider that the Government would have violated Holland's laws in acceding to the Allies' demand for extradition."

The initial meeting of the Council of Ambassadors was held in Paris Monday morning. According to advices from that centre "the reply to the refusal of the Dutch Government to comply with the demand of the Allies for the surrender of former Emperor William of Germany, was the first subject taken up." The dispatches further stated that "it was decided that the French legal experts should go into all the aspects of the case and prepare the reply, which probably will be submitted to the Council at the

beginning of next week." It was reported that Premier Millerand presided and that American Ambassador Wallace was present. In another cablegram the assertion was made that Mr. Wallace "took no part in the discussion of the affair of the Kaiser, but was an interested listener, and will report the situation in full to Washington."

The labor situation in Europe, as in this country, continues to attract much attention. Berlin reported on Monday that "Germany's manufacturing program is endangered anew by the insistence of the coal miners upon a six-hour day, for which they intend to stand out in the negotiations to be held next month." It was said also that "the Government will take the stand that the demand for a six-hour day intrinsically is just, but that until it is adopted by other countries, particularly England, its introduction into Germany would be a severe blow to German industries." It was gratifying to note the announcement in a Berlin cablegram Wednesday morning that "a conference held in Westphalia of the delegates of the Christian Miners Union, which has a membership of 100,000 workers, adopted a resolution opposing at present the introduction of a six-hour working shift, in view of the prevailing economic conditions." At Tuesday's session in Paris of the International Labor Organization, Carl Rudolph Legien, President of the German Federation of Trades Unions, delivered an address in which he said: "I had intended to make reservations relative to the eight-hour day concerning miners in Germany, who are demanding a six-hour period, but I have refrained. Coal is a vital question to the world at present, and if a six-hour day cannot be granted without decreasing production I am against it." According to a cablegram from Leipsic, the Communist Miners Union "has declared a strike in the Luga and Oelsnitz coal regions in Saxony, because the demand made for a six-hour day and a grant of 1,000 marks extra had been rejected." It was said also that 75% of the miners were on strike.

The lockout of employees in Spain is reported to have been ended.

On Tuesday in Paris Albert Thomas, French labor leader, was elected Director-General of the International Labor Organization. It was noted that "this action ratifies the provisional nomination of Mr. Thomas for the office made at the Labor Conference in Washington last November."

Hope was entertained at the beginning of the week that the strike of railway workers in Italy would end soon. It was made known in Rome dispatches that volunteers were "responding to the call to check the railway strike." The Minister of Transport was reported to have informed the Railway Syndicate that he was "ready to raise the representation of the railwaymen on the Board of Administration from two to four, promising also to devise a system of voting which would insure that the votes of these representatives, even if they were in the minority, will be felt." The Minister, according to the advices, "promised to study the possibility of granting other requests of the men." Word came from the Italian capital Thursday morning that the general strike had been ended. Although the exact terms of the settlement had not been made public when the dispatch was filed, it was said to be understood that they "involved granting of immediate consideration

of the whole subject and the referring of it to Parliamentary discussion."

Frank Hodges, a leader of one of the organizations of British miners, in the course of a meeting held in London on Thursday by the Miners' Federation, hinted that Great Britain might become involved in a national strike "in our progress toward the unification of the present wage system in the coal fields, and our struggle for national ownership of the collieries."

The reply of the Jugo-Slavs to the Allied ultimatum regarding the Adriatic question was received in Paris Wednesday afternoon. According to the advices "it amounts to a virtual refusal of the compromise offered by the Italians." It was understood that it "suggests a new basis of compromise along the lines of President Wilson's proposal." The text of the Jugo-Slav reply has been made public. It asks definitely for "modifications imposed by the necessity of arranging peace in the Adriatic." The "Giornale d' Italia," a newspaper in Rome, commenting on the Adriatic situation, said that "friendly relations with Jugo-Slavs are desirable, but they do not go so far as to call for a sacrifice of national interests in the Adriatic." A member of the Italian Peace Delegation was quoted in Paris as saying that "we do not want war, but the Jugo-Slavs have tried our patience to the limit. We are ready for war, if that is the only solution. We have made many concessions, more than any other nation, and now it is a question of accept or fight." Continuing, he said that "the Pact of London exists and neither France nor England can question its validity."

Announcement was made in a cablegram from Rome that "forces of Gabrielle d'Annunzio have seized the steamship Taranto, on the way to Albania, with supplies and 2,000,000 lire in money, and are unloading her at Fiume." The cablegram further stated that "the Taranto was met by ships in d'Annunzio's command and forced to change her course, heading into Fiume harbor." According to the dispatch also, "the poet explained that he needed the two million lire to pay his troops."

Apparently the sixth Italian loan will be a real success. In a cablegram to the New York "Sun" Thursday, the Minister of the Treasury Schnazer was quoted as saying that "despite the unrest and the inconveniences caused by the all-absorbing Adriatic question and the postal, telegraph and railroad strikes, already we have reached 12,000,000,000 lire, a figure which is double our largest figure during the war."

From Paris came the announcement last Saturday that everything was in preparation to make Danzig "a free city on Feb. 8 under the aegis of the League of Nations." The Interallied Council was to begin functioning on that day. It was stated, however, that "Danzig itself undergoes little change by this transformation of Government," and the correspondent added that "all German institutions which have been continuing their activities up to the present will remain." Economically the assertion was made that "already Danzig is beginning to feel the effect of Allied occupation. The Polish mark which last week was quoted at 37 pfennigs, is to-day quoted at 75. The German mark, too, is expected to ap-

preciate on the Danzig Bourse." On Monday a cablegram dated Saturday Jan. 24 was received from Berlin stating that "German preparations for the evacuation of Danzig had as one feature a final parade of the German troops this morning." According to dispatches received in the German capital from Danzig, "the parade was held under an enthusiastic popular demonstration, with the German colors on the flagstaves of the various buildings at half-mast." The belief was expressed in Danzig advices at that time that "the occupation of the city by the Allies, set for Feb. 8, is likely to be delayed for several days." In the Berlin cablegram already mentioned it was made known also that "German troops have begun the evacuation of Upper Silesia, in accordance with the terms of the Peace Treaty, which require that the movement begin within 15 days after its ratification." Through a dispatch from Copenhagen it was reported that Flensburg, Schleswig, had been evacuated by the last German troops.

American Ambassador Wallace was said to have announced in Paris on Monday that "the United States has decided to accept a mandate for the Republic of Armenia." According to Washington advices this announcement reported to have been made by Ambassador Wallace was "premature," it being added that "the Administration is getting all possible light from Ambassador Wallace, but its policy has not yet been settled."

In a special cablegram from Berlin to the New York "Times" yesterday the interesting assertion was made that "when Germany appears in and before the League of Nations for a readjustment of her affairs, she will ask for a union with Austria." The opinion was also expressed that "Germany probably will be a member of the League very soon, as reports from Paris and London indicate." What the political leaders in Hungary may have in mind for that country seems to have been expressed by Premier Huzzar at a women's gathering in Budapest on Tuesday, when he was reported to have said that "Hungary will be a Monarchy and the new king will be chosen immediately after the National Assembly convenes."

In cablegrams from London the reports have been persistent that the Lloyd George Ministry is likely to be overthrown within the next few months. In fact, the Premier himself was reported in the course of a conversation with a member of the French Chamber of Deputies, when the Premier was in Paris recently, to have predicted his own political downfall, following that of Premier Orlando of Italy and Premier Clemenceau of France. Lloyd George is said to have observed, "Yes, in six months it will be my turn." In a London cablegram to the New York "Sun" on Tuesday the opinion was expressed that the Premier was planning to turn away from war issues and endeavoring to strengthen his position politically by giving his attention to and by introducing peace issues instead. Together with the announcement on Wednesday morning of the resignation of George Nicoll Barnes, Minister without Portfolio in the Lloyd George Cabinet, came the statement that "the significance of his resignation lies in the fact that it is the final withdrawal of labor from the Coalition Cabinet." It was predicted at

the same time that the Food Ministry would come to an end within a few months and that the Food Comptroller, George H. Roberts, would follow Mr. Barnes out of the Cabinet. There were said to be rumors in circulation in London that the present Cabinet would be reconstructed. In a cablegram from that centre to the New York "Sun" Wednesday the correspondent asserted that "during a Cabinet Council David Lloyd George outlined his plans to continue Coalition with a program more liberal than former Premier Asquith's definition of Liberalism, and stopping only short of an outright Socialistic and Labor Party basis." The "Sun" correspondent claimed to have obtained from a close friend of the Premier "an outline of the program for which Lloyd George will ask soon the support of all the elements now in the Coalition, pleading that it is not political so much as patriotic." The following was said to be the outline: First, a system of profit sharing instead of nationalization; second, the perfection of old age, unemployment and other government insurance; third, Ireland.

Former Premier Herbert H. Asquith apparently is giving the present Prime Minister of England considerable cause for anxiety. According to the London advices not a little mystery has attached to his political activities of late. This much is known: He is a candidate for the House of Commons from Paisley, Scotland. In a recent speech there he was quoted as having characterized the Coalition Government as "one of the experiments and adventures," and to have called for "a reduction of the national expenditure." It became known here yesterday morning that J. A. D. Mackean had been nominated by the local Unionist Party of London and, it was reported that he had been endorsed by the Coalition group "as former Premier Asquith's Government opponent in the Paisley Parliamentary election."

It was gratifying to note in London cablegrams of the last two or three days that apparently the leading financial authorities of Great Britain have come to a realization of the fact that had been apparent for a long time to outside observers, namely that reconstruction in Great Britain and a restoration of something like normal conditions can be accomplished in a comprehensive way only by cutting down greatly extravagance and increasing production proportionately. The "Pall Mall Gazette" stressed this idea in a leading article a few days since. Reginald McKenna, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, and now head of the London Joint City & Midland Bank, in an address to its stockholders on the occasion of the annual meeting last Thursday, gave expression to the same idea. He was reported to have said that "the only condition on which we shall be able to check the rise in prices is that our annual expenditure shall be brought within the compass of our revenue. In the State, as in domestic finance, we must learn to make both ends meet." Continuing, he said, "this is not a plea for additional taxation, but it is a plea for economy in expenditure. It is a plea for such ruthless cutting down or postponing of all financial outlay by the State as will reduce the expenditure to a figure less than our tax revenue; for by such methods only can we hope to restrict the issue of currency, check the rise in prices, restore foreign exchange and re-establish London in her old position as the financial centre and free gold market of the world." London advices yesterday morning

stated also that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had asked "some of the leading financial experts of the city to discuss with him the foreign exchange problems."

British Treasury returns for the week ended Jan. 24 indicate that income continues to exceed the outgo, the week's financing having resulted in a further gain in Exchequer balances of £175,000. The week's expenditures totaled £36,425,000 (against £29,263,000 for the week ending Jan. 17), while the total outflow, including Treasury bills, other debt, advances repaid, and other items, totaled £194,138,000, against £145,775,000 last week. Receipts from all sources amounted to £194,313,000, comparing with £146,574,000. Of this total revenues contributed £48,915,000, against £39,228,000 a week ago, savings certificates £1,250,000, against £1,450,000 and the Funding Loan £2,500,000, against nothing the previous week. Victory bonds brought in £9,200,000. From advances a total of £21,500,000 was received, in comparison with £24,000,000 the preceding week. New issues of Treasury bills showed a substantial increase, amounting to £110,948,000, against £80,346,000 last week. Repayments, however, were still larger, so that Treasury bills outstanding showed a further contraction to £1,119,861,000, which compares with £1,130,951,000 a week ago. Temporary advances were also reduced, from £215,074,000 last week to £204,430,000. The total floating debt is now reported at £1,324,291,000. The Exchequer balance now stands at £4,805,000. Last week it stood at £4,630,000.

No change has been noted 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. Besides the advance in its discount rate from 5% to 6% by the Bank of Bengal last week, dispatches from Bombay this week (Jan. 29) announced an increase also from 5% to 6% by the Bank of Bombay. In London the private bank rate continues to be quoted at 4½% for sixty days and 5½% for ninety days. Money on call in London remains as heretofore at 3½% @ 4%. So far as we have been able to ascertain, no reports have been received by cable of discount rates at other centres.

Another substantial increase in gold holdings was shown by the Bank of England in its latest statement, namely £3,127,089. This brings the Bank's stock of gold on hand up to £99,933,801, which compares with £80,737,413 in 1919 and £58,606,952 held the year previous. Total reserve was expanded only £2,964,000, note circulation having increased £163,000. The proportion of reserve to liabilities showed a further expansion to 19.40%, which compares with 16.77% last week and 20.13% a year ago. Deposits were all down, public deposits declining £1,356,000, other deposits £5,185,000 and Government securities £5,474,000. Loans (other securities) were contracted £4,058,000. Note circulation, with the increase of £163,000, now stands at £88,257,000, against £69,340,135 a year ago and £45,896,295 in 1918. Reserves aggregate £30,126,000. A year ago the total was £29,847,278 and in 1918 £31,160,657. A total of £80,349,000 is reported for loans, in comparison with £80,436,946 in the corresponding week of 1919

and £91,889,588 the year previous. Clearings through the London banks continue to expand and the week's total was £768,870,000. This compares with £741,540,000 a week ago and £452,500,000 last year. We append a tabular statement of comparisons for the different items of the Bank of England stated for a series of years:

	1920. Jan. 28.	1919. Jan. 29.	1918. Jan. 30.	1917. Jan. 31.	1916. Feb. 2.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	88,257,000	69,340,135	45,896,295	39,601,075	34,199,420
Public deposits.....	20,116,000	26,612,804	38,236,917	44,764,140	58,245,525
Other deposits.....	135,156,000	121,602,442	122,644,208	168,777,346	98,583,710
Government securities	62,683,000	55,892,744	55,875,951	160,373,392	32,848,661
Other securities.....	80,349,000	80,436,946	91,889,588	35,727,351	105,140,129
Reserve notes & coin	30,126,000	29,847,278	31,160,657	35,513,637	36,938,556
Coin and bullion.....	99,933,801	80,737,413	58,606,952	56,664,712	52,687,976
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	19.40%	20.13%	19.37%	16.63%	23.55%
Bank rate.....	6%	5%	5%	5½%	5%

The Bank of France reports a further small gain of 285,000 francs in its gold item this week. The Bank's aggregate gold holdings, therefore, now amount to 5,580,193,952 francs, comparing with 5,504,975,369 francs last year and with 5,362,206,915 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. During the week bills discounted were augmented to the extent of 182,871,848 francs while general deposits gained 126,624,135 francs. Silver, on the other hand, fell off 1,148,562 francs, and advances were reduced 12,923,868 francs and Treasury deposits decreased 3,874,186 francs. A further contraction of 96,924,910 francs occurred in note circulation, bringing the total outstanding down to 37,582,499,001 francs. This contrasts with 31,983,027,510 francs last year and with 23,534,338,050 francs in 1918. On July 30 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount outstanding was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return, with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in 1919 and 1918, are as follows:

	Changes for Week.	Status as of—	Jan. 29 1920.	Jan. 30 1919.	Jan. 31 1918.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—					
In France.....Inc.	285,000	3,601,915,536	3,467,866,884	3,325,098,430	
Abroad.....No change		1,978,278,416	2,037,108,484	2,037,108,484	
Total.....Inc.	285,000	5,580,193,952	5,504,975,369	5,362,206,915	
Silver.....Dec.	1,148,562	255,260,809	316,145,828	248,492,600	
Bills discounted.....Inc.	182,871,848	1,885,517,992	1,252,300,545	1,015,682,879	
Advances.....Dec.	12,923,868	1,522,456,421	1,209,978,869	1,214,237,114	
Note circulation.....Dec.	96,924,910	37,582,499,001	31,983,027,510	23,534,338,050	
Treasury deposits.....Dec.	3,874,186	41,380,838	56,007,330	23,550,178	
General deposits.....Inc.	126,624,135	3,136,977,944	2,615,405,862	2,951,890,305	

In its statement as of Jan. 15 the Imperial Bank of Germany made a somewhat unusual showing. There was a decline in coin and bullion of 4,254,000 marks and a falling off of 60,372,000 marks in liabilities. As against this, all other items were increased. Gold increased 351,000 marks, Treasury certificates 25,612,000 marks, notes of other banks 904,000 marks. Bills discounted registered the substantial gain of 180,920,000 marks, while deposits were augmented 441,610,000 marks. Securities expanded 203,335,000 marks, advances 12,705,000 marks, investments 12,604,000 marks and circulation 50,588,000 marks. The German Bank's gold holdings now stand at 1,089,268,000 marks. This compares with 2,257,180,000 marks in 1919 and 2,405,920,000 marks in 1918. Note circulation has reached a total of 35,683,571,000 marks, as against 22,526,380,000 marks last year and 11,043,940,000 marks in 1918.

Last week's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies, issued on Saturday, was about as expected. Loans were further contracted—\$44,067,000. Net demand deposits were reduced \$73,270,000, to \$4,167,634,000 (Government deposits of \$156,535,000 deducted), while net time deposits increased, nominally, \$266,000, to \$263,694,000. Among the more important changes was a reduction in reserves of member banks in the Federal Reserve Bank of \$30,427,000, to \$544,353,000, and cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank was reduced \$642,000, to \$99,113,000 (not counted as reserve). Reserves in own vaults of State Banks and trust companies increased \$345,000, to \$11,616,000, but reserves in other depositories of State banks and trust companies declined \$281,000, to \$11,468,000. Aggregate reserves, largely as a result of the falling off in member bank reserves, were lowered \$30,363,000, and now stand at \$67,437,000. There was a decline in reserve requirements of \$9,498,940; hence the loss in surplus was cut to \$20,864,060, though this brought down the total of excess reserves above legal requirements to \$13,363,750. 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 \$99,113,000 held by these banks on Saturday last. The bank statement will be found in greater detail in a subsequent section of the "Chronicle."

There were indications at the close of last week that the call money market at this centre would be higher again this week. The actual quotations from day to day fully justified predictions that such would be the case. Nearly all week the rates were sufficiently high to seem absolutely prohibitive to speculation in stocks. Strange to say the stock market ruled firm nevertheless and often was actually strong. There were brief periods during which the most active issues declined from a point or two to several points, but subsequent rallies were the rule. The market was spoken of as being almost altogether professional, but optimistic observers maintained that traders who were operating on the "short" side were selling to rich individuals and institutions and that, therefore, a day of reckoning for the traders was sure to come. In years gone by such rates as prevailed for call money this week would have brought about severe declines in stocks. Time money was even firmer than in previous weeks and it was generally reported that lenders demanded payment at maturity of time loans except in special cases and where small amounts were involved. Although the financial institutions appear to be carrying out the recommendations of the Federal Reserve Board with respect to restricting the making of so-called "non-essential" loans (whatever they may be, for no one in authority has carefully defined what they are), there appeared to be ample funds for the financing of the flotation of new securities. As for many months back, the issuing houses reported that they were very well taken. It is understood that one such firm which has recently offered two good sized issues sold nearly all of each in small lots, apparently to investors, the largest amount taken by any one individual being 15 bonds. As yet there appears to be little change in the general monetary situation. As we have frequently suggested in recent weeks, there cannot be much change without liquidation and without curtailment in lines

of activity other than those of Wall Street and other centres in which there are substantial operations in securities. The changes in the New York bank statement from week to week mean very little with respect to the monetary position of this country as a whole. At the moment it looks as though the extending of financial aid to Europe on a large scale was further removed than ever. If nothing is done along this line on a big scale, the absence of action should be a factor in the money market in more ways than one.

As to detailed money rates, loans on call this week covered a range of 7@20% for both mixed collateral loans and all-industrials, without differentiation, as against 6@8% a week ago. On Monday the high was 10%, the low 7% and this was also the renewal basis. Tuesday and Wednesday the range was 8@10%, with renewals negotiated on each day at 8%. A sharp advance was recorded on Thursday when the quotation shot up to 18%, while 10% was the minimum and ruling quotation. On Friday the maximum moved up to 20%, while the low was 12% and 12% for renewals. In time money the situation remains unchanged, and if anything funds were in even lighter supply, so that towards the end of the week rates were again advanced, with mixed collateral loans, nominally, at 8% bid, against 7@7½%, and all-industrial money at 8½@9%, against 8@8½% a week ago. At these figures, however, practically no business is being done and the market is at a complete standstill, with trading confined to a few renewals.

Mercantile paper has ruled quiet and featureless, with quotations still at 6% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character. Names not so well known still require 6@6¼%. Trading was light, with most of the large local and out of town institutions temporarily out of the market.

We give below the table of Federal Reserve discount rates as revised in accordance with the new schedule established during the past week. The table as we present it this week has been prepared for us by the Federal Reserve Board, which notes that the rates are practically uniform for all the banks except Dallas. Recommendations for rate changes are, it is stated, expected from the latter, and will be acted upon by the Federal Reserve Board without delay. The following are the prevailing rates for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks:

DISCOUNT RATES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT JANUARY 29 1920.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (including member banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' Acceptances discounted for member banks.	Trade Acceptances maturing within 90 days.	Agricultural and Warehouse paper maturing 91 to 180 days.
	Treasury certificates of indebtedness.	Liberty bonds and Victory notes.	Others secured and unsecured.			
Boston	4½	5½	6	5	6	6
New York...	4½	5½	6	5	6	6
Philadelphia.	4½	5½	6	5	6	6
Cleveland...	4½	5½	6	5	6	6
Richmond...	4½	5½	6	5	6	6
Atlanta.....	4½	5½	6	5	6	6
Chicago.....	4½	5½	6	5	6	6
St. Louis...	4½	5½	6	5	6	6
Minneapolis.	4½	5½	6	5	5½	6
Kansas City.	4½	5½	6	5	6	6
Dallas.....	4½	5	5	5	5	5½
San Francisco.	4½	5½	6	5	6	6

Note.—Rate on paper secured by War Finance Corporation bonds 1% higher than the rate on commercial paper shown in column 3 of figures above.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were slightly higher for the eligible bills, with the undertone exceptionally firm. Very little business is passing. According to most authorities, no improvement in

activity need be looked for under the present monetary stringency. Demand loans for bankers' acceptances continue to be quoted at 5%. Quotations in detail are as follows:

	Spot Delivery			Delivery 30 Days
	Ninety Days	Sixty Days	Thirty Days	
Eligible bills of member banks.....	5½ @ 5¾	5½ @ 5¾	5½ @ 5¾	6 bid
Eligible bills of non-member banks.....	5½ @ 5½	5½ @ 5½	5½ @ 5½	8 bid
Ineligible bills.....	6 @ 5½	6½ @ 6	6½ @ 5½	6 bid

Spectacular weakness has again been the outstanding feature of dealings in sterling exchange, and the week's operations resulted in a further loss of 11 cents in the pound, carrying the quotation for demand bills down to a new low record of 3 49, or below the 3.50 mark set by certain market observers some time ago as the probable limit for the downward movement. Cable transfers at one time touched 3.49¾ while bankers' sixty day bills were quoted at 3 46¼, with commercial long and short bills all proportionately affected. The improvement noted at the close of last week proved of brief duration, for with the resumption of business on Monday London banks re-entered the market as heavy sellers of sterling and as this was the signal for a fresh outpouring of commercial offerings by local interests, prices broke precipitately, inducing what at times approached a state of chaos in the foreign exchange market. Late in the week covering of speculative shorts brought about a partial recovery, though at the close prices again sagged and final quotations were not far from the lowest of the week. Bankers refuse to offer any opinions as to whether the bottom has at last been reached or whether a further depreciation in values must be looked for.

This latest collapse has caused some uneasiness and proven a source of considerable surprise to many who had held stoutly to the belief that further important recessions in rates were unlikely in view of the improvement in Great Britain's financial position, the passage of the Edge Act and the action of the War Finance Corporation in extending credits to finance exports of foodstuffs and other necessaries to the needier nations of Europe. International bankers and financiers when interviewed upon the subject showed a broad divergence of opinion, some maintaining that the loan contraction policy adopted by the Federal Reserve Board has brought about a sharp curtailment of the private commercial credits by means of which a large part of our export trade is being financed, thus forcing extensive selling of bills in the open market to cover the huge shipments of cotton and foodstuffs now going forward, while others hold the view that the immediate cause of the heavy break in sterling has been the unloading of securities in enormous volume on the London market by French interests eager to obtain sterling credits for the purpose of making remittance here in payment of American exports into France. Francs this week touched levels lower even than those recorded after the Franco-Prussian War, while sterling in Paris established a new low of 47.05, against a normal parity of 25.22½, and dollars were quoted at 13.37, against 5.18½, the pre-war par value. It is alleged that the publication of France's foreign trade figures for the first eleven months of 1919, showing a huge debit against that country, of over 19 billion francs, exercised a highly depressing influence on market sentiment there. In London a disposition has been shown in some circles to criticise the Government's inactivity in the matter of attempting

a restoration of exchange levels, although the overwhelming majority of opinion still appears to be that the true remedy for present conditions must be found in a curtailment of imports and a material increase of production. So far as can be learned, no further progress has been made regarding either the Edge Act or any other remedial measures for the stabilization of the exchange situation, and while some authorities believe it will be best to allow matters to re-adjust themselves naturally, many others feel that the time has come for official action of some sort, if a serious financial crisis in European affairs is to be avoided.

Referring to quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday of last week sustained another severe break and prices relapsed to 3 61½ @ 3 62¼ for demand, 3 62¼ @ 3 63 for cable transfers and 3 58¾ @ 3 59½ for sixty days; heavy selling of commercial bills against shipments of cotton and foodstuffs was mainly responsible for the renewed weakness. On Monday London banks again appeared in the market as sellers and prices were forced down to another new low record; demand broke to 3 59¼ @ 3 60¾ and sixty days 3 55½ @ 3 57. Further low records were registered on Tuesday and under heavy local selling pressure and lower quotations from abroad there was a new slump to 3 55 @ 3 57¼ for demand, 3 55¾ @ 3 58 for cable transfers and 3 52¼ @ 3 54½ for sixty days; an added adverse influence was the unfavorable political developments at Washington, presaging a continuation of the delay in settlement of the treaty controversy, and trading was nervous and spotty. Wednesday's market was irregular—declines being followed at intervals by partial rallies, though the net result of the day's operations was another loss of 3c., with demand down to 3 49¼ @ 3 53¼, cable transfers to 3 50 @ 3 54 and sixty days 3 46½ @ 3 50½. Covering of shorts brought about a slight rally on Thursday and prices recovered to 3 50½ @ 3 53 for demand, 3 51¼ @ 3 53¾ for cable transfers and 3 47¾ @ 3 50¼ for sixty days. Friday's market was quieter but irregular and again weak, with demand lower at 3 49 @ 3 50¾, cable transfers 3 49¾ @ 3 51½ and sixty days 3 46¼ @ 3 48. Closing quotations were 3 47¼ for sixty days, 3 50 for demand and 3 51½ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3 49¾, sixty days at 3 46¼, ninety days 3 44½, documents for payment (sixty days) 3 45¼ and seven-day grain bills 3 49. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3 49¾. Gold engagements this week were \$5,300,000 gold coin for shipment to South America, \$400,000 for Mexico and \$24,000 for Canada, a total of \$5,724,000. A consignment of gold amounting to \$3,000,000 arrived this week on the SS. Rotterdam, presumably from Rotterdam, and intended for the Guaranty Trust Co. of this city.

Conditions in the Continental exchanges have closely paralleled those prevailing in sterling and the week has been one of sensational and epoch-marking declines, bringing rates at nearly all of the former belligerent centres down to levels utterly without precedent in the annals of commercial history. German exchange again suffered severely, at one time declining to 1.01 for checks, which is a loss of 37 points from last week's extreme low and about 734 points from the level established with the resumption of business a few months ago. However, toward

the close of the week speculation in marks—a feature long absent—was resumed and transactions of from 1,000,000 to 5,000,000 marks in single lots were reported, with the result that final quotations showed recoveries of from 30 to 35 points. Austrian kronen continue to share in the downward movement but to a lesser extent. In this currency there was an additional loss of 2 points, bringing the rate to 00.29, with the final figure 00.33. Lire sagged off to the phenomenal figure of 15.62, a loss of 148 points for the week, while French francs broke to 13.37—131 points down. In the later dealings a more or less substantial rally took place, carrying quotations back from 3 to 15 points, though at the close fresh recessions were noted and lire finished at the lowest. In every case voluminous offerings of bills on a dull and inactive market were mainly responsible for the collapse in prices.

A feature which attracted some attention was the conspicuous weakness in Belgian francs which at one time broke to 14.02 for Antwerp checks. This is a net loss for the week of 190 points, and 73 points lower than the French franc. Inquiry in the financial district failed to reveal any tangible reason for the remarkable decline in this currency, since Belgium's position is concededly a favorable one. Notwithstanding the striking success of the Belgian loan, very little expectation is entertained by bankers here that other foreign loans on an important scale are likely to be attempted for some little time to come. Recent unfavorable developments in both the exchange and money markets are given as a sufficient reason for the checking of further operations in this direction. Some interest was shown in the announcement that negotiations undertaken some time previously for the extension of the financial and commercial agreement entered upon by the French Government and a committee of Spanish financiers last year have at last been successfully concluded and that under the new arrangement France is to obtain advances totaling 425,000,000 pesetas, which will be paid in monthly installments of 35,000,000, commencing with March next. In view of the unfavorable position of international exchange, it has been arranged that payments will not begin before March 1921. It is further stated that Spanish bankers are making preparations for an additional loan to France of 160,000,000 pesetas, while other new commercial credits are said to be pending.

The official London check rate in Paris closed at 46.28, comparing with 43.48 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 13.26, against 11.94; cable transfers 13.24, against 11.92; commercial sight at 13.33, against 11.97, and commercial sixty days at 13.35, against 12.05 last week. Belgian francs closed at 13.57 for checks and 13.55 for cable transfers, in comparison with 12.00 and 11.98 on Friday of the preceding week. The closing range for reichmarks was 1.18 for checks and 1.20 for cable remittances, as against 1.40 and 1.42 last week. Austrian kronen finished at 00.33 for checks and 00.35 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 00.35 and 00.37. Exchange on Czecho-Slovakia, which moved in sympathy with the other exchanges, registered sharp declines and closed at 1.40 for checks, against 1.65; Bucharest was weak also at 1.85, against 2.30; but Poland ruled firmer at 90, against 80, while Finland showed distinct strength, closing at 4.10, against 2.85. Closing quotations for lire were 15.62 for bankers' sight bills

and 15.60 for cable remittances. A week ago the close was 14.02 and 14.00.

In the neutral exchanges, although trading was at no time active, the trend was towards distinctly lower levels and heavy losses were registered in all currencies, excepting Dutch guilders and Swiss francs, which were both well maintained throughout. It is learned that the first Chamber of the Dutch Parliament has adopted the bill authorizing a forced loan of 450,000,000 florins, which passed the second Chamber Jan. 8. Scandinavian rates were again under pressure and fresh losses of from 75 to 85 points were sustained in remittances on Stockholm, Christiania and Copenhagen, carrying these currencies to new low levels. Spanish pesetas also ruled weak, with another new low point of 18.35 for checks.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam, after an advance to 39 $\frac{3}{8}$, reacted slightly and closed at 38 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 37 $\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers at 38 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 37 $\frac{5}{8}$; commercial sight bills at 38 1-16, against 37 5-16, and commercial sixty days at 37 11-16, against 37 1-16 on Friday of last week. Swiss francs, which were also strong and higher early in the week, lost ground, finishing at 5 69 for bankers' sight bills and 5 67 for cable transfers. A week ago the close was 5 55 and 5 53. Copenhagen checks closed at 15.95 and cable transfers 16.10, against 16.85 and 17.00. Checks on Sweden finished at 19.40 and cable transfers 19.50, against 20.30 and 20.45, while checks on Norway closed at 17.45 and cable transfers 17.60, against 18.50 and 18.65. Final quotations on Spanish pesetas were 18.25 for checks and 18.35 for cable remittances, in contrast with 18.50 and 18.65 the week previous.

As to South American quotations, very little change is noted, although actual rates were easier, with the check rate on Argentina at 43.00 and cable transfers 43.15, against 43.15 and 43.30 last week. For Brazil the rate for checks has not been changed from 27 $\frac{3}{8}$ and cable transfers 27.50. Chilean exchange is firmer, at 22.00, against 21.40, while Peru is now at 5.00@5.05, against 4.80@4.85.

Far Eastern rates are as follows: Hong Kong, 99@100, against 94@94 $\frac{1}{2}$; Shanghai, 163@163 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 159@160; Yokohama, 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ @51, against 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ @49 $\frac{3}{4}$; Manila, 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ @48, against 49 $\frac{1}{4}$ @49 $\frac{1}{2}$; Singapore, 47@49, against 50@50 $\frac{1}{4}$; Bombay, 43@43 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 42 $\frac{3}{4}$ @43, and Calcutta, 43@43 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 42 $\frac{3}{4}$ @43.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$5,895,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Jan. 30. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$9,442,000, while the shipments have reached \$3,547,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and the gold exports and imports, which together occasioned a loss of \$105,335,000, 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 \$99,440,000, as follows:

Week ending January 30.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$9,442,000	\$3,547,000	Gain \$5,895,000
Sub-Treasury and Fed. Reserve operations and gold exports and imports	10,073,000	124,405,000	Loss 105,335,000
Total	\$28,515,000	\$127,955,000	Loss \$99,440,000

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

Banks of—	Jan. 29 1920.			Jan. 30 1919.		
	Gold.	* Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	99,933,801	—	99,933,801	80,737,413	—	80,737,413
France	144,076,621	10,200,000	154,276,621	138,714,675	12,640,000	151,354,675
Germany	54,440,800	926,350	55,377,150	113,770,000	1,002,460	114,772,460
Russia	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000
Aus-Hun.	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	11,008,000	2,289,000	13,297,000
Spain	97,931,000	25,253,000	123,184,000	89,140,000	25,666,000	114,806,000
Italy	32,200,000	3,006,000	35,206,000	37,071,000	3,000,000	40,071,000
Netherl'ds.	52,657,000	647,000	53,304,000	57,033,000	728,000	57,761,000
Nat. Bel. b	10,657,000	1,078,000	11,735,000	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000
Switz'land.	20,678,000	3,261,000	23,939,000	16,542,000	2,429,000	18,971,000
Sweden	15,614,000	—	15,614,000	15,858,000	—	15,858,000
Denmark	12,605,000	184,000	12,789,000	10,812,000	135,000	10,947,000
Norway	8,138,000	—	8,138,000	6,720,000	—	6,720,000
Total week	689,534,222	59,304,350	748,838,572	721,436,088	60,864,460	782,300,548
Prev. week	636,389,283	59,441,000	695,830,283	719,271,992	60,820,460	780,092,452

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

* No figures reported since October 29 1917.

† Figures for 1918 are those given by "British Board of Trade Journal" for Dec. 7 1917.

‡ Figures for 1918 are those of August 6 1914.

THE "HERALD" AND THE "SUN."

Announcement that the New York "Herald," with its evening edition, the "Telegram," has been bought by Mr. Frank A. Munsey and will be amalgamated with the New York "Sun," also purchased by him a few years ago from its older owners, is a curious incident in the vicissitudes of daily journalism. It is more striking than many of such incidents, because of the fact that both these newspapers, whose individual identity is thus to disappear, have for more than a generation been closely associated with names and personalities which are among the traditions of the American press.

The mere fact of an amalgamation of two daily newspapers became a commonplace in America long ago—so long ago that the composite names which the amalgamated publications assumed have themselves in many cases become a journalistic tradition. The Louisville "Courier-Journal," the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat," the Memphis "News-Scimitar," the Chicago "Record-Herald," the Charleston "News & Courier," grew to be better known in some cases under their new double titles than the separate newspapers which were united into the one had been.

The fact that such amalgamations were so common proved that the idea of retaining a good part of one newspaper's reading constituency, even when it was absorbed into another newspaper, was not illusory. Yet the transaction was in some ways a curious one. There are no trade secrets in a successful daily newspaper. Its sales are not made possible through offering what it has at concessions in price or at prices below its competitors. Its readers are held to it only because they find in it what they want, and one might therefore imagine that the merging of one daily paper's identity into that of another would itself stand in the way of transfer of its clientele. The success of the successful amalgamations of the sort can be accounted for, perhaps, much as the purchase of one doctor's practice by another physician is explained. The seller has in such a transaction no power to transfer his patients; but the fact of the sale and of his own retirement from the field accomplishes at least two things—it removes a competitor, and it hands over to the purchaser that tangible asset known in the business world as "good will," which in point of fact exists in medical and publishing circles as actually as it does in trade and industry.

But the case of the "Herald" and the "Sun" is somewhat unusual. The elder Bennett, who founded the New York "Herald" in 1835 was a notable individuality. He was undoubtedly the pioneer of systematic news-gathering in the United States, and he pushed the systematic collecting of news as far as

was humanly possible in that day. The story, long current in newspaper circles, of his being flogged in the street by the indignant subject of a personal news item, and rushing instantly into the "Herald" office to write up and publish the account of the assault, is probably apocryphal; but it testifies to the belief of Bennett's contemporaries in his indomitable resolution to let no news escape his paper. Certainly it is true that during many decades the New York "Herald" was the American newspaper best known in the United States outside of New York, and in the world outside of the United States.

With all its occasional vagaries (older New Yorkers will remember its news story of the seventies, to the extent of two full newspaper pages, of the escape of the wild animals from Central Park) the "Herald" was also in its prime by far the greatest of all purveyors of cabled news from Europe. It was the younger Bennett and the "Herald" who conceived the idea of sending Stanley into Central Africa in search of Livingstone, and, who in collaboration with a London daily newspaper, paid the expenses of that celebrated journey.

The association of Charles A. Dana with the "Sun" won for that newspaper an equally lasting tradition in American journalism. Nothing could have contrasted more absolutely than did Dana's ideas and methods in journalism and those of Bennett, except for the single fact that both were determined to get all the news at whatever cost. To the elder Bennett a newspaper editorial was a rather superfluous part of the daily newspaper; to Dana it was the heart of the whole enterprise. Whereas, with the "Herald" of those days, the guiding spirit of the publication had its place in the news columns, extending only incidentally from there to the editorial page, with the "Sun" of Dana's day the criterion of trenchant, picturesque and brilliant writing emanated from the editorial page as a centre, spreading thence to the columns of news and correspondence. The whole machinery of the newspaper was governed by the personality of the forceful writer who was its editor-in-chief.

Both newspapers fell upon other days, and had the hardship of outliving much of their former prestige. Yet their traditions continued to surround each of them, and that is what gives point to the New Yorker's curiosity as to just what will be the outcome of Mr. Munsey's amalgamation of them. From at least one point of view, it might be said that the combination of two newspapers into one (or in this case of four into two, since each has had an evening edition) is not an unnatural recognition of the economic conditions of daily journalism. The immense expense of the newspaper business at the present day; the constant shortage of the very paper on which the newspapers are printed; the limitations of profit, in these times of rising cost for salaries and materials, in an enterprise which can make no great increase in its own price—these might be said to warrant, at least in theory, mergers or amalgamations, as the economic solution, when circumstances favor.

THE OUTCOME OF THE LONG DEBATE.

Quite apart from what may be the final form of the decision of the Senate upon the Peace Treaty, or what may prove to be the actual working of the League of Nations, certain definite and wide-reaching results have been attained.

Thus far attention has been fixed upon the harm that has been done by the long delay. It has often seemed a personal controversy rather than a debate in the interest of truth. Passion has been aroused, unworthy motives have been charged, our fair fame has certainly suffered much in the eyes of the world and the people have become thoroughly tired of the whole affair. Any decision that would have permitted the proclamation of peace at the end of the year and allowed the country to resume its normal life, would have been heartily welcomed by a much-bewildered and a good deal disgusted and not a little humiliated public.

Nevertheless, after the American fashion, a valuable educational process has gone on and much has been learned that has permanent value. It is quite worth while to attempt to call attention to some of this that may not be at once recognized.

For instance, the doctrine of the supreme authority of the State which has been the basis of the entire German development of the last half century and which had come to be largely accepted in other lands, and made the substance of some academic teaching has been thoroughly discredited, if not entirely repudiated. Power has passed into the hands of the people, and the heads of the Government, however they may be created, or by whatever name they may be known, must henceforth give account of themselves to the people whom they represent rather than govern. The way in which the most weighty decisions of the President of the United States in lines that were supposed to be in full accord with the desires of the people, were carefully reviewed and sharply antagonized and submitted to thorough revision, until the country through its chosen representatives could be assured that they expressed exactly the wishes of the citizens, cannot fail to have wide effect in Europe. No Kaiser, however self-important, can hereafter announce himself as the vicegerent of God with any hope of being so accepted.

On the other hand no State, however marked its individuality, or however great its power and wealth, or ancient its history, can be judged as if it were a personality. For example, it can have no religion. It may be a Mahomedan or a Buddhist or a Christian State according as its inhabitants are predominantly one or the other, but the State, as not a person, has no religion, and it is coming to be universally recognized that it cannot rightly enforce any religious tenets, or in fact be held obedient to any moral code. Its leaders may, and must, be so judged but not the State. The State is a creation of its inhabitants, who, obedient to an inherent universal instinct, have organized themselves in what we know as human society, with all its varied institutions for their common protection and advancement. Without this aid man would promptly relapse into savagery. The State therefore may be regarded as in the plan of God an agency or implement for making possible the existence on earth of all races and peoples, each free to develop according to its special needs.

As a matter of fact "the State" does not exist, any more than does "the Church" as the Christian Commonwealth. Individual States exist, as do individual Christian groups organized as churches. They are each representative of the people who compose them, and will disappear when they pass on into the larger relation. The State will merge,

with the Church, into the kingdom of the redeemed. What, then, is the particular State to which we as citizens belong? It is primarily a trustee. It is called into being to secure a continuous existence for what a given community has learned to value as its peculiar inheritance and possession, all that is most worth preserving in its labors, its experiences, its products, its affections, its memories and its traditions. These constitute the precious legacy passed on from generation to generation. To this trust the State must be true. It cannot be abandoned, it cannot be refused.

Individuals may do what they will with their own. Not so a trustee. The one test for him is protection at any price of the interest of the heirs. The inheritance must be defended against all comers. The welfare of the wards of the trust, the coming children of the nation, is the supreme function. That welfare includes, of course, the well-being, the preservation and the development of their entire inheritance, mental, moral, spiritual, no less than material; for the State is in the largest sense the servant of God.

Because the relation is a fiduciary one, the State has no right to create new and unrecognized obligations for its wards. It can move only so far and so fast as its creators, the citizens, are at any given time prepared to go. It can develop the trust, it may not introduce strange elements. Its function will always lie in opening the eyes and the minds of its people to what is contained within it. In this way, in recognizing the germinant properties of the trust, every rightly organized community shows progress; it advances in the attainment of its higher self.

This explains why the advance of humanity has been so slow. The State cannot enforce civilization upon its own citizens or upon others. For eleven hundred years, from the first Constantine to the last, the Christian Empire was as despotic as the pagan. In the French Revolution the free-will of the individual was subjected to the unbridled power of the State. Though "the Puritan story is the story of the slow but noble triumph of all that is finest in the English temper," it would be as unreasonable to speak of the Puritans of the 17th century as "democratic" as it would be to class them as Prohibitionists or "woman suffragists." The thing was unknown in any such sense as it is to-day. John Cotton said in 1644 that democracy was "the meanest and the worst of all forms of government." He meant by it mob rule, or at best the rule of the ignorant.

The discussion in the Senate, whether this was intended or not, has made it clear that the State is bound to exercise its trust in relation to other and similar trusts, that is, to other States. As the contents of the national trusts together compose the sum of humanity's social possessions, no State can canton itself off or withdraw from mutual obligations. The world is one. In defending its own trust each State is bound to do its part in protecting other States, for it holds something in trust for them as they do for it, in the common stock of human well-being. Here lies true internationalism. Any State that attempts to capture another's inheritance can only succeed by destroying in greater or lesser degree what is the peculiar possession of that other people. It becomes so far the *tyrannis*, the destroyer of the life of a people.

However the particular question be decided to-day, in one form or another a League of Nations becomes inevitable at that stage of human development when

men discover that no man lives to himself, and when no right-minded man will choose to live by the destruction of others.

We are to-day much nearer than we were a short while ago to seeing that "the surrender of the sovereignty" of a great State is, like the assumption of the marriage tie, entry into a higher and more fruitful relation, one that cannot be avoided without blighting the future of the race. This is the responsibility which the Senate of the United States faces to-day, and which cannot be shifted or escaped.

THE SOLUTION OF THE RAILROAD PROBLEM —FAITH IN THE PEOPLE.

The conferees of the two Houses of Congress on the Railroad Bill are still at loggerheads and daylight on the railroad problem, for which the whole community is yearning, seems as far off as ever. To-day is the last day of January, and thus one of the two months before the proclaimed date of return of these ravished and partly-ruined properties to their owners has slipped off, day by day, while the interminable controversy that has been going on for more than a full year has continued to claim prominence before men's eyes and apparently in their conversation and thoughts. But are we not ourselves to blame for the way things continue to drag in face of an urgent need? We have bled the roads, in the name of regulation; we have consented to and abetted increase of their expenses; we have permitted a long line of surrenders to the employees, in the name and for the sake of peace when "there is no peace"; we have acted as if our only concern was to have trains run and as if some undiscoverable monopolists who own them would be forced to operate under any conditions. We, the American people, have made our own troubles in the work of transportation. Calling for a little more sleep, a little more slumber, we have refused to be disturbed by questions we lazily chose to consider lay "between the roads" and the men; we have drifted, have yielded vicariously, have dodged, and have gone on drifting.

We must accept the situation we have permitted. The roads were weakened by maltreatment, and we looked on idly. They were seized, needlessly and unhappily, and we consented. They have been further bled under the seizure, and we have permitted that. Now we must lie in the bed we have made. The difficulties of the situation are as undeniable as the gravity of it. No sound mind can underrate either, or confidently produce a scheme which will not involve both problems and sacrifices. We must face and address ourselves to both. We must take the most just and wisest line, at no matter what present burden, since strict honesty and broad treatment will in the long run prove the most progressive and the least burdensome. On the financial side of the subject, Vice-President Sisson of the Guaranty Trust said justly on Monday night that the really vital question is "not what the railroads are entitled to, but what the public is entitled to," by which we assume him to mean that the public owns the roads and when the public acts best for itself it will act best for its properties. The roads, he said, "must be allowed to earn enough to provide" the adequate service which is essential to the continued prosperity of the country. At every standpoint we are brought back to the question of rates, he said, and the chief danger is in failure of the public to so measure the subject as to prevent "a solution in whole or in part

opposed to the general welfare to be worked out under the pressure of selfish interests." Our roads, he added, "should be taken out of the field of exploitation into that of sound economics; they present a business problem to a business people."

The roads must come out of depletion first, and then they must grow. They must be supported, clumsily and wastefully, by taxation, or by private capital, and that is conditioned on restoration of credit; no problem of mathematics could be plainer or more immovable. This is our own remark, not Mr. Sisson's, although we deem it in accord with his.

The "selfish interests" are so loud and so aggressive that they leave no doubt of their identity. The Plumb plan itself lies lurking, scotched but not quite killed, since it was not met by the blast of public indignation which should have shriveled it. The brotherhoods do not want the roads returned; they were bold enough to tell us they would not permit return, they still hope to interpose another term of delay, and now they are reported as ready to make another push for "higher wages and a final adjustment of working conditions before March 1."

There is something both pathetic and encouraging in the appeal of Senator Cummins to the Bar on Wednesday night, to "pray for us every night," if his listeners have any faith in the divine guidance. "We need every spiritual guidance the people of the United States can obtain (said he) and even then we may not come to the right path." The encouragement is in the recognition of the serious difficulties in the problem, in the sense of human fallibility, and in the desire to find the right path. If history teaches anything, it is that this attitude of seeking is the surest warrant of finding, and nothing is so needed now as that the American people recognize the problem as their own and seek the right path in the only direction which leads towards it, the direction of combined economic sense and the sense of honor.

Perhaps it may help the Senator to caution him against being too sure that the real problem is "in the impossibility of giving some roads enough without giving others too much." It is not quite a question of "giving," and although inequalities of profit are a bugbear of to-day they are a part of life and will last as long as merit and service are not uniform. On the financial side of the problem of returning the roads, it is wise not to overstress a lack of uniformity which prevails in everything else.

On the other part of the problem, dealing with labor, this is a campaign year, and it would be a barren counsel of perfection to say that the deep importance of the next nine months should not be taken into account; legislators will balance this in their calculations, not only because they are human but because to take no thought about it would not be duty. Yet (as the second piece of counsel) beware of yielding too much for the labor vote. To start with, that vote always trades upon its solidity, but there is no satisfactory evidence that the solidity exists as claimed; even in strikes, where individual conduct cannot be concealed and independence is held a punishable offense, there is almost invariably some of it in desire and often some in action, defying the orders from the centre; when men act individually, as in the voting booth, it would be foolish to believe the assertion that they will all obey orders.

In the next place, even if the railway unions do stand together as one and are able to keep the mighty Gompers as their ally (or, as he would put it, to keep

themselves as his) the number of them all is greatly overrated; it is the leaders' cue to have it so. At the most, organized labor is only a small fraction of the voting population. Further, a vote is only one, arithmetically, and a thousand tied in a bunch and virtually cast by a central boss are no more in the count than any other thousand cast for one ticket; organization may be over-feared. Our campaigns have given many surprises, when vociferation and parades and preliminary canvasses and positive declarations and even the trend of the betting have determined it all in advance and then the silent vote has turned the scale another way.

Recall that epigram of Chief Stone of the Engineers' brotherhood, that "receivers' cash is as good as any." He has never disavowed it, yet he should have publicly professed repentance long ago, for in its brutal disregard of everything but self it might have been uttered by Robert Kidd. Apathetic though we still seem, is it not possible that the American people hold another view of receivers' cash and have had enough of the selfishness which would clutch everything in sight and cares not what befalls the rest, a selfishness too blind to even see that it would destroy its own sources of sustenance too? If we have really lost our sense of cause and effect as well as our sense of honor, we might better go the full length without struggle, and take the Reds as our leaders instead of deporting them.

Excessive caution is sometimes the sure warrant of defeat, and the courage which believes and dares may be the warrant of triumph. So the best counsel for Senator Cummins and the others who really seek the right path is to seek it sincerely and not have too much fear of consequences. Do not mistake noise for strength, or even for numbers. Have faith in the substantial qualities of the American people, although they are slow in manifesting them. Do not be sure the people are not thinking quietly and rightly, although only the blatherskites and the brazenly selfish are talking. Have courage to take the line of wisdom and honor, and to believe that the right path must lead to the right place.

THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND THE FARMERS.

In a more reasonable manner than Chairman Colver adopts for the same purpose, Mr. Thompson of the Federal Trade Commission attempts to explain and justify that body. Speaking on Monday to the Inter-Mountain Farmers' Association in Denver, he paid a brief tribute to the value and the personal attractiveness of cultivating the soil, and said that numbers in farming do not alone suffice to assure a country's safety; "farmers must also be informed, they will be so considered when they have a knowledge of their government." So he undertook to show how the Commission helps farmers, in that it "deals daily with the subject of distribution and distribution affects costs." In a figure of speech, he told the farmers that the Commission "sees the world of business as a great river of trade" (which it surely is) and the part of the Commission "is to keep that river free from obstructions such as will tend towards monopoly." At one time, this figurative stream "freezes up, that is the time of unproductiveness;" in the flood period "over-production predominates and the channel must be cleared or the banks will be submerged . . . it is for removing this work and

the removing of the snags and sandbars in the streams of trade that the Commission was created."

In buying farm machinery, for instance, "if the channel has not been kept free the cost will be greater to you," he tells the farmers, and if they cannot move their crops "there is some obstruction to be cleared," unless there is some abnormal condition such as tremendous crops abroad. So, after this appeal to class self-interest, he proceeds to quite plausibly explain how the Commission is at once a channel-clearer and a smoother of all the roads of distribution. It is an umpire, and as such of course cannot "inflict penalties for every infraction of the rules." Only real menace to the public interest can be considered in unfair practices; "it is the difficulty of determining when the public is affected that causes the members of the Commission to stay up nights."

Mr. Thompson repeats the Commission delusion (expressed in a bill already mentioned) that "there are many who would like to see a governmental institution that will become their father confessor, their physician, their advising counsel, and their protector;" but he thinks many industries now begin to understand the wise and kindly purpose better, and so he wants to explain how the scheme works. He discovers as one of its greatest obstacles the complete monopoly given for a term of years by our patent laws, and it is quite true that all the outcry against monopoly has not yet been able to raise an appreciable demand for a material change in this one exceptional scheme, authorized originally in the constitution itself, on the belief that monopoly may sometimes be of net public advantage.

A few rare men are born pioneers and discoverers; no patent scheme can unduly reward them, and the lack of any would not prevent them; outside of those and their work an improvement perfected to-day by A might have been perfected next week by B, so that mere priority in date is not necessarily such an overwhelming merit as to leave B without some just deserts. Yet priority is the only available rule, and the monopoly must be complete or the stimulus would be lessened. So there is no moral wrong (although Mr. Thompson seems to see some) in threatening or bringing infringement suits, or in suing many individual infringers, or in suing in a number of jurisdictions, or in using every vantage which law practice admits.

Mr. Thompson quotes the chairman of the legislative committee of the Inventors' Guild as saying that "it is well known that modern trade combinations tend strongly towards constancy of processes and products and by their very nature are opposed to new processes and new products originated by independent inventors . . . and consequently tend to discourage independent inventive thought." This seems too broad a generalization, yet it is true that when a producer gets control of a patent on an improvement in his line he will treat it, as he treats any other property, according to his view of his own probable advantage. Withholding a patent from use may be for the present advantage of the owner and not for the present advantage of the public; in this there may be a present public loss, and the question which Mr. Thompson raises is a fair one (on which he perceives no doubt) whether this country ought not to follow England in requiring a patent owner to either work the patent within a reasonable term, satisfactorily show that this cannot be done, or stand aside and allow others to work it. It is not

certain but that the present absolute right "to make, use, and vend" ought to be qualified by limiting further the term during which this right is both exclusive and optional. It is a question of the net public welfare, and of nothing else.

Mr. Thompson refers anew to the trade in worthless securities and advocates "a Blue Sky law, properly drawn, and wisely administered," applying alike to all associations or corporations. It should require filing information, "it must be in action as nearly automatic as possible and must relieve the public official who administers it of discretionary powers." The bill of Congressman Taylor of Colorado can be amended, he thinks, to meet these requirements.

Has it occurred to Mr. Thompson and Mr. Colver, we wonder, to ask themselves why explaining and justifying the Commission to which they belong appears necessary of late; is it that signs of public weariness appear? Apology seems to be Mr. Colver's part particularly, and whenever he thinks of the packing business he sees red and cannot contain himself; from Mr. Thompson we might expect better, arguing from his address in December to the life insurance men. In all he said to the farmers about "distribution" he is entirely right, for, except that the farmer comes nearest to being able to subsist independently of others after a fashion, nobody has larger concern than he in transportation. So we regret that Mr. Thompson failed to see and use an opportunity by appealing to the farmers, alike on the score of self-interest and real justice, to understand the plight of the railroads and come unmistakably to their rescue. He might have warned them against all attempt to attach them to the Brotherhoods and to the Plumb plan of piracy. He might have warned them against all sectional and "class" appeals and divisions. He might have cautioned them against being influenced by or even giving heed to the current oratory against "capital," and if he had woven in some sensible observations on the blind arrogance of labor in these trying times he would have touched a responsive chord.

May we remind him that although lost opportunities never return, new ones can always be discovered by keeping watch for them?

THE HERCULEAN TASK OF RIGHTING ALL THE WRONGS.

In a recent article a "practical" man, mentioned as a Presidential possibility, stresses the political duty of preserving in the United States the "equality of opportunity." In his view of economics this is a fundamental of our industrial progress. Each man must have his *chance*, in a fair and open field. Strangely enough, if we turn these words around we obtain an expression of what many regard as the "new movement," namely, "the opportunity of equality." Each man must have his *share*, and industry, society, or government must give it to him. The contrast is complete. And as we range from one extreme to the other we cover the entire field of politico-economic discussion. If it were possible to give to each man actual equality of opportunity, perfection must still wait on the man. On the other hand if it were possible to give to each man the opportunity of equality, perfection must presuppose the capacity of natural environment, to satisfy human desire and its susceptibility to equal division by some power outside of man, and independent of his will and wish.

As a people, then, we are not prepared now to usher in the Millenium. Why we seemingly attempt it in theory, in the confusion of the wake of a world-war, ought of itself to give us pause. Often we say "oh!—there are so many ways of looking at things." And, sometimes, we think if we could all "see alike," every difficulty would vanish. But do we give due weight to the fact that these "things" are infinite in variety? We teach our children that old golden maxim: "Where there's a will there's a way." But is there a way? In our conscious, or it may be unconscious, egotism do we really consider both sides of this herculean task we have set for ourselves (at what many must believe an inopportune time) of righting all the wrongs? It is our purpose here, if we can, to sketch in, broadly, a few of the conditions and causes we overlook. But before we do so we would suggest that if there is a spiritual and a material world in which we live, it may be possible to mould the spiritual, much easier and to more purpose, than to change the material.

Let us go directly to the centre of "things"—the relations of labor and capital, so-called. We would have harmony between the two in effort, and unity in purpose. And to the end that results shall be equally divided. Here enter, shall we say, a thousand theories. We divide human effort into these categories: Production, distribution and consumption. Again we seem almost to cover the whole by agriculture, manufacture, transportation. Now the end is—equality in all things for every man—a child born into the world entitled (though there are, perhaps, to be no titles) to an equal share of all that is and is to be. And we proceed to theorize, discuss, and even legislate, accordingly. Now is it not plain that before such harmonious relations as desired (and as are in fact imperative) between production, distribution and consumption can exist, neither must make a greater call on the sum of human effort than the other? Not only must the total population be perfectly adjusted to these three divisions, but the divisions must be perfectly (equally) adjusted to each other.

Now, while perfection does not exist on earth, the *functioning* of these divisions of effort or "labor," (labor in this analysis being inclusive of stored-up labor or capital) compels them to assume certain relations which we term "natural." They pull and push each other (the cog in one wheel pressing on the cog in another and turning it)—the mainspring being what you will, need or acquisition; and the motive likewise, either sustenance, power, or pleasure. The result is a form of equilibrium, a condition of life, a civilization. It is, as far as the individual is concerned, the "equality of opportunity," every man (if free) having his chance. It is not the opportunity of equality—and never can be, while liberty lives and progress obtains. But in tearing this mechanism apart and putting it together again we are apt to become the tinker who leaves a wheel out. And it must also be true that when we attack this continuing process of advancing life with social theory and artificial law (not conformable but arbitrary) we tend to destroy whatever of equilibrium already naturally exists.

Look at some of the conditions to be overcome. We will suppose equality of ability, energy and intent already existent in the individual man. Production must be made to fit itself exactly, in all lines, to consumption and trade. Distribution must serve

equally well both consumption and production. And consumption, dependent as it is on production and distribution, must not require of either more than its share, and must pull upon all kinds of effort with an exact and proportionate power. And all this in a changing population in process of development. What do we discover? A vast agriculture in an alluvial interior valley—a huge manufacture on the narrow fringe of the Atlantic seaboard—*gradually stretching northwestward across the Alleghenies* in a natural endeavor to avoid waste and supply at the least cost the most of human need. Wages, being the result of the functioning of labor (including stored-up) cannot inure equally or even equably to either the division of industry or to the individual consumer, until the process of development is complete, and waste in effort is eliminated.

In current discussion of the proper relations of labor and capital, in an endeavor to find a means of equable distribution of the proceeds by theoretical, arbitrary, artificial, wage-scales, price-fixing and profit-sharing, we utterly ignore the tremendous factor of *the distribution of population*. We ignore the law of "diminishing returns," whether it be the relation of the machine to the man or the man to the acre. We have congested manufacture in one portion of a given territory (over which political government extends, constituting a nation) and wasteful though as yet expansive agriculture in another. Transportation (the chain between the two) extending irregularly under the unifying demands of both, not yet adequately fitted to either.

Consider our great cities—New York City, if you will. Can there be any doubt that they are a heavy tax upon human effort—that they do not *pay their way* in that sum total of necessary production proportioned to the whole population. How much of the effort of this six millions goes into manufacture which actually (or potentially) exchanges equably with agriculture, and how much is wasted (as to the whole) by the necessity of serving each other in wasteful or non-productive ways? It is true cities of size pay a large part of taxation—but even this only renders them less proportionately productive, within the sense of our present meaning. Yet a few thousand longshoremen on the dividing line between domestic and foreign trade by means of unions undertake arbitrarily in an imaginary scheme of "right relations" to fix a "living wage"—regardless of all the laws of push and pull imbedded in and operating through all processes and progression in the whole of industry!

If now these are factors in the finality we term civilization (our established relations whatever they may be) is it not apparent first, that artificial regulation, direction or control of any small part, without first redistributing population and relating it proportionately and perfectly to need (sustenance), environment (means), and progress (continuous operation) is merely introducing a factitious element that *retards and disorders whatever of equable relations (justice) may exist under the natural law*, which operates because it is written in the constitution of things, and discloses the divine purpose that "all things work together for good?"

Further, is it not apparent that all efforts, experimental either of society or government, to bring suddenly into existence the Millennial opportunity of equality, are against the operation of the equality of opportunity—(man in his effort to climb a ropeladder

he himself throws into the air, only crawling into a hole and pulling the hole after him)? The parts (crafts) are now at war with the whole (one "big union"). But labor (active and stored-up), is unrelated (not fitted) to either population or environment, but is in *process of adjustment by natural development*. Talk about an international sanhedrin, sitting at Geneva or Brussels, or in the skies for that matter, pronouncing perfection on "human relations" and "better living conditions," for humanity as a whole, is about as bombastic and vain as asking God why He made man and the earth, "anyway."

Owlish adepts of modern reform, sublimated visionaries of world-unity and world-democracy, legerdemain leaders of laborers who don't want to work, call it *reaction* to believe that any natural law exists that is worthy of respect. They seem to scorn the very uplift they preach, the divine purpose running through creation giving man *dominion* by adjusting himself to the beneficenses of his endowment. They start from perfection (of their own conjuring) and work backward and downward. They can grow a mango tree in a minute, in the arid sands of their own thought. Strangers to the philosophy of poise, analysis, judgment, the crystal-gazers of collective bargaining, they can anticipate a hundred years of future industrial growth by a single "strike." Of what use to talk of a final possible equilibrium between factory and farm (when they shall feed each other without conflict or waste) the All-American Labor-Farmer Union will do the trick *now* and save time. The industrial Hercules is on the job. The only changeless thing in a changing world is the inordinate egotism of the man who was born to set the world right, and do it before he dies.

THE ELEMENT OF ETHICS IN ECONOMICS.

Writing of a new edition of "The Little Flowers of St. Francis," which has recently appeared from the house of Dutton & Co., Archbishop Hayes of New York says:

"If America were to grow in spiritual power in proportion to her material and educational development, the supremacy of the American ideal in government and the salvation of American institutions would be guaranteed."

The Archbishop finds a partial parallel between the times when this good man worked and wrought and our own. "Then as now," he writes, "civilization was strangely stirred. A world impulse with broader, deeper and larger ambitions gripped the souls of men. . . . A new independence seemed to dawn on mankind. Feudalism came to an end and serfdom was passing forever. Magna Charta was signed in 1215 by King John in the presence of the mitred Langton and of many barons who had seen service in the crusades. Parliament convened regularly and the plain people began to send their own representatives to sit therein. The great digest of the English common law by Brocton appeared, the basis of jurisprudence in English-speaking countries ever since. Charters of basic liberties were granted in France by King (Saint) Louis IX., and in Spain by King (Saint) Ferdinand III. . . ." It was at this time, seven hundred years ago, there came "the living portrayal of humility, poverty and simplicity in Francis," whom the Archbishop tenderly describes: "Francis builds a little hut; rings sweet-toned bells to call men to heavenly things; preaches to the flowers, birds, and fishes; sees in the sun, the moon,

and stars his brothers, and finds 'sermons in stones and good in everything.' . . . True child of nature and of grace."

When we seek to uncover this "parallel," on our own part, we may summon a hope but we do not reach a conviction. It is true that a crusade for humanity has been carried overseas to triumph. It may be that there are dawning new visions of human liberty, but we find them obscured and confused. And it may be there is on the horizon a spiritual awakening. But where is the leader who preaches the uplifting power and the "sweet reasonableness" of "humility, poverty and simplicity"? We know that one division (of many denominations) of the Church which follows the lowly Nazarene, is preparing to put forth a great effort to redeem the world—this new world that lives in so many minds. But do we find a St. Francis at the head of it?—rather we find a mighty effort put forth to raise an enormous fund to carry on the work and a sort of unionization of sects for power. We do not say this deprecatingly. Concerted movements of this kind are freighted with much good, and without ample financial means they could not be carried to success. But are we not in danger of becoming the slaves of unionization?—we do not depend upon the shining spirit of the single-handed Clerical St. Francis to "draw all men," but we seemingly plan for a new war, not the coercion of force, but the coercion of opinion. Yet there is in these words "humility, poverty and simplicity" a lesson in ethics which, we believe, may be made applicable to our economics, and show us the way.

Let us plunge boldly into this subject by using the "profiteer" as in illustration. Has the individual any ethical relation to our industrialism? We say, of course, he has—especially if he be an employer—in this event he must be "humane," must consider employees as men not machines—or further must not make a commodity of labor, and must grant better "living conditions." If on the other hand we likewise say he must be willing to earn his wages, must consider the fortunes of the plant, must be willing to come in touch with the employer in "man to man" fashion. And if he be of that clerical, professional or agricultural class, who is "consumer," then he must be willing to buy for economy's sake, and to live frugally, exercising thrift. What then—society, government, craft, as factors to control industrial relations and compel "equality"—a hundred and one schemes—but practically every one of them depending upon some form of "unionization" and the use of large amounts of money. Yet if *every man* were to heed the spiritual call of his own soul to adopt the life of St. Francis, how many of these economic ills would disappear!

We do not mean literally—but spiritually. We know already what we ought to do to be "humane." Conscience is not dead in man. If God and the Church were blotted out we would still know how mean a man is who overcharges a mother for milk for her sick babe. We do not need any union to tell an employee he ought to look out for the interest of his employer. And if exorbitant wages are a part of the high cost of living we know at which door to lay the complaint. The trouble is we say: "Everybody is doing it." We believe we must advance price to "hold our own," and there is a modicum of the truth of necessity in this. We are perhaps fearful of taxing power on the part of governments, even more fearful of the proletariat and his Soviets, syndi-

calism and communism, so we spend to-day, for tomorrow property may die. But do we need a Christ or a St. Francis to tell us that if we were all patriotically bent on the sacrifice to "humility, poverty and simplicity" our inequalities, ills, quarrels, and troubles would largely disappear. And those who see and will not heed cannot escape a share of responsibility if any child walks barefoot in these winter snows.

The problem of industry cannot escape its individualistic character. But the man must be regenerated. He must so live that others seeing will follow. He must not wait for the other fellow to do, he must do himself. Here is the opportunity for a spiritual enthusiasm that would sweep the world to peace, prosperity, and plenty. If it is a dream, so is world-democracy a dream. We are too willing to shirk personal responsibility. And this is one accompanying fault of representative systems and governments. The representative feels called upon to gain some advantage for his constituency and to sacrifice no interest or right. And in this he may not be blamed—but the true responsibility is but the more thrown back on the individual. Is it not true, that we do not need a "high level" more, or as much as, a "low level"? If a wave of spiritual effort to put down prices were to grip the people of this country, every man doing his part, would they not come down, despite profiteer, unionization, or governmental endeavor?

Yet we have learned discussion over the influence of money, of strikes, of profiteering, of government debt and waste, of personal extravagance and riotous living. If as alleged production as a whole is within ten per cent of normal now, a general sacrifice upon the part of one hundred millions of ten per cent would make plenty for all. But we leave this to the Church to institute, or to the government to induce or compel. Nothing however can stand against the condemnation of public opinion—nothing can withstand the slow irresistible power of many in and through and by means of the one. "Simplicity"—it is not only beautiful but powerful. "Poverty," it is not only chastening and inspiring, but it is soul-awakening—not the actual poverty of want and lack of commercial power—but the poverty of false standards, selfish aims and fruitless endeavors. "Humility," not the cringing before place or potentate, but the lowly living that is willing to do its best in its local field and does not yearn to be a hero of the world.

SECRETARY OF TREASURY GLASS ON FUNDING OF LOANS TO EUROPE.

On Jan. 28 when Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass appeared before the House Ways and Means Committee to present President Wilson's appeal in behalf of the starving peoples of Austria, Poland and Armenia, discussion was had relative to the principal and interest of the \$10,000,000,000 loaned by the United States to the Allies. Secretary Glass is reported as stating that he thought the Treasury had authority to fund the loans and interest, but added that, if the Committee doubted this, it should recommend that Congress confer the authority. He said an elastic policy as to the collection of the interest and principal was necessary, because some European countries might be able to meet their obligations sooner than others. In stating on Jan. 24 that a virtual agreement had been reached by the House Ways and Means Committee to give the Secretary of the Treasury a free hand in funding the interest on the war loans of the United States to foreign nations, the New York "Sun" in Washington advices also said:

The committee is a unit in approving the stand taken by Secretary Glass that the Allies should not be compelled to meet the interest payments on the loans which amount to \$450,000,000 annually, but that this should be funded by the Treasury until Europe is back on its feet again, representative Fordney (Mich.), chairman of the committee, announced to-day.

CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE RECORD OF PRICES FOR 1919

Continuing the practice begun by us fifteen years ago, we furnish below a record of the highest and lowest prices for each month of 1919 for all the leading stocks and bonds dealt in on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

For record of previous years, see "Chronicle" of Feb. 1 1919, page 416; Jan. 26 1918, page 333; Feb. 3 1917, page 399; Jan. 29 1916, page 380; Jan. 30 1915, page 349; Jan. 31 1914, page 347; Jan. 25 1913, page 244; Jan. 27 1912, page 256; Jan. 28 1911, page 234; Jan. 29 1910, page 276; Feb. 6 1909, page 348; Jan. 25 1908, page 205; Jan. 19 1907, page 138; Jan. 20 1906, page 135, and Jan. 21 1905, page 198.

Table with columns for months (January-December) and sub-columns for Low and High prices. Rows include various bonds (Railroad and Miscellaneous) and stocks (Railroad and Miscellaneous). Includes a note: (*) No par value.

CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE RECORD OF PRICES FOR 1919—Concluded.

Table with columns for months (January-December) and stock categories. Rows include Kansas City Light & Power, National Biscuit, Quaker Oats, etc.

THE CORPORATION BOND MARKET IN CHICAGO DURING 1919.

[By A. C. ALLYN, Vice-President Elston & Co.]

Nineteen-Nineteen has seen an extremely rapid development of the Chicago market, which is beginning to take its place among the large financial centres as an extremely important factor in the financial business.

Original issues have not been confined, so far as this market is concerned, to any group or groups of financial houses. Practically every house of issue on the Street has been well supplied and kept busy in taking care of the financial interests and refinancing plans of our Middle West industries.

This year has seen a material improvement in the financial condition and in the earnings of the various public utility issues popular in this market during the past ten years.

isting in 1917 and 1918, the companies are rapidly returning to more normal conditions. While some of the transportation companies are still in difficulties, on the whole 1919 has seen a decided improvement in the public utility situation.

The most noticeable development in the investment business in the past year has come in industrial financing. Chicago has never before seen as active and as broad an interest in issues of this character as existed during the year past.

The year 1919 has seen the very rapid development of industrial preferred stock financing, and the demand for financing of this character among industrial companies has assumed enormous proportions.

out on a much more conservative basis and with greater safeguards to the investor than was customary or thought necessary during former periods of industrial financing when preferred stocks were popular. It is certain that the industrial preferred stocks put out during the year 1919, as a class, will well withstand any financial depression which may come when the readjustment period arrives. Whereas, in former years, when securities of this character were popular, it was customary to put out preferred stocks with asset values only slightly in excess of the par amount of preferred securities, very few preferred stock issues have been put out in the market we have been through which have not shown materially better than 200% of assets and have not shown a very fair percentage of net quick assets behind the securities issued.

The conservative practices at present followed in the issuance of preferred stocks have lent stability to the issues and bred confidence in the minds of the public which preferred stocks have never before enjoyed. As a consequence it seems a safe prediction that the present preferred stock, which is a development of the old-fashioned preference security that had preference only as to dividends and assets and no protective features, is here to stay in industrial finance. The experience of the last twenty-five years has pointed the way to restrictions on preferred stock issues and the necessity of an adequate assets statement and earnings over a long period of years sufficient to take care of preferred stock dividends many times over, so that the present day industrial preferred stock is not the sort of security which the investor of past years has been acquainted with. It has established its place in the financial world and unless the industrial boom causes a let-down in the high standard now maintained, we can count on an increasing popularity of securities of this class.

There has been a broadening during the past year in a class of securities heretofore neglected by a majority of investment houses. The Illinois tax-exempt preferred stock has come into a prominence and a position in the market much broader than it has heretofore enjoyed, and there has sprung up a decided clientele throughout the State that has insisted upon securities of this class. We have had numerous extremely successful offerings of this character and, practically without exception, they have been well received. As the advantages of tax-exempt stocks in the hands of residents in this State become more generally known this market will continue to broaden, it may be, to the exclusion of the general market preferred stock, and it is becoming apparent that the financing of local industrial companies will, in large measure, in the future be done through the issuance of this class of security.

It is well to comment on the issuance of the junior preferred stocks, a number of which have been put out in this market, which bear an abnormally high rate of interest and in addition participate in the earnings of the corporations with the common stock. There have been half a dozen issues of this character in the past year, and, while they have assumed no particular position in the market, they are appealing strongly to high-rate investors who desire some element of participation in the earnings of the issuing corporation and are probably here to stay. They represent a distinct development in what may be termed equity financing, and it is to be hoped that their position in the market will be established and

that they will become the recognized means of such financing.

The increasing quantity of industrial securities, together with the necessity for preferred stock financing among companies of this class, has caused the formation of securities companies by many of our large financial institutions. These corporations are largely owned by the banks in this territory, and are a more or less natural development of the boom in industrial securities and will greatly improve the standing of these securities of the public, as this class of business has never before been popular with large and conservative banking institutions. The offering and recommendation of industrial preferred and other stocks by these powerful companies owned and closely identified with our largest banks will tend to fix the stability and reputation of this class of issues.

We, in the investment business, may safely look to 1920 for a continuation of the prosperity and success enjoyed by our business in 1919. The year to come will probably see a large development of the new business that has appeared in the last twelve months and we can look for great activity in all securities markets.

MUNICIPAL BONDS IN 1919.

[By STACY C. MOSSER, of Bolger, Mosser & Willaman, Chicago.]

The year 1919 brought a revival of business in municipal bonds, which was in marked contrast to the depression of the two previous years, the latter caused, of course, by the large issues of Liberty bonds and the severe restrictions placed upon the emission of municipal and other bonds by the Capital Issues Committee. During the year there were more municipal bonds issued throughout the country than in any previous year in the history of the business, and in spite of the fact that many sources of buying were entirely cut off, the large output was absorbed—many of them in new channels—and the demand was so strong that prices advanced during the first half of the year to a price level approximating normal. The later months of the year showed a slackening in demand, due probably to the unusual calls for money in business channels and for foreign loans, so that prices were reduced somewhat.

The issuance of municipal bonds was stimulated greatly by the urgent call for carrying on public improvements to help business and provide immediate employment for returning soldiers, and for labor thrown temporarily out of employment by the sudden end of the war and of war-time industries. In such emergencies, the first call seems to be to the cities and other public corporations. So in the beginning of 1919, public leaders and industrial leaders, from President Wilson down, appealed to officials everywhere to start public improvements. Inasmuch as public officials had been forced to abandon much needed work on account of the war, they were quick to respond, and in order to supply funds to pay for such improvements, they immediately began placing municipal issues on the market. One of the prime requirements of the country was, and still is, good roads—the war served to emphasize the value and great need of them. Impetus was given to this improvement at once, and, while exact figures are not available to show the percentage, it is safe to say that the majority of municipal issues of the year 1919 were for the purpose of road improvement. In the matter of all improvements, it was soon found that pre-war estimates must be enlarged owing to the

greatly increased cost. This, of course, meant a larger bond issue for each improvement planned, and helped swell the total. It is easy, therefore, to see why the volume of municipal issues has increased so much.

We are more surprised to find that the demand has kept up with the supply. During the first half of the year the Victory Liberty Loan was floated—the last of the great Government issues—and, of course, everything had to give way to this financing. It should be remembered also that the Fourth Liberty Loan, placed during the latter part of 1918, was the largest Government issue floated, and that payment for the same was extended well into the year 1919. Hence surplus funds were decreased in the first half of the year.

Another situation operating against the marketing of municipal obligations was the fact that many people who had purchased Liberty bonds on installment and on full payment, found it necessary or desirable to throw them onto the market, thus depressing the market value of all Liberty bonds to a point where they came in direct competition with municipal issues. It is well known that many institutions and savings banks, which in normal times were large purchasers of municipal issues, have devoted their surplus during the year 1919 to the accumulation of Liberty bonds on most favorable terms.

Of the large army of new investors educated during the Liberty loan campaigns, while some of them have taken to the purchase of municipal issues, the majority have found that Liberty bonds are so cheap that they have merely added to their holdings of this unquestioned security. Municipal bonds available as security for postal savings deposits were much in demand a few years ago, but this want has been filled too by Liberty bonds.

It is quite clear from the above that a very restricted market has had the burden of taking a very large output of municipal issues. Of course, the big factor has been the individual buyer whose income is such that the income tax reduces his revenue on taxable bonds to a point where it is much less than he can get from municipal issues which are exempt from the tax. This has meant among many dealers a development of a new market and the securing of new customers. How well they have done the work is attested by the large volume of municipal loans placed on the market, and at comparatively low rates of interest compared with the rates being paid by many corporations and by foreign borrowers. There seems to be a big field for educating the private investor in municipal bonds. Few of them realize that their net income would be greater from high-class municipal issues yielding from 4¾% to 5¼% free from income tax, than from corporation issues, which many of them have purchased, yielding 6½ to 7% but which are subject to income tax. The heavy income tax developed by the war was thought by many to be only temporary, and especially early in 1919, many investors considered the tax would be reduced by the present Congress. This view, however, has not been confirmed by action of Congress or by the outlook of the Treasury Department, and we now seem to be in for a reasonably long period of high taxation, the burden of which appears likely to fall heaviest upon the individual with the large income. He is therefore a good subject for education in municipal bonds, and municipal houses have many tutors working on him.

As an illustration in figures, here are the total municipal loans for the year 1915 to 1919 inclusive, as given by the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle":

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Municipal loans (U.S.)	\$667,535,812	\$296,525,460	\$451,278,762	\$457,140,953	\$498,557,993

It is well to bear in mind, in considering figures, that the buying power of the country has enlarged greatly during the war and that a greater surplus of funds is available for investment. In fact, the total amount of municipal bonds, being less than three-quarters of a billion dollars, sounds much smaller to all of us now since we have become accustomed to talk of from three to six billion dollar issues of Liberty bonds, all of which were absorbed rapidly. As these Liberty bonds become lodged in more permanent hands there will undoubtedly be larger buying power for municipal bonds, and the market should be even more satisfactory in 1920 than in 1919.

BANKING IN CHICAGO IN 1919.

In reviewing banking in Chicago for the year 1919 the following table showing the capital, the dividend rate, the book value, the deposits, and the high and low prices in 1919 of the shares of the different Chicago banks and trust companies will be of interest. These figures have been compiled for us by John Burnham & Co. of Chicago.

National Banks—	Capital.	Dividend Rate		Book Val.	Deposits on —1919—	
		Regular.	Extra.		Dec. 31 1919.	High. Low.
Atlas Exchange.....	\$200,000	4%	--	115	\$904,250	115 115
Austin National.....	100,000	5	--	131	1,218,124	125 104
Bowmanville National....	50,000	6	1%	146	1,218,633	180 175
Calumet National.....	300,000	6	--	148	3,152,797	250 150
City National of Evanston	200,000	10	--	249	3,828,972	200 246
Cont'l & Comm'l Nat'l....	21,500,000	14	--	223	338,207,933	318 273
Corn Exchange.....	5,000,000	16	4	301	78,797,959	576 397
Drovers National.....	1,000,000	10	2	151	8,176,227	290 220
First National.....	10,000,000	20	--	366	215,440,991	492 450
First Nat. of Englewood..	150,000	12	10	296	5,001,645	---
Fort Dearborn National..	5,000,000	8	--	151	39,553,035	235 200
Irving Park National....	100,000	6	4	148	2,168,360	175 170
Jefferson Park.....	50,000	8	2	168	969,180	185 175
Lawndale National.....	50,000	Not reported	---	---	4,121,186	---
Live Stock Exchange Nat.	1,250,000	12	--	181	9,039,399	265 257
Mutual National.....	200,000	3	--	116	833,994	135 125
National Bank of Republic	2,000,000	8	--	173	19,142,316	190 170
National City Bank.....	2,000,000	8	--	164	23,012,237	183 160
National Produce Bank..	600,000	6	1	136	4,846,509	169 154
Ravenswood National....	50,000	None	--	129	481,147	120 105
Rogers Park National....	50,000	6	--	129	956,695	175 170
Washington Park Nat'l..	200,000	16	--	135	5,352,242	275 225
West Side National Bank.	200,000	6	2	115	1,710,190	160 104
State Banks—						
Austin State Bank.....	200,000	10%	---	139	4,265,056	215 215
Avenue State, Oak Park..	100,000	---	---	213	1,828,181	---
Calumet Trust & Savings..	100,000	8	---	133	645,655	210 150
Capitol State Bank.....	200,000	6	---	114	1,525,425	115 107
Central Mfg. District Bk.	400,000	6	---	159	4,568,778	250 194
Central Trust Co. of Ill..	6,000,000	10	---	142	55,497,588	217 166
Century Trust & Savings..	250,000	6	---	134	2,750,572	110 103
Chicago City Bank.....	500,000	12	4	215	5,107,302	---
Chicago Morris Plan.....	1,000,000	4	---	118	773,398	93 94
Chicago Trust Co.....	1,000,000	6	1	145	10,459,614	149 140
Citizens State of LakeView	250,000	4	2	130	2,812,920	150 140
Citizens Trust & Savings..	100,000	12	---	210	1,747,183	210 210
City State Bank.....	100,000	8	---	113	327,588	180 165
Columbia State Savings..	100,000	---	---	126	380,717	---
Commonwealth State....	100,000	---	---	118	162,916	---
Cont'l & Comm'l Tr. & S.	5,000,000	---	---	---	67,111,476	318 273
Cosmopolitan State.....	200,000	4	1	125	1,595,761	125 125
Crawford State Savings..	200,000	None	None	117	563,553	120 115
Depositors State Bank ..	300,000	10	2	162	4,442,050	175 150
Douglas Park.....	100,000	---	---	116	250,014	---
Drexel State Bank.....	350,000	7	1	159	5,354,837	170 161
Drovers Trust & Savings..	250,000	12	4	244	5,744,237	315 315
Englewood State Bank....	200,000	8	---	135	3,096,134	180 170
Evanston Trust & Savings	100,000	4	---	120	983,517	135 120
First Trust & Savings....	5,000,000	---	---	---	73,071,514	492 450
Foreman Brothers.....	1,500,000	Not reported	---	134	26,190,245	---
Fort Dearborn Trust.....	500,000	6	---	176	7,644,684	220 190
Franklin Trust.....	300,000	8	2	183	2,953,296	200 175
Fullerton-Southport.....	200,000	4	2	128	1,328,513	118 107
Garfield Park State Sav..	200,000	6	2	130	2,629,558	170 128
Great Lakes Trust Co....	3,000,000	---	---	120	5,740,677	140 125
Greenebaum Sons.....	1,500,000	10	5	168	19,158,765	300 280
Guarantee Trust & Sav....	200,000	8	1	148	1,165,974	160 151
Haled Street State.....	200,000	6	3	128	1,503,632	135 125
Harris Trust & Savings..	2,000,000	12	11	290	25,462,740	585 567
Hill State Bank.....	200,000	None	None	126	1,272,493	130 130
Home Bank & Trust Co..	300,000	10	2	145	4,235,556	192 165
Humboldt State Bank....	50,000	8	2	110	944,429	160 130
Hyde Park State Bank....	200,000	8	2	152	2,662,656	180 150
Illinois Trust & Savings..	5,000,000	16	4	303	113,184,083	465 397
Immel State Bank.....	100,000	---	---	111	513,121	---
Independence State.....	200,000	6	2	118	2,078,756	200 135

State Banks (Concluded)	Capital	Dividend Rate		Book Val.	Deposits — 1919 —	
		Regular	Extra		Dec. 31 1919	High, Low
Kasper State Bank	\$500,000	12	195	\$9,697,064	290 285	
Kenwood Trust & Savings	200,000	12	8 221	3,803,548	275 275	
Kimball Trust & Savings	100,000	—	112	984,705	—	
Krause State Bank	200,000	10	165	2,429,286	—	
Lake State Bank	300,000	—	124	357,793	—	
Lake View State Bank	200,000	5	109	2,306,395	110 108	
Lake View Trust & Sav.	400,000	6	2 106	6,277,022	190 180	
Lawndale State Bank	200,000	8	2 234	2,943,137	200 240	
Liberty Trust & Savings	250,000	6	2 147	4,772,506	195 195	
Lincoln State Bank	200,000	6	1 112	1,957,650	110 90	
Lincoln Trust & Savings	200,000	6	1 125	1,657,908	140 125	
Logan Square Trust & Sav	200,000	6	116	1,590,205	120 110	
Madison & Kedzie State	200,000	6	145	2,762,654	250 200	
Market Trust & Savings	200,000	6	124	1,438,763	114 110	
Marquette Park State Bk.	100,000	—	115	305,554	—	
Mechanics & Traders State	200,000	6	1 140	2,326,850	139 130	
Merchants Loan & Trust	5,000,000	16	4 305	78,949,400	600 395	
Mercantile Trust & Sav.	250,000	8	2 167	4,731,027	175 165	
Metropolitan State Bank	100,000	—	120	232,019	—	
Michigan Ave. Trust Co.	200,000	8	144	3,097,612	130 105	
Mid-City Trust & Savings	500,000	10	2 147	8,055,862	250 240	
Milwaukee Irving State	100,000	—	110	122,420	—	
Noel State	300,000	8	2 154	4,140,618	210 185	
North Avenue State	200,000	7	136	5,278,553	110 102	
North Side State Savings	200,000	6	125	2,548,409	125 105	
Northern Trust Co.	2,000,000	10	391	39,133,251	325 260	
Northwestern Trust	600,000	12	3 168	12,779,313	260 225	
Oak Park Trust & Savings	200,000	10	165	1,570,610	250 240	
Ogden Avenue State Bank	200,000	None	108	941,733	105 95	
Peoples Stock Yards State	500,000	12	3 181	12,868,028	305 305	
Peoples Trust & Savings	500,000	12	2 192	12,486,377	282 282	
Phillips State Bank	200,000	6	122	1,462,023	115 95	
Pioneer State Savings	200,000	6	128	1,889,039	150 115	
Pullman Trust & Savings	300,000	12	220	4,062,262	200 200	
Reliance State Bank	200,000	6	2 115	3,859,527	160 160	
Roseland State Savings	200,000	6	146	1,752,841	140 125	
Schiff & Co. State Bank	200,000	12	180	3,860,881	300 275	
Second Northwest'n State	100,000	—	—	351,835	—	
Security Bank of Chicago	400,000	14	261	6,002,901	335 300	
Sheridan Trust & Savings	200,000	8	152	5,523,912	225 190	
Second Security Bank	200,000	—	—	3,370,451	—	
16th Street State Bank	100,000	—	110	331,559	—	
63d & Halsted State Sav.	200,000	6	120	1,073,304	120 118	
So. Chicago Savings Bank	300,000	8	2 202	6,139,530	260 235	
South Shore State Bank	100,000	—	112	255,240	—	
South Side State	200,000	10	165	4,910,418	200 160	
So-West State Bank	200,000	4	1 125	1,490,084	125 112	
So-West Trust & Savings	200,000	6	2 119	2,620,325	175 135	
Standard Trust & Savings	1,000,000	6	160	6,966,698	175 165	
State Bank of Chicago	1,500,000	20	5 401	33,872,273	460 425	
State Bank & Trust Co. of Evanston	300,000	12	216	5,101,139	325 260	
State Bk. of West Pullman	100,000	6	150	851,178	—	
State Commercial & Sav.	100,000	6%	150	669,006	178 178	
Stockmens Trust & Sav.	200,000	8	147	1,681,169	140 140	
Stock Yards Savings Bank	300,000	16	208	5,253,437	425 400	
Stony Island Trust & Sav.	200,000	None	114	1,013,641	120 110	
26th Street State Bank	100,000	—	—	—	—	
Union Bank of Chicago	500,000	6	131	3,964,249	150 125	
Union Trust Co.	1,500,000	8	242	37,008,200	325 325	
United State Bank	200,000	6	125	1,086,888	120 115	
Universal State Bank	200,000	None	119	1,637,825	—	
University State Bank	200,000	—	116	340,201	—	
West Englewood-Ashland	250,000	8	4 133	2,300,322	175 150	
West Side Trust & Sav	400,000	12	3 151	8,947,789	325 300	
West Town State	200,000	6	137	2,251,106	125 125	
Woodlawn Trust & Sav.	250,000	10	190	4,581,641	250 250	
Wiersama State Bank	200,000	5	117	2,194,569	140 125	

VOLUME OF BUSINESS ON THE CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE.

The year 1919 was one of greatly increased activity on the Chicago Stock Exchange. As measured by the volume of transactions in stocks, the year surpassed all past records. The dealings aggregated 6,811,885 shares, or more than double the best previous year, namely 1899, when the transactions amounted to 3,300,385 shares. As compared with the years immediately preceding, dealings increased three to nine times, the sales in 1918 having been only 1,955,151 shares, in 1917 only 1,696,428 shares, in 1916 1,611,317 shares, in 1915 but 715,567 shares, and in 1914 no more than 385,783 shares.

SALES FOR SERIES OF YEARS.

No. Shares.	Bonds.	No. Shares.	Bonds.
1919.....6,811,885	\$5,232,150	1903.....1,024,000	\$3,364,160
1918.....1,955,151	4,590,620	1902.....1,356,558	8,067,100
1917.....1,696,428	9,012,400	1901.....1,877,883	9,338,700
1916.....1,611,317	11,889,400	1900.....1,424,252	8,735,900
1915.....715,567	9,237,600	1899.....3,300,385	12,483,650
1914.....385,783	9,085,500	1898.....1,845,313	9,856,800
1913.....1,001,417	9,391,000	1897.....987,772	6,575,000
1912.....1,174,931	13,757,000	1896.....1,726,400	4,853,950
1911.....1,040,068	14,752,000	1895.....1,386,657	8,382,500
1910.....894,362	7,347,000	1894.....1,553,947	10,213,500
1909.....1,623,495	14,800,000	1893.....1,157,701	6,575,650
1908.....829,216	15,259,000	1892.....1,175,031	14,198,000
1907.....805,984	4,466,200	1891.....710,000	9,435,000
1906.....1,234,537	5,858,050	1890.....1,097,000	18,368,000
1905.....1,544,948	9,556,500	1889.....150,100	18,530,000
1904.....1,351,177	5,432,700		

Current Events and Discussions

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. 30.

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. 26.

FINAL FIGURES OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CANADIAN VICTORY LOAN OF 1919.

Subscriptions of \$682,032,215 to the Canadian Victory Loan are shown, it is announced, in the final figures made public at Toronto on Jan. 19. The earlier total, as indicated in our issue of Nov. 22 1919, page 1931, was \$673,199,790. The number of subscribers to the 1919 loan is 830,602; in the case of the 1918 loan (second Victory Loan) a total of \$695,390,250 was subscribed by 1,104,287 subscribers. The following are the subscriptions to the two loans, by Provinces, as given in the Montreal "Gazette" of Jan. 30:

Province.	1918.	1919.
British Columbia	\$36,633,900	\$36,411,915
Alberta	18,979,250	17,178,900
Saskatchewan	26,072,450	21,712,650
Manitoba	44,030,700	41,642,200
Ontario	336,055,350	355,739,050
Quebec	180,363,450	162,032,150
New Brunswick	17,002,550	15,635,050
Nova Scotia	33,221,550	28,521,900
Prince Edward Island	3,011,050	3,158,400
Totals	\$695,390,250	\$682,032,215

CHANGE IN TRADING IN CANADIAN VICTORY BONDS ON CANADIAN EXCHANGES.

With regard to an agreement entered into on Jan. 21 by the Bond Dealers' Association of Canada and members of the Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg Stock Exchanges, providing for a change in the method of trading in Canadian Victory bonds (effective at once) the Toronto "Globe" of Jan. 22 said:

This arrangement, which was urged by the Dominion Government, provides that the selling of Victory bonds of the five issues of 1917 and 1918 will be in the hands of the Market Committee, an organization representing the bond dealers, and that the buying and selling will be at a fixed price, with a view to stabilization and securing a wider and better market. The change does not apply to the 5% issues of war bonds, which are not sufficiently large in quantity to require support of this kind.

The complete arrangement provides that, while brokers do not deal in Victory bonds between themselves, but rather with the Market Committee, the bonds will still be quoted on the Stock Exchange sheets and an effort will be made to record the sales daily. However, as several Western cities will have local organizations for marketing purposes, the volume of war bonds passing through Toronto brokers' hands will likely diminish and likewise make a poorer showing as to volume of business done on the Exchange.

Prices for the Victory bonds under the new arrangement were decided upon by the Market Committee late yesterday [Jan. 21] and wired to dealers in time for use when business opens to-day [Jan. 22]. The following statement was given out by the Committee, of which Mr. G. H. Wood is Chairman and Mr. R. A. Daly, Secretary:

"Under an arrangement entered into by the Bond Dealers' Association of Canada and the members of the Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg Stock Exchanges all maturities of 1917 and 1918 Victory loans are now placed under the control of the Market Committee, along with the 1919 issue, and trading under the auspices of the Committee will commence this morning.

"This is a resumption of the plan which was so successful following the 1917 and 1918 Victory loans. The bonds now listed on the Exchanges will continue to be quoted there, and the records of transactions will appear as before.

"The recent improvement in the market values of the 1917 and 1918 Victory loans has no doubt been in anticipation of this step being taken."

PRESIDENT WILSON'S APPEAL TO CONGRESS FOR CREDITS IN BEHALF OF POLAND, AUSTRIA AND ARMENIA.

A further appeal to Congress for authority to supply credits in behalf of Poland, Austria and Armenia for the purpose of making available food exports to relieve the starving populations of those countries was made by President Wilson on Jan. 28 through Secretary of the Treasury Glass. Several previous communications which Secretary Glass had addressed to Congress in the matter have already been given in these columns—one to Representative Fordney of the House Ways and Means Committee having appeared

in our issue of Dec. 27, page 2402, and a still later one to Mr. Fordney setting out the specific needs of Poland, Austria and Armenia, having been given in these columns Jan. 17, page 210. President Wilson's letter of this week was submitted to the committee by Secretary Glass without comment. The letter said:

With considerable regret I have noticed from the press that Congress is delaying the granting of authority for the extension of prompt and generous relief to the stricken portion of Europe, the urgency and importance of which, especially in respect to Poland, Austria and Armenia, you have fully explained to the Ways and Means Committee. It is unthinkable to me that we should withhold from those people who are in such mental and physical distress the assistance which can be rendered by making available on credit a small portion of our exportable surplus of food which would alleviate the situation.

While I am sure that you must have explained fully to the Ways and Means Committee the appalling situation in those parts of Europe, where men, women and children are now dying of starvation and the urgent necessity for prompt assistance, I beg of you that you make another appeal to Congress. I am informed that through the published reports of hearings before the Ways and Means Committee the Congress has now been furnished with incontrovertible facts showing the necessity for immediate affirmative action.

This prosperous republic ought not to bear any part of the responsibility for the moral and material chaos that must result from an unwillingness on our part to aid those less fortunate than ourselves. We cannot, merely to husband a small proportion of our surplus, permit the happening of this great catastrophe.

Further reference to the consideration of the matter by the committee is made in another item.

INTEREST OWED BY EUROPE ON U. S. LOANS.

Accrued interest, totaling approximately \$325,000,000 is owed by European countries on loans granted by the United States, according to a table submitted by the Treasury Department to the House Ways and Means Committee on Jan. 29. The amount of interest owed by the various countries is given as follows:

Great Britain, \$144,440,837.

France, \$94,021,749.

Italy, \$54,256,589.

Russia, \$16,832,662.

Belgium, \$11,465,278.

Czecho-Slovakia, \$1,667,083.

Serbia, \$917,299.

Roumania, \$609,873.

Liberia, \$548.

Total, \$324,211,918.

SECRETARY GLASS ON TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD FOREIGN SECURITY ISSUES.

The views of the Treasury Department regarding the floating of foreign securities in the United States were indicated in a statement issued by Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass on Jan. 23 in which he said that the attitude of the Department since the war had been favorable to the issue of such securities in our markets, but that the effort for their sale must be to "procure the investment in them of new savings and not to dislodge United States Government securities by inducing holders to sell or exchange them." The statement of Secretary Glass follows:

During the war the Capital Issues Committee undertook to determine whether it was compatible with the national interest that certain issues should be made. The work of that committee came to an end shortly after the armistice.

During the war, including that portion of the post-armistice period during which the United States Government was financing the requirements of the Allies, the Treasury was unwilling that their governments should compete with it by the issue of securities in our markets. Latterly, the attitude of the Treasury has been favorable to the issue, under proper safeguards, in our markets of sound investment securities of foreign Governments, and of States, municipalities and private borrowers, when emanating from those countries with which the International Exchange is favorable to the United States, and it may be assumed without inquiry that the Treasury does not object to such issues. But the effort must be to sell the securities, and procure the investment in them of new savings, and not to dislodge United States Government securities by inducing the holders to sell and exchange them.

The principal need of most of the countries of Europe is for capital here, rather than for bank credit. By maintaining doubtless necessary embargoes on the export of gold, the principal countries of Europe prevent their people from making payment in cash of their international debit balance, thus necessitating the settlement of that balance by investment of American capital in Europe. In the position of most of the European exchanges resulting from these gold embargoes, even transactions which under normal conditions would be regarded as self-liquidating and therefore appropriately to be financed by means of bank credit, will not readily be liquidated in dollars. The requirement of Europe for credit, therefore, should be met by the sale of capital issues to investors rather than by the manufacture of bank credit which could only result in unhealthy inflation of our own domestic credit structure.

Neither the Capital Issues Committee nor the Treasury has ever undertaken to authorize, approve, or pass upon the merits of any issue of securities whatever, whether of private companies, municipalities, states or governments, and the fact that any such issue was not objected to must not in any case be construed as carrying authorization, approval or recommendation. The use of the name of the United States Government or of any department of the Government in connection with the issue of any such securities is unauthorized.

DR. TEJADA, OF BOLIVIA, ON PLAN FOR FINANCIAL AID TO EUROPE THROUGH REPAYMENT OF LATIN-AMERICAN OBLIGATIONS.

Dr. Jose Luis Tejada of Bolivia outlined before the Pan-American Financial Congress on Jan. 23 the plan for the extension of financial aid to Europe by the United States through repayment of Latin American obligations held in Europe. Such a plan, he said would not only aid Europe but would materially help Latin America. Former Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo, he said, in his address to the Congress, had made clear that the United States must make loans to Europe and that the Latin American financiers placed great confidence in the superior intelligence and experience of Mr. McAdoo. They knew him, said Mr. Tejada, and recognized in him the founder of that phase of Pan-Americanism which had taken form in this Congress. Latin America, he said, agreed that the United States must help Europe as all the economic problems of the world hinge on the reconstruction of Europe, but that direct loans were not now practicable. The situation was hampered, he continued, by the problem of exchange. Dr. Tejada said:

The dollar is not of less value although its buying power may have been affected by the high cost of living. But other money has lost value in comparison with the dollar. We must normalize exchange by production, economy and export and also by credit. One is a matter of time and the other one of finance. Capital granted as credit, is only time loaned to the debtor.

All Latin America has been financed by Europe. As debtors we hear the moral obligations to return the savings of Europe when she needs them. If the United States decided to grant help to Europe, let her do it by allowing Latin America to pay its obligations to European countries.

This method would allow Latin America to take advantage of the condition of exchange and would work no harm to Europe as the exchange situation must be adjusted before her reconstruction can begin. And no advantage would accrue to Europe by keeping her South American securities because they will not be worth more later. On the other hand there would be created a market for European securities as the South American countries, in paying their obligations would buy the money of those countries, thus tending to stabilize exchange.

If you thus allow Latin America to pay her debts with economy the results of that economy you may be assured will be invested in the construction of railroads and development of other industries.

Dr. Tejada recommended that the banking interests of the United States study this proposal for new Latin American loans.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF PAN AMERICAN CONGRESS FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR EUROPE THROUGH REPAYMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN OBLIGATIONS.

The recommendations for extension of trade and financial relations between the United States and Latin America, as crystallized in the resolutions adopted on Jan. 23 by the Second Pan American Financial Congress included study of a plan to give financial aid to Europe by loans from the United States to Latin America, the proceeds to be used to pay the debts of the Latin American countries to Europe. Adoption of the metric system, unification of rates and taxation, extension of the system of commercial attaches, the protection of trade marks and copyrights and better transportation, postal and telegraph facilities also were recommended. It was likewise recommended that the name of the International High Commission be changed to "The Inter-American High Commission," to better indicate its constituency and sphere of work. The Second Pan-American Conference opened in Washington on Jan. 19, and Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass, in closing the congress on the 23rd, expressed his thanks both to the foreign delegates and to the American business men gathered to meet them. "The congress, I feel sure, has accentuated the sentiment of common purpose and strengthened the bonds of co-operation between the American republics," said Secretary Glass. "It has tended to improve the relations of cordiality and affection and to unite them in service to each other, to humanity and to the world." When the report of the resolutions committee was submitted for approval, all the countries present voted in the affirmative but the delegations of Bolivia, Brazil and Venezuela noted reservations, dealing for the most part with applications of certain sections of recommending changes in wording:

The eighteen recommendations of the committee were as follows:

1. That the name of the International High Commission be changed to "The Inter-American High Commission," the better to indicate its constituency and sphere of work.
2. That the report of the transportation committee, recommending increased freight and passenger ocean service to South America be transmitted to the U. S. Shipping Board for consideration and action that the recommendations dealing with railroad transportation, postal and telegraph facilities be sent to the Inter-American High Commission for action.
3. That the legislation of certain States of this country be so modified as to permit operation of branches of Latin American banks within their jurisdiction, under proper regulation, so as to secure equality of treatment.
4. That the Inter-American High Commission study possibility of se-

curing uniformity and equality of treatment in laws regulating foreign corporations in Latin America.

5. That there be developed increased use of acceptances for the purpose of financial transaction involving import and export of goods. The hope is expressed that the United States will offer a widening market for long time Latin American securities.

6. That the Inter-American High Commission be asked to further establishment of an international gold fund, which plan already has been adopted by several South American republics.

7. That the Inter-American High Commission bring to the notice of the American governments the desirability of adopting a uniform law on the subject of checks.

8. That the Inter-American High Commission be asked to study the best method of avoiding simultaneous double taxation of individuals and corporations in Latin American countries.

9. That the American countries which have not done so ratify the convention adopted by the International American Congress at Buenos Aires in 1910 for establishment of an international bureau at Havana for registration of trade marks.

10. That American countries which have not done so ratify the convention adopted at Buenos Aires in 1910 concerning patents and copyrights.

11. That the Webb law be amended to permit American companies, importing or dealing in raw materials produced abroad, to form under proper government regulations organizations enabling such companies to compete on terms of equality with companies of other countries associated for the conduct of such business.

12. That the commercial attache system be extended with appropriate training for all branches of the foreign service as a means of developing commercial relations.

13. That a simultaneous census be taken by all American countries at least every ten years, observing uniformity of statistics.

14. That the metric system of weights and measures be universally employed and until such time as that is done, articles marked by the standards used in the United States also be marked according to the metric system.

15. That the plan of arbitration of commercial disputes in effect between the Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States be adopted by all the American countries.

16. That the Inter-American High Commission be asked to study the creation of an Inter-American Tribunal for the adjustment of questions of a commercial or financial nature involving two or more American countries and the determination of such questions by law and equity.

17. That the importation of raw materials into any country shall not be prevented by prohibitive duties.

18. That the banking interests of the United States study the possibility of financial relief to Europe by repaying Latin American obligations held in Europe by means of new loans granted in the United States to the respective Latin American countries.

THIRTY NATIONS TO BE REPRESENTED AT CONVENTION OF NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL.

James A. Farrell, Chairman of the National Foreign Trade Council, an organization composed of 75 of the leading American merchants and manufacturers engaged in foreign trade, announces that thirty foreign nations representing Central and South America, Canada, Australasia and the Far East, will have trade advisors at the Seventh National Foreign Trade Convention to be held at San Francisco May 12-15 1920, for the purpose of supplying first hand information in regard to the markets of their respective countries. The departure of the Council this year in extending an invitation to foreign countries to be represented by special trade advisors is expected to result in a notable attendance of foreign traders from all over the world. Reports already received from chambers of commerce abroad indicate that many foreign merchants will take advantage of this opportunity to meet in personal consultation with leaders of American business. American firms having representatives in foreign fields have been requested to have their foreign representatives time their visits to this country in order to take advantage of the convention.

In commenting upon the presence of the foreign trade advisors, O. K. Davis, Secretary of the National Foreign Trade Council, announces that ten trade advisors are being allotted to each one of the foreign nations whose commercial representatives have been invited to the convention. These special advisors will be chosen by trade organizations in their respective countries. Mr. Davis continued:

These foreign trade advisors will be thoroughly representative of the international commerce of their respective countries. They will be at San Francisco for the purpose of supplying first hand information in regard to the markets of their respective countries. They will not be official Government representatives, but commercial delegates in the true sense of the word.

The Seventh National Foreign Trade Convention will be a gathering of representatives of all phases of the international commerce of the United States. Delegates will attend from all parts of the country, and the opportunity of acquiring foreign trade information will, this year, be an exceptional one. It only through the presence of trade advisors from the various foreign nations.

SECRETARY LANSING'S REMARKS BEFORE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

The opening of the Pan-American Financial Congress on Jan. 19 was marked by an address by Secretary of State Robert Lansing, in which he stated that if "we demonstrate in our international intercourse that the American policy is guided by a spirit of helpfulness rather than by national selfishness, we shall make a contribution to world progress and to civilization which will bear its present reward and be

remembered with gratitude by posterity." Secretary Lansing also said in part:

When the First Financial Conference assembled here in 1915 its chief purpose was the consideration of the abnormal financial conditions which prevailed in this hemisphere as the direct result of the European War. With the trade routes interrupted and profitable markets closed, with commercial systems disorganized and credits threatened, it was a fortunate circumstance that the financiers of the Republics of America assembled to exchange opinions and to seek means for overcoming the difficulties which had so suddenly arisen.

The Conference of 1915 marked a distinct advance in the development of constructive Pan-Americanism. It was the translation of the Pan-American spirit of helpfulness and mutuality into practical effort, standing out in bold contrast with the hatreds and antagonisms engendered by the dreadful struggle across the seas.

As the American nations came together in those early days of the great war, it is fitting that with the close of that conflict, when an exhausted world is groping amidst the ruins of past prosperity to find foundations on which to rebuild its shattered fortunes, that our Republics should again assemble in conference to consider the financial and economic problems of the new era and to devise ways and adjusting our lives and intercourse to new conditions in harmony with the inspiring spirit of Pan-Americanism.

It is evident to all that the war and its waste of life and treasure have profoundly influenced the relation of the Americas to world affairs. It would be folly to cherish the illusion that the cruel years of Europe's agony have not affected the peace, prosperity and progress of the American nations. We cannot avoid the new responsibilities to one another and to the world. We ought not to avoid them, even if we could. And I but echo the united voice of the Americas when I declare that we will take up the burden thrust upon us and with confidence press forward to the better days which lie in the future.

I feel certain that as a result of your deliberations the Republics of America will draw more closely the bonds which already unite them and strengthen that spirit of mutual sympathy and helpfulness which is the very soul of Pan-Americanism. The material accomplishments should be great but in giving to them your earnest thought remember that a greater and more enduring benefit to mankind will be attained through the spiritual unity manifested in your councils. Thus inspired and directed you cannot fail in the task which you are about to undertake.

W. G. McADOO AT PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE URGES AID TO EUROPE.

William G. McAdoo, formerly Secretary of the Treasury, presided at the session of the Pan-American Financial Conference held on Jan. 21, and in an address to the gathering, he referred to Europe's need of our materials, declaring that "we, the American Republics, are partners in responsibility and should co-operate in a great enterprise"; we must, "to the extent of our ability," he contended, "aid Europe promptly, generously and on sound economic lines." In part he also said:

A colossal war has been won and the substance as well as the shadow of autocratic governments has been obliterated from the leading nations of the world. We face great duties and responsibilities for the future, not alone domestic in their character but international in their range and importance. The whole world has reached a stage where inter-dependence of nations is now clearly manifest and must be recognized in future political and economic policy.

During those past five years the Latin-American republics and the United States have of necessity been drawn more closely together. We know each other better than we ever did before because we have had more to do with each other than we ever had before. Our export trade to Latin-America has increased from \$99,000,000 in 1915 to \$400,000,000 in 1919, and our imports from Latin-America have increased from \$261,000,000 in 1915 to \$568,000,000 in 1919. This remarkable growth has resulted in considerable measure from the dislocation of Latin-American-European commerce, but it has resulted to a large extent also from the practical work of the First Pan-American Financial Conference and the International High Commission, which was created by that conference to carry out the program of the conference.

In public finance we have since 1915 liquidated in part our indebtedness to European belligerents and we have extended credits to them during the war to cover their needs for military goods. In the monetary field the States of North and South America have accumulated large holdings of gold, and as a result are in a better position now than ever before to establish their finances on a gold basis. In banking, the exchange rates of the American republics are at a premium with respect to Europe, because of the great excess of exports. To encourage our mutual banking transactions the financial institutions of the United States have set up almost sixty branches in the other American republics, a number far exceeding those established on any other continent. Your Latin-American banks, located in 31 different cities, have made connections with some of the strongest banks in the United States. The Pan-American nations, therefore, have additional facilities for transacting foreign trade, and the dollar draft is a new instrument in our commerce with each other. The Federal Reserve system, which at the time of our 1915 meeting was timidly feeling its way, is now organized so as to be able to foster the commerce of the American republics.

The financing of public improvements has been aided by our bankers to some extent, notwithstanding the grave times when Europe was drawing heavily on the credit resources of the United States. The bonds of several governments (Argentina and Panama) and of several cities (Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo) have been placed in the United States investment market. Some of your private enterprises (Central Railroad of Argentina and Brazilian Light & Traction) have obtained funds in our market when Europe could not respond. Your commercial bills of credit have found a ready market in the United States. Our Federal Reserve banks had, according to recent figures, over \$300,000,000 of acceptances in its portfolios, of which South American drafts formed a goodly fraction, whereas at the time of our meeting in 1915 there was no American acceptance market. The last five years' developments have facilitated direct banking and exchange between the American republics.

In our tariff relations the United States had, prior to the first meeting of the Pan-American Financial Conference, put on its free list your great staples—wool, hides, leather, beef, cereals and coffee, and the great trade in these commodities was due in no small measure to the removal of the restrictions on imports into the United States.

Owing to the subordination of commercial to military requirements, ships were put into the trans-Atlantic service during the war, and our merchant marine was unable to serve you adequately. Progress in this direction is the subject of earnest consideration of the United States Shipping Board. The full possibilities of the Panama Canal in increasing intercourse between the two Americas and between them and the rest of the world—all on a basis of equality—could not be realized during the war. Only with the restoration of normal conditions of trade will the profound influence and value of the canal be apparent.

F. A. VANDERLIP BEFORE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE URGES CHANGE IN STATE BANK LAWS TO ALLOW UNITED STATES BRANCHES OF SOUTH AMERICAN BANKS.

There is a strong feeling among certain delegations to the Pan-American Financial Congress that Latin-American financial institutions are discriminated against by many of our State banking laws, according to Frank A. Vanderlip, Chairman of the Argentine group of the Congress. In a statement on Jan. 20 Mr. Vanderlip declared that it was the concensus of opinion among the American members of his group that in the interests of fairness, State banking laws should be so amended as to permit the opening of American branches at least by the Government banks of South America. Mr. Vanderlip said:

Although American banking houses are opening branches all over the world, our State banking laws make it impossible for the Latin-American institutions to open branches in this country and compete with us on our own ground. These laws were formulated before American banks had invaded the foreign field and had the effect of securing our banks from competition for deposits from foreign institutions.

This situation was discussed to-day in the Argentine group and it was the general opinion of the American members that the interest of fairness demanded readjustment so that at least the Government institutions such as the Bank of the Nation of Argentina might be permitted to open branches in our financial centres and compete for deposits.

This is not a matter for Federal legislation but lies entirely with certain of the States.

MEXICO ON GOLD BASIS, ACCORDING TO STATEMENT AT PAN-AMERICAN FINANCIAL CONFERENCE.

At the Pan-American Financial Conference in Washington last week, Enrique Martinez Sobral of Mexico, at the request of American members of the Mexican group, outlined the economic situation of that country. He laid emphasis on the fact that Mexico now was firmly established on a gold basis and that it had approximately \$100,000,000 gold in circulation. In fact, he said, gold was the only medium of exchange as even the fractional silver currency, issued to facilitate commercial transactions, had been withdrawn from circulation because of hoarding induced by the high price of silver. He declared that in the last three years, the depreciated Mexican paper currency which had fallen at times as low as one-tenth of one cent on the peso in comparison with the dollar had been successfully retired. "A country," he said, "which has passed through such an ordeal as Mexico and which can so rebuild its finances is worthy of confidence. Mexico is making a strong effort to repay investments and to do the best it can in spite of the lack of foreign capital."

It must be borne in mind, he said, that the world war reduced the amount of capital for foreign investment and that Mexico has had five or six years of internal war, but that Mexico was picking up and returning to normal. He said the gold production of 1918 was 25,000 kilograms, as compared with 8,000 kilograms in 1914 and now was about the same as it was ten years ago. She produced 2,000,000 kilograms of silver in 1918, as compared with 800,000 in 1914. Reports show imports of 164,000,000 pesos and exports of 365,000,000 pesos in 1918 and the larger part of this trade was with the United States.

GUATEMALA CONSIDERING NEW BANK IN ACCORD WITH PAN-AMERICAN PRINCIPLES.

Dr. Virgilio Rodriguez Beteta, of the Guatemalan delegation, in addressing the Pan-American conference last week, stated that Guatemala was studying the establishment of a new bank with the co-operation of capital in accord with Pan-American principles to safeguard the issues of paper money by preventing fluctuations. After exchange had been stabilized, he said, the new bank would assist six banks now established in Guatemala to resume operations endeavoring to have several of them merged into single a land bank for development of agriculture. This plan was designed to meet the needs of Guatemala to handle the domestic debt, amortize the foreign debt and establish a gold standard. The natural resources of Guatemala he said were the guarantees of the success of this program.

LATIN-AMERICAN FINANCIAL MATTERS DISCUSSED AT PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

Aside from some of the financial matters which came up for discussion at the Pan-American Financial Conference, and to which we allude to-day under separate headings, we take occasion here to refer to some of the other financial features of the Conference.

The Americans on the Bolivian committee recommended a loan of \$5,000,000 to complete railroad construction.

From the Haitian delegation came a statement that "internal conditions have been greatly improved since the coming of the United States into the Haitian national situation."

Dr. Florencio Aragon y Etechart of Uruguay made a comprehensive outline of the import and export taxes as a means of securing revenue and the adoption of a gold standard. He declared that exchange rates had little effect on Uruguayan currency as the people of the country realized that it was fully and perfectly guaranteed by the reserves.

Dr. Zuberbuhler declared that the extension of foreign trade should be on a permanent and stable basis as sound commercial ties can exist only when the buyer and seller fully understand each other's needs, which understanding can come only by daily intercourse. "There is no greater stimulus to foreign trade," he said, "than the influx of foreign capital," and instanced the trade between Argentina and Great Britain, saying that the latter country had made investments in South America exceeding 800,000,000 pounds and that these investments have become wholly identified with the economic life of Argentina.

"Markets," he continued, "acquired as a result of abnormal conditions can only be kept when the needs of the consumer are studied and met. Goods are bought not necessarily because they are cheaper in price but more especially because the needs and tastes of the buyer are consulted. This has been well appreciated by the European nations. The capture of a market merely as a dumping ground for excess production only tends to awaken distrust, so difficult always to eradicate." He declared he was sure American trade will win in South America through the reliability of its products and the good faith of its business men.

Victor V. Robles of the Chilean delegation addressed the Congress on the productivity and commercial possibilities of Chile. After outlining the nitrate coal mining and agricultural situation of his country he declared that Chile presented a safe field for investment, that there had not been a revolution for seventy years and had a public debt of but 32,000,000 pounds. He closed by inviting American business men to go to Chile and aid in its development urging them especially to invest capital in the development of railroads and public utilities.

Dr. Carlos Sampaio, Chairman of the Brazilian delegation, addressed the Congress on the problems of Brazil as a debtor nation. After outlining the effect of the war on Brazil, he declared that Latin America was the proper field for North American enterprise. He said:

I can declare that the program of the Brazilian Government is to reduce public expense, improve the fiscal system, realize the equilibrium of the budget, contract loans exclusively for reproductive purposes, reorganize the banking system to give more elasticity to the currency and abandon once for all the practice of issuing inconvertible currency.

By so doing we will gradually effect a sane basis of our monetary system and the improvement of our finances. Our purpose will be to increase production and reduce imports, to stabilize exchange, pay interest on loans and fill the gaps left by deficits.

The prosperity of a nation is related to its capacity for production depending upon land, capital and labor. The land we have in rich abundance. We have not as yet explored two-thirds of it and it will be for us to follow the example of the great American who discovered the Roosevelt River in northern Brazil. Of capital we have not enough and are obliged to look to other countries. Our man power is not sufficient, but men will come to us if only to get away from the muddled conditions of Europe.

What we wish to see now is Americans at work in Brazil with their own money as the Chicago packers are now developing our meat industry and as the smelters are trying to do with iron ore and manganese.

EXPORT QUOTATIONS STANDARDIZED.

The results of a conference on the standardization of export quotations and American export practices, participated in by the nine great foreign trade organizations of the United States, are contained in a statement now being circulated by the National Foreign Trade Council, under whose auspices the meeting was held. The statement says:

As the most certain means of insuring unmistakable clarity in terms and conditions of sale, the conference voted to recommend to manufacturers and exporters that all use of abbreviated forms of export price quotations be abandoned, and that such terms be written out in full.

The conference recognized, however, that this recommendation is not likely to be accepted generally at once; and therefore, in the hope of effecting

a simplification and standardization of American practice, it adopted detailed definitions of the abbreviated forms in more common and general use in the export trade.

Manufacturers and exporters are urged to bear in mind that the confusion and controversies which have arisen have sprung in part from the use of an excessive number of abbreviated forms with substantially similar meanings, as well as from the use of abbreviations in a sense different from their original meaning, or in an application not originally given them and different from the sense or application understood by foreign buyers.

In simplified and standardized practice lies the best hope of reducing confusion and avoiding controversy.

Misunderstandings can best be avoided if the seller will formulate a written statement of the general conditions under which his sales are to be made, and will see that the foreign buyer possesses these terms of sale when considering a quotation. The items which may be included in such a statement, deal with: delivery, delays, partial shipments, shipping instructions, inspection, claims, damage and payment. If all contingencies are thus covered by carefully considered conditions of sale, disputes will largely be prevented.

It is pointed out that in an export quotation the term "F.O.B. (named port)" requires the seller to place his goods on board the ocean vessel at the port named. In order to avoid confusion, however, the conference recommends that this term be discarded, and that the term "F.O.B. Vessel (named port)" be used instead. Other recommendations of the conference deal with weight quotations, carload-lot quotations, insurance practice and consular charges. The conclusions of the conference will be given wide distribution in the United States and throughout foreign countries. It is expected that these recommendations will in due time receive the sanction of legal authority. Copies of the definitions and recommendations can be obtained from the National Foreign Trade Council, Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. A., National Association of Manufacturers, American Manufacturers' Export Association, Philadelphia Commercial Museum, American Exporters' and Importers' Association, Chamber of Commerce of the State of N. Y., N. Y. Produce Exchange, and N. Y. Merchants' Association.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CREDIT SITUATION — SECRETARY GLASS ON FINANCIAL AID TO EUROPE.

A letter in which he dwells at length upon the attitude of the United States toward the financing of the requirements of Europe and in which is furnished the views of the Treasury on the memorial transmitted to the Government, suggesting the calling of an international conference looking to the adjustment of the credit situation, has been addressed by Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass to Homer L. Ferguson, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. The memorial, as presented to the U. S. Government, was printed in our issue of Saturday last, page 310. According to Secretary Glass the memorial circulated in Europe "contains some passages, omitted in the American memorial, which apparently advocate further Governmental assistance and also request the respective Governments to designate representatives to attend the proposed conference which would give it an official character." Secretary Glass makes known that "the Treasury has not looked with favor upon certain features of the memorial nor upon the proposed conference, being apprehensive lest the memorial and such conference should serve to cause confusion and revive hopes (which I am certain are doomed to disappointment) that the American people through their Government will be called upon to assume the burden of Europe by United States loans." The United States could not, if it would, he declares, "assume the burdens of all the earth." It cannot, he continues, "undertake to finance the requirements of Europe because it cannot shape the fiscal policies of the Governments of Europe." The Government of the United States, he further says, "cannot tax the American people to meet the deficiencies arising from the failure of the Governments of Europe to balance their budgets, nor can the Government of the United States tax the American people to subsidize the business of our exporters." It is unthinkable, says Secretary Glass, that the people of the United States should undertake to remedy the inequalities of exchange. "The remedy for the situation," he observes, "is to be found not in the manufacture of bank credit in the United States for the movement of exports, a process which already has proceeded too far, but in the movement of goods, of investment securities and, in default of goods or securities, then in gold from Europe, and in order that such securities may be absorbed by investors our people must consume less; they must work and save." Secretary Glass asserts that "there is no more logical or practical step toward solving their

own reconstruction problems than for the Allies to give value to their indemnity claims against Germany by reducing those claims to a determinate amount which Germany may be reasonably expected to pay, and then for Germany to issue obligations for such amount and be set free to work it out." He also contends that "if the peoples and Governments of Europe live within their incomes, increase their production as much as possible and limit their imports to actual necessities, foreign credits to cover adverse balances would most probably be supplied by private investors and the demand to resort to such impracticable methods as government loans and bank credits would cease. The letter in full follows:

January 28 1920.

Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the letter of Jan. 22 1920, signed by yourself, and Messrs. A. C. Bedford, John H. Fahy and Harry A. Wheeler, to whom, as a committee designated by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, was referred a communication transmitting a memorandum signed by forty-four prominent American citizens, addressed to the United States Government, the Reparations Commission and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, recommending that the Chamber of Commerce of the United States designate representatives of commerce and finance to meet with those of other countries for the purpose of examining the situation as set out in the communication and recommending such action as may be advisable.

In compliance with your request for an expression of opinion from the Treasury in respect to the observations and recommendations contained in the memorandum, I may first state that the views and policy of the Treasury in respect to the international financial situation are set forth in the enclosed extract from my annual report (page 12 to 14, inclusive).

With much that is contained in the memorial the Treasury is in hearty accord. Concerning the need of increased production and decreased consumption, the need of balancing governmental budgets and taking effective measures to deflate currency and credit, concerning the need of prompt and proper determinations by the Reparations Commission, which will make possible the resumption of industrial life in Germany and the restoration of trade with Germany, there can be no doubt.

The people of the United States are being called upon, by taxes and otherwise, not only to meet the Government's expenditures, but to reduce the war debt. So far as the countries of Europe are concerned, the adoption of similar policies is a matter for the governments of those countries and for the Reparations Commission.

In an effort to alleviate the situation the United States Government has done all that was considered advisable and practicable. Since the armistice we have extended to foreign governments the following financial assistance:

Direct advances.....	\$2,380,891,179.65
Funds made available to those Governments through the purchase of their currency to cover our expenditures in Europe.....	736,481,586.76
Army and other governmental supplies sold on credit (approximately).....	685,000,000.00
Relief (approximately).....	100,000,000.00
Unpaid accrued interests up to Jan. 1 1920 on Allied Government obligations.....	324,211,922.00
Total.....	\$4,226,584,688.41

The Treasury is opposed to further Governmental aid beyond that outlined in my annual report and in my recent communication to the Ways and Means Committee of Congress, with respect to the extension of interest of Allied Government obligations held by the Government of the United States and to the supplying of relief to certain portions of Europe.

The Governments of the world must now get out of banking and trade. Loans of Government to Government not only involve additional taxes or borrowings by the lending Government, with the inflation attendant thereon, but also a continuance by the borrowing Government of control over private activities, which only postpones sound solutions of the problems.

The Treasury is opposed to governmental control over foreign trade and finance and even more opposed to private control. It is convinced that the credits required for the economical restoration and revival of trade must be supplied through private channels; that as a necessary contribution to that end the Governments of the world must assist in the restoration of confidence, stability, and freedom of commerce by the adoption of sound fiscal policies, and that the Reparations Commission must adopt promptly a just and constructive policy.

The memorial which was simultaneously circulated in Europe differs in its scope and character from the one presented in the United States. The European memorial contains some passages, omitted in the American memorial, which apparently advocate further governmental financial assistance and also request the respective Governments to designate representatives to attend the proposed conference, which would give it an official character.

The Treasury has not looked with favor upon certain features of the memorial, nor upon the proposed conference, being apprehensive lest the memorial and such a conference should serve to cause confusion and revive hopes (which, I am certain, are doomed to disappointment) that the American people, through their Government, will be called upon to assume the burden of Europe by United States Government loans. Such matters as the suggestion of further governmental loans by the United States, the cancellation of some or all of the obligations of European governments held by the United States Government (as contemplated by a passage contained in the European memorial, but omitted from the American memorial), and the deferring of obligations of foreign Governments held by the United States to liens created in favor of loans hereafter made for reconstruction purposes are clearly not appropriate for consideration in such a conference as is contemplated by the memorial.

The existing world-wide inflation of currency, credit and prices is a consequence of the fact that for a period of four or five years the peoples of this earth have been consuming and destroying more than they have produced and saved, and against the wealth so destroyed the warring nations have been issuing currency and evidence of indebtedness. The consequence of the world's greatest war is profound and inescapable. It has affected all the nations of the civilized world, those who participated actively in the war and those who did not. The inflation exists in the neutral countries of Europe and in the Orient. It exists where there was no war debt, where the war debt was badly handled, and to some degree where the war debt was well handled.

The problems to the cure of which the distinguished gentlemen are directing their attention have been the subject in one form or another of daily

study of the Treasury Department since the outbreak of the war and especially since the signing of the armistice. These problems have at all times been complex and difficult, and simple solutions have never been possible because they involve some factors which are not susceptible of solution by any comprehensive plan. The process of healing the wounds inflicted by the war must necessarily be slow and painful, involving as it does not only physical restoration of industry and agriculture, but as well the restoration to habits of industry of masses of men accustomed by the war to unsettlement. We must necessarily, and to a great extent, depend upon and encourage the independent activity and resourcefulness of each person affected to repair his own fortunes, with the assistance of his business connections in other countries, and also upon each individual to return to a normal life of industry and economy.

From the moment of the cessation of hostilities the Treasury of the United States has pursued a policy of looking toward the restoration as promptly as possible of normal conditions, the removal of governmental control and interference and the restoration of individual initiative and free competition in business. It has insisted upon strict economy in governmental expenditure and upon the maintenance of taxes at a level which, with the salvage of war materials and supplies, &c., will insure the prompt retirement of the resulting debt of the United States and the establishment of a fund adequate for the retirement of the funded debt in the course of a generation. The Treasury long since, with the co-operation of the Federal Reserve Board, removed the embargo on the export of gold, thus enabling American citizens, and, indeed, the nations of the world, to the extent that they find credit here, to finance purchases throughout the world in cash.

Rightly or wrongly, a different policy has been pursued in Europe. European Governments have maintained, since the cessation of hostilities, embargoes upon the export of gold. The rectification of the exchanges now adverse to Europe lies primarily in the hands of European Governments. The normal methods of meeting an adverse international balance is to ship gold. The refusal to ship gold prevents the rectification of an adverse exchange. The need of gold embargoes lies in the expended currency and credit structure of Europe. Relief would be found in disarmament, resumption of industrial life and activity, the imposition of adequate taxes and the issue of adequate domestic loans.

The American people should not, in my opinion, be called upon to finance, and would not, in my opinion, respond to a demand that they finance the requirements of Europe in so far as they result from the failure to take these necessary steps for the rehabilitation of credit.

Such things as international bond issues, international guarantees, and international measures for the stabilization of exchange are utterly impracticable so long as there exist inequalities of taxation and domestic financial policies in the various countries involved; and when these inequalities no longer exist such devices will be unnecessary.

It is unthinkable that the people of a country which has been called upon to submit to so drastic a program of taxation as that adopted by the United States, which called for financing from current taxes a full one-third of the war expenditures, including loans to the Allies, should undertake to remedy the inequalities of exchange resulting from a less drastic policy of domestic taxation adopted by the other Governments of the world. The remedy for the situation is to be found not in the manufacture of bank credit in the United States for the movement of exports, a process which has already for the situation is to be found not in the manufacture of bank credit in the United States for the movement of exports, a process which has already proceeded too far, but in the movement of goods, of investment securities, and in default of goods or securities then of gold, into this country from Europe; and in order that such securities may be absorbed by investors our people must consume less and save.

The United States could not, if it would, assume the burdens of all the earth. It cannot undertake to finance the requirements of Europe, because it cannot shape the fiscal policies of the Governments of Europe. The Government of the United States cannot tax the American people to meet the deficiencies arising from the failure of the Governments of Europe to balance their budgets, nor can the Government of the United States tax the American people to subsidize the business of our exporters. It cannot do so by direct measures of taxation, nor can it look with composure upon the manufacture of bank credit to finance our exports when the requirements of Europe are for working capital rather than for bank credits.

Lamentable as would be the effects upon our industrial life and upon Europe itself of the continued maintenance of an exchange barrier against the importation into Europe of commodities from the United States, this country cannot continue to extend credits on a sufficient scale to cover our present swollen trade balance against Europe, while paying cash (gold and silver) to the countries of Central and South America and the Far East, with which it has an adverse balance on its own and international account.

The consequence of the maintenance by Europe of this barrier will be to force the United States to do business with those countries with which it is able to do business on a cash basis. The only other policy which the United States could adopt would be the policy of re-establishing embargoes on gold and silver and of inflating its own currency to the same extent that the currencies of Europe are inflated with a view to lowering its exchange to a parity with theirs. This would involve taxing the whole people for the benefit of our exporters and the benefit of Europe and submitting to have imposed on the United States domestic financial policies adopted by the United States but quite contrary to those heretofore adopted by the United States. It would mean a world-wide inflation, the abandonment of the gold standard, and ultimately, chaos.

If the peoples in Governments of Europe live within their incomes, increase their production as much as possible and limit their imports to actual necessities, foreign credits to cover adverse balances would most probably be supplied by private investors and the demand to resort to such impracticable methods as government loans and bank credits would cease.

There is no more logical or practical step towards solving their own reconstruction problems than for the Allies to give value to their indemnity claims against Germany by reducing those claims to a determinate amount which Germany may be reasonably expected to pay, and then for Germany to issue obligations for such amount and be set free to work it out. This would increase Germany's capacity to pay, restore confidence and improve the trade and commerce of the world. The maintenance of claims which cannot be paid causes apprehension and serves no useful purpose.

Private investors can only make loans to the extent of their savings in excess of domestic capital requirements, and then will only make them to the extent that they have confidence in the securities or obligations offered. The adoption of the measures indicated should add to the confidence of the private investor.

If the Chamber of Commerce of the United States considers it advisable and desirable to designate representatives to attend an unofficial conference, the Treasury does not desire to offer any objection, provided the scope and character and limitations of such a conference as well as the impossibility of United States Government action are clearly understood.

Cordially yours,

CARTER GLASS.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY GLASS URGES ANEW CREDITS IN BEHALF OF STARVING NATIONS—
OPPOSITION BY REPRESENTATIVE MONDELL.

In appearing before the House Ways and Means Committee on Jan. 29 to urge the enactment of legislation whereby an appropriation would be made for the relief of the starving peoples of Austria, Poland and Armenia, Secretary of the Treasury Glass stated that the suggested fund of \$150,000,000 might be reduced to the extent of \$25,000,000. In his communication to Representative Fordney earlier in the month (Jan. 7) calling attention to "the dire need of the people of these countries for immediate relief," Secretary Glass recommended that legislation be adopted 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." In his presentations to the Committee on the 29th, Secretary Glass stated that the decision to cut the credit to the extent of \$25,000,000 had been reached in a conference with Herbert Hoover. Assistant Secretary Norman Davis is said to have told the Committee the reduction was made possible by Great Britain definitely agreeing to provide the ships for transporting the food. He added that Argentina and Canada had "signified a willingness" to participate, estimating \$10,000,000 would be provided by them. The account of what Secretary Glass had to say in his remarks before the Committee, as given in the New York "Times" of yesterday (Jan. 30), is quoted in part herewith:

Immediate financial aid for the relief of these countries cannot be expected of England, but Secretary Glass said that the British had promised to transport the grain free of charge and that this would be a great saving and would afford not only prompt transportation but greater relief as there would be no expense deducted from the appropriation for transportation.

Unless these people are fed, their distress relieved to allay resentment, they will rebel against all Government, and all efforts to get them to return to production and peace will have been in vain, Mr. Glass informed the committee.

"The United States Treasury does not desire to spend money unnecessarily. We cannot perpetually deal in billions. But the authorization of this food relief is not only a humanitarian thing to do, it is the safe thing to do, even if we do not get a cent back."

"Then why not give the money outright—why ask these bankrupt peoples to give security for it?" asked Representative Garner of Texas.

"It would not be a good policy to take that course," replied Mr. Glass. "England, France, Canada and Argentina are willing to help in this relief work if we can get it started under a comprehensive plan. We should move for the situation is menacing."

"The portion of the starving people we could feed with the \$50,000,000 would be so small that it would but incite the other starving people to revolt against all government."

"Then, while this appropriation is asked ostensibly to feed the starving people, its real purpose is to attempt to stabilize the Government," asked Representative Garner.

"In part, that is correct," replied Secretary Glass. "But this does not involve an appropriation. The Grain Corporation has the money, of which \$50,000,000 is profits it made in grain."

Secretary Glass said that Mr. Hoover had estimated that 1,000,000 barrels of flour and 50,000 tons of fat would be required in these countries until they can help themselves after the next harvest.

It was stated on the 29th that the Committee would report a bill providing for the necessary relief of the stricken countries. Last week the Steering Committee had directed the Ways and Means Committee not to report the pending bill. It was then stated that it was understood that should the plan of \$150,000,000 be rejected, a compromise would be made, carrying \$50,000,000, the total profits made by the Grain Corporation during the war, which would be granted as a loan.

On Jan. 24 opposition to the \$150,000,000 credit was voiced by Representative Mondell, Republican leader, in replying to charges by Representative Kitchin, former Democratic leader, that the Republican Steering Committee had blocked the relief bill before the Ways and Means Committee. Representative Mondell is quoted as saying:

"I think conditions must be frightful over there, from all we have heard, but not all the sob stories that you hear are true. We practically gave France several hundred million dollars' worth of good foodstuffs left there at the signing of the armistice."

"The condition of starvation does not prevail generally in Austria, but the condition in Vienna is in the main due to the fact that France insisted that Austria should be dismembered to the last acre and that then German Austria should not be allowed to join Germany."

"We are not responsible for that condition. If Austria, what is left of her, were to-day a part of Germany, I have no doubt that the German people, their neighbors and kinsmen, speaking the same language, would provide for them. But France said no, and the Allies agreed."

"Whatever the conditions may be the responsibility is not primarily ours; and France, war-torn as she is, might spare at least a little of the army foodstuffs we left with her in order to take care of these people just across the hills from her border, whose present condition is largely due to the fact that she insisted that they should remain as an independent government."

The other day when I said I doubted that we ought to spend \$15,000,000 in addition to the \$60,000,000 we had already spent for airplanes this year, a member said:

"Well, England has spent \$350,000,000."

"I said: 'My dear friend, if there was any rag of truth in that old gag, then we ought to pass a resolution through the House of Representatives

insisting that England pay the interest on what she owes us. If England can afford to pay \$350,000,000, or \$150,000,000 or \$100,000,000, for airplanes, then she ought to pay the interest on her debts to us."

Herbert Hoover, in urging before the House Ways and Means Committee on Jan. 12 the relief sought, stated that because of the "enormously improved" conditions abroad the task of feeding Europe until the harvest on Oct. 1 would not be the burden it was last year. He said:

From the signing of the armistice until last July 1, the provisioning of Europe cost two and one-half billion dollars," he said. "That was a burden on our Government and the taxpayers. In one form or another, the United States Treasury advanced \$2,350,000,000 to feed Europe. But this year Europe will be largely able to feed itself by exchange of goods, and credits of \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000 from the United States. In all, the situation is that of fronting the echo of the situation we had to front last year."

While the \$100,000,000 famine fund provided last year is almost exhausted, approximately \$88,000,000 will be repaid "within two or three years," Mr. Hoover said. He declared \$12,000,000 had been spent for "sheer charity" in feeding undernourished children.

The "Tribune" of Jan. 13 also reported Mr. Hoover as saying:

The Austrian situation is the worst in all Europe, the need for food has become so desperate that she has offered the famous works of art in her National Galleries as security, but personally I am opposed to accepting them. I feel certain that the United States would not become a pawnbroker. Austria has no coal and cannot obtain grain in any considerable quantity because of the depreciated value of her currency.

The political situation in Austria I hesitate to discuss, but it is the cause of the trouble. Austria has now no hope of being anything more than a perpetual poorhouse, because all her lands that produce food have been taken from her. This, I will say, was done without American inspiration.

If this political situation continues and Austria is made a perpetual mendicant, the United States should not provide the charity. We should make the loan suggested with full notice that those who undertake to continue Austria's present status must pay the bill.

Present Austria faces three alternatives—death, migration or a complete industrial diversion and reorganization. Her economic rehabilitation seems impossible after the way she was broken up at the peace conference. Her present territory will produce enough food for three months, and she now has no factories which might produce products to be exchanged for food.

President Wilson's letter to Congress urging the extension of the relief to the stricken nations is given elsewhere in to-day's issue of our paper.

WILL IT PAY TO FINANCE AUSTRIA?

Fred Held, who went to Austria early in 1919 for service with the American Relief Administration and later, with Col. W. D. Causey, formerly president of the Allied Railway Mission and now the American technical advisor to the Austrian Republic, has just returned to America from Vienna. During the last three months Mr. Held was also in close association with Col. C. B. Smith, the American representative of the sub-commission of the organization committee of the Reparations Commission sitting in Vienna. In discussing the plight of Austria on his return, Mr. Held said:

Austria, at the beginning of 1919, was in desperate straits. At the beginning of 1920 her position is, if possible, 100% more dangerous.

The American Relief Administration, through foodstuffs delivered to Austria, has without question kept this country and its people from Bolshevism. It has not kept them from being hungry, but it has kept tens of thousands from actual starvation. Now these supplies are exhausted; they have been for some months; only the children are being fed by Mr. Hoover's organization. More fatal, however, is the fact that the Austrian \$50,000,000 credit is also exhausted, and the Austrian Government has used up all its ready resources for the purchase of supplementary supplies from Serbia, Italy, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland and Hungary. These resources have been mainly manufactured goods, which have been exchanged on a barter-basis. For example, Austria has traded salt for Serbian wheat, repairs to locomotives for Polish potatoes, and iron for Czecho-Slovakia's coal.

Now Austria needs financial help and needs it most urgently. She has used up all her ready resources of foreign securities which may have been available in her treasury and banks. She, however, still possesses the immense manufacturing city of Vienna (whose industries have been absolutely idle since October, 1918, for want of coal and raw material) with the man-power in labor and brains of over 2,500,000 people, to say nothing of the estimated 4,000,000 other people in the provinces of Austria outside of Vienna. She has immense resources in undeveloped water-power which after the initial cost of putting it to work would make available an immense supply of power, thus saving huge quantities of coal. The railroads of Austria, with one or two exceptions, are owned by the State. The State controls various monopolies, of which the tobacco industry is one of the most important. Among other resources might be included the paper industry, magnesite deposits and iron mines.

Thus, in spite of the fact that the Austrian Government is flat on its back financially, there are still available considerable resources which could be applied as security on loans or credits and which in the long run would undoubtedly pay the investor. All these matters, of course, have been studied in detail by the sub-commission of the Reparations Commission sitting in Vienna, and recommendations made to the Supreme Council in Paris as to a logical solution of the difficulties not only in Austria but in all the new States of southern and central Europe. Austria, however, is in such desperate straits that she cannot wait longer for drawn-out propositions to become effective. Food and coal are required at once. Food is available at her very door in Serbia, and coal is available at the opposite door in Czecho-Slovakia. In spite of the fact that the people in general of these neighboring States hate an Austrian with the hatred equal to that of an American toward a Prussian, if Austria were able to offer sound, unencumbered values for food and coal the Governments of these countries

would not let their prejudices prevent them from at least filling to a much greater percentage the existing contracts now in effect.

These new States formerly forming a strong economic unit have been broken apart and must be educated to realize that they cannot throttle each other without damaging themselves. For that reason, through the foresight and at the instigation of Mr. Hoover, American technical advisors had been appointed to each of the States now known as Austria, Poland, Czecho-Slovakia and Jugo-Slavia. Their big job is to reorganize and rehabilitate the industries and transportation facilities of these countries. Their efforts, in view of the financial disorganization which exists, are producing admirable results.

To appreciate the extent of the food shortage in Austria, one need only know that the bread ration is, and has been for the past year, one pound of black bread per person per week. The coal ration early this winter was set at 7 kilograms, or about 16 pounds, per family per week for heating and cooking. About 25% of the people can be supplied with this ration with the present coal available each week. The rest patronize community soup-kitchens and freeze the rest of the time.

Under these conditions a break seems inevitable; the Government grows weaker every day; in fact, it is powerless, but the masses have not yet grasped the fact. Unless financial aid comes quickly, Bolshevism is inevitable, and it will cost the world a great deal more to overcome the effects of such an unholy regime than immediately and quickly to establish credits, based on security which would eventually yield adequate revenue.

These facts have been laid before the Supreme Council a hundred times in the most forcible manner, but results have not been apparent. It is not that the Allied powers individually and collectively are not keenly alive to the situation. We Americans who have watched the situation go from bad to worse this past year realize it and so do our friends the British, the French and the Italians. The French and Italians do not seem to feel that they have the power or the backing to handle this Central European situation. The British, however, are competent to act, and one need not observe closely to realize that their agents are spreading over the territory of old Austria-Hungary.

While I can offer no concrete evidence, it is becoming generally known that the British are gradually acquiring more or less of a controlling interest in every industry and commercial enterprise in central and southern Europe that has any particular value. This they can do, with exchange as at present, for almost nothing—even down to one cent on the dollar. These enterprises, on a pre-war basis, producing say a dividend of 5%, might come back to yield 100% to the British investor. When they have bought up everything they require in the old Central Empire, I can see them calling in international bankers, mainly American capital, to reorganize the finances of these central countries.

Energetic and disinterested central direction is needed to co-ordinate the economic life of the old Empire. Austria is capable of providing but 10% of its minimum coal requirements. The Supreme Council has allotted to Czecho-Slovakia the task of supplying 75% of the remainder of Austria's minimum requirements. At present only 250,000 tons per month are being received from Czecho-Slovakia, whereas the Council order calls for a monthly shipment of 750,000 tons. Czecho-Slovakia could deliver much more coal to Austria, for instance, if more cars were available; at least, that is the official reason given for non-delivery of coal as per contract. On the other hand, mine operators say they could get sufficient cars for the delivery of 50,000 tons more of coal per month if 1,600 Czecho-Slovakia kronen per car were available to "persuade" the proper official to order the cars loaded. Also, the Serbians could fill their contracts to deliver food to Austria if the Jugo-Slav Government had not inadvertently loaned out about 150,000,000 Jugo-Slav kronen, at something like 30%, which the Austrians had placed with them in foreign values for the purchase of foodstuffs. When the time came for the Serbian Government to buy the grain from their own farmers for the Austrian contract, no cash was available and the farmers and the merchants politely refused to sell to their own Government on credit.

In fact, no contract has been negotiated by two of these new Governments during the past year which was carried out anywhere near on time, or which was completely filled on both sides.

What laws now exist are not enforced, because there is nothing to back them up. If, however, these countries are given sound financial backing they will, after a few years, get back to normal conditions.

But money or credit is essential right now. Resources are available as security for long-time loans, and somebody has got to take up this matter of supplying credit seriously and quickly if the Bel Kun episode in Hungary is not to be repeated in Austria; and if Austria breaks into the flames of Bolshevism what is going to happen to the rest of Central Europe?

DECENTRALIZATION OF BANKING RESOURCES REPORTED BY COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY WILLIAMS.

The wider diffusion of wealth and credit to all sections of the country is dealt with in a statement made public by the Comptroller of the Currency on Jan. 29, in which, in dealing with the growth of the country's banking power in 20 years he presents figures intended to show the wide spread distribution of the wealth of the country and the decentralization of its banking resources. An increase of 1,000% or more in banking resources in sixteen States since 1899, with an increase of as much as 1,340%, or \$1,620,000,000 in the case of the national banks in the Pacific States is reported in the statement of Comptroller Williams, which we quote herewith:

A geographical analysis of the Nov. 17 1919 returns of the national banks of the country, and a comparison of the present resources of these banks with their resources just twenty years before, or say on Sept. 7 1899, not only furnishes convincing evidence of the stupendous and unprecedented growth of this country's banking power, but the comparison is particularly significant in another respect, for it emphasizes the wide-spread distribution of the country's wealth and the decentralization of its banking resources.

Twenty years ago the banking power of the country was mainly concentrated in the East, and the national banks of the New England and Eastern States, comprising 6% of the territory of the continental United States, held about 60%, or to be exact, 59.87% of the total resources of all the national banks of the country. Since that time the resources of the national banks in the New England and Eastern States have increased \$7,710,937,000, or 277%, but the proportion of the national bank resources in those States to the resources of all the national banks is now 46.78% of the total instead of 60%

Big Growth in the Middle West.

In September, 1899, the percentage of the total resources of all national banks which were held by the national banks in the Middle Western States was 25.64%. Since then the resources of these banks have increased \$4,333,300,000 or 363%. The proportion of their resources to the resources of all the national banks is now 24.62%.

Huge Increase, Both Actual and Comparative, in the South.

In 1899 the total resources of all the national banks in fourteen Southern States, including Oklahoma, were \$348,554,000, or 7.50% of the total resources of all the national banks. Since that time, the resources of the national banks in these States have increased \$3,097,707,000, or 889%, and the proportion of the resources of all the national banks now held in these Southern States is 15.35%, against, as above shown, 7.50% twenty years ago—the proportion having more than doubled.

Western States Gain 500%.

In 1899 the national banks of eight Western States, including the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico, had resources of \$204,733,000. Since that time the resources of the national banks in those States have increased \$1,025,668,000, or 500%. Twenty years ago these banks held 4.40% of the total resources of all banks. The percentage to-day in the same States is 5.48% of the whole.

Great Strides on Pacific Coast.

The resources of the national banks in the Pacific States, including California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and Alaska, in September, 1899, amounted to \$120,905,000. Since then the increase in resources in these States has been \$1,620,177,000, or 1340%. The proportion of the total resources of all National banks which the national banks in the Pacific States held in 1899 was 2.60%. To-day these banks hold 7.76% of the total resources of all the national banks of the country.

In every State in the union save one the increase in resources of the national banks since 1899 has amounted to more than 100%—the exception being the State of Rhode Island, where the increase was only 21.93%, but although the resources of the national banks in Rhode Island actually declined 15% between 1899 and 1913, they have in the six years since 1913, when the Federal Reserve law was passed, increased 44%.

Leaders in Percentage Gains.

The States whose national banks have shown an increase since 1899 of 1,000% or more are, in the order given Oklahoma, 6.537% or \$357,722,000; Nevada, 3.275% or \$174,233,000; Arkansas, 1.700% or \$79,116,000; Idaho, 1.691% or \$79,436,000; California, 1.685% or \$1,000,214,000; South Carolina, 1.343% or \$139,359,000; North Carolina, 1.255% or \$171,402,000; North Dakota, 1.250% or \$96,627,000; Wyoming 1.237% or \$55,874,000; South Dakota, 1.234% or \$103,732,000; Virginia, 1.177% or \$396,554,000; Florida, 1.174% or \$102,736,000; Mississippi, 1.125% or \$56,018,000; Georgia, 1.119% or \$196,953,000; Arizona, 1.028% or \$29,001,000; and Texas, 1.013% or \$869,611,000.

Largest Actual Increases.

The twelve States whose national banks have shown the greatest actual increase, in dollars, in resources in the same period have been: New York, \$4,358,583,000 or 360%; Pennsylvania, \$1,842,502,000 or 305%; Illinois, \$1,217,115,000 or 351%; California, \$1,000,214,000 or 1,685%; Texas, \$869,611,000 or 1,013%; Ohio, \$743,028,000 or 274%; Missouri, \$587,418,000 or 370%; Minnesota, \$568,115,000 or 731%; Massachusetts, \$515,030,000 or 105%; New Jersey, \$423,732,000 or 383%; Virginia, \$396,554,000 or 1,177%; and Oklahoma, \$357,722,000 or 6,537%.

Remarkable Comparisons.

The resources of the national banks in the States of Texas and Oklahoma are nearly as great as the total resources of all the national banks in the New England and Eastern States, except New York State, as they stood twenty years ago.

The resources to-day of the national banks in California and Washington exceed by 136 million dollars the resources of the Middle Western States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri in 1899.

The national banks of Massachusetts alone hold to-day resources equal to nearly one-fourth of the resources of all the national banks in the United States in 1899, and the assets of the national banks in Illinois at this time amount to more than one-third of the total resources of all the national banks of the country twenty years ago.

The national banks in Virginia, Texas and Oklahoma have to-day greater assets than the combined resources of all the national banks in the States of New York, Illinois and California, including the metropolitan cities of New York, Chicago, and San Francisco twenty years ago, and the national banks of California to-day have 45% more resources than all the national banks in New England in 1899.

The resources of the national banks in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa are greater than the resources of all the national banks in the United States in 1900.

The national banks in the Southern States—adding Maryland, the District of Columbia, Missouri and Oklahoma also—have at this time resources in excess of those held in 1899 by all the national banks in the entire country.

LONDON ATTRIBUTES BREAK IN STERLING EXCHANGE TO SECURITY SALES IN FRENCH MARKET.

As to the severe break which has been witnessed in sterling exchange, the "New York Evening Post" of Jan. 29 published the following special cable advices from London, indicative of the news held there regarding the cause therefore:

The immediate cause of the heavy break in sterling exchange this week has unquestionably been the French market's transactions. Paris has been selling every conceivable kind of security here to obtain sterling credits, the resultant bills of exchange being remitted to New York in payment for imports into France from America.

It is possible also that your own higher money rates and partial restrictions on credit may have aggravated the situation in sterling. Lombard Street is apathetic concerning the rise in the gold premium to 117 shillings 6 pence per ounce, as against 85 shillings normal. Banking circles regard this as a logical outcome of the foreign trade position. The "Daily Express" waxed hysterical over America "bleeding Europe white" through the exchange market, but this is regarded as pure nonsense, based on the fallacy that your people are profiting by the depreciation in sterling.

When the free market for gold arriving in London was resumed last September, the American market was looked on as the principal prospective buyer; consequently quotations of gold were changed from "standard

bars" to "fine gold" to accord with the American system, and the price was adjusted each morning to parity with American exchange. In practice, however, your market has been persistently outbid by others, notably India, the Straits, Spain and South America. India has been the principal buyer, though South Africa itself has just purchased for coinage purposes.

As regards the question of currency inflation, notes now outstanding are £333,000,000, which is £21,000,000 below the legal fiduciary maximum of the year to date. No violent contraction is planned; but the law now compels the Bank, whenever the maximum is exceeded, to place a corresponding amount of banknotes from the Bank of England's reserve in the currency department. The power to accomplish this without violent disturbance is increased through the present concentration in the Bank of England of the private stores of gold previously held by the English joint-stock banks.

SHIPMENT BY UNITED STATES OF SILVER DOLLARS TO CHINA.

Regarding a shipment of silver dollars to China, Washington press dispatches on Jan. 26 said:

To relieve the immediate stress of the exchange situation in China, where American gold is at a discount, 300,000 silver dollars have been shipped by the United States to Tientsin for the payment of troops and local accounts. As the United States silver dollar is not acceptable as currency in China, it is proposed to use the shipment of money as bullion to buy local currency wherever the purchasing power of bullion in silver dollars is greater than the exchange value of United States gold.

BANKERS AT CHICAGO CONFERENCE RECOMMEND THAT INTEREST RATE ON BALANCES BE LIMITED TO 2¼%.

The discussion in Chicago on Jan. 23 of the question of interest rates paid by member banks on out-of-town deposits and their relationship to the discount rates of the Federal Reserve banks, resulted in the adoption of a resolution recommending to banks and trust companies in the Reserve districts that no rate in excess of 2¼% be paid on net and available daily balances. The Chicago meeting, attended by bankers representing clearing house associations in the twelve Federal Reserve districts, was an outgrowth of the Washington conference held on Jan. 6 at the instance of W. P. G. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board. As we noted in our issue of Jan. 10, page 123, a resolution was adopted at that conference in which the opinion was expressed "that the payment of high rates of interest on bank or commercial balances is unsound and is bad banking, and that every effort should be made to avoid such a practice." The request was made in the resolution that a further meeting be called by the Federal Reserve Board and Jan. 23 was fixed by the latter for the further discussion of the matter. Following the Washington conference the New York Clearing House Association, as announced in our issue of Jan. 17, page 209, adopted an amendment to its constitution fixing the maximum rate of interest on balances at 2¼%. It is stated that the action at the Chicago conference was taken in order to conform to the approval expressed by the Federal Reserve Board through Governor Harding of the action of the New York Clearing House in adopting 2¼% as its maximum rate. James B. Forgan of the First National Bank of Chicago presided at last week's conference in that city. In making the recommendations the conference declared:

It is the opinion of this conference that the Federal Reserve Board should be free to establish its rates of discounts without reference to any Clearing House regulations as to the payment of interest.

This view was expressed at the Washington meeting by Governor Harding, who appealed to the bankers not to "make a scramble for deposits," by advancing interest rates on balances, and protested against a tendency to turn deposits into investment funds.

REPRESENTATIVE PLATT'S BILL AFFECTING QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL BANKS.

On Jan. 28 Congressman Platt from the Committee on Banking and Currency submitted a report on the bill to amend Section 5146 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the qualifications of directors of national banking associations. The bill requires that at least three-fourths of the directors must have resided in the State, territory or district in which the association is located or within fifty miles of the location of the office of the association, for at least one year immediately preceding their election, and must be residents of such State or within a fifty-mile territory of the location of the association during their continuance in office. The fifty-mile requirement is offered in lieu of the twenty-five-mile requirement as an amendment. Every director must own in his own right at least ten shares of the capital stock of the association of which he is a director, unless the capital of the bank shall not exceed \$25,000, in which case he must own in his own right at least five shares of such capital stock. Any director who ceases to be the owner of the required number of shares of stock, or who becomes in any other

manner disqualified, shall thereby vacate his place. In his report Mr. Platt said:

This section of the National Banking Act as it stands at present requires that at least three-fourths of the directors of a national bank must have lived for at least one year within the State, territory or district in which the bank is located and must continue in residence therein during their continuance in office. A number of cities, however, are located on or near State lines, and it sometimes happens that a manufacturing or business centre may be in one State and the residence centre belonging to the same city in another—as at St. Louis and East Saint Louis. There seems no good reason why residence within fifty miles of the bank in these days of good roads and motor cars should not be allowed. The bank must in any event choose directors from among the business men of the town where located in order to obtain a quorum at its meetings, and the distance they travel to and from business is not material nor is the fact whether they live on one side or another of a State line.

This bill is placed on the calendar and will be reached in its regular order.

RESOURCES OF STATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN UNITED STATES.

According to the State Bank Section of the American Bankers' Association, there are now in the United States 21,028 State chartered banking institutions, including commercial State banks, trust companies and savings banks. The total resources of such institutions are \$25,965,675,836.

These statistics have been compiled by Secretary and Treasurer R. N. Sims of the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks. There are also in the United States 7,705 national banks with total resources of \$20,799,550,000. The total number of banking institutions in the United States is therefore 28,733 with total resources of \$46,765,225,836. Mr. Sims, who was formerly Bank Commissioner of Louisiana, and is now Vice-President of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, in a letter to us in which the resources by States of the State institutions are made available, calls attention to the fact that, while the report is made up from statements of widely different dates, they are the latest that could be had. The law, he points out, is not uniform as to dates of call, and in some States months are required to compile reports. Mr. Sims thinks it reasonable to say that the statement represents figures that may be fairly said to average as of June 30 1919, which is the date of the Comptroller's statement covering national banks with which he makes comparison. Incidentally he observes that the State banks are "mighty strong in deposits," and that they have more largely increased their resources than have the national banks, a fact which his tabulations confirms. The following is the statement in full:

AGGREGATE RESOURCES, ETC., OF ALL BANKING INSTITUTIONS UNDER STATE CONTROL, COMPILED BY MR. SIMS FROM STATEMENTS FURNISHED BY HEADS OF STATE BANKING DEPARTMENTS.

Table with 11 columns: State, Report Date, No. of Institutions, Capital, Surplus, Undivided Profits, Capital & Undiv. Prof., Deposits, Loans and Discounts, Bonds, Stocks, Securities, &c., Total Resources. Lists 48 states and totals for 21,028 institutions with a total resource of \$25,965,675,836.

* Includes undivided profits. NOTE.—We have discarded the cents in the case of the figures of the separate States, which makes the footings of the columns vary a few dollars from the totals given.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD AND EDGE ACT—TEXT OF ACT.

The Federal Reserve Board in its reference to the Edge Act in the January number of its "Bulletin" notes that in view of the continuance of very high exports to European countries, the action of Congress and the President in definitely placing the Act upon the statute books becomes a matter of moment. The Board further says:

It is important to note that the measure in the form in which it has been enacted calls for action by the Federal Reserve Board in order to carry its terms fully into effect. The Board has jurisdiction of the procedure relating to the organization of corporations under the Act and is also required to regulate the conditions under which the corporations may operate in numerous important respects, including the terms and conditions upon

which bills and drafts may be accepted and those upon which debentures, bonds and promissory notes may be issued, while the Board is given general authority to determine what powers the concerns may exercise as incident to the powers conferred by the Act or as usually exercised by similar corporations. Whenever an Edge Act corporation receives deposits in the United States it is required to carry reserves in such amount as the Board may prescribe, but in no event less than 10% of those deposits. To the Board also is assigned the duty of passing upon applications made by any such corporation to purchase and hold stock in other corporations organized under the terms of the Edge Act, under the terms of any State law, or under the laws of any foreign country. Other functions in connection with the eligibility of directors on the boards of the new corporations are intrusted to the Federal Reserve Board, to which the various corporations are required to report and by whose examiners they are to be examined. These numerous details in connection with the organization and operation of the proposed corporations will require the issue of regulations or instructions designed fully to cover the points specified in the law. Such regulations

are already under advisement and the Board expects to make them public without delay to the end that there may be no further postponement of action under the terms of the law by those who desire to take advantage of its provisions. The question how far the proposed organization will be able to furnish effective aid under existing conditions to European countries is one upon which no definite opinion can be expressed, but which will depend not only upon the number and scope of the new concerns, but also upon the extent to which investors all over the United States respond to the offer of debentures to be issued by them.

While we gave the text of the Act in our issue of Dec. 20, page 2310, we take occasion to reprint it again herewith, inasmuch as the bill as previously published by us did not contain the corrections of clerical errors which appeared in the conference report (as indicated in our issue of Dec. 27, page 2401); the House and Senate adopted a concurrent resolution designed to correct the error in question. The following is the Act in its final form:

AN ACT to amend the Act approved December 23 1913, known as the Federal Reserve Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved December 23 1913, known as the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, be further amended by adding a new section as follows:

BANKING CORPORATIONS AUTHORIZED TO DO FOREIGN BANKING BUSINESS.

Sec. 25 (a). Corporations to be organized for the purpose of engaging in international or foreign banking or other international or foreign financial operations, or in banking or other financial operations in a dependency or insular possession of the United States, either directly or through the agency, ownership, or control of local institutions in foreign countries, or in such dependencies or insular possessions as provided by this section, and to act when required by the Secretary of the Treasury as fiscal agents of the United States, may be formed by any number of natural persons, not less in any case than five.

Such persons shall enter into articles of association which shall specify in general terms the objects for which the association is formed and may contain any other provisions not inconsistent with law which the association may see fit to adopt for the regulation of its business and the conduct of its affairs.

Such articles of association shall be signed by all of the persons intending to participate in the organization of the corporation and, thereafter, shall be forwarded to the Federal Reserve Board and shall be filed and preserved in its office. The persons signing the said articles of association shall, under their hands, make an organization certificate which shall specifically state:

First. The name assumed by such corporation, which shall be subject to the approval of the Federal Reserve Board.

Second. The place or places where its operations are to be carried on.

Third. The place in the United States where its home office is to be located.

Fourth. The amount of its capital stock and the number of shares into which the same shall be divided.

Fifth. The names and places of business or residence of the persons executing the certificate and the number of shares to which each has subscribed.

Sixth. The fact that the certificate is made to enable the persons subscribing the same, and all other persons, firms, companies, and corporations, who or which may thereafter subscribe to or purchase shares of the capital stock of such corporation, to avail themselves of the advantages of this section.

The persons signing the organization certificate shall duly acknowledge the execution thereof before a judge of some court of record or notary public, who shall certify thereto under the seal of such court or notary, and thereafter the certificate shall be forwarded to the Federal Reserve Board to be filed and preserved in its office. Upon duly making and filing articles of association and an organization certificate, and after the Federal Reserve Board has approved the same and issued a permit to begin business the association shall become and be a body corporate, and as such and in the name designated therein shall have power to adopt and use a corporate seal, which may be changed at the pleasure of its board of directors; to have succession for a period of twenty years unless sooner dissolved by the act of the shareholders owning two-thirds of the stock or by an Act of Congress or unless its franchises become forfeited by some violation of law; to make contracts; to sue and be sued, complain, and defend in any court of law or equity; to elect or appoint directors, all of whom shall be citizens of the United States; and, by its board of directors, to appoint such officers and employees as may be deemed proper, define their authority and duties, require bonds of them and fix the penalty thereof; dismiss such officers or employees, or any thereof, at pleasure, and appoint others to fill their places; to prescribe, by its board of directors, by-laws not inconsistent with law or with the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board regulating the manner in which its stock shall be transferred, its directors elected or appointed, its officers and employees appointed, its property transferred, and the privileges granted to it by law exercised and enjoyed.

Each corporation so organized shall have power, under such rules and regulations as the Federal Reserve Board may prescribe:

(a) To purchase, sell, discount, and negotiate, with or without its endorsement or guaranty, notes, drafts, checks, bills of exchange, acceptances, including bankers' acceptances, cable transfers, and other evidences of indebtedness; to purchase and sell, with or without its endorsement or guaranty, securities, including the obligations of the United States or of any State thereof but not including shares of stock in any corporation except as herein provided; to accept bills or drafts drawn upon it subject to such limitations and restrictions as the Federal Reserve Board may impose to issue letters of credit; to purchase and sell coin, bullion, and exchange; to borrow and to lend money; to issue debentures, bonds, and promissory notes under such general conditions as to security and such limitations as the Federal Reserve Board may prescribe, but in no event having liabilities outstanding thereon at any one time exceeding ten times its capital stock and surplus; to receive deposits outside of the United States and to receive only such deposits within the United States as may be incidental to or for the purpose of carrying out transactions in foreign countries or dependencies, or insular possessions of the United States; and generally to exercise such powers as are incidental to the powers conferred by this Act or as may be usual, in the determination of the Federal Reserve Board, in connection with the transaction of the business of banking or other financial operations in the countries, colonies, dependencies or possessions in which it shall transact business and not inconsistent with the powers specifically granted herein. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Federal Reserve Board, under its power to prescribe rules and regulations, from limiting the aggregate amount of liabilities of any or all classes incurred by the corporation and outstanding at any one time. Whenever a corporation organized under this section receives deposits in the United

States authorized by this section, it shall carry reserves in such amounts as the Federal Reserve Board may prescribe, but in no event less than 10% of its deposits.

(b) To establish and maintain for the transaction of its business branches or agencies in foreign countries, their dependencies or colonies, and in the dependencies or insular possessions of the United States, at such places as may be approved by the Federal Reserve Board and under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe, including countries or dependencies not specified in the original organization certificate.

(c) With the consent of the Federal Reserve Board to purchase and hold stock or other certificates of ownership in any other corporation organized under the provisions of this section, or under the laws of any foreign country or a colony or dependency thereof, or under the laws of any State, dependency or insular possession of the United States not engaged in the general business of buying or selling goods, wares, merchandise or commodities in the United States, and not transacting any business in the United States, except such as in the judgment of the Federal Reserve Board may be incidental to its international or foreign business. Provided, however, That, except with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, no corporation organized hereunder shall invest in any one corporation an amount in excess of 10% of its own capital and surplus, except in a corporation engaged in the business of banking, when 15% of its capital and surplus may be invested; Provided further, That no corporation organized hereunder shall purchase, own, or hold stock or certificates of ownership in any other corporation organized hereunder or under the laws of any State which is in substantial competition therewith, or which holds stock or certificates of ownership in corporations which are in substantial competition with the purchasing corporation.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent corporations organized hereunder from purchasing and holding stock in any corporation where such purchase shall be necessary to prevent a loss upon a debt previously contracted in good faith; and stock so purchased or acquired in corporations organized under this section shall within six months from such purchase be sold or disposed of at public or private sale unless the time to so dispose of same is extended by the Federal Reserve Board.

No corporation organized under this section shall carry on any part of its business in the United States except such as, in the judgment of the Federal Reserve Board, shall be incidental to its international or foreign business: And provided further, That except such as is incidental and preliminary to its organization no such corporation shall exercise any of the powers conferred by this section until it has been duly authorized by the Federal Reserve Board to commence business as a corporation organized under the provision of this section.

No corporation organized under this section shall engage in commerce or trade in commodities except as specifically provided in this section, nor shall it either directly or indirectly control or fix or attempt to control or fix the price of any such commodities. The charter of any corporation violating this provision shall be subject to forfeiture in the manner herein-after provided in this section. It shall be unlawful for any director, officer, agent, or employee of any such corporation to use or conspire to use the credit, the funds, or the power of the corporation to fix or control the price of any such commodities, and any such person violating this provision shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not less than one year and not exceeding five years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

No corporation shall be organized under the provisions of this section with a capital stock of less than \$2,000,000, one-quarter of which must be paid in before the corporation may be authorized to begin business, and the remainder of the capital stock of such corporation shall be paid in installments of at least 10% on the whole amount to which the corporation shall be limited as frequently as one installment at the end of each succeeding two months from the time of the commencement of its business operations, until the whole of the capital stock shall be paid in. The capital stock of any such corporation may be increased at any time, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board by a vote of two-thirds of its shareholders or by unanimous consent in writing of the shareholders without a meeting and without a formal vote, but any such increase of capital shall be fully paid in within ninety days after such approval; and may be reduced in like manner, provided that in no event shall it be less than \$2,000,000. No corporation, except as herein provided, shall during the time it shall continue its operations, withdraw or permit to be withdrawn, either in the form of dividends or otherwise, any portion of its capital. Any National banking association may invest in the stock of any corporation organized under the provisions of this section, but the aggregate amount of stock held in all corporations engaged in business of the kind described in this section and in section 25 of the Federal Reserve Act as amended shall not exceed 10% of the subscribing bank's capital and surplus.

A majority of the shares of the capital stock of any such corporation shall at all times be held and owned by citizens of the United States, by corporations the controlling interest in which is owned by citizens of the United States, chartered under the laws of the United States or of a State of the United States, or by firms or companies, the controlling interest in which is owned by citizens of the United States. The provisions of section 8 of the Act approved October 15 1914, entitled "An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes," as amended by the Acts of May 15 1916, and September 7 1916, shall be construed to apply to the directors, other officers, agents, or employees of corporations organized under the provisions of this section: Provided, however, That nothing herein contained shall (1) prohibit any director or other officer, agent or employee of any member bank, who has procured the approval of the Federal Reserve Board from serving at the same time as a director or other officer, agent or employee of any corporation organized under the provisions of this section in whose capital stock such member bank shall have invested; or (2) prohibit any director or other officer, agent, or employee of any corporation organized under the provisions of this section, who has procured the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, from serving at the same time as a director or other officer, agent or employee of any other corporation in whose capital stock such first mentioned corporation shall have invested under the provisions of this section.

No member of the Federal Reserve Board shall be an officer or director of any corporation organized under the provisions of this section, or of any corporation engaged in similar business organized under the laws of any State, nor hold stock in any such corporation, and before entering upon his duties as a member of the Federal Reserve Board he shall certify under oath to the Secretary of the Treasury that he has complied with this requirement.

Shareholders in any corporation organized under the provisions of this section shall be liable for the amount of their unpaid stock subscriptions. No such corporation shall become a member of any Federal Reserve Bank.

Should any corporation organized hereunder violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this section, all of its rights, privileges, and franchises derived herefrom may thereby be forfeited. Before any such corporation shall be declared dissolved, or its rights, privileges, and franchises forfeited, any noncompliance with, or violation of such laws shall,

however, be determined and adjudged by a court of the United States of competent jurisdiction, in a suit brought for that purpose in the district or territory in which the home office of such corporation is located, which suit shall be brought by the United States at the instance of the Federal Reserve Board or the Attorney General. Upon adjudication of such non-compliance or violation, each director and officer who participated in, or assented to, the illegal act or acts, shall be liable in his personal or individual capacity for all damages which the said corporation shall have sustained in consequence thereof. No dissolution shall take away or impale any remedy against the corporation, its stockholders, or officers for any liability or penalty previously incurred.

Any such corporation may go into voluntary liquidation and be closed by a vote of its shareholders owning two-thirds of its stock.

Whenever the Federal Reserve Board shall become satisfied of the insolvency of any such corporation, it may appoint a receiver who shall take possession of all of the property and assets of the corporation and exercise the same rights, privileges, powers, and authority with respect thereto as are now exercised by receivers of national banks appointed by the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States: Provided, however, That the assets of the corporation subject to the laws of other countries or jurisdictions shall be dealt with in accordance with the terms of such laws.

Every corporation organized under the provisions of this section shall hold a meeting of its stockholders annually upon a date fixed in its by-laws, such meeting to be held at its home office in the United States. Every such corporation shall keep at its home office books containing the names of all stockholders thereof, and the names and addresses of the members of its board of directors, together with copies of all reports made by it to the Federal Reserve Board. Every such corporation shall make reports to the Federal Reserve Board at such times and in such form as it may require; and shall be subject to examination once a year and at such other times as may be deemed necessary by the Federal Reserve Board by examiners appointed by the Federal Reserve Board, the cost of such examinations, including the compensation of the examiners, to be fixed by the Federal Reserve Board and to be paid by the corporation examined.

The directors of any corporation organized under the provisions of this section may, semi-annually, declare a dividend of so much of the net profits of the corporation as they shall judge expedient; but each corporation shall, before the declaration of a dividend, carry one-tenth of its net profits of the preceding half year to its surplus fund until the same shall amount to 20% of its capital stock.

Any corporation organized under the provisions of this section shall be subject to tax by the State within which its home office is located in the same manner and to the same extent as other corporations organized under the laws of that State which are transacting a similar character of business. The shares of stock in such corporation shall also be subject to tax as the personal property of the owners or holders thereof in the same manner and to the same extent as the shares of stock in similar State corporations.

Any corporation organized under the provisions of this section may at any time within the two years next previous to the date of the expiration of its corporate existence, by a vote of the shareholders owning two-thirds of its stock, apply to the Federal Reserve Board for its approval to extend the period of its corporate existence for a term of not more than twenty years, and upon certified approval of the Federal Reserve Board such corporation shall have its corporate existence for such extended period unless sooner dissolved by the act of the shareholders owning two-thirds of its stock, or by an act of Congress or unless its franchise becomes forfeited by some violation of law.

Any bank or banking institution principally engaged in a foreign business incorporated by special law of any State or of the United States or organized under the general laws of any State or of the United States and having an unimpaired capital sufficient to entitle it to become a corporation under the provisions of this section may by the vote of the shareholders owning not less than two-thirds of the capital stock of such bank or banking association, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, be converted into a Federal corporation of the kind authorized by this section with any name approved by the Federal Reserve Board: Provided, however, That said conversion shall not be in contravention of the State law. In such case the articles of association and organization certificate may be executed by a majority of the directors of the bank or banking institution, and the certificate shall declare that the owners of at least two-thirds of the capital stock have authorized the directors to make such certificate and to change or convert the bank or banking institution into a Federal corporation. A majority of the directors, after executing the articles of association and the organization certificate, shall have power to execute all other papers and to do whatever may be required to make its organization perfect and complete as a Federal corporation. The shares of any such corporation may continue to be for the same amount each as they were before the conversion, and the directors may continue to be directors of the corporation until others are elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of this section. When the Federal Reserve Board has given to such corporation a certificate that the provisions of this section have been complied with, such corporation and all its stockholders, officers, and employees, shall have the same powers and privileges, and shall be subject to the same duties, liabilities, and regulations, in all respects, as shall have been prescribed by this section for corporations originally organized hereunder.

Every officer, director, clerk, employee, or agent of any corporation organized under this section who embezzles, abstracts, or willfully misapplies any of the moneys, funds, credits, securities, evidences of indebtedness or assets of any character of such corporation; or who, without authority from the directors, issues or puts forth any certificate of deposit, draws any order or bill of exchange, makes any acceptance, assigns any note, bond, debenture, draft, bill or exchange, mortgage, judgment, or decree or who makes any false entry in any book, report, or statement of such corporation with intent, in either case, to injure or defraud such corporation or any other company, body politic or corporate or any individual person, or to deceive any officer of such corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any agent or examiner appointed to examine the affairs of any such corporation; and every receiver of any such corporation and every clerk or employee of such receiver who shall embezzle, abstract, or willfully misapply or wrongfully convert to his own use any moneys, funds, credits, or assets of any character which may come into his possession or under his control in the execution of his trust or the performance of the duties of his employment and every such receiver or clerk or employee of such receiver who shall, with intent to injure or defraud any person, body politic or corporate, or to deceive or mislead the Federal Reserve Board, or any agent or examiner appointed to examine the affairs of such receiver, shall make any false entry in any book, report, or record of any matter connected with the duties of such receiver; and every person who with like intent aids or abets any officer, director, clerk, employee, or agent of any corporation organized under this section, or receiver or clerk or employee of such receiver as aforesaid in any violation of this section, shall upon conviction thereof be imprisoned for not less than two years nor more than ten years, and may also be fined not more than \$5,000, in the discretion of the court.

Whoever being connected in any capacity with any corporation organized under this section represents in any way that the United States is liable for the payment of any bond or other obligation, or the interest thereon, issued or incurred by any corporation organized hereunder or that the United States incurs any liability in respect of any act or omission of the corporation, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 and by imprisonment for not more than five years.

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GREAT BRITAIN NOT TO BORROW FROM U. S. TO RE-LOAN TO OTHER NATIONS.

In a speech made at Birmingham, Eng., on Jan. 22, Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer is said to have stated that it is not Great Britain's policy to borrow vast sums in America for the purpose of lending to other nations of Europe. The cablegrams to the daily press also quote him to the following effect:

"So long as I am responsible," he said, "that will not be a policy which the Government will think of adopting."

Mr. Chamberlain expressed the belief that Great Britain had reached the maximum of the national debt and said he believed the nation would "turn the corner" during the coming financial year. Then it would be the Government's business to consider funding the large existing floating debt, thus removing from commercial and financial centres the cloud of anxiety hanging over them.

The Chancellor declared that no expedient, however ingenious, could relieve the nation of the necessity for many years of careful economy in national and personal expenditure or from continued effort to create wealth.

LONDON'S VIEW OF THE INCREASES IN FEDERAL RESERVE DISCOUNT RATES.

In special cable advices (copyright) from London, Jan. 25, the New York "Sun" of Jan. 26, said:

The banking world of London is unable to fathom the policy of the United States Federal Reserve Board in its handling of discount rates. British banking adheres tenaciously to what it believes to be the sound theory that the bank rate should be used as an instrument to regulate exchange rates and should not be tampered with in any attempt to regulate the domestic money market.

At times when sterling has been at a discount it has been the practice to raise the bank rate in order to attract funds to this centre, thereby creating a demand for sterling bills and bringing the rate for sterling back to the normal level. Conversely, when sterling was above par it was the practice to lower the bank rate so as to allow an outflow of money, causing selling of sterling bills and lowering the exchange rate.

The Federal Reserve Board is pursuing exactly the opposite course. New York exchange is at a heavy premium, but the discount rate is being raised constantly with an explanation that it is desirable to curtail speculation and bring about deflation. The result of this policy is plainly evident, as viewed here, for the dollars which might seek investment abroad are staying at home, where they yield the largest return.

Higher Interest: Higher Prices.

The theory as to the efficacy of high interest rates in preventing speculation and causing deflation is seriously disputed here. Every fraction added to the interest rates causes an increase in the cost of production, which causes higher prices; these higher prices increase earnings, which in turn increase the possibilities of large speculative profits either by distribution in the shape of dividends on securities or by a favorable turnover in commodities.

Ultimately, therefore, there is no check to speculation because borrowers are willing to pay more if they think they will obtain a larger profit through higher prices. This sort of reasoning has led some bankers here to remark that the Reserve Board is chasing itself around in a circle.

A prominent banker here, who realizes the difficulty of placing foreign loans in America because of high money and high income taxes, suggested that the Reserve Board should reverse its position by fostering tax legislation by which the income from foreign investments could be exempted from the sur-tax if such a tax reduced the yield below a certain point, say 3½ or 4%. Then by pounding money rates down below this figure capital literally would be driven from the United States, dollars would decline nearer to par, foreigners could afford to use them to make purchases in the United States and the latter's export trade would be protected.

Answer to an Objection.

It might be objected that this plan would result in increased inflation, because the only method to drive money rates down would be to increase currency and credit, but as the increase in currency and credit would go abroad there would be no increase in buying power created at home and consequently prices would not rise. This banker realized that such action by the Reserve Board would put foreign loans in competition with domestic tax exempt securities.

"But would not that be a good thing?" he asked. "It would drive down money rates, prices would follow and deflation would begin. If later dollars fell too low the bank rate could be raised and capital would come back, or better still Congress would vest the Reserve Board with power to fix the minimum yield of foreign securities and the Reserve Board then would be in possession of a powerful weapon to control the international money market."

"It would have a two-edged sword; it could hold dollar exchange down if necessary by raising the tax exempt yield of foreign securities and lowering the bank rate, or could support dollars when needed by just the opposite action."

GROWTH OF WORLD PAPER CURRENCY DURING AND SINCE THE WAR.

World paper currency has increased 600% since the beginning of the war, while the gold reserve behind it has increased but 40%. The face value of the paper currency of 30 principal countries of the world aggregated \$7,250,000,000 in 1914, \$40,000,000,000 at the date of the Armistice, and \$50,000,000,000 in December 1919, these figures being exclusive of the \$34,000,000,000 of paper issued by the Bolshevik Government. Meantime the bank deposits and consequent use of checks as a circulating medium have correspondingly increased and the world national debts have grown

LIABILITIES.		
<i>Capital—</i>		
Capital paid in.....	\$22,390,750 00	\$20,820,100 00
Surplus.....	*45,081,932 63	8,322,040 00
Total capital fund.....	\$67,472,682 63	\$29,142,140 00
<i>Deposits—</i>		
Due to U. S. Government.....	\$5,849,025 28	\$5,705,629 18
do Foreign Governments & banks.....	27,569,776 45	95,976,172 85
do member banks—res'v'e balances.....	755,951,452 59	705,062,061 27
do do —uncollected funds.....	88,568,032 65	72,173,899 90
do non-member banks, dep. acct.....	11,655,844 36	5,382,207 29
do other F. R. banks—coll'd fds.....	72,964,615 44	78,986,137 26
do do —uncollected funds.....	7,337,079 52	6,634,425 41
Officers' checks outstanding.....	6,170,350 28	4,998,919 04
Gross deposits.....	\$976,066,176 57	\$975,219,452 18
<i>Notes—</i>		
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	\$939,715,955 00	\$819,015,835 00
do bank notes outstanding.....	58,200,000 00	33,785,000 00
Total.....	\$997,915,955 00	\$852,800,835 00
<i>Other Liabilities—</i>		
Depreciation reserve account.....	\$526,621 35	\$205,380 00
General reserve account.....	822,682 42	299,375 00
Unearned discount and interest.....	2,737,510 26	1,308,769 89
Participation certificates Lib. Ln. bds.....	20,130 00	34,410 00
Reserve for franchise tax.....		*12,795,214 57
Due to U. S. Govt. as franchise tax.....	2,703,893 63	
All other liabilities.....	3,225,519 95	
Total other liabilities.....	\$10,036,357 61	\$14,643,649 47
Total liabilities.....	\$2,051,491,171 81	\$1,871,806,076 65

*\$12,795,214 57 shown on Dec. 31 1918 as "Reserve for Franchise tax" was transferred to surplus account on March 5 1919 after amendment of the Federal Reserve Act.

OKLAHOMA CITY BRANCH OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS CITY.

The establishment of a branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank at Oklahoma City was authorized by the Federal Reserve Board on Dec. 17, in order, according to the Board, "to expedite shipments of currency to and from member banks in the State of Oklahoma, and to provide better facilities for intra-State clearing checks." The Reserve Board in its January "Bulletin" also had the following to say regarding the Oklahoma City branch:

The Board has recommended to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City that the by-laws assign as territory for the Oklahoma City branch that portion of the State of Oklahoma which is not included in the eleventh Federal Reserve District. An outline of the powers and functions to be exercised by the branch as recommended by the Board is as follows: The branch bank will receive deposits from member banks but will carry no deposit accounts. All amounts received on deposit will be transmitted daily, by telegraph or otherwise, to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City for credit to the accounts of the depositing banks, and each member bank in the territory assigned to the branch, wherever located, may, at its option, make remittances of currency and checks direct to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. The branch will carry no Government deposits, but will redeem Treasury certificates, pay Government checks, and will close out balances daily with the head office. The branch will carry no earning assets; applications for loans or discounts from member banks and offers for sale of mail transfers, bankers' acceptances, and bills of exchange eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks will be transmitted to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City for final action. Immediate credit, however, may be given in cases where it becomes necessary for member banks to rediscount in order to meet clearing-house debit balances, unexpected deficiencies in reserves, and any other case where quick arrangements are necessary, all actual rediscounting operations, however, to be made at the head office, interest being charged from the date the notes were received by the branch. In cases where notes are secured by United States obligations, the branch may, by authority of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, hold the collateral and forward the notes to the parent bank with trust receipts showing the amount and nature of collateral held. Banks in the branch bank territory may deal directly with the parent bank. The principal functions to be exercised by the branch will be the clearing and collection of checks and the handling of shipments of currency to and from member banks in its territory. This plan is the same as the one which governs the operations of the branch banks at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and other cities.

Dorset Carter, P. C. Dings and L. H. Earhart have been appointed directors of the Oklahoma City branch. Mr. Earhart, it is stated, will also be Manager. R. O. Wunderlich, formerly Manager of the Oklahoma City Clearing House, will be Cashier of the new Reserve bank branch at Oklahoma City.

OPENING OF LOS ANGELES BRANCH OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO.

The Los Angeles branch of the Federal Reserve Bank opened for business on Jan. 2. Reference to the approval of its establishment by the Federal Reserve Board was made in these columns Oct. 11, page 1416. In announcing the appointment of the directors of the bank, namely I. B. Newton, H. M. Robinson, J. F. Sartori, A. J. Waters and Ira Clerk, the Federal Reserve Board in the January "Bulletin" said:

The first two gentlemen have been appointed by the Federal Reserve Board, while the last three are the appointees of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

I. B. Newton, prominent merchant of Southern California, was for many years connected with Harper & Reynolds Co., wholesale and retail hardware dealers of Los Angeles. He recently retired from active business.

During the war he served on the Los Angeles sub-committee of the Twelfth District Committee on Capital Issues.

Henry M. Robinson is a well-known citizen of Southern California. War activities brought him to Washington, where he served on the Shipping Board, at the end of the war going to Paris as one of the Economics Committee of Five assisting the American Peace Delegation. He was appointed by the President as a member of the Second Industrial Conference, and, more recently, as a member, representing the public, of the commission to investigate wages and working conditions in the coal industry provided for in the strike settlement agreement.

J. F. Sartori is President of the Security Trust & Savings Bank and President of the Security National Bank, both of Los Angeles.

A. J. Waters is President of the Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles and President of the Los Angeles Clearing House Association.

Ira Clerk is Assistant Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and has been appointed active Manager of the Los Angeles branch.

The territory of the Los Angeles branch embraces the following counties in California: Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura; also the following counties in Arizona: Apache, Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pinal, Yavapai and Yuma.

NEW CLASS A DIRECTOR FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CLEVELAND.

Chess Lamberton, Vice-President of the Lamberton National Bank of Franklin, and formerly Chairman of Group 7 of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, has been elected a Class "A" Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, succeeding W. S. Rowe, who was ineligible for re-election. Mr. Lamberton took up the duties of his new office on Jan. 1. R. P. Wright was re-elected Class "B" Director of the bank.

CHANGES IN BOUNDARIES OF FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS OF ATLANTA AND ST. LOUIS.

The following concerning the changes in the boundaries of the Federal Reserve Districts of Atlanta (Reserve District No. 6) and St. Louis (Reserve District No. 8) appears in the January Bulletin of the Federal Reserve Board.

By act of its Legislature the State of Mississippi has created a new county under the title of "Humphreys," by assigning thereto territory formerly included partially in each of Sharkey, Yazoo, Washington, Sunflower, and Holmes counties. Inasmuch as the newly-created county embraced territory lying within both the Sixth and the Eighth Federal Reserve Districts, the Federal Reserve Board on Dec. 12 reviewed the territorial boundaries of the two Federal Reserve districts and ordered that all of the territory lying within Humphreys County be assigned to the Eighth Federal Reserve District. The board further defined the northern boundary of the Sixth Federal Reserve District in the State of Mississippi as the northern boundary lines of the counties of Issaquena, Sharkey, Yazoo, Madison, Leake, Neshoba, and Kemper, after the creation of the new county of Humphreys.

E. P. PASSMORE, GOVERNOR OF PHILADELPHIA FEDERAL RESERVE BANK TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF BANK OF NORTH AMERICA.

E. P. Passmore will retire as governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia on March 1 to become President of the Bank of North America of Philadelphia. Mr. Passmore before becoming connected with the Federal Reserve Bank had been identified with the Franklin National Bank of Philadelphia of which he had originally been assistant cashier, but later advanced to the respective offices of cashier and vice-president. In the Bank of North America Mr. Passmore will succeed Charles H. Harding.

OFFERING OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.

A new issue of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, acceptable in payment of taxes, was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass on Jan. 24. These certificates (Series T M-4, 1920) are dated and bear interest from Feb. 2 1920, and are payable March 15 1920. They bear interest at 4½%; the last previous issue of tax certificates (T D 1920) bore interest at 4¾%. Treasury Certificates Series C 1920, maturing Feb. 2 1920; Series D 1920, maturing Feb. 16 1920 and Series T9, maturing March 15 1920 (with any un-matured coupons attached) will be accepted at par with an adjustment of accrued interest in payment for Certificates of the Series T M 4-1920 now being offered. The latter are issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The circular issued by Secretary of the Treasury Glass says in part:

Said certificates shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess-profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates authorized by said act approved Sept. 24 1917, and amendments thereto, the principal of which does not

exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association, or corporation, shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

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

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice. Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before Feb. 2 1920, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve Banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive certificates. Any qualified depositor will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district. Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series C 1920, maturing February 2 1920, Series D 1920, maturing Feb. 16 1920, and Series T9, maturing March 15 1920 (with any unmaturing coupons attached), will be accepted at par with an adjustment of accrued interest in payment for any certificates of the Series TM4—1920, now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted.

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

DAVID F. HOUSTON NAMED TO SUCCEED CARTER GLASS AS SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

David F. Houston was named by President Wilson on Jan. 27 as successor to Carter Glass as Secretary of the Treasury. The resignation of Secretary Glass was announced on Nov. 18, and, as stated in our issue of Nov. 22 (page 1938), followed the tender to him of the seat of United States Senator Thomas S. Martin of Virginia, who died on Nov. 12. Mr. Glass has postponed taking his seat in the Senate until his successor as Secretary qualified for the latter post. Mr. Houston, who has been chosen by President Wilson as the new Secretary of the Treasury, has been Secretary of Agriculture since the beginning of President Wilson's first term. Mr. Houston assisted in the organization of the Federal Reserve system, and was also identified with the organization of the Federal Farm Loan Board. Russell C. Leffingwell, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, had been looked upon as the one likely to succeed Mr. Glass as Secretary, and the fact that he was finally eliminated as a candidate is said to have been due to opposition on political grounds.

SECRETARY GLASS WARNS AGAINST FURTHER EXPENDITURES OR CUT IN TAXES IF NEW LIBERTY BOND ISSUE IS TO BE AVOIDED.

Secretary of the Treasury Glass in a recent statement dealing with the condition of the Treasury Department, cautioned against the entrance of Congress "upon new field of large expenditure," or against a further reduction of taxes, if a new Liberty Loan issue is to be avoided. We quote what he had to say herewith in the statement, as made public Jan. 12:

It will no doubt be recalled that on Sept. 5, in announcing an issue of tax certificates, I made certain statements concerning the Government's financial position and prospects for the balance of the calendar year, and said that the turn of the tide had come. Now that the figures at the year's end are in hand it appears that my most sanguine expectations have been more than realized. On the basis of Treasury daily statements the Government's gross debt on Aug. 30 1919 was \$26,596,701,848 01
On Dec. 31 it amounted to 25,837,078,807 38

a reduction of \$759,622,840 63
Its floating debt (unmatured) treasury certificates of indebtedness on Aug. 30 was \$4,201,139,050 39
On Dec. 31 it amounted to 3,578,485,800 37

a reduction of \$ 622,653,250 02
The portion of the floating debt requiring to be refunded (so-called "loan certificates") on Aug. 30 amounted to \$2,012,387,500 00
On Dec. 31 it amounted to 1,326,661,000 00

a reduction of \$685,726,500 00

The loan certificates outstanding on Dec. 31 were of issues maturing Jan. 2, Jan. 15, Feb. 2 and Feb. 16 1920, and have been or will be paid from cash on hand Dec. 31 and from the proceeds of the sale of tax certificates thereafter issued, thus consummating the Treasury's plan for financing the unfunded portion of the war debt in such a way as to avoid any large funding operations.

As to the future it may be stated positively that unless Congress should enter upon new fields of large expenditure not included in the Treasury's estimates or should make a reduction in the amount of taxes in addition to the reduction made a year ago upon the recommendation of Secretary McAdoo from about \$6,000,000,000 to about \$4,000,000,000, we may look forward confidently to the retirement of the floating debt out of the taxes provided by existing law and miscellaneous receipts coming within the general head of war salvage (although further issues of tax certificates in diminishing amounts will be necessary from time to time in the intervals between income and profits tax installment payments), and to the gradual reduction of the funded war debt through the operations of the Liberty Loan Bond Purchase Fund and Sinking Fund already created by law. On the other hand, should Congress embark upon new fields of large expenditure or further reduce taxes, it will, as I have already indicated, be clearly necessary to revise the Treasury's plans and call upon the country to finance the resulting deficit by the issue of a new Liberty Loan.

EDWIN T. MEREDITH NAMED TO SUCCEED D. F. HOUSTON AS SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

The appointment of Edwin T. Meredith as Secretary of Agriculture was sent to the Senate by President Wilson on Jan. 27. Mr. Meredith has been named to succeed David G. Houston, who as noted in the preceding article, has been chosen to succeed Carter Glass as Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Meredith is the editor of "Successful Farming," and before establishing that paper was publisher of the "Farmers' Tribune." He is President of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, a director of the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank and was one of the excess profits advisers of the Treasury Department, appointed in 1917. He was also a member of the group representing the public at the industrial conference last October. In a statement issued at Miami, Fla. on Jan. 27, Mr. Meredith said one of his first undertakings as head of the Agriculture Department would be to work out some method of getting crops to market "without too much lost motion."

FRANK A. MUNSEY TO MERGE THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.

Frank A. Munsey, prominent newspaper and magazine publisher, announced on Jan. 24 his intention of merging, on Feb. 1 the two New York morning newspapers—the "Sun" and the "Herald"—the latter of which he recently acquired.

The title of the combined paper will be: "The Sun and N. Y. Herald." Mr. Munsey on Jan. 14 purchased the "Herald," the N. Y. "Evening Telegram" and the European edition of the "Herald," published at Paris. All of these papers were acquired by him from the estate of the late James Gordon Bennett, whose father was the founder of the "Herald."

Mr. Munsey is the owner also of the N. Y. "Evening Sun," the Baltimore "News" and periodicals bearing his name. The announcement of the amalgamation of the "Sun" and "Herald" and the reasons therefor, appeared in the latter paper Jan. 25 as follows:

To the Readers of the New York Herald:

Beginning with next Sunday's issue of the "Herald" (Feb. 1) the New York "Sun" and the New York "Herald" will appear in combination as one newspaper. The title of the combined paper will be "The Sun and New York Herald."

I am fully conscious that this announcement will come as a great shock to many of you, most of you, in fact, who have clung faithfully to the "Herald," while other New York newspapers have been more vigorously handled, have been better nourished and, as a consequence, have steadily forged ahead of the old leader in circulation and in earnings.

But, in spite of this fact, you have never wavered in your allegiance to the "Herald." The reason for this, I assume, is that the "Herald" has never lost its atmosphere of refinement. A newspaper reflects the soul of the man who owns it and puts himself into it. Mr. Bennett was a man of good breeding, a man of refined contacts, a man of the world.

The "Herald" has covered as no other American newspaper has ever covered the doings of the social world, dramatic world, musical world and world of sports. Its sporting news has had a peculiar "Herald" flavor, more refined in theme and in handling than such news in other newspapers.

Because of these outstanding characteristics, the "Herald" has been an extraordinary favorite with women readers everywhere—women of education, position and refined taste. In later years the "Herald" has lacked manly vigor. It has depended largely on its specialties, whereas it should have added to these specialties more of the strength of the vigorous morning newspaper of to-day. It had these vigorous qualities in big measure in its early days, and they were still outstanding characteristics of the "Herald" when its great editor and owner, the late James Gordon Bennett, was in his prime, his journalistic vision then stretching out to the farthest-most parts of the world.

Without his hand to guide it, without his genius to vitalize it, without his generous purse to finance it, it has given place in the race for supremacy. But in spite of all this the prestige and power and world fame of the New York "Herald" remain undimmed. They are an asset of incalculable value. No newspaper can be great without them.

I want to tell you, you staunch friends of the "Herald," that I was no less unhappy than perhaps you are to-day when my analysis of the situation in the "Herald" office convinced me that it would be combined with the "Sun." I had hoped it might wisely be continued as an independent entity. If I had yielded to sentiment and pride I should have entered upon the fight so to continue it.

But pride has no place in economics. To have continued the "Herald" as an independent entity would have been in opposition to all the laws of economics, all the laws of sound business.

Its printing plant is archaic and worn to the breaking point. There is no machinery there of any practical value. A new equipment could not be installed under a year and a half, and then at a cost of a million dollars and more.

The "Sun" does not need the "Herald" in combination, but the "Herald" needs the "Sun." The "Sun" has a wonderful mechanical equipment, enormous in size and thoroughly representative of the very last word in printing machinery. The "Sun" has acres of floor space for its printing plant, for its editorial rooms and for its offices—a magnificently equipped newspaper shop in all particulars.

The "Herald" not only has no printing machinery, but has no home, or will have no home in another fifteen months. The ground lease on which the "Herald" building rests terminates at the end of April next year, and then the "Herald" building will become the property of the owners of the ground.

While the "Sun" is in an impregnable strong position and does not need the "Herald" in combination, yet it cannot help benefiting from taking

on the "Herald" atmosphere, the "Herald" circulation and the "Herald" prestige. The "Herald," on the other hand, will benefit enormously from combining with the "Sun." It will have the advantage of the "Sun's" fine organization and of the "Sun's" great mechanical equipment. Moreover, it will get from the "Sun" the vigor and energy and initiative that the "Herald" has lacked in recent years. It will get, too, as great a measure of prestige as it gives, for the "Sun's" reputation for cleverness, for earnestness, for courage mounts quite as big in the aggregate as the far-famed reputation of the New York "Herald." Together, in one entity, these two newspapers ought to make one very great newspaper.

The foregoing tells you why I am amalgamating the "Sun" and the "Herald." It is a long statement, but the occasion merits it; it is your right to have this statement.

One word more and I have done. The New York "Herald," your "Herald," is not going to die. My purchase of the "Herald" and this merging bring it back to its own again, bring it back to the days of its youth, when it was a very great force in our nation.

FRANK A. MUNSEY.

Mr. Munsey on the same date published in the "Sun" the following:

To the readers of The Sun:

Here we are again in on another consolidation, and this time some consolidation. Three and a half years ago, immediately following my purchase of the "Sun," it took over the New York "Press" and consolidated it with itself.

Now it is the New York "Herald" that is coming in with us, a newspaper whose prestige is as wide as the world. Beginning with next Sunday's issue, Feb. 1, the "Sun" and the New York "Herald" will be combined in one newspaper. The title of the amalgamated paper will be "The Sun and New York Herald."

The "Sun" is the oldest morning newspaper in New York. It was founded in 1833. The "Herald" is the next oldest morning newspaper in New York. It was founded two years later, or in 1835. Each of these newspapers has played a great part in American journalism. Each was a pioneer on different lines.

Together they overturned and revolutionized American journalism and were the pathfinders and pacemakers of our present day journalism. Each has builded bigger in its special field than any other American newspaper.

The success of the amalgamation of the "Sun" and the New York "Press" is an outstanding record in the history of American journalism. The success of the amalgamation of the "Sun" and the New York "Herald" ought to be immeasurably greater.

These two newspapers are of the same world, the world of intellect and law and order, and each newspaper has something to bring to the other that will make the amalgamated papers better than either has ever been on its own.

FRANK A. MUNSEY.

Announcement of the purchase by Mr. Munsey of the "Herald" and the other papers from the Bennett estate appeared in the "Herald" on Jan. 15 in this statement:

To the Readers of the New York Herald:

The New York "Herald" has passed into the hands of Mr. Frank A. Munsey, who has purchased all of the publishing interests of the late James Gordon Bennett, consisting of the New York "Herald," the "Evening Telegram" and the Paris edition of the New York "Herald." Mr. Munsey will tell you in due time of his plans for these newspapers.

RODMAN WANAMAKER,

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY,

Executors of the estate of James Gordon Bennett

Mr. Munsey is a Republican and for many years was a supporter of the late Theodore Roosevelt.

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO COMPENSATION CONTRACTS EXECUTED BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND RAILROADS.

Compensation contracts between the Government and railroad corporations covering 232 railroads for the use of the properties during Government control had been made as of Jan. 1 1920, and the annual compensation to railroad companies involved in completed contracts was \$717,153,182 10, or 71% of the total annual rental of \$917,000,000 paid by the Government to the companies. These contracts included two contracts with lump-sum payments of \$129,734 80, the remainder providing for annual rentals. The status of the contract situation growing out of Federal control of railroads was contained in the annual report for the year 1919 of E. Marvin Underwood, general counsel of the Division of Law of the Railroad Administration, to Walker D. Hines, Director General of Railroads, made public on Jan. 27. Mr. Underwood added that negotiations with railroad corporations as to many additional compensation contracts are being actively pushed. He also pointed out that in addition to the so-called standard contracts covered above there have been 133 so-called co-operative contracts executed between the Railroad Administration and smaller railroads, mostly so-called short-line railroads. "It is appropriate to state," said Mr. Underwood in connection with the standard contracts, "that the actual negotiations between the Railroad Administration and the companies has progressed satisfactorily and as rapidly as could be expected in view of the difficult questions of fact to be determined in each case and the high degree of care and accuracy required. Practically all the larger systems of transportation and a great many of the smaller ones have executed compensation contracts."

Referring to claims of companies for special compensation in addition to the "standard return" provided for in the Federal control act, Mr. Underwood stated that such claims

had been filed by 124 railroads for compensation amounting in all to \$92,318,789, and that of these claims 35 have been allowed in part, totaling \$7,493,619, 67 have been denied, totaling \$45,686,277, and 8 have been withdrawn, totaling \$553,754, leaving still pending 14 claims totaling \$9,324,288. Mr. Underwood also reported that 13 railroads with claims in addition to their standard return, aggregating \$11,037,360, have applied for the appointment of boards of referees under the provision of the Federal control act, that one of these petitions has been dismissed, and in one an agreement has been reached. No decisions have been rendered in the remainder, although hearings have been held in six additional cases.

Mr. Underwood described in detail litigation affecting the railroads under Government control during 1919, and reviewed various rate questions in which the Railroad Administration has been concerned.

Gratifying progress in avoiding loss and damage claims on the railroads and in promptly settling such claims presented was outlined by Mr. Underwood in his description of the work of the Claims and Property Protection Section of his division. He pointed out that for all railroads under Federal control the number of unsettled claims on hand had decreased from 806,707 on April 1 1919, to 465,722 on Nov. 1 1919, or a decrease of 340,985 in seven months. During the same period there were 2,439,692 of such claims presented, while 2,780,677 were disposed of. The number of unsettled loss and damage claims more than four months old also was reduced from 363,476 on April 1 1919, to 148,683 on Nov. 1 1919, or a reduction of 214,793 in seven months. In connection with fraudulent claims, Mr. Underwood reported that the claims of 51 individuals, firms, and corporations have been investigated, indictments have been secured in 5 cases, 29 are under further investigation, and 17 have been found not to be fraudulent. Mr. Underwood said:

Following the established custom of the Railroad Administration to minimize as well as prevent loss and damage, it was considered advisable to investigate the methods employed by all railroads under Federal control in the handling and disposition of over, damaged, refused, and unclaimed freight, to establish proper precautionary efforts to conserve the value of such freight to the owners and railroads. In April, 1919, investigations were instituted, and up to the present time have been completed on 9 railroads, and it has developed that in many cases individuals, firms, and corporations disposing of this class of freight for the railroads did not make proper returns. Criminal prosecutions are in progress in various cities and thus far recovery has been secured to the railroads of about \$137,000. The completion of these investigations on all Federal controlled railroad will bring about a noticeable improvement in the practices of the individual railroads in the handling, recording and disposition of this class of freight

IVY L. LEE ON NEED OF ATTRACTING BEST TYPE OF MEN TO RAILROAD INDUSTRY.

Ivy L. Lee, of the Association of Railway Executives, and formerly assistant to the president of the Pennsylvania RR. speaking before the People's Institute at Cooper Union on Jan. 27 stated that the return of the railroads to private management on March 1 will be of supreme importance in enabling the companies once again to restore the esprit de corps of their personnel. Mr. Lee notes that the country "is thoroughly sick of Government operation of our railroads, not alone because the quality of the service has fallen off, but because there is an evident deterioration in the morale and efficiency of the railroad organizations and a steady increase in expense altogether out of line with the natural increase in costs of labor and materials and with the amount of business handled." Mr. Lee also said in part:

For fifty years, up to about 15 years ago, the railroad business offered one of the most attractive opportunities to able American young men. That is why we had the best railroad system in the world, paying the highest wages and the highest taxes in proportion to capitalization, yet doing business for the lowest rates of freight of any great railroad system in the world.

To-day the attacks upon the men to whom the railroads pay substantial salaries, the hampering restrictions and interference of regulating bodies, make the young men feel that the railroad business offers no chance for the display of brains and the best qualities of the successful business man.

It is supremely important to attract the capital necessary to do the railroad business, but if that capital is to be economically administered and the public is to be served adequately, the railroad business—our greatest American industry—must continue to attract the very best type of American brains.

To bring that about it is essential that the American people understand the unique contribution to the welfare of the country made by an efficient railroad officer.

It is important that the people should manifest their belief that in the most honorable and attractive of American businesses adequate rewards should be made available to men capable of administering railroad property economically and in the public interest.

In other words, the supreme need is the restoration of public faith in those who run our railroads. We have a new generation of railroad managers in office to-day—most of them men of high patriotism and imbued with a sense of fidelity to public interest. It is high time that we stop giving so much attention to criticism of railroad abuses in the past, and while making impossible similar abuses in the future, concentrate our attention on getting behind and supporting with our faith and our praise

the railroad men on whom we must depend if our commerce in the future is to have the facilities necessary for the life of the country.

The railroad business is at the moment at an absolute standstill. It took 18 years to complete the Pennsylvania Railroad terminal at New York, but no great railroad improvements are being projected to-day. Yet commerce is going forward at an amazing pace.

In 1919 only 686 miles of new railroad lines were built, whereas the operation of 689 miles of lines was actually abandoned.

In other words, Jan. 1 1920 was the first New Year's day in the history of railroading in this country on which there was actually less miles of railroad operating than there was on the New Year's day of the preceding year.

The building of railroad equipment is likewise at a standstill. Since 1901 the year in which the smallest number of freight cars were ordered for the railways of the United States was in 1908 when 62,669 were ordered. In the year 1919 the number of freight cars ordered was only 22,062.

Between the years 1901 and 1919 the number of passenger cars ordered for the railways of the United States was never less than 1,124 and ranged as high as 4,514 in 1909. In 1918, however, only 131 passenger cars were ordered and 1919 only 292.

The ordering of new locomotives is on a similarly low scale. The smallest number of locomotives ever ordered in any year since 1901 was 1,182 the largest number was 5,265. The number of locomotives built in the United States in 1919 for service in the United States was 2,055.

In other words, with the country growing by leaps and bounds, with opportunities for commercial advancement undreamed of, we nevertheless find ourselves on the threshold of return to private ownership with our railroad business, both in its equipment, its personnel and its plans for the future, in a condition of virtual sterility and stagnation.

The dead hand of the Government has been upon a business absolutely essential to the progress and future of this nation.

Nothing is more vital at this moment than that the people of the United States make their Congress understand that public sentiment is strongly behind the movement for constructive railroad legislation.

And further than that, it is of equal importance that the public make it clear to the railroad personnel of the United States that the people of this country are determined that when the railroads are returned to private management, able and efficient railroad service shall be supported and backed with absolute public faith and enthusiasm.

CRANFORD (N. J.) CIVIC BOARD ON THE RAILROAD PROBLEM.

The Cranford (N. J.) Civic Board, after carefully considering the many questions attendant upon the railroad problem, has expressed its conclusions in a resolution which while not attempting to suggest the details of a complete working plan, sets forth the fundamentals which in its opinion if moulded into legislative form by Congress would enable the railroads to stabilize their credit. The board believes that the perpetuation and development of our railroads can only be accomplished by keeping faith with the investors in railroad securities.

The following is the resolution of the board:

Resolved—First. That this Board earnestly favors private ownership and operation as contradistinguished from Government ownership and operation, and looks with approval upon the proclamation of the President returning the roads to their owners on March 1st, thus affording an opportunity for Congress, in the meantime, to enact proper protective legislation.

Second. That Congress, in the proposed legislation, should provide for the protection of the railroads during the transition period by the continuance of the standard return until a proper rate structure can be established, and by proper funding for a definite period, of say, ten years, of the obligations incurred by the carriers during Federal control, at the instance, or with the approval of the Director General, for additions and betterments. No attempt should be made to strip the carriers of quick assets, in order to pay this capital indebtedness to the Government. It is in the interest of the public that the carriers should not be required to resume with empty treasuries their transportation duties, on the efficiency of which the public is absolutely dependent.

Third. That a rule of rate making should be declared in the statute which will give assurance to prospective investors that the revenues under average conditions will be adequate to make their investment safe. These revenues should be sufficient to provide for the expenses of operation, including taxes and the cost of labor, a fair return on the property already being used for the public service, and enough additional to give the roads proper credit to obtain the capital needed to keep their facilities and service up to the requirements of commerce.

Fourth. That this board unqualifiedly condemns the novel doctrine now suggested of depriving any carrier of a part of its earnings at lawful rates.

It regards such a proposal as a menace to the security of all property, and as opening the door to a socialization of our Government. It earnestly protests against the adoption of this dangerous principle.

TRIAL OF SOCIALIST ASSEMBLYMEN WHO WERE DENIED SEATS IN NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE.

The trial of five members of the Socialist Party who were suspended from the New York State Assembly at its opening session on Jan. 7 began on Jan. 20 before the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

The charges against the Socialists were predicated on evidence obtained by the Lusk Legislative Committee (which for some time past has been investigating radical activities and propaganda in New York), and the indictment against them was drawn up by Charles D. Newton, State Attorney General, as counsel to the Lusk Committee.

The charges were embraced in a resolution offered on Jan. 7 by Assemblyman Simon L. Adler, of Rochester, majority leader. Only six votes were recorded against the measure, four of them being cast by Socialists and the other two by

Assemblymen J. Fairfax McLaughlin and William Evans, Democrats, both of the Bronx, New York.

The five Socialists expelled from the Assembly are August Claessens, representing the 17th Assembly District of Manhattan; Louis Waldman, of the 8th Assembly District, Manhattan; Charles Solomon, of the 23d Assembly District, Brooklyn; Samuel A. DeWitt, of the 3d Assembly District, the Bronx, and Samuel Orr, of the 4th Assembly District, the Bronx.

When the trial opened at Albany Charles Evans Hughes and the members of a committee appointed by the Bar Association of the City of New York to appear at the trial to "safeguard the interests of representative government" were excluded from participation except as counsel for the suspended Socialists. The same day the committee returned to New York.

The first session closed after Morris Hillquit, chief counsel for the Socialists, had made and argued his final motion. This urged that the proceedings and the charges against his clients be dismissed. It also questioned the legality of their suspension and set forth that the charges against the five, even if proved, were not sufficient to warrant their suspension or expulsion. Warning was voiced by Mr. Hillquit that oppression of men for political beliefs had led to revolution in Russia and Germany.

Louis M. Martin, Chairman of the committee who presided, turned down the objection of Mr. Hillquit, who questioned the right of the Judiciary Committee to sit as judges and jurors in the trial because of alleged bias and hostility toward the suspended members.

"You stand here," said Mr. Hillquit, "not as judges, but as accusers. Let us feel, let the people of the State feel, that these men are not having a mock trial."

The statement of the case against the five Socialists, read by Chairman Martin, asserted that information had come to the Assembly that the five suspended members had merely pretended loyalty in order to be elected and that their real intent and purpose was to overthrow the Government, by peaceful measures if possible, but by force if necessary.

The trial continued Jan. 21 and 22 with John B. Stanchfield and Martin W. Littleton, prominent lawyers, arguing in support of the Assembly's action and Morris Hillquit and others defending the suspended members. Evidence was presented by the prosecuting attorneys in the form of literature which was intended to prove that the doctrines of the Socialist Party are radical and revolutionary.

Important evidence was given to the Judiciary Committee on Jan. 28 by George R. Lunn, Mayor of Schenectady, now a Democrat, but who in 1911 and again in 1915 was elected on the Socialist ticket. He ran on the same ticket in 1913 but was defeated. He broke with the Socialists in 1915, when the party leaders sought to control his actions as Mayor, particularly in connection with appointments, and was elected Mayor last year on the Democratic ticket. Mayor Lunn, according to the press advices, testified that in 1911 representatives of the Socialist local in Schenectady made him sign, the night before election, a blank form of resignation to be used in case he failed to obey the orders of the party leader. He refused to sign such a blank in 1915, was disciplined thereafter and left the party.

Mayor Lunn while on the stand registered his opposition to the method employed by the Assembly in seeking to purge itself of the Socialist members and later the same day made public this statement:

My antagonism to the Socialist Party and its un-American tactics does not blind me to the fact that the proceeding initiated by Speaker Sweet was not only arbitrary but violative of the fundamental principles of constitutional government.

I believe in true Americanism and not in that hysterical Americanism which would rouse men to vengeance even where the crime was not violence of action but variance of opinion.

This is a time when we must think clearly and consistently. Faith in our institutions must not be threatened by allowing even legislators to do violence to the principles of our institutions. It is far more important that we be true to ourselves and the principles for which this great nation stands than that we permit vengeance against a minority simple because they aggravate and irritate by their critical attitude.

We must deal resolutely with any who are genuine enemies of this democracy and who peradventure seek its violent overthrow. But in our earnestness to accomplish this result we should be equally determined that the process for the free expression of opinion, however critical, should not be destroyed. Safeguarding the rights of minorities is absolutely essential in order to preserve intact the rights of the majority. The tyranny of the many over the few is no less banal than the tyranny of a group over a mass of men.

Many of the indictments brought against our industrial order by the Socialists are true, but their method for improvement is hopelessly muddled. It seems to me, therefore, that agitation against grievances is best met by removing the cause of the grievance.

Regarding this procedure, I am heartily in accord with the commendable attitude taken by Mr. Hughes and the New York City Bar Association, as well as the attitude of the New York State Bar Association.

Notice of the trial was ordered to be served on the five Socialists on Jan. 14 by the Judiciary Committee. In this notice the trial was referred to as an "investigation," and when this fact was called to the attention of Speaker Sweet, Chairman Martin and others connected with the prosecution they insisted that the proceeding was not a trial but an investigation as stated in notice to appear. This notice read as follows:

State of New York, Assembly Chamber, in the matter of the investigation by the Assembly of the State of New York as to the qualifications of Louis Waldman, August Claessens, Samuel A. Dewitt, Samuel Orr and Charles Solomon to retain their seats in said body.

Sir:—Please take notice that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Assembly of the State of New York on Jan. 7 1920, a certified copy of which you are herewith served, the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly of the State of New York will begin the investigation of your qualifications and eligibility to a seat in the Assembly Chamber, Capitol Building, Albany, N. Y., on Jan. 20 1920 at 11 a. m.

Take further notice that the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly has formulated rules of procedure for such investigation, a copy of which is also herewith served upon you.

Yours,
THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THE ASSEMBLY.
By LOUIS M. MARTIN, Chairman.

Dated Jan. 14 1920.

Chairman Martin of the Judiciary Committee outlined at the beginning of the proceedings the charges upon which the trial would be based. He said:

Information came to the Assembly through various channels that the men mentioned in this proceeding were members of a party or society whose platform of principles and whose doctrines as advocated to-day called for and demanded the complete destruction of our form of government by the fomentation of industrial unrest, the bringing into play of force and violence and direct action by the mass, that the men here mentioned, affiliated with that party or society, have subscribed to and advocated such principles and are in favor of the absolute substitution of minority for majority rule, that they are in hearty accord and sympathy with the Soviet Government as it exists in Russia to-day and they have declared their solidarity therewith.

It is claimed, among other things, that in 1917, when our country was at war with Germany and summoned the strength of the people to that great struggle, the party or society to which these men belong and to whose program they have subscribed, in open convention, and with calculated deliberation, denounced the war as criminal, its purposes capitalistic, its motive profiteering, and pledged every man in that party to oppose the war and all the means adopted by the Government for carrying on the war in every possible way; that the men herein named by voice and vote, in public and in private, opposed every measure intended to aid the prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion and gave aid and comfort to the enemy.

It is claimed also that in August 1919, after the schemes and program of the Russian Soviet Government were fully known and their practices and principles fully revealed, the Socialist Party of America, of which these men are members, in deliberative convention declared their allegiance to and solidarity with such Russian Soviet Government; that they secured their nomination and procured their election under the pretense to the people that they were merely availing themselves of legally established means for political representation, which was in truth and in fact done to disguise and cover up their true intent and purpose to overthrow this Government, peaceably if possible, forcibly if necessary.

The claim is made that these men are with others engaged in a large and well organized capacity to subvert the due administration of law and to destroy the right to hold and own property honestly acquired, to weaken the family tie, which, they assert, is the seed of capitalism, to destroy the influence of the Church and overturn the whole fabric of a constitutional form of government.

Our inquiry will be conducted with a view to ascertain and determine whether there is truth in such information.

The Hughes Committee of the New York City Bar Association in a statement and brief submitted to the Judiciary Committee on Jan. 20 called upon the committee to restore the five Socialists to full membership in the Assembly and warned that body that the very evils which it was seeking to avoid would be precipitated by the continued suspension. Mr. Hughes's statement in behalf of the Bar Committee, copies of which were distributed among the members of the Judiciary Committee, was as follows:

We appear as a special committee appointed pursuant to resolution adopted by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York at its annual meeting held on Jan. 13 1920.

We do not represent the members under suspension or the Socialist Party, and we have no sympathy with the aims of that party. We appear solely as the representatives of the Association of the Bar, and in the public interest, to place before your committee considerations which we deem to be of fundamental importance in this proceeding.

In view of the gravity of the questions involved and the serious consequences which may follow any deflection from sound constitutional practice we respectfully suggest that the committee at once consider the present status of this proceeding and the immediate measures which are required in the light of the constitutional rights of these suspended members and of the constituencies which they have been elected to represent.

We believe that the following facts are undisputed:

1. That the members under suspension were duly elected to the Assembly.
2. That when these members appeared with their credentials they were admitted to take the oath of office and that they severally took such oath and were admitted to the privileges of the House.
3. That having taken the oath and having been admitted to all the privileges of members of the Assembly they participated in the election of the Speaker and otherwise acted as members until their suspension.
4. That, after having taken the oath and having been admitted as members of the Assembly, they were suspended and denied the privilege of their seats without a hearing or opportunity to be heard.
5. That prior to said suspension there was no charge against these members, and there is no charge pending against them that they were not duly elected, or that they do not possess the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution, or that they are not of sound mind, or that they have not taken the constitutional oath of office, or that they have been convicted of any crime, or that they have committed any overt act constituting a criminal offense, or that they have been guilty of any violation of law, or

that they have been guilty of any misconduct while members of this Assembly.

6. That by reason of their suspension these members have been denied all the privileges of their seats.

7. That by reason of the suspension of these members there are five districts of the State now in effect without representatives in the Assembly that there are no vacancies that can be filled by election or otherwise, and that this denial of representation will continue as long as this inquiry lasts, which may be until the end of the legislative session.

We submit the following propositions as abundantly supported by reason and precedent:

1. That the power of the Assembly under the Constitution to be the judges of the qualifications of its own members is not an arbitrary power, but is to be exercised as a prerogative in accord with the fundamental conceptions of due process and the essential principles of representative government.

2. That all questions as to the existence of disqualifications in the case of a member-elect are properly presented before he is admitted to membership in the Assembly.

3. That after the oath has been administered to the member and he has been admitted to the privileges of the House he cannot be deprived of those privileges except by expulsion.

4. That a member cannot be expelled except upon proper charges and after due opportunities to be heard.

5. That after he has taken the oath of office and has been admitted to the privileges of membership in the House a member cannot be suspended or denied these privileges pending inquiry, but only upon being expelled in case proper charges have been sustained after hearing.

6. That when a member-elect presents himself to take the oath of office he cannot be denied the privilege of taking it, or after the oath has been taken it cannot be denied adequacy merely because of any alleged opinion, state of mind or intent, claimed to be inconsistent with the oath.

7. That, mindful of the lessons of history and as a safeguard of political liberty and representative institutions, it was expressly ordained by the people in the Constitution of the State that no other oath, declaration or test save that set forth in the Constitution should be required as a qualification for office of public trust, and the Assembly has no authority to establish any in addition to the prescribed official oath.

8. That it is of the essence of representative government that no member shall be expelled from the Legislature or deprived of the privileges of his seat merely because of political opinions, or affiliation with a political party, in the absence of any proved violation of law on his part or of misconduct as a member of the Legislature.

9. That it is essential to the security of the community and to the maintenance of law and order that the peaceful means of political expression through the ballot box and representatives in legislative assemblies should not be denied or constituencies disfranchised because of political opinion.

10. That it is of the essence of the institutions of liberty that it be recognized that guilt is personal and cannot be attributed to the holding of opinion or to mere intent in the absence of overt acts; that a member elected to the Assembly is entitled to the benefit of the presumption of innocence; and that a member of the Assembly duly elected, being of sound mind and possessing the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution, cannot properly be expelled or denied the privileges of his seat except upon charges duly laid and upon proof duly taken of personal misconduct as a member of the Assembly or of the commission by him of some act constituting a violation of law.

11. We deem it important that this vital issue, the proper decision of which is essential to the security of the republic, should not be obscured by the reception of testimony, statements or declarations as to matters here or abroad in the attempt to indict a political party or organization without first laying proper charges with proper specifications directly connecting members accused of personal and guilty participation in illegal acts.

We, therefore, respectfully urge:

That this committee at once report to the Assembly that there is no question properly before the committee of any disqualification on the part of these members; that no charges against these members of any constitutional disqualification or of any misconduct in office or of any violation of law on their part have been properly laid.

We also urge that this committee report:

That the members under suspension should at once be restored to the privileges of their seats and that if it is desired to present any charges against them of any violation of law such charges should be properly formulated, and that until such charges properly laid have been established by proof after due opportunity to be heard these members shall enjoy all the privileges of their seats in recognition of their own rights and of the rights of their constituencies.

In support of these propositions and suggestions we submit a brief herewith:

CHARLES E. HUGHES, JOSEPH M. PROSKAUER,
MORGAN J. O'BRIEN, OGDEN L. MILLS.
LOUIS MARSHALL.

Special Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.
New York, Jan. 19 1920.

On Jan. 26 there was laid before the Assembly a memorial from the Special Committee of the Bar Association of the City of New York urging that the suspension of the five Socialist members be rescinded, that they at once be restored to their seats, and that they should enjoy all the privileges of their seats until there had been established by proof any charges against them of personal misconduct in office or violation of law. The memorial was offered in behalf of the Socialists by Assemblyman William C. Amos of New York, who subsequently was ruled out of order by Speaker Sweet upon objections from majority leader Adler and others.

On Jan. 14 the five suspended Socialists had sent through Mr. Hillquit to the Hughes Committee the following letter:

I have been asked by the five excluded Socialist members of the Assembly and their counsel to convey to you the assurance of their deep appreciation of the action of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York in designating you as a special committee in behalf of the Bar Association to protect the principles of representative government which are involved in the proceedings to unseat the five Socialist members of the Assembly.

We have the utmost confidence in the high public spirit and great professional ability of the gentlemen composing the committee and shall be glad to extend to you all facilities at our command to enable you to carry out the object for which you have been appointed.

The preamble of the resolution adopted by the Assembly Jan. 7, and to which we referred above, alleged that the five

suspended Assemblymen were members of the Socialist Party, whose activities in opposition to carrying on the war "did . . . stamp the said party and all its members with an inimical attitude to the best interest of the United States and the State of New York."

The text of the resolution was as follows:

Whereas, Louis Waldman, August Claessens, Samuel A. DeWitt, Samuel Orr and Charles Solomon are members of the Socialist Party of America; and,

Whereas, The said Socialist Party did at its official party convention held at the city of Chicago, Ill., in the months of August 1919, declare its adherence and solidarity with the revolutionary forces of Soviet Russia, and did pledge itself and its members to the furtherance of the International Socialist revolution; and,

Whereas, By such adherence and by such declaration made by the said party, the said party has indorsed the principles of the Communist International, now being held at Moscow, Russia, which International is pledged to the forcible and violent overthrow of all organized Governments now existing.

Whereas, Section 5 of Article II of the constitution of the Socialist Party of America provides that each member of the Socialist Party of America must subscribe to the following:

"In all my political actions while a member of the Socialist Party I agree to be guided by the constitution and platform of that party"; and

Whereas, Section 13, subdivision A of the State constitution of the Socialist Party of the State of New York provides,

"A member may be expelled from the party, or may be suspended for a period not exceeding one year, for the following offenses: For falling or refusing when elected to public office to abide and carry out such instructions as he may have received from the dues-paying organization, or as prescribed by the State or national constitution," and

Whereas, Such instructions may be given by an executive committee made up in whole or in part of aliens or alien enemies owing allegiance to Governments or organizations inimical to the interests of the United States and the people of the State of New York, and

Whereas, The national convention of the Socialist Party of America, held at St. Louis from about April 7 to April 14 1917, did duly adopt resolutions that the only struggle which would justify taking up arms is the class struggle against economic exploitation and political oppression and particularly warned "against the snare and delusion of so-called defensive warfare," and such resolutions further provided "as against the false doctrine of national patriotism we uphold the ideal of international working class solidarity"; and

Whereas, The Socialist Party of America did urge its members to refrain from taking part in any way, shape or manner in the war and did affirmatively urge them to refuse to engage even in the production of munitions of war and other necessities used in the prosecution of the said war and did thereby stamp the said party and all its members with an inimical attitude to the best interest of the United States and the State of New York;

Whereas, As the said Louis Waldman, August Claessens, Samuel A. DeWitt, Samuel Orr and Charles Solomon, members of the Socialist Party of America, have thereby subscribed to its principles and aims and purposes against the organized government of the United States and the State of New York, and have been actively associated with and connected with an organization convicted of the violation of the Espionage Act of the United States; therefore be it

Resolved, That the said Louis Waldman, August Claessens, Samuel A. DeWitt, Samuel Orr and Charles Solomon, members of the Socialist Party, be and hereby are denied seats in this Assembly pending the determination of their qualifications and eligibility to their respective seats; and be it further

Resolved, That the investigation of the qualifications and eligibility to their respective seats in this Assembly be and it hereby is referred to the Committee on Judiciary of the Assembly of the State of New York, to be hereafter appointed, and that the same committee be empowered to adopt such rules of procedure as in its judgment it deems proper, and that said committee be further empowered to subpoena and examine witnesses and documentary evidence, and to report to this body its determination as to the qualifications and eligibility of the said Louis Waldman, August Claessens, Samuel A. DeWitt, Samuel Orr and Charles Solomon, and each of them respectively, to a seat in this Assembly.

On Jan. 12, Charles D. Donohue, of New York City, Democratic leader of the State Assembly, offered a resolution which would have seated the Socialists "with full power and rights until such time as the whole body should sustain the charges."

"That resolution is out of order," said the Speaker. "The proper way to go about it is to make a motion to reconsider the vote upon which the resolution suspending them was adopted on Wednesday last. I will entertain such a motion."

Mr. Donohue, acting on the Speaker's suggestion, then made his motion, which, however, was defeated by a vote of 71 to 33. In his remarks on the subject Mr. Donohue said:

I hold no brief for the Socialist Party. I know that this is a situation which calls for heroic treatment. But an impression has gone out, about the State and about the nation, that these men whom we have indicted, have been condemned before they were given a hearing, with all that involves. In the interest of justice, and in the interest of representative Government and of American institutions, I think that the manly thing for us to do, if we have acted hastily, is to confess our error and do what we can to make up for it.

Their constituencies ought to be represented. While I condemn the principles of Socialism, particularly their insidious doctrines as put forth broadcast throughout New York City, nevertheless I think they should be seated during their trial.

He added that he did not consider it a party issue at all, but admitted that he made his motion because members of the Democratic party in New York City decided it was the proper course to take.

On Jan. 19 motions to reseat the five suspended Socialist members of the Assembly, pending the result of their trial, and to give them an opportunity to debate the action of the Assembly in suspending them, were ruled out of order

by Speaker Sweet. The Speaker on the same date likewise ruled out a suggestion that the Assembly exclude Attorney-General Charles D. Newton as counsel to the Judiciary Committee. The suggestion to exclude the Attorney-General was made by Assemblyman J. Fairfax McLoughlin of Bronx County, a Democrat. He declared that the Constitution erected a barrier between the executive and legislative branches of the government and any attempt to overstep it should be rebuked.

"This is the sanctuary of the law-making power," he said, "and to us have the people confided the duty of determining the qualifications of members. I believe that notice should go forth that no trespassing shall be allowed on this prerogative of the Legislature."

The action of the Assembly has been the subject of considerable criticism for some time. Foremost and unprecedented it has been declared by members of Congress, ministers and eminent lawyers. Governor Smith and Mayor Hylan both issued statements voicing their disapproval of the manner in which the Socialist members were refused their seats in the Assembly.

The action of the Assembly was condemned in the U. S. Senate on Jan. 10, by Senators Borah, Republican, Idaho, and Thomas, Democrat, Colorado. They declared such action invited violence and lawlessness. Senator Borah declared the incident was one of the most remarkable in the history of American politics. If members of a legislative body could be expelled for their political views, Republicans or Democrats in Congress could exclude each other from representation, he declared. "If you deny men the right to effectuate their purposes and their plans through the ballot box," said Senator Borah, "you invite them to violence and lawlessness." Senator Borah said there was no better way socialist doctrines could be augmented and circulated than through such methods. Senator Thomas said the Socialists, if denied their seats, would be driven to revolutionary methods. While they have "delusions," he said, under the Federal Constitution, they have a right to express their views.

The following day (Jan. 11), twelve ministers and pastors of New York City churches signed a protest against the refusal of the Assembly to seat the Socialists on the grounds that "such a proposed infringement of representative popular government is intolerable."

Cash contributions for the assistance of the suspended five in their legal fight to retain their seats in the law-making body were received in large sums, it was said, at the Socialist Party headquarters. The N. Y. "Tribune" said: "Cheeks were exhibited bearing the signatures of members of both of the big political parties and letters of protest against the undemocratic action of the majority of the Legislature were declared to represent every shade of political belief."

Pledges of funds amounting to approximately \$27,000 were said to have been made at a conference of representatives of various labor, civic, and social organizations at the People's House, Socialist headquarters, in New York, on Jan. 12, under the auspices of the Socialist Party, to be used as a defense fund in the fight to restore the five Assemblymen.

Governor Smith issued a statement in this city on Jan. 10, setting forth his views on the Assembly's action, as follows:

Although I am unalterably opposed to the fundamental principles of the Socialist party, it is inconceivable that a minority party duly constituted and legally organized should be deprived of its rights to expression so long as it has honestly, by lawful methods of education and propaganda, succeeded in obtaining representation, unless the chosen representatives are unfit as individuals.

It is true that the Assembly has arbitrary power to determine the qualifications of its membership, but where arbitrary power exists it should be exercised with care and discretion because from it there is no appeal.

If the majority party at present in control of the Assembly possesses information that leads to belief that these men are hostile to our form of government and would overthrow it by processes subversive to law and order, the charges should have been presented in due form to the Legislature and these men tried by orderly processes.

Meanwhile, presumably innocent until proven guilty, they should have been allowed to retain their seats.

Our faith in American democracy is confirmed not only by its result, but by its methods and organs of free expression. They are the safeguards against revolution. To discard the method of representative government leads to the misdeeds of the very extremists we denounce and serves to increase the number of enemies of orderly free government.

Former Governor Martin H. Glynn, in his newspaper, "The Times-Union," on Jan. 10 declared that Speaker Sweet and his associates were trying to hide their "astounding revolutionary and secretive procedure under the cloak of patriotism." The paper further said:

This is sickly camouflage. This proceeding was simply a circus stunt to attract attention and provide political capital for Speaker Sweet and his satellites who run the Assembly. Maybe these Socialists should be suspended, but the public has no proof of this but Sweet's word, and no man ever lived big enough and important enough to have his mere word taken as the reason for suspending the duly elected representatives of any portion of the people.

On Jan. 8, Mayor Hylan of New York, made this comment on the matter:

I regret that such hasty action was taken in excluding the Socialist members of the Legislature. These members were elected by the vote of the people and should be extended every possible consideration that the duly elected members of the other political parties are given.

If after charges were preferred an investigation made, and a fair hearing held it was then found that they were guilty of any act or in any way actively connected with any organization whose purpose is to destroy the Government, then the action of the Legislature would be upheld by the State and the nation.

The Central Federated Union (a local labor body affiliated with the American Federation of Labor) adopted at a meeting in this city, Jan. 9, by unanimous vote, a resolution reading as follows:

Whereas, In view of the action taken by the Legislature of the State of New York in suspending the five Socialist Party Assemblymen for membership in the Socialist Party, be it

Resolved, By the Central Federated Union of Greater New York and vicinity, representing over 200,000 trade unionists, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, that this action of the Legislature be condemned vehemently and without any reservations; and be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that such action is a flaming torch thrown by reckless hands into the present hysterical fire against all so-called radical bodies which is spreading, and the structures of labor built by years of effort may be caught next by its flames. The action taken is naked evidence that independent political movements have next to no chance of getting a foothold against the autocratic attitude of the existing party in power. A political party recognized by law has in this case been outlawed by a majority in the Assembly at one session. The unseating of five Assemblymen is so contrary to all precedents and ideals of our Republic that it cannot, will not, and must not stand. It is one more terrible lesson that the working people must be eternally vigilant to hold fast to their liberties, that they have nothing to expect from the dominant parties in power, and only by uniting in one great industrial and political movement and by taking over the Government can they secure for themselves true representative and industrial democracy; and be it further

Resolved, That the organizations of labor be called on to give particular attention to this resolution, and urged to take action in the matter; and also

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the press, mailed to the Speaker of the House, to every member of the Assembly, the Governor of the State, to the Mayor of this city, and to the President of the Board of Aldermen.

Other labor, civic and political organizations went on record as opposed to the Assembly's action.

The action of the Assembly was denounced by the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion. The commission, in session at Indianapolis Jan. 19, adopted this resolution:

Since the American Legion stands for the maintenance of American institutions of the government, we look with disfavor on every effort to overthrow the right of representation or deny to the properly elected representatives of the people the right to sit in the bodies to which they have been elected, except when they have been shown legally disqualified.

In a statement accompanying the announcement of the resolution on Jan. 20 Franklin D'Olier, National Commander of the Legion, declared that the fundamental principle of the American Legion's program of Americanism is "fair play to all who play fair," and that while the American Legion does not and should not stand in the way of change of procedure in government, "it does and should insist that whatever change is advocated shall be in a lawful and orderly manner, and shall be brought about only as provided under our American institutions."

Resolutions of a similar tenor were adopted by the New York State Bar Association at its annual sessions here Jan. 17 by a vote of 131 to 100.

Speaking on Jan. 8 before the Humanitarian League, Mischa Applebaum, its President, said: "Having spent the last year and a half fighting Bolshevism, I now equally protest against the action of the Assembly in ousting five members on the ground that they are Socialists." Continuing the speaker said:

We do not need additional laws. We need enforcement of laws and a higher grade of individuals to represent us. It seems to me that constructive policy on the part of the State and nation in reducing the high cost of living and a well defined fixed policy as to the relations between capital and labor, wherein both would have to comply with the letter of the law, will more than anything else settle the industrial unrest and prevent our present policy of national suicide.

The jailing of a few hundred profiteers will disarm the agitator. Agitators and revolutionary leaders usually fail to arouse a fairly contented set of people. It might be well for politicians to heed the voice of the people on their immediate needs, rather than engage in un-American practices with an eye toward political offices.

On Jan. 20 the Board of Aldermen of New York City adopted a resolution offered by Alderman Hannoek (The Bronx) urging the Assembly to reconsider its action in suspending the five Socialist members. The vote was 40 to 26, the Democrats and Socialists uniting in favor of the resolution, with the Republicans opposing.

Adoption by the Assembly on Jan. 7 of the resolution unseating the Socialist members followed a pronouncement by Thaddeus C. Sweet, the Speaker. Immediately after finishing his speech of acceptance Speaker Sweet directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to arraign the five Socialists before the bar of the House. The Socialists of their own volition walked into the well and faced the Speaker. Speaker Sweet then addressed them, saying:

You are seeking seats in this body. You have been elected on a platform that is absolutely inimical to the best interests of the State of New York and of the United States. That platform is the doctrine of the Socialist party and provides that every person elected thereupon subscribes to the rules and regulations, principles and tactics, of that party. It is not truly a political party, but is a membership organization admitting within its ranks aliens, enemy aliens and minors.

The constitution of that party in Section 5 provides this: "In all my political actions while a member of the Socialist party I agree to be guided by the constitution and platform of that party," and Section 13, Subdivision F, of the State constitution of the Socialist party provides that a member when elected to a public office must "abide by and carry out such instructions as he may have received from the dues paying party organization, or as prescribed by the state or national constitution."

It may be interesting to note that Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, the self-styled Soviet ambassador, an alien, who entered this country as a German in 1916, became a member of the Socialist party upon his entry into this country and took part in its deliberations.

It is therefore quite evident that you, elected to public office in spite of your oath of office are bound to act subject to instructions received from an executive committee which may be made up in whole or in part of aliens or alien enemies, owing allegiance to governments or organizations whose interests may be diametrically opposed to the best interests of the United States and of the people of the State of New York.

At the time of the entry of this country into the war, the national convention of the Socialist party of America, at St. Louis, during its sessions from April 7 to April 14 1917, adopted resolutions setting forth the stand of the Socialist party toward the war and urged that the only struggle which would justify its members in taking up arms was the great struggle of the working class to free itself from economic exploitation and political oppression, and in such resolution appeared the following words:

"As against the false doctrines of national patriotism we uphold the ideal of international working class solidarity."

The manifesto of the Socialist party in convention assembled adopted a resolution of which the following is part: "We, the organized workers of Russia, in support of the government of their Soviets, with the radical Socialists of Germany, Austria and Hungary and with those socialist organizations in England, France, Italy and other countries, who, during the war as after the war, have remained true to the principles of uncompromising international socialism. Long live the international socialist revolution! the only hope of the suffering world."

And in order that we may understand what this solidarity means, I quote from page 16 of the manifesto of the Communist International, as follows:

"Civil war is forced on the laboring classes by their arch-enemies. The working class must answer blow for blow, if it will not renounce its own object and its own future, which is at the same time the future of all humanity."

"The communist party, far from conjuring up civil war artificially, rather strives to shorten its duration as much as possible in case it has become an iron necessity to minimize the number of its victims and, above all, to secure victory for the proletariat."

"This makes necessary the disarming of the bourgeoisie at the proper time, the arming of the laborers, and the formation of a communist army as the protector of the rule of the proletariat and the invincibility of the social structure. Such is the 'Red' army of Soviet Russia, which arose to protect the achievements of the working class against every assault from within or without. The Soviet army is inseparable from the Soviet state."

It is every citizen's right to his day in court, if this House should adopt a resolution declaring your seat herein vacant. Pending a hearing before a tribunal of this House you will be given an opportunity to appear before such tribunal to prove your right to a seat in this legislative body, and upon the result of such hearing and the findings of the assembly tribunal your right to participate in the actions of this body will be determined.

When the Speaker concluded, Assemblyman Claessens (one of the Socialists) was about to reply, when Majority Leader Adler was recognized, and he offered the resolution accusing the Socialists and unseating them pending trial. The Socialists returned to their seats while the vote was taken. When the vote was announced several of the Socialists, it was said, rose for recognition. Mr. Solomon was first to speak.

"I rise to a question of personal privilege," said Assemblyman Solomon. "You have no rights in this body either in a seat or on the floor, and you and your four associates will leave the floor of the House," replied the Speaker. The Socialists made no effort to leave. The Speaker then called on the sergeant-at-arms to remove them. This was done.

Before leaving Albany (Jan. 7) the suspended Assemblymen issued the following statement:

We regard our exclusion from the Assembly as organized violence of the very essence of democracy—the sacred right of the ballot. It is the denial of representative government. It is the shameful establishment of an ugly dictatorship—the dictatorship of naked plutocracy.

The whole procedure is violative of the fundamental law of the land as expressed in the Constitution and the deepest traditions of the nation as voiced in the Declaration of Independence.

We believe in the accepted methods of the Socialist Party—agitation, education and organization on the political and industrial field, and the organization of the workers particularly for the expression of social dissatisfaction through their unions and the ballot-box.

We shall continue to counsel a transformation of society in the direction of industrial democracy, which can be accomplished only when the workers own those things their lives depend upon, and we shall urge our auditors and adherents to act in an orderly and legal manner.

It is not at all improbable that the action of the Assembly is part of a movement of organized capital, of which the Democratic and Republican parties are the political champions, to discourage the people with the methods afforded by representative government and to provoke them to resort to the methods of violence. We shall do all in our power to expose this conspiracy and defeat its purpose.

While this is a new experience for the five of us it is not at all new in the history of the fight for social progress in its essential nature. Before and since Bismarck, violence of this nature has been employed with complete failure, and the recent history of the world especially indicates the result in this case.

As in the past the result of such procedure can only be to arouse additional interest in the principles which we represent and stimulate the

growth of the great movement of which we have the honor to belong. Its immediate political effect will be altogether favorable.

We assert that not only was the organic law of the land disregarded in our case but the rules of the Assembly were distorted to accomplish this lawlessness.

We summon the American people to save their country from those usurpers who would make it into a new czarism. 'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.'

We have nothing to apologize for as far as our opinions and convictions are concerned. We are all proud to be members of the Socialist Party.

The five Socialist members arrived in this city the same day and proceeded to the New York County headquarters of their party. Members of the city, county and State committees of the Socialist Party were summoned and after the incidents of the day had been related to them an Executive Committee was appointed to formulate a plan of action. The following day (Jan. 8) the five suspended Socialists issued a joint statement charging that the Lusk Legislative Committee brought about their suspension because the Committee feared an investigation of its affairs. After declaring that the Lusk Committee, in its raids on radical headquarters in New York City and up-State, had "perverted its mission, exceeded its powers and violated the law," the suspended Assemblymen made public a series of questions which they declared they had prepared to place before the Assembly in the form of a resolution. The questions implied that the Lusk Committee co-operated with the British Secret Service in making raids. Again on Jan. 9 they issued a statement in which they reiterated charges that papers seized in a raid on the Russian Soviet Bureau in this city by the Committee had been turned over to the British Government. The statement called an answer which had been made by Senator Lusk, Chairman of the Committee, to these charges "no answer at all but evasive, non-committal and contradictory." The suspended Socialists said they intended to file these charges before the State Legislature, but were not permitted to do so in view of the vote to suspend them. They took Senator Lusk to task for failing to explain certain features of his investigation of Bolshevism and a trip said to have been made by him to England. They intimated that papers seized in the raid were turned over to Great Britain for the purpose of giving British mercantile interests an advantage over American concerns "which have entered into contracts aggregating \$100,000,000 with the Soviet Government of Russia."

Decision to carry their case to the United States Supreme Court should the Assembly sustain the charges against them was reached Jan. 13 by the five suspended Socialist Assemblymen. The decision was announced after the Socialist leaders had conferred with Morris Hillquit (former Socialist mayoralty candidate) and other attorneys who have been employed by the Socialist Party as counsel.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER GIVES \$100,000,000 FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND MEDICINE.

On Dec. 24 John D. Rockefeller gave away another \$100,000,000 of his fortune. This sum was divided equally between two of the great institutions founded by him, namely the Rockefeller Foundation, devoted to medical and scientific research, and the General Education Board. The gift of \$50,000,000 to the latter was made with the recommendation that both principal and interest be used "as promptly and as largely as may seem wise" in some plan of increasing the salaries of the teaching staffs of colleges and universities in the United States.

The gift to the Rockefeller Foundation was made without restriction, except that Mr. Rockefeller directs the trustees to utilize both principal and income for any of the corporate purposes which, as stated in the charter, are "to promote the well being of mankind throughout the world." Mr. Rockefeller, however, indicated he would be pleased to have any part of the gift used to promote medical education in Canada, and President George E. Vincent in making known the receipt of the gift announced that the trustees would be asked to appropriate \$5,000,000 for that purpose.

On Dec. 24 the General Education Board from its offices in this city, issued a statement relative to the gift of \$50,000,000 and embodying an expression of the donor's views as to the use thereof. The statement said:

The General Education Board announces that it has received from John D. Rockefeller a new and special gift of \$50,000,000 to be devoted to co-operating with higher institutions of learning in increasing the salaries of the teaching staffs. In transmitting the gift Mr. Rockefeller forwarded this memorandum:

"The attention of the American public has recently been drawn to the urgent and immediate necessity of providing more adequate salaries to members of the teaching profession. It is of the highest importance that those entrusted with the education of youth and the increase of knowledge should not be led to abandon their calling by reason of financial pressure

or to cling to it amid discouragements due to financial limitations. It is of equal importance to our future welfare and progress that able and aspiring young men and women should not for similar reasons be deterred from devoting their lives to teaching.

"While this gift is made for the general corporate purposes of the board, I should cordially endorse a decision to use the principal as well as the income as promptly and largely as may seem wise for the purpose of co-operating with the higher institutions of learning in raising sums specifically devoted to the increase of teachers' salaries.

"JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER."

The gifts of Mr. Rockefeller to the General Education Board since its establishment in 1902 have been as follows:

1902	-----	\$1,000,000
1905	-----	10,000,000
1907	-----	11,000,000
1909	-----	10,000,000

Total.....\$32,000,000

The board distributes the interest on the above funds currently and is empowered to distribute the principal in its discretion.

In 1919 Mr. Rockefeller gave \$20,000,000 to the board for the improvement of medical education, the interest to be distributed currently and the principal to be distributed within fifty years.

In reference to the present gift Dr. Wallace Buttrick, President of the General Education Board, makes the following statement:

"The general public is well aware that the salaries of instructors in colleges and universities have not thus far in general been sufficiently increased to meet the increased cost of living. The General Education Board has since the close of the war received applications for aid from colleges and universities, the sum total of which would practically exhaust the working capital of the Board.

"An emergency exists. It is urgently necessary to take steps to increase salaries in order that men in the teaching profession may be able and happy to remain there, in order that young men and young women who incline to teaching as a career may not be deterred from entering the teaching profession, and, finally, in order that it may not be necessary to raise tuition fees and thereby cut off from academic opportunity those who cannot afford to pay increased tuition.

"As Mr. Rockefeller's memorandum shows, he recognizes the urgency of the present situation and has given this large sum to the General Education Board to be used in co-operation with the institutions for the purpose of increasing promptly the funds available for the payment of salaries. It has been the policy of the board to make contributions to endowment, conditioned upon the raising of additional supplementary sums by the institutions aided."

The General Education Board holds its next meeting Feb. 26, and at that time a policy for the distribution of the fund will doubtless be adopted. The Board consists of: Frederick T. Gates, J. D. Rockefeller Jr., Albert Shaw, Wallace Buttrick, Starr J. Murphy, Edwin A. Aldeman, Harry Pratt Judson, Wickliffe Rose, Jerome D. Greene, Anson Phelps Stokes, Abraham Flexner, George E. Vincent, James H. Dillard, Frank E. Spaulding and Charles P. Howland.

Certain officers of the General Education Board are about to start upon a trip south, in the course of which they will visit several colleges and universities which have already made applications for assistance.

Mr. Trevor Arnett, auditor and trustee of the University of Chicago, has been elected an additional secretary of the General Education Board, and Mr. Arnett will accompany the other officers on their present trip.

The terms of the \$50,000,000 gift to the Rockefeller Foundation were set forth in the following statement:

The trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation announce receipt of a gift from Mr. John D. Rockefeller of \$50,000,000.

In transmitting the gift, Mr. Rockefeller specifically authorizes the trustees to utilize both principal and income for any of the corporate purposes of the Foundation, which as stated in the charter, are "to promote the well-being of mankind throughout the world."

While imposing no restriction upon the discretion of the trustees Mr. Rockefeller in his letter of transmittal expresses special interest "in the work being done throughout the world in combating disease through the improvement of medical education, public health administration and scientific research."

Mr. Rockefeller also alludes to the recent gift of \$20,000,000 to the general education board to promote medical education in the United States and then adds:

"My attention has been called to the needs of some of the medical schools in Canada, but as the activities of the general education board are by its charter limited to the United States, I understand that gift may not be used for Canadian schools. The Canadian people are our near neighbors. They are closely bound to us by ties of race, language and international friendship, and they have without stint sacrificed themselves, their youth and their resources, to the end that democracy might be saved and extended. For these reasons, if your board should see fit to use any part of this new gift in promoting medical education in Canada, such action would meet with my cordial approval."

This last gift makes the total received by the Foundation from Mr. Rockefeller \$182,000,000, of which both income and principal were made available for appropriation. In 1917-18 \$5,000,000 from principal was appropriated for war work.

With reference to the most recent of Mr. Rockefeller's gifts, Dr. George E. Vincent, President of the Foundation, makes this statement:

"In order to carry out Mr. Rockefeller's suggestion concerning Canadian medical schools the trustees of the Foundation will be asked by the officers to set aside approximately \$5,000,000 for the improvement and development of the leading medical schools of the Dominion. From this sum appropriations will be made by the Foundation to medical schools on condition that they raise additional funds from other sources. It is hoped that \$5,000,000 thus employed by the Foundation at this time will give a distinct impetus to the development of medical education in Canada.

"The new gift will also enable the Foundation to extend work already in progress in medical education and public health in many parts of the world.

"Dr. Wickliffe Rose, general director of the International Health Board of the Foundation, and Dr. Richard M. Pearce, recently appointed director of a new division of medical education, sailed Dec. 11 for Europe to obtain information about public health administration and methods of medical education in England and on the Continent.

"General W. C. Gorgas is now devoting himself to directing the efforts set in motion by the Foundation to eradicate yellow fever from the world.

"The studies and activities of the International Health Board in the cure and prevention of hookworm disease will be continued. The work is now going on in twelve Southern States of this country and in fifteen foreign countries.

"The International Health Board will also continue its experiments and demonstrations in the control of malaria. Experience has shown that at

relatively small expense convincing results can be obtained through co-operation with public health authorities and with local communities.

"The Rockefeller Foundation is also financing, through the China Medical Board, the development of two large and thoroughly equipped medical colleges in China, one nearly completed at Peking, the other soon to be begun at Shanghai, and the development of other medical work in China.

"To promote higher standards in medicine and public health, international fellowships are being granted to approximately 100 students of foreign countries who are pursuing courses in many medical centres in the United States."

■ Prior to the receipt of the new gift from Mr. Rockefeller, it had been estimated that the income of the Rockefeller Foundation for 1920 would amount to \$6,500,000, of which all but \$335,000 had been already appropriated.

AMERICAN RELIEF MONEY RETURNED BY HERBERT HOOVER IN TREASURY NOTES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

In a preliminary report to Congress on the work of the American Relief Administration, Herbert Hoover states that nearly \$88,750,000 of the \$100,000,000 fund appropriated by Congress for relief in Europe will be returned to the Government. The money is to be returned in the form of Treasury notes from the various Governments which participated in the relief work. In his report Mr. Hoover says:

The expenditures on food shipments are roughly divided in the following proportions:

F. O. B. cost of food and other relief commodities at American ports, 77.37%; transatlantic freight on above, 20.67%; demurrage, 1.10% handling and transshipment in Europe, .85%.

About 88% of the relief supplies furnished were sold under contract to the various Governments in the relief areas. For all such sales these Governments gave their special treasury notes in a form approved by the United States Treasury bearing 5% interest, due June 30 1921, to June 30 1924. It was impossible to obtain reimbursement in cash because the currency in the countries to which these supplies were sent could not be converted into foreign exchange except in comparatively insignificant amounts.

I give herewith an approximate list of the notes of each Government, which we expect to turn over to the United States Treasury:

Poland	\$57,000,000
Czecho-Slovakia	6,750,000
Armenia	10,000,000
Russia	5,000,000
Estonia	2,300,000
Latvia	3,000,000
Lithuania	700,000
Finland	4,000,000
Total	\$88,750,000

The remaining 12% of the supplies were donated in assistance to private organizations set up in each country under direction of the American Relief Administration for the purpose of furnishing food on a charitable basis to undernourished children. For such supplies it was, of course, impossible to obtain reimbursement. This service has contributed greatly to stabilizing the situation in those countries, aside from the physical benefits to more than 3,000,000 undernourished children, to whom the war threatened serious and permanent injury. Certainly this service is one for which the name of America will always be held in deepest gratitude.

In addition to the children's relief the American Relief Administration paid approximately \$550,000 for freight and expenditures on old clothing contributed by the American Red Cross and the Commission for Relief in Belgium, which was transported to the liberated countries and distributed without charge. The character of this clothing is so varied and uncertain that it has been found most unwise to attempt any sale on a commercial basis, and as it goes to the poorest classes it is a proper subject for charity.

The American Relief Administration also expended \$550,000 on freight in transporting from France to Poland, Czecho-Slovakia and Estonia United States Army bacon, which the Governments of these states were able to purchase on a credit from the liquidation board in France. This is covered by the treasury notes of those countries.

It should also be noted that a question remains unsettled with the United States Shipping Board regarding the freight charges. The President and the board have approved the policy of fixing these on a cost basis, but as yet no reduction has been made in the tentative rates of freight, which were originally fixed at considerably above this cost.

The relief supplies purchased by the American Relief Administration were all of American origin, and none of the appropriation therefor was expended outside of the United States except to some extent for local freight and handling charges in Europe.

I regret exceedingly that it is impossible to submit at the present time an itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures. Although the commodities required for relief shipments were all purchased prior to July 1 1919, marine workers' strikes in the port of New York delayed the sailing of the last relief vessels until August 25. It was therefore necessary to continue our accounting staff in Europe until these vessels had been unloaded thirty days later. The transfer of the accounting forces and records from various countries to the London office for credit required further time, and thence from London to the United States there also was serious delay by the strikes in England and finally the unloading of the records was long delayed in New York by the longshoremen's strike.

Combination of the European and American accounts is now in process and will be audited before presentation. These delays, together with the complicated nature of the accounts, make it impossible to present an itemized statement of receipts and expenditures for some little time. At that time the final and complete report will be filed. The totals will not, I believe, vary materially from those given in this report.

Mr. Hoover also submits the following table showing the preliminary estimate of expenditures for relief made by the Relief Administration:

Name of Country to Which Shipped—	Amount.
Poland	\$56,900,000
Czecho-Slovakia	6,700,000
Armenia	10,000,000
Estonia	2,300,000
Latvia	2,900,000
Lithuania	700,000
Finland	3,900,000
Russia	4,600,000
Total	\$88,000,000

Children's Relief.	
Poland	\$5,300,000
Czecho-Slovakia	2,900,000
Serbia	900,000
Rumania	500,000
Finland	500,000
Estonia	600,000
Latvia	350,000
Lithuania	300,000
Russia	100,000
Various countries—Freight in transporting old clothing by Red Cross	300,000
Various countries—Freight and expense in transporting old clothing contributed by Commission for Relief of Belgium	250,000
Total	\$12,000,000
Grand total	\$100,000,000

PEACE-TIME WAR INDUSTRIES BOARD PROPOSED BY B. M. BARUCH.

In his report as Chairman of the United States War Industries Board, Bernard M. Baruch urges peace-time industrial preparedness for war. Mr. Baruch specifically recommended encouragement by the Government of the mining of essential war minerals, the preservation of skeleton munition plants and the creation of a skeleton organization similar to the War Industries Board. In proposing a peace-time War Industries Board, Mr. Baruch declared that such an organization was necessary "in the event of an impending crisis to make it possible within a few days to create an organization which immediately would mobilize all of the industries of the nation and quickly make available for the Government all of its resources." He suggested that the peace-time organization be centered in the Department of Commerce, with its members working without salary. He also said:

Every possible effort should be made to develop production of manganese, chrome, tungsten, dyestuff by-products of coal, and all such raw materials usually imported, but which can be produced in this country. Above all, immediate and persistent effort must be made to develop production of nitrogen and its substitutes, not alone for war, but for agricultural purposes.

Under the supervision of the proper departments of the Government some industries must be given encouragement to maintain a skeleton organization through which can be developed the rapid manufacture of guns, munitions, airplanes, &c. Some facilities already developed might be kept alive through outright purchase or by small orders for munitions and airplanes, while at all times there must be kept on hand the necessary dies, jigs, and fixtures needed for the manufacture of munitions.

Referring to the work of the war-time War Industries Board, Mr. Baruch said that "not one default was recorded on any demand" made on it by the military establishment, and that "there was not a slacker to be found among the industries." Mr. Baruch's report, addressed to President Wilson, was transmitted by the latter to Congress on Dec. 17.

ANSWER OF UNITED TYPOTHETAE TO FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION'S COMPLAINT.

An answer to the complaint of the Federal Trade Commission charging the United Typothetae of America and seven of its officers with unfair competition in violation of the Act creating the Commission, was filed by the Typothetae on Dec. 7. Reference to the complaint was made in our issue of Nov. 22, page 1950. As to the answer thereto, the press dispatches from Washington stated:

The Association waives the fact that the complaint of the Federal Trade Commission was brought against the former voluntary association, which was not in existence at the time of the filing of the complaint, and avails itself of the opportunity to make a full showing of its educational and organization activities, regardless of the fact it is a non-profit organization and that the law creating the Federal Trade Commission plainly says that the Commission may bring complaints against only corporations or associations carrying on business for profit.

The answer sets forth the purposes of the organization, as defined by its charter, which have governed its practices for the 37 years of its existence. It shows that its constitution and charter prevents the association from attempting to regulate its membership in the matter of labor control or prices of printing.

The answer calls attention that the organization's standard cost-finding system is in entire accord with the reiterated policy of the Federal Trade Commission and other Government departments, and quotes the President of the United States, who, in a letter to the Federal Trade Commission, said:

"I wish to commend your efforts generally, and in particular your endeavor to assist the small manufacturer and merchant to better his condition by helping him to improve his cost accounting and bookkeeping methods."

The answer asserts that investigations in hundreds of plants and in numerous cities prove that the average net profit above actual cost in the printing industry in 53 cities surveyed is 3.6%.

One of the charges of the Federal Trade Commission asserted by the United Typothetae to be wholly without basis was that this cost finding system was intended to fix prices. This is denied in the answer, and a full description of the system and its effects set forth.

The answer further says that the Commission not only in the past approved this cost finding system, the approval of which it now seeks to disavow, but also that the Trade Commission had urged the National Association of Employing Lithographers to examine the Typothetae system and see if its fundamental principles could not be applied to their industry.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

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

It was announced on Thursday that the 1920 annual convention of the American Bankers' Association will be held in Washington, D. C., the week of Oct. 18.

The ninth annual convention of the Investment Bankers' Association of America will be held in Boston on Oct. 11, 12 and 13.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial Trust Co. of this city on Jan. 20 it was voted to increase the capital from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The proposal to increase the membership of the board from 16 to 21 was also ratified. At the directors' meeting on the same day R. R. Moore was re-elected President; A. J. Norton, F. Finsthwait, D. J. Boylan, G. J. Baumann, E. B. Cooper were elected Vice-Presidents; F. Finsthwait, Treasurer, and J. G. Hemerich, Secretary. Mr. Boylan is a newly elected officer. C. B. Wynkoop and E. G. Acheson have been added to the board. Mr. Acheson is President of the Graphite Co., director in the Carborundum Co., and President of the Acheson Corporation. Mr. Wynkoop is Vice-President and director of the Hamilton Bank Note Co., New York, and Treasurer and director of the Wyngröve Line, Inc.

At the first regular meeting of the stockholders of the French-American Banking Corporation, 67 William Street, New York, on Jan. 20 the retiring directors were re-elected as follows:

James S. Alexander, President National Bank of Commerce in New York; Paul Boyer, President Comptoir National D'Escompte de Paris; Paul Fuller, Jr., of Messrs. Couderet Bros., N. Y.; F. Abbot Goodhue, Vice-President the First National Bank of Boston; Maurice Lewandowski, Manager Comptoir National D'Escompte de Paris; Edgar Llewellyn, Manager Comptoir National D'Escompte de Paris; John E. Rovensky, Vice-President, National Bank of Commerce in New York; Maurice Silvester, President French American Banking Corporation; Stanislas Simon, Managing Director Banque de l'Indo Chine, Paris; Harry B. Thayer, President American Telephone & Telegraph Co.; Daniel G. Wing, President the First National Bank of Boston; Owen D. Young, Vice-President General Electric Co.

Elsewhere will be found the statement at close of business on Dec. 31 1919. The corporation opened for business on July 1 1919. During the first three months of operation it earned expenses, and the net profits for the second quarter amounted to 2.68% on capital and surplus, or 10.72% per annum, after writing off all organization expenses, depreciation of furniture and fixtures and reserve for taxes. The officers for the ensuing year are:

James S. Alexander, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Maurice Silvester, President; F. Abbot Goodhue, Vice-President; John E. Rovensky, Vice-President; Roger P. Kavanagh, Vice-President; Thomas E. Green, Secretary; Arthur Terry, Treasurer.

The board of directors of the Foreign Trade Banking Corporation has elected C. M. Sherwood Secretary to succeed W. T. Law, resigned. Mr. Sherwood was for more than five years with the Chemical National Bank, and for the past four years with the National City Bank, New York, during part of which time he was their representative in the Third and Fourth Federal Reserve districts.

Announcement is made by Seward Prosser, President of the Bankers Trust Company of this city, of the appointment of Fred W. Shibley as manager of the Industrial department of the company.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Equitable Trust Company of New York this week Carleton Bunce was elected Vice-President.

Foreign branches of The National City Bank of New York now number an even fifty, thirty-five of which have been opened since the beginning of 1919. The newest branch of the bank is located at Antwerp, Belgium; it was opened on January 21, according to a cablegram which reached the bank's head office here on January 24, and is the second National City Branch to be established in Belgium. The other Belgian branch is at Brussels.

The first American bank to be established in South Africa is the branch of The National City Bank of New York, which opened at Cape Town on January 15, according to a cablegram received at the bank's head office. The bank ex-

pects to open another branch at Johannesburg in the near future.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Italian Discount and Trust Company on January 28 the following new directors were elected: Challen R. Parker and John J. Lewis, Vice-Presidents, and Arthur B. Hatcher, Assistant Vice-President, all of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York. Mr. Parker will serve on the Executive Committee of the Company. At the same meeting Pietro Rocca was elected Assistant Secretary. Gaetano Biasutti, Vice-President and director of the company, resigned, to assume the duties of Managing Director of a new banking institution being formed in Rome. Mr. Biasutti sailed for Italy yesterday (January 30).

The election of Ralph Dawson, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, to the Board of Directors of the China Society of America in the class of 1923, was announced this week, following the annual meeting of the society held on January 26.

The following appointments were made at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, on January 26. Harry Lawton, Manager, Grand Street Office; Otto Paul, Assistant Treasurer; and Francis A. Fullam, Assistant Secretary.

The stockholders of the Bank of United States of this city at their special meeting on January 13 approved the proposed increase of \$500,000 in the capital, making it \$1,500,000 instead of \$1,000,000. The new stock will be issued to stockholders at par, \$100, on the basis of one new share for every two shares now held. At the present selling price of the stock "rights" on the new issue are worth approximately \$66. The following were elected directors at the annual meeting: Max Friedman, I. Gilman, J. L. Hoffman, Henry Loeb, J. S. Marcus, I. L. Phillips, R. Sadousky, Saul Singer, Stephen Stephano, Geo. L. Storm, Geo. C. Van Tuyl, Jr., Max Wienstein and B. K. Marcus.

Charles H. Sabin, President of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, announces the appointment of a Managing Committee to direct the administrative work of the company's operations as an aid to the president, the chief executive head of the business. The appointment of the committee was approved at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors held on January 22, and it will undertake its new duties at once. It is announced that it will be the function of this committee to administer and co-ordinate the general work of the company through its various departments, select and direct its personnel, and be responsible for working out the policies of the president and directors through the organization. It will act with full authority under the president's direction. The committee selected consists of five vice-presidents of the company, Albert Breton, W. P. Conway, E. W. Stetson, Harold Stanley and F. H. Sisson. The members of the committee will be of equal rank and authority. By the plan adopted the committee will select a chairman from its own membership each year through the process of rotation, Mr. Breton having been selected as chairman for the first year. It is believed that this method of organization is desirable in order to meet the rapid growth of the company, which now has a staff of 3,800 people operating through four offices in New York City and five foreign offices, besides numerous subsidiary and affiliated corporations.

Nathan C. Kingsbury, First Vice-President of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., died suddenly during the night of January 23. Mr. Kingsbury was also a director of the National City Bank of New York, the Chase Securities Corporation and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago of which he had formerly been a Vice-President. He had also been a director of other important organizations. He it was who, as manager, brought the Michigan State Telephone Co. up to its splendid position financially. When that company was taken over by the Bell Co. he was brought to New York and made a Vice-President of the A. T. & T. Co. He was fifty-three years of age.

Frederick W. Egnor, Senior Vice-President of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Newark, died on Jan. 27 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Egnor, who was only forty-nine years of age,

was born in Orange, N. J., and began his banking career at 14 years of age in the Half Dime Savings Bank of Orange, remaining with that institution until 1891, when he entered the service of the Fidelity Trust Co. as an assistant book-keeper in the safe deposit department. Six months later he was transferred to the banking department as Assistant Teller and in another six months was promoted to Paying Teller and later to Chief Teller. In January 1899 he was chosen Secretary and Treasurer of the company and six years later was made a director. In 1909 Mr. Egner was elected Third Vice-President, a position created at that time, and subsequently became Senior Vice-President, the office he occupied at the time of his death. In addition to his activities in the Fidelity Trust Co., Mr. Egner was a director of the Union County Trust Co. of Elizabeth, the New Brunswick Trust Co., the Red Bank Trust Co. and the Essex County Trust Co. of East Orange, subsidiary companies of the local institution. He was also a member of the Newark Board of Trade.

The Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Rochester, N. Y., has increased its capital from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. As announced in our issue of December 6 a consolidation has been entered into between the Fidelity Trust Company and the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Company which has a capital of \$500,000. Of the new \$500,000 capital of the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Co., \$300,000 is issued to the stockholders of the Fidelity Trust and \$200,000 to the stockholders of the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Co. in proportion to their respective holdings at the consummation of the consolidation at \$200 per share. The consolidation is now effective and subscription warrants are outstanding covering the additional \$200,000 in stock. Payment is to be made on or before Feb. 24 1920.

The Mutual Bank & Trust Company of Hartford, Conn., opened for business on January 21. Arthur H. Cooley is President of the New Bank; Joseph P. Tuttle, Vice-President and William Neal is Secretary and Treasurer. The company has a capital of \$300,000 in shares of \$100 each; the stock was disposed of at \$125, giving a paid in surplus of \$75,000 each. The institution is located at 90 Pearl Street where it occupies a new banking house, built especially for its exclusive use and located in the heart of the financial district. The building is fireproof and the vaults are of the latest and strongest type of construction. It is one of the most attractive banking rooms in the city. The board of directors in addition to the officers is as follows:

Edward R. Grier, Vice-President and General Manager of the Arrow Electric Co., Hartford.

Edwin Alshberg, a prominent shoe and leather dealer, Hartford.

Kenneth S. Adams, of the firm of Adams, Merrill & Co., stock brokers, Hartford.

Joseph S. Silver, member of Silver Bros., candy manufacturers, Hartford.

George E. Prentice, President, The G. E. Prentice Mfg. Co., New Britain.

Seymour S. Kashmann, provision dealer, Hartford.

Geo. F. Graves, Secretary of the G. F. Heublein Co., Hartford.

Edward E. Claussen, mechanical engineer, Hartford.

Mr. J. Q. Hawley, real estate and insurance, Hartford.

Ernest A. Hatheway, of the firm of Hatheway & Steane, wholesale tobacco dealers, Hartford.

There will be several additions to the board later.

At the annual meeting of the Boylston National Bank of Boston on Jan. 13, Guy O. Hunter, Vice-President of the Hunter Manufacturing & Commission Co. of New York and Kenneth Hutchins, President of the Kenneth Hutchins Co., of Boston, both of whom are well known in the cotton and wool trade, were elected directors.

Charles Stetson was elected a director of the Merchants National Bank of Boston at the annual meeting of the institution on Jan. 13. During the year John E. Thayer Jr. and Charles B. Wiggin resigned as members of the board.

Arthur H. Soden, one of the oldest directors in point of service of The Commercial National Bank of Boston was elected Vice-President of the institution at its annual meeting held recently. Especial interest is attached to Mr. Soden's election as Vice-President, as since the promotion of B. B. Perkins to the presidency of the bank ten years ago, The Commercial National has been without a Vice-President. Mr. Soden has been very active in the affairs of the institution. The institution has capital and surplus of \$250,000 each; its deposits on Dec. 31 last were \$2,651,930, while resources totaled \$4,208,163.

The Webster & Atlas National Bank of Boston at its annual meeting on Jan. 13 added the following new members to its board of directors: Fessenden S. Blanchard, Roger Ernst and Granville E. Foss.

The capital of the South Philadelphia State Bank of Philadelphia is to be increased from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The stockholders authorized on Jan. 20 the issuance of 500 new shares of stock (par \$50), which are to be offered to shareholders at \$55 per share, of which \$5 per share will be added to the surplus, making the latter \$10,000. The enlarged capital, we are advised, will become effective within thirty days.

The stockholders of the Oxford Bank of Philadelphia have authorized the issuance of new stock to the amount of \$150,000, the capital thus being raised from \$100,000 to \$250,000, and the surplus increased to \$55,000. Undivided profits are now \$25,000. The par value of the new stock is \$50 per share, and the selling price is \$65. Final payment is called for by March 15 1920.

John T. Scott Jr. was elected President of the Southwestern National Bank of Philadelphia. John M. Dottner was elected Vice-President, Eugene Walter, Cashier, and Harry S. Pollock, Assistant Cashier.

At a special meeting on Jan. 19 the stockholders of the Rittenhouse Trust Co. of Philadelphia ratified the proposal to increase the capital from \$250,000, consisting of 5,000 shares of the par value of \$50 each, to \$500,000, consisting of 5,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each. The new stock is to be sold at \$120 per share, \$100 going toward capital and \$20 to surplus. The increased capital will become effective March 1 1920.

On Jan. 15 H. B. Reinhardt was appointed Assistant Cashier of the Union National Bank of Philadelphia.

Action on the question of increasing the capital of the Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore from \$600,000 to \$1,200,000 was taken by the stockholders on Jan. 5. The new stock is offered to shareholders of record Jan. 5 at \$100 per share. Payment was called for by Jan. 20. H. M. Lee who was Secretary of the institution, has been made Third Vice-President of the company, and Joseph B. Kirby, who was Assistant Secretary, has become Fourth Vice-President, Arthur C. Gibson has been made Secretary, succeeding Mr. Lee.

J. G. Geddes, formerly associated with the Union Bank of Canada, has been elected a Vice-President of the First National Bank of Cleveland. Two years ago Mr. Geddes retired from the New York agency of the Union Bank of Canada to become manager of the new foreign department of the First National Bank. He was formerly inspector of the Eastern Division at Toronto and also manager of several branch offices of the bank. It is stated that under Mr. Geddes's leadership, the First National Bank has become a real factor in pioneering the way for manufacturers, importers and exporters in its section who are looking ahead to establishing sound foreign business relations. In addition to this phase of foreign department work, the First National Bank has, it is said, built up an enviable foreign exchange business through the efficient organization with which Mr. Geddes has surrounded himself. William Tonks, Manager of the First National Bank's credit department, has been made Assistant Cashier. Mr. Tonks's is well known for his energetic and constructive work in connection with the Credit Men's Association, of which he served as President in 1916-1917. Charles B. Anderson, who has been in charge of the operations of the transit department of the First National Bank, has also been made an Assistant Cashier.

In the First Trust & Savings Co. of Cleveland these two promotions are of moment: Frank L. Frey becomes Assistant Treasurer and Walter A. Porter, Assistant Secretary. Mr. Frey has a long record of efficient service to his credit both with the First Trust & Savings Co. and the First National Bank, having come to the former from the national bank when the trust company was first organized. Mr. Porter's promotion expresses merited recognition of good work from one still young in bank work.

On January 16 The Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, took formal possession of the Rocky River Savings & Banking Co. of Rocky River, Ohio. As stated in our Jan. 3 issue, the Rocky River institution will be operated as a branch of the Guardian. C. E. Kyle, who has been made an Assistant Vice-President of The Guardian Savings & Trust Co., will continue as Manager of the Rocky River Branch.

At the annual meeting of the Cosmopolitan Bank & Trust Company of Cincinnati on January 13 a change in the presidency occurred through the control by Vice-President Frank J. Dorger and his associates. As a result, Edward F. Romer was succeeded in the presidency by H. W. Hartsough. The latter comes from Winchester, Ky., where he had been Cashier of the Winchester Bank, prior to that he was the organizer and executive officer of the Norwood National Bank of Norwood, Ohio. Frank J. Dorger was re-elected First Vice-President, Charles H. Hess was elected Second Vice-President, John Meiners was re-elected Secretary and John Flanagan was re-elected Treasurer. Elmer Johanningman was re-elected Assistant Treasurer and Secretary. Leo J. Meiners was made a new Assistant Secretary & Treasurer.

The stockholders of the Merchants National Bank of Detroit at their recent annual meeting voted to issue 10,000 shares of new stock to be offered to present shareholders at \$140 a share; \$1,000,000 of the proceeds to be added to the capital of the institution, raising the same to \$2,000,000, and \$400,000 to surplus. This latter fund with the addition of \$100,000 to be transferred from undivided profits will then amount to \$1,000,000. Payment for the new stock will be called April 15.

At the directors' meeting of the First & Old Detroit National Bank of Detroit on Jan. 13 W. A. McWhinney, an Assistant Cashier of the institution, was elected a Vice-President and W. R. Broughton and A. V. McClellan were appointed additional Assistant Cashiers. At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the bank on the same day four new directors were added to the board, namely John F. Dodge, President of Dodge Brothers; Walter P. Chrysler, Vice-President of the Willys Corporation and Willys Overland Corporation; William P. Holliday, Chairman of the board of the Central Savings Bank, and F. H. Macpherson, President of the Detroit Sulphite Pulp & Paper Co.

At their annual meeting on January 14 the stockholders of the Society for Savings of Detroit approved a recommendation of the directors that the capital be increased from \$500,000 to \$5,000,000. The stockholders also adopted a resolution indorsing Senate bill No. 2429, which provides for the creation of a Federal Home Loan bank system, along lines somewhat similar to the Federal Reserve Bank system. The stock of the Home Loan banks is to be held by the building and loan associations of the district within which it is situated.

At the annual meeting of the Wayne County and Home Savings Bank, Detroit, on January 13 the stockholders approved a recommendation of the directors to increase the capital of the bank from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 and surplus from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 by the issuance of 10,000 shares (par value \$100) of new stock to be offered to present shareholders at \$200 per share. The undivided profits of the institution amount to about \$750,000. The new capital and surplus will become effective May 15th 1920.

In connection with the working out of the details for the close affiliation in interests and ownership of the Central Savings Bank of Detroit and the First & Old Detroit National Bank (reported in these columns in our issue of Aug. 16) the directors of the former institution on January 13 elected William P. Holliday, heretofore the President of the institution, Chairman of the Board and advanced Harry J. Fox from Vice-President and Cashier to the Presidency to succeed Mr. Holliday. Other elections were: Lawrence P. Smith and Leo F. Timma, formerly Assistant Cashiers, promoted to Vice-Presidents; Albert W. Kauffmann, heretofore an Assistant Cashier to Cashier, and the appointment of Charles G. Munn and Arthur F. Papke as Assistant Cashiers. The directorate of the bank was also enlarged by the addition of

three members of the Board of the First & Old Detroit National Bank, namely Emory W. Clark, Joseph J. Crowley and Joseph B. Schlotman.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Commerce of Detroit the proposed increasing of the capital of the institution from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, referred to in these columns in our issue of January 3, was satisfied. The new stock is to consist of 5,000 shares of the par value of \$100 per share and is to be offered to present stockholders at \$180 per share. The \$400,000 representing premium on the shares will be added to surplus. Stockholders of record of March 23 will have the right to subscribe to the new stock, and the latter will be payable April 1. At that date the bank will also transfer \$100,000 from undivided profits, making the capital and surplus each \$1,500,000.

Henry S. Henschen has resigned as Vice-President of the State Bank of Chicago. He will take an extended vacation in Florida and California, it is announced. Mr. Henschen, it is understood, will return to Chicago in a few months and re-enter business there. Mr. Henschen has been actively identified with financial affairs in Chicago for the last thirty years. He was formerly Cashier of the State Bank. Mr. Henschen was former Swedish Consul in Chicago.

Ward C. Castle, Walter H. Jacobs, Oliver M. Burton and George A. Eddy have been elected directors, and R. L. Lapham was elected Manager of the bond department of the Standard Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

The Woodlawn Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, has been admitted to membership in the Federal Reserve System. The bank's deposits increased \$1,230,000 in 1919.

The capital of the North Avenue State Bank of Milwaukee is to be increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The proposition was ratified by the stockholders at the annual meeting on Jan. 13. A dividend of 75% was paid to stockholders. Wm. F. Coerper was elected President and F. A. Lochner, Cashier. The additional stock (par \$100), is to be sold at \$125 per share. The new capital will become operative Feb. 14.

At the instance of John Campbell, who desired to be relieved of some of the responsibility resting upon him as President of the Marshall & Isley Bank of Milwaukee, John H. Puelicher was elected to the Presidency of the bank at the annual meeting on Jan. 13. Mr. Campbell who has served the institution for forty-five years, will continue in its management, having been designated as Vice-President. Mr. Puelicher has been associated with the bank since 1893, when he entered it as assistant discount and collection clerk; he has served in all capacities from that post to the Presidency. Before his election to the latter position, he had been Vice-President and Cashier. Coincident with his promotion the following changes are also announced: F. X. Bodden, formerly Assistant Cashier, has been elected a Vice-President; J. E. Jones, formerly Assistant Cashier, elected Cashier; J. H. Daggett has been made Assistant Cashier and Manager of the bond department; J. C. Moser and A. B. Nichols, Jr., have become Assistant Cashiers, and Charles R. Jeske is made Assistant Manager of the South Side branch.

The Merchants' & Farmers' State Bank, of Milwaukee, of Milwaukee, Wis., has increased its capital stock from \$65,000 to \$130,000, the par value of stock being \$100 a share; 50% of the new issue was given to the old stockholders at par, and the other 50% was issued at \$130 per share. The action of the directors was ratified by the stockholders of the bank on Oct. 20 1919, and the entire amount was paid in on Dec. 31 1919, in order to be effective on Jan. 1 1920. The bank commenced business Dec. 3 1910. At the close of business Dec. 31 1919, deposits of \$1,514,012 were reported, total resources at that date being given as \$1,679,956. The officers of the bank are: Frank C. Fisher, President; Edw. J. Kraus, Vice-President; G. G. Fischer, Cashier, and A. H. Grunewald, Assistant Cashier.

It is planned to change the name of the First & Security National Bank of Minneapolis to the First National Bank.

The question will be put to the stockholders for ratification on Feb. 17. The notice to the stockholders says:

At the time of the consolidation of the First National Bank and the Security National Bank, nearly five years ago, the name, "The First & Security National Bank of Minneapolis" was adopted for what seemed to be good business reasons. It is the unanimous opinion of the board of directors, as well as of the executive officers of the bank and the stockholders with whom it has been possible to discuss the matter, that the change in the name should now be made to "First National Bank in Minneapolis."

Among the changes which occurred in the official staff at the annual meeting were the election of George A. Lyons as Vice-President; Mr. Lyon advances from the post of Cashier; J. G. Byam, previously Assistant Cashier, and E. E. Blackley, Manager of the Credit Department, have also become Vice-Presidents; Stanley H. Bezoier, heretofore Assistant Cashier, has become Cashier. The following are the officers elected at the meeting: F. M. Prince, Chairman of Executive Committee; F. A. Chamberlain, Chairman Board of Directors; C. T. Jaffray, President; A. A. Crane, J. S. Pomeroy, Fred Spafford, H. A. Willoughby, P. J. Leeman, S. T. McKnight, George A. Lyon, J. G. Byam and E. E. Blackley, Vice-Presidents; Stanley H. Bezoier, Cashier; J. G. Maclean, W. A. Meacham, C. B. Brombach and K. M. Morrison, Assistant Cashiers.

Walker Brothers Bankers of Salt Lake City, Utah, announce the creation of the office of Chairman of the Board and the addition to its official staff of two members. L. H. Farnsworth, who had been President, has been chosen to the office of Chairman of the Board, and E. O. Howard, heretofore Vice-President, has become President. The newly elected members of the official staff are Frank A. Fisher, Vice-President and Edgar A. Bering, Assistant Cashier. The following is the complete list of officials: L. H. Farnsworth, Chairman of the Board; E. O. Howard, President; John H. Walker and Frank A. Fisher, Vice-Presidents; H. M. Chamberlain, Cashier; L. C. Van Voorhis, Asst. Cashier and Secretary; Edgar A. Bering, Assistant Cashier. The changes, effective Jan. 15, are made to enable the institution to more promptly and efficiently handle its increased and growing business. In its December 31 statement it reported deposits of \$10,472,139 and total assets of \$11,780,475. It has a capital of \$500,000; surplus fund of \$100,000 and undivided profits of \$144,273.

R. R. Clabaugh, an active Vice-President of the Liberty Bank of St. Louis, was elected a director on the 12th inst.

An application has been made for a charter for the Mound City Trust Company of St. Louis. The new organization is to have a capital of \$200,000 and a surplus of \$50,000. Par value of the stock is \$125, and we are advised that it has all been disposed of at that figure. The company is to begin business March 20th. The officers are: N. S. Magruder, President; Joseph Dickson, Jr., J. T. Dodds, Vice-Presidents; John C. Tobin, Secretary and H. C. Avis, Treasurer.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Commerce & Trusts of Richmond, Va., it was voted to increase the capital from \$250,000 to \$500,000. The new stock (par \$100) is to be sold at \$200, thus enabling an addition of \$250,000 to the surplus and increasing it to \$500,000. W. A. Roper who had been Assistant Cashier of the institution has been made Vice-President and Cashier and W. N. Street has become Assistant Cashier.

At the annual meeting of the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Memphis, plans to increase the capital from \$350,000 to \$600,000 were ratified. A dividend of 50% which is to be applied in payment of the new issue, has been declared. The new issue of stock (par \$100) will be sold at \$250 per share and the increased capital becomes effective January 28. Leo J. Levy of Julius Levy & Sons, has been added to the directorate of the bank.

The promotion of L. W. Hughes from Manager of Bond Department of the National City Bank of Memphis, to Assistant to the President, occurred at the annual meeting on January 13th.

Geo. E. Farmer, heretofore Cashier of the Peoples Bank of Martin, Tenn., has been appointed Assistant Cashier of the Fourth & First National Bank, of Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Farmer will assume his new duties sometime in February. W. P. Smith, formerly Discount Teller of Fourth and First National bank has also elected Assistant Cashier. With regard to plans whereby the capital will be increased from \$1,100,000 to \$2,000,000 a letter addressed to the stockholders by President James E. Caldwell on January 20 says in part:

This will call for an issue of \$900,000 of new capital, upon which you will be asked to vote an approval upon the following items, viz.: \$550,000 to be offered to stockholders on a basis of one share of this new stock for each two shares of stock now held, that is, for one share now held you will have the right to take one-half share of new stock, for which you will pay \$200 per share.

It is advisable to expand the list of stockholders and thereby secure the aid and influence of new and desirable customers, and for that purpose you are asked to express your approval for \$350,000 of said stock to be sold to the First Savings Bank and Trust Company, where it will be available for such purpose from time to time as occasion may arise.

For the purpose of carrying out the above suggestions, a meeting of the stockholders will be held on Feb. 21 1920.

At the recent annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlanta National Bank of Atlanta, Leo Stillman, formerly Head Teller of the institution, was promoted to an Assistant Cashier and Lloyd Parks, of Parks, Chambers & Hardwick, was elected a member of the board of directors. The directors added \$250,000 to the surplus fund of the institution, making the same with the addition of undivided profits \$1,580,000. The capital of the institution is \$1,000,000. The present personnel of the bank is as follows: Robert F. Maddox, President; Frank E. Block, James S. Floyd, George R. Donovan, Thomas J. Peeples, Vice-Presidents; J. S. Kennedy, Cashier; J. D. Leitner, D. B. De Saussure, R. B. Cunningham, James F. Alexander and Leo Stillman, Assistant Cashiers.

At the recent annual meeting of the stockholders of the Trust Co. of Georgia the old officials were elected for the ensuing year and two new directors, namely James E. Hickey, proprietor of the Piedmont Hotel, and James W. Conway, President of the American Machine Manufacturing Co., were added to the board of directors. An increase of \$500,000 was made in the surplus of the institution, raising the same to \$1,500,000, and \$100,000 was placed to the credit of undivided profits. The capital of the Trust Co. of Georgia is \$1,000,000. Ernest Woodruff is President.

The Fourth National Bank of Atlanta at its stockholders' annual meeting on Jan. 13 re-elected all its officials and added W. T. Perkerson, the Cashier of the institution, and Stewart McGinty, Assistant Cashier, to its board of directors. A resolution was passed by the stockholders calling a meeting for Feb. 24 to consider the proposed doubling of the capital of the bank, thereby making the same \$1,200,000 by the issuance of new stock to present shareholders, share and share alike, at \$200 per share, the premium obtained by such sale to be added to surplus account.

At the annual meeting the report presented to the stockholders of the bank's condition as of Jan. 1 1920 showed deposits on that date of \$25,208,265, as compared with \$18,031,912 on Jan. 1 1919, an increase of \$7,176,353. After charging off all doubtful assets and setting aside the sum of \$26,576 13 as additional compensation to employees and officers, the net earnings for the year were \$262,793 41, which sum has been distributed as follows:

Dividends	\$72,000 00
Added to undivided profits	62,371 43
Reserve for interest and taxes	45,000 00
Depreciation—	
Furniture and fixtures	\$42,141 98
Fourth National Bank Building	41,280 00
	\$262,793 41

The resources of the bank on Jan. 1 1920 amounted to \$30,626,034. Besides the additional compensation to employees noted above, a blanket policy of life insurance has been issued in their behalf, which covers officers and employees ranging according to service from \$500 to \$2,000. It is also announced that to take care of the occasional and temporary needs of the employees there has been set aside the sum of \$1,500 as a loan fund to be administered by an officer and two of the employees. Incident to service to the Government during 1919 the bank purchased the sum of \$2,129,350 Victory bonds and distributed the same to 2,109 customers. It also purchased during the year United States certificates of indebtedness in the sum of \$17,675,000, and on the last day of the year owned \$5,990,000 payable at an early fixed date.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fulton National Bank of Atlanta on Jan. 13 four new Assistant Cashiers were added to the staff, namely G. C. Evans, J. M. Selman, F. W. Blalock and J. H. Ewing. The other officials of the institution are: William J. Blalock, President; Arthur B. Simms, Bolling H. Jones and Henry B. Kennedy, Vice-Presidents, and Ryburn G. Clay, Cashier. Langdon C. Quinn of Atlanta was added to the directorate. At a subsequent meeting of the directors it was decided to increase the capital of the bank from \$500,000 to \$750,000. A statement at the close of business Dec. 31 1919 showed deposits of \$6,278,464 51, against \$3,738,356 18 for the same day in 1918, or an increase of 68%.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Central Bank & Trust Corporation of Atlanta the following changes were made in the official staff of the institution: Walter T. Candler and Henry C. Heinz were elected Vice-Presidents; Carl H. Lewis, heretofore an Assistant Cashier of the bank, was promoted to the Cashiership and Thomas I. Miller, former Auditor, was elected Cashier. The personnel of the institution is now: Asa G. Candler, President; John S. Owens, A. P. Coles, Walter T. Candler and Henry C. Heinz, Vice-Presidents; Carl H. Lewis, Cashier; A. J. Stitt, Fonville McWhirter and Thomas I. Miller, Assistant Cashiers, and L. H. Parris, Auditor. Henry C. Heinz, H. G. Hastings, G. F. Willis and Edgar Dunlap were elected members of the board of trustees of the corporation.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lowry National Bank of Atlanta on Jan. 13 R. C. Henderson was elected an Assistant Cashier; C. E. Allen was made Manager of the credit department, and C. H. Everett, Manager of the savings department. The other officials of the bank, headed by John E. Murphy, President, were re-elected. The following were added to the board of directors: R. E. Hightower of Thomaston, Ga., William Candler of Atlanta and J. E. Talmadge Jr. of Athens, Ga. At this meeting the report of the bank showed capital of \$1,000,000, surplus \$1,000,000, undivided profits \$500,952 40, reserves for taxes and interest \$123,000. President Murphy stated that the year 1919 had been one of the most prosperous in the history of the bank, its deposits having increased more than \$6,000,000 during the year—from \$12,531,922 to \$18,638,708.

The controlling stock of the Georgia State Savings Association of Savannah was purchased recently by Major Henry Blun, President of the Liberty Bank & Trust Co. of that city and associates. No consolidation of the institutions is to take place, we understand, nor is there to be any change at present in the operation of the Georgia State Savings Association. The Georgia State Savings Association has a capital of \$325,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$450,000 and the total resources of the bank as of Sept. 19 last were \$5,251,903. The Liberty Bank & Trust Co. has a capital of \$300,000, surplus and undivided profits of \$473,654 and total resources as of Dec. 26 1919 of \$3,441,016. George W. Tiedman is President of the Georgia State Savings Association.

E. C. Scott, formerly Cashier, has been elected Vice-President of the Citizens & Southern Bank of Macon, Georgia and A. E. Bird, Jr., has been elected Cashier succeeding Mr. Scott. Mr. Scott was Cashier of the old American National Bank of Macon for many years until that institution was taken over by the Citizens & Southern Bank.

Following the annual meeting of stockholders of the National State & City Bank of Richmond, Jan. 13, the newly elected board of directors, formed by the re-election of all members, with the addition of Eugene B. Sydnor, President of the Richmond Dry Goods Co., created the office of Chairman of the Board, to which Colonel Wm. H. Palmer was elected. He has been President of the bank since 1910, when it was formed by consolidation of the City Bank of Richmond and the National State Bank. Prior to that time, he had been since 1888 President of the City Bank of Richmond. He is the dean of the local banking fraternity and has been actively engaged in business in Richmond for more than sixty years. Julien H. Hill, newly elected President, started with the State Bank in 1898, was made Assistant Cashier in 1904, Cashier of the National State & City Bank in 1910, and Vice-President in 1917. Other promotions were Jesse F. Wood, Vice-President from

an Assistant Cashiership, B. Frank Dew, from Auditor to Assistant Cashier, and S. Young Tyree and Lawson H. Cooke, Assistant Cashiers. Wm. S. Ryland, Vice-President, was made Vice-President-Cashier. The present official staff is as follows: Wm. H. Palmer, Chairman of the Board; Julien H. Hill, President; J. W. Sinton, and R. E. Cunningham, Vice-Presidents; Wm. S. Ryland, Vice-President-Cashier; Jesse F. Wood, Vice-President; B. Frank Dew, S. Young Tyree and Lawson H. Cooke, Assistant Cashiers.

The stockholders of the Federal Trust Co. of Richmond, which began business on Sept. 15, have adopted a resolution empowering the directors to increase the capital, now \$100,000, in event such a course is deemed advisable. The authorized capital is \$500,000; the paid-in amount, \$91,887 60; and the amount subscribed, \$100,000. The officers of the company are: T. T. Adams, President; Hudson Cary, General Counsel and Vice-President; Charles F. Hayward, Treasurer; James E. Galleher, Secretary.

The stockholders of the Union Bank of Richmond, Richmond, Va., have authorized the issuance of new stock to the amount of \$280,250, the capital thereby being increased from \$219,750 to \$500,000. The present paid-in capital is \$219,750. The par value of the stocks is \$50 and the selling price of the new issue is \$200 per share. The enlarged capital of \$500,000 will become effective Feb. 15 1920.

At the annual meeting of the Whitney-Central National Bank of New Orleans, on Jan. 13, Leeds Eustis was made Auditor and the following were made Assistant Cashiers: Frank V. Moise, Manager of the credit department, and John McGooney, Manager of the transit department; Royal Bastian has become Manager of the foreign department. J. C. Werner of Mente & Co. has been elected a director of the bank.

Control of the Olympia National Bank of Olympia, Wash., was recently purchased for a consideration said to be in the neighborhood of \$75,000 by P. M. Troy, the President of the institution, in conjunction with P. C. Aller of Olympia, Senator E. T. Coman, President of the Exchange National Bank of Spokane, and William Huntley and E. E. Flood, Vice-Presidents of the same institution. In this way a close affiliation will exist between the two institutions. Under the new regime Mr. Troy remains as President of the Olympia National Bank; Mr. Aller has become Vice-President and Cashier, and Senator Coman, Mr. Huntley and Mr. Flood, together with Mr. Troy and Mr. Aller, have become members of the board of directors. Mr. H. E. Van Arsdale, formerly the Cashier of the bank, together with James Martin and G. W. Draham, all of Olympia, have severed their connection with the institution. The capital of the Olympia National Bank is \$50,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$87,000. The Exchange National Bank of Spokane has a capital of \$1,000,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$360,094.

The sixty-fourth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Toronto was held in that city on Jan. 14, at which the annual report of the institution for the fiscal year ending Nov. 29 was submitted. Reference was made to this report in these columns in our Jan. 10 issue. During the year the Bank of Toronto opened 32 new branches, making 156 branches now in operation. W. G. Gooderham is President, Joseph Henderson, Vice-President; and Thomas F. How, General Manager.

Cable advice from London to Frederick C. Harding, New York agent of the Anglo-South American Bank, Limited, No. 49 Broadway, announces the opening of a branch of the bank at Bradford, Yorkshire, England. Bradford is the centre of the wool trade of England, and the new branch of the Anglo will greatly enhance its service to importers and exporters of that product in all parts of the world.

Cable advices from Pretoria, Transvaal, to R. E. Saunders, New York agent of the National Bank of South Africa, Ltd., No. 10 Wall St., announces the opening of a branch of the bank at St. Helena, the Island of St. Helena. This is the first new branch of any bank to be established on the island in many years.

On Jan. 19 the business of Lazard Bros. & Co., London, was transferred to a private limited company entitled Lazard Bros. & Co., Limited. The issued capital of the new company will be £3,375,000, of which 2-3rds will be paid up, leaving £1,125,000 uncalled. The managing directors of the company will be Sir Robert M. Kindersley, K. B. E., Emile Pusch, the Hon. Robert Henry Brand, C. M. G., and Granville Tyser. The remaining directors will be Andre Lazard (alternate director David Weill) of Lazard Freres et Cie, Paris, and the Hon. Clive Pearson of S. Pearson & Son, Ltd. The new company will maintain its intimate relations with Lazard Freres et Cie, Paris, and Lazard Freres, New York, and will in all respects continue the business as hitherto.

In our issue of Jan. 10, page 141, we referred to the proposed arrangement for a fusion of the interests of the London Joint City & Midland Bank Ltd., and of the Clydesdale Bank Ltd. The following advices have since come to us:

An interesting announcement of a new issue of shares by the London Joint City & Midland Bank Limited was made on Dec. 30, by the Rt. Hon. R. McKenna in presiding at an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the bank. The agreement for a fusion of interests with the Clydesdale Bank was ratified unanimously, and at the same time sanction was obtained for the creation of 1,500,000 new shares of £2.10.0. each.

If all the shares in the Clydesdale Bank are acquired by the Midland Bank, 500,000 of the new shares will be required for the purpose of this transaction. Of the balance it is proposed to issue 500,000 shares to shareholders on the Register of the London Joint City & Midland Bank on March 1 1920, in the proportion of one share for every eight existing shares of both classes. The price at which the shares will be offered is £5 per share, which in view of their present market value (£8.10.0) offers a substantial advantage to shareholders. Following the precedent of the last issue of shares fractional certificates will not be issued, but arrangements will be made for the disposal of shares representing the aggregate of the fractions. The proceeds in excess of £5 per share will after payment of expenses be distributed *pro rata* amongst shareholders who would otherwise have been entitled to the fractions.

Assuming that the whole of the share capital of the Clydesdale Bank is exchanged for Midland Bank shares the capital and reserve fund of the London Joint City & Midland Bank after the forthcoming issue of shares will compare with existing figures approximately as follows:

Capital and Reserve Fund of The London Joint City & Midland Bank.		
	Present Amount.	Completion of Purchase and Issue of New Shares.
	£	£
Authorized capital	41,250,000	45,200,000
Subscribed capital	35,673,585½	38,178,948
Paid-up capital	8,417,335	10,922,697½
Reserve fund	8,417,335	10,922,697½

The directors of the London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd., report that the net profits for the year ended Dec. 31 last after making provision for all bad and doubtful debts amount to £3,079,460 which with £675,098 brought forward makes £3,754,558 for appropriation as follows: For dividends for the year 1919 at the rate of 18% per annum less income tax, £1,052,503; for salaries and bonus to members of the staff with his Majesty's forces and bonus to other members of the staff, £475,203; for special "Peace" bonus to staff, £250,000; to reserve for depreciation of war loans and future contingencies, £1,000,000; to bank premises redemption fund, £250,000, and to carry forward £726,852. The dividend was at the same rate for 1918 with appropriations of £1,839,132, and carry forward £675,098.

—The "Directory of Directors in the City of New York"—1919-1920 edition—has just been issued. The book contains the names of some 35,000 New York City directors in various corporations, with an appendix comprising selected lists of corporations in banking, insurance, transportation, manufacturing and other lines of business, showing their executive officers and all directors.

The book forms a comprehensive directory of the corporate interests in New York City. The price is seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7 50) per copy.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Jan. 8 1920:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £90,292,000, a decrease of £6,170 as compared with the last return. The gold arriving on the market has been bought chiefly on Indian account. The following amounts of gold are reported from New York as having been shipped or engaged for shipment: \$2,450,000 to India, \$535,000 to South America, \$200,000 to China, \$150,000 to Central America, \$40,000 to Ceylon. Gold shipments have been made from San Francisco between the 18th and 27th of December, valued as follows: \$3,415,000 to Hong Kong, \$2,545,000 to Shanghai and \$200,000 to Singapore.

SILVER.

The market has kept steady in tone notwithstanding that supplies have been fairly plentiful. The fact that quotations here are well below those in New York naturally militates against any considerable setback. The German Finance Minister has issued an order rescinding the prohibition on utilizing German silver coins still fit for circulation for trade purposes. The order takes effect immediately. It is stated that the manufacturing consumption of silver (tableware, &c.) in the United States has been exceeding all previous records. This is but the natural result of widespread prosperity. It has always been the ambition of the wives of workmen to possess silver teapots. At \$1 34 per ounce, the face and intrinsic value of Canadian silver coin is equal. As 94 American cents could have acquired 100 cents in Canadian silver coin on Dec. 11 last, and the price of silver in New York was then \$1 39, obviously, there would have been a profit on importing and melting down such coin.

The last three Indian currency returns received by cable give details in laes of rupees as follows:

	Dec. 15.	Dec. 22.	Dec. 31.
Notes in circulation	18060	18188	18291
Silver coin and bullion in India	4543	4454	4367
Silver coin and bullion out of India	—	—	225
Gold coin and bullion in India	2629	2991	2961
Gold coin and bullion out of India	935	790	1010
Securities (Indian Government)	1703	1703	1703
Securities (British Government)	8250	8250	8250

The coinage for the week ending 31st ult. amounted to 16 laes of rupees. The stock in Shanghai on the 3d inst. consisted of about 20,600,000 ounces in sycee, 10,800,000 dollars and 3,000 bars, as compared with about 17,500,000 ounces in sycee, 10,800,000 dollars and 5,900 bars on the 20th ult. The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 7s. 9d. the tael. Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:

	Cash.	2 Mos.	Cash.	2 Mos.
Jan. 2	75½d.	74d.	78d.	75½d.
" 3	76½d.	74½d.	Average	76.812d.
" 5	76½d.	74½d.	Bank rate	—6%
" 6	76½d.	75½d.	Bar gold per fine ounce	—110s.
" 7	76½d.	75½d.		

The quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 2d. and 2½d. above those fixed on the 31st ult.

We have also received this week the circular written under date of Jan. 19 1920:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £93,340,245, a heavy increase of £3,048,155 as compared with last week's return. The demand for gold has continued good with an upward tendency. Purchases have been made on account of India, the Straits Settlements, South America and the Continent. It is reported from New York that \$770,000 and \$180,000 in gold have been engaged for shipment to India and South America respectively. The order in Germany which prohibited dealing with gold coin at a premium has been revoked. The act—temporarily suspended—providing for the payment of German customs duties in gold, came into operation again on the 1st inst. A Chinese order placed in America for \$4,500,000 worth of dyes was accepted only on condition that payment was made in gold. This of course might be set off against the gold which is freely demanded by China in settlement of the balance of trade.

SILVER.

Up to the 12th inst., the market showed exceptional strength. On that day the prices attained 82½d. for cash and 79½d. for forward delivery, a record for both quotations. To-day there was a heavy fall to 79d. and 75½d. respectively. To-day's difference between the prices for the two deliveries—3½d.—is also a record, the largest difference before this week was 2¾d. on the 13th November last. The cause of the unprecedented quantity of refinable silver offered here for sale. This refinable silver is almost certainly the product of German and other coin—melted down abroad—sent here for refining and realization. A German who is fortunate enough to possess 20,000 marks in silver coin can have them melted into bars in his country (a perfectly legal act) and sell them as bullion. At the present price he would obtain for these 20,000 marks £1,143, which at to-day's exchange—206 marks to the pound sterling—would buy 235,458 marks in currency. Notwithstanding the great capacity of the London refineries, it has not been found possible to accept the low grade bars and give fine silver in exchange except after a delay of some weeks. Hence the scarcity of spot supplies and the high premium therefor. A consignment of silver dollars and bars valued at 10,000,000 taels—equal at cash exchange rates to about £4,000,000—has arrived at Shanghai. This probably is record shipment on one vessel, and indicates the enormous demand emanating from China. It will be extremely interesting to hear whether all this huge amount of silver has been absorbed readily or whether a large proportion will remain in the visible stocks at Shanghai. The news of this arrival had a dampening effect upon the market here and prices have fallen in consequence. Last month the British Government recommended the Government of China to discontinue the use of sycee and establish a uniform dollar with subsidiary silver and copper coins. The Chinese Government is said to consider the moment opportune for currency reform on these lines. The strength of the demand for China is largely owing to the objection to notes—which have gone to a heavy discount. The Indian Mint has now coined and issued eight and four anna pieces in nickel instead of silver. (Nickel two and one anna pieces have been circulating for some years past.) The eight anna piece—the present sterling value of which is one shilling and twopence—is probably the most highly valued coin struck in base metal. These new pieces will naturally cause the similar denominations coined in silver to disappear.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

In Laes of Rupees—	Dec. 22.	Dec. 31.	Jan. 7.
Notes in circulation	18188	18291	18621
Silver coin and bullion in India	4454	4367	4257
Silver coin and bullion out of India	—	—	225
Gold coin and bullion in India	2991	2961	3421
Gold coin and bullion out of India	790	1010	943
Securities (Indian Government)	1703	1703	1750
Securities (British Government)	8250	8250	8250

The coinage during the week ending 7th inst. amounted to 44 laes of rupees. The stock in Shanghai on the 10th inst. consisted of about 20,150,000 ounces in sycee, \$9,900,000, and 3,330 bars, as compared with about 20,600,000 ounces in sycee, \$10,800,000 dollars and 3,000 bars on the 3rd of January. The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 7s. 9d. the tael. Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:

	Cash.	Two Mos.	Cash.	Two Mos.
Jan. 9	78½d.	77½d.	Jan. 15	79d.
Jan. 10	79½d.	78½d.	Average	80.52d.
Jan. 12	82½d.	79½d.	Bank rate	—6%
Jan. 13	82½d.	79½d.	Bar gold, per ounce, fine	—110s. 8d.
Jan. 14	81½d.	79d.		

The quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 1d. above and ¾d. below those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:
London. Jan. 24. Jan. 26. Jan. 27. Jan. 28. Jan. 29. Jan. 30.
Week ending Jan. 30— Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER.

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

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

Table with columns for Exports and Imports for 1919, 1918, 1917, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, and Total.

GOLD.

Table with columns for Exports and Imports for 1919, 1918, 1917, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, and Total.

SILVER.

Table with columns for Exports and Imports for 1919, 1918, 1917, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, and Total.

EXCESS OF EXPORTS OR IMPORTS.

Table with columns for Merchandise, Gold, Silver for 1919, 1918, 1917, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., and Total.

Totals for merchandise, gold and silver for twelve months:

Table with columns for Merchandise, Gold, Silver for 1919, 1918, 1917, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include 12 Mos. (omitted), 1919, 1918, 1917, 1919, 1918, 1917.

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

Table with columns for Merchandise, Gold, Silver for 6 Mos. (omitted), 1919, 1918, 1917, 1919, 1918, 1917.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and price. Includes American, Atlantic, Battery Park, Bowery, Broadway Cen, Bronx Boro, Bryant Park, Cutch & Drov, East River, etc.

* 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 with columns for Bid, Ask, and price. Includes Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M G, City Investing, Preferred, etc.

FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.—In addition to the other tables given in this department, made up from weekly returns, we give the following figures for the full months, also issued by our New York Custom House:

Table with columns for Merchandise Movement at New York and Customs Receipts at New York. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, and Total.

Imports and exports of gold and silver for the 12 months:

Table with columns for Gold Movement at New York and Silver—New York. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, and Total.

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 with columns for Shares, Stocks, Bonds, and prices. Includes 4 Estate of N. Low, 70 Flatbush Water Works, 15 New Yorker State-Zelting, etc.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing shares and stocks for Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston, including items like First National Bank, Fourth-Atlantic Nat. Bank, U. S. Worsted, etc.

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

Table listing shares and stocks for R. L. Day & Co., Boston, including items like Fourth-Atlantic National Bank, rights, Gosnell Mills, etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing shares and stocks for Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia, including items like Frankford Trust, Cumberland Co. Power & Lt., National Bank at \$150, etc.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending Jan. 22 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1919, show an increase in the aggregate of 42.3%.

Table showing Canadian Bank Clearings for the week ending January 22, 1920, compared to 1919 and 1918. Columns include Year, Amount, and % Change.

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

Table titled 'APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTER' listing various banks and their capital amounts, such as The National Bank of Opelika, Ala., The First National Bank of Gonzales, Cal., etc.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table listing original organizations and conversion of state banks, including The First National Bank of Huntington Park, Cal., The Farmers National Bank of Shenandoah, Iowa, etc.

INCREASES OF CAPITAL.

Table listing increases of capital for various banks, including The First National Bank of Orland, Cal., The American National Bank of Benton Harbor, Mich., etc.

CHARTERS EXTENDED.

The First National Bank of Miami, Okla., charter extended until close of business Jan. 28 1920.

CHANGE OF TITLE.

The Merchants' National Bank of Milbank, S. Dak., to 'The Farmers' & Merchants' National Bank of Milbank.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

The First National Bank of Centralia, Okla., Liquidating agent not stated. Assets taken over by the First State Bank of Centralia, Okla.

CONSOLIDATION.

The Union National Bank of Muncie, Ind. (capital \$150,000), and the Merchants' National Bank of Muncie, Ind. (capital \$225,000) under charter of the Union National Bank and under the title of the Merchants' National Bank of Muncie, Ind., with capital of \$400,000.

CHARTERS RE-EXTENDED.

The City National Bank of Dallas, Texas, charter re-extended until close of business Jan. 28 1920.

DIVIDENDS.

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

Table listing dividends for various companies, including Railroads (Steam), Alabama Great Southern, Atchafalaya & Santa Fe, Baltimore & Ohio, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive, Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. The table lists numerous companies and their financial details, organized into sections like Street & Electric Railways, Banks, Trust Companies, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like Penn Traffic, Phillips Jones Corp., etc.

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

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:

Table titled 'BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS' showing circulation, loans, deposits, and other financial metrics for various banks.

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

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. 24. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of totals, actual figures at end of the week are also given:

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

Main table for New York City Clearing House Returns with columns: CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, Net Capital, Profits, Loans, Discounts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Deposit, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Nat'l Bank Circulation. Includes sub-sections for State Banks and Trust Companies.

* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings, as follows National City Bank, \$137,082,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$51,309,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$26,187,000.

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

Table showing reserve positions with columns: Averages, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Lists data for various banks.

Table with 10 columns (Jan. 23 1920, Jan. 10 1920, Jan. 9 1920, Jan. 2 1920, Dec. 26 1919, Dec. 19 1919, Dec. 12 1919, Dec. 5 1919, Jan. 24 1919) and multiple rows detailing gold reserves, liabilities, and Federal Reserve notes.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 23 1920

Table with 13 columns (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total) and multiple rows detailing resources and liabilities for each bank.

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 23 1920.

Table with 13 columns (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total) and multiple rows detailing Federal Reserve notes, receipts, and disbursements.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Jan. 30 1920.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—It would be quite difficult to prove what has been the dominant influence in the stock market this week. The effect of a day by day high rate for call loans, reaching 20% to-day, was offset largely by the Steel Corporation's quarterly report which was much less unfavorable than had been expected, while a drop in Sterling exchange in this market to below 3.50 and an advance in the price of gold in London to a premium of nearly 40%, has apparently passed unheeded in the security markets here. As there is no precedent for the existing international exchange situation the matter is more or less bewildering and authorities on both sides of the Atlantic are not agreed as to a possible remedy. On Thursday Sterling sold in Wall Street 3 or 4 points higher than it did earlier in the week, but dropped back to-day to about the lowest. Because of this situation the Bank of England's weekly statement, showing a gain of \$15,000,000 in gold and a percentage of reserve up to 19 1/2, attracted more than usual interest.

In view of the foregoing it is not surprising that railway and other investment shares have been unusually quiet and steady, or that some of the highly speculative issues have fluctuated widely. It is interesting to note, however, that several of this group have moved to a higher level, led by General Motors and Chandler, both closing 18 points higher than last week. Crucible is, however, 14 points higher, Republic I. & S. and Baldwin 8 to 9, Studebaker, Pierce Arrow and Keystone 5, and Mexican Petroleum, although over 3 points below the highest, still shows a net gain of 4 points.

The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending Jan. 30, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Am Brake Sh & F pref 100, American Express, etc.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table with columns: Week ending Jan. 30 1920, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad, State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds, Unredeemable Stocks. Shows daily and weekly transaction volumes.

Table with columns: Sales at New York Stock Exchange, Week ending Jan. 30, 1920, 1919, Jan. 1 to Jan. 30, 1920, 1919. Shows cumulative sales for stocks, bonds, and government securities.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns: Week ending Jan. 30 1920, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales). Shows daily transaction volumes for three regional exchanges.

State and Railroad Bonds.—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week.

The general bond market has, on some days, been reported as firm, but the softness which intervened has prevailed and the result of the week's operations as a whole is a lower level of prices generally. Of a list of 20 notably active issues only 3 are fractionally higher than last week. All others are lower and several are down more than a point. Among the latter are some Balt. & Ohio, Rock Island 4s, Inter. Mets. and Steels. Only a limited number of issues have been traded in, however, and fluctuations have generally been narrow and unimportant.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to \$10,000 2s reg. and enormous transactions in the various Liberty Loan issues.

Table titled 'Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices' with columns for dates (Jan. 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30) and various Liberty Loan issues (First, Second, Third, Fourth) showing high/low prices and total sales.

Foreign Exchange.—The market for sterling exchange broke severely, and prices were again carried down to the lowest levels on record. The same is true of Continental exchange, francs, lire, marks and kronen all establishing new low points, while in the neutrals sensational weakness developed at all but the Dutch and Swiss centres. Trading was largely demoralized.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3 46 1/2 @ 3 48 for sixty days, 3 49 @ 3 50 1/2 for checks and 3 49 1/2 @ 3 51 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 3 48 1/2 @ 3 50 1/2; sixty days, 3 45 @ 3 46 1/2, ninety days, 3 43 1/2 @ 3 45 1/2, and documents for payment (sixty days), 3 44 1/2 @ 3 46. Cotton for payment, 3 48 1/2 @ 3 50 1/2, and grain for payment, 3 48 1/2 @ 3 50 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 13.37 @ 13.44 for long and 13.29 @ 13.37 for short. Germany bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 37 11-16 @ 37 13-16 for long and 38 1-16 @ 38 5-16 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 46.28 fr.; franc's range, 43.90 fr. high and 47.05 fr. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling Actual, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, categorized by High/Low for the week and Sixty Days.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15+25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$105 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

Outside Market.—Trading on the "curb" this week was dull and irregular. Price movements were without definite trend, though the undertone of the market was heavy. Oil shares and some of the mining issues received most of the attention. Gilliland Oil com. was one of the weakest features, dropping from 49 to 42 1/4, with a final recovery to 44 1/2. Guffey-Gillespie Oil com. advanced from 33 to 35 1/2, reacted to 33 1/4 and closed to-day at 33 3/8. Houston Oil com. lost 12 1/2 points to 117. Simms Petroleum, after an early advance from 54 to 56 1/2, broke to 51 and ends the week at 51 1/4. White Oil, after a gain of about a point to 38 1/2, weakened to 35 1/2, with the final figure to-day 35 3/8. Carb Syndicate improved from 40 1/2 to 46, sank to 42 and closed to-day at 43 1/2. Arkansas Nat. Gas com. was firm, moving up from 26 to 31 and reacting finally to 30. Changes were generally small on the industrial list. Amer. Safety Razor improved from 12 1/2 to 14 1/2 and closed to-day at 14. Cleveland Automobile Co. gained 11 points to 72 and finished to-day at 71. General Asphalt, after a gain of 6 points to 120, reacted to 114 1/2 and to-day recovered to 116. U. S. High Speed Steel & Tool sold up from 33 3/4 to 39 and at 38 1/2 finally. Bonds were dull and very little changed.

A complete record of "curb" market transactions for the week will be found on page 457.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALES PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Jan. 24 to Friday Jan. 30); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous); PER SHARE Range for Year 1919; PER SHARE Range or Highest Year 1918.

* Bid and asked price; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights ‡ Less than 100 shares. § Ex-div. and rights. ‖ Dividend. ¶ Full paid.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Jan. 24 to Friday Jan. 30) and rows of stock prices per share.

Table with columns for 'Sales of the Week', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1910', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1913'. Rows list various companies like Mackay Companies, Manhattan Shlirt, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. α Ex-div and rights. β Ex-div. † For fluctuations in rights see p. 447.

Main table containing stock prices for various companies, categorized by 'SHARE PRICES', 'STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE', and 'RANGE FOR YEAR 1919'. It includes columns for dates from Saturday to Friday and range for previous years.

• Bid and asked prices. • Dividend. • Ex-dividend and rights. • Assessment paid. • Ex-rights. • Ex-dividend • Half-paid.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Jan. 24 to Jan. 30, both inclusive.

Table of Boston Bond Record with columns for Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1919.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Jan. 24 to Jan. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Baltimore Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1919.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Jan. 24 to Jan. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Philadelphia Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1919.

Table of Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1919.

Table of Bonds with columns for Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1919.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Jan. 24 to Jan. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Pittsburgh Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Jan. 24 to Jan. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Chicago Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1919.

Table with columns: Stocks—(Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1919, Other Oil Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1.

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from Jan. 24 to Jan. 30, both inclusive. It covers the week ending Friday afternoon. On the "Curb" there are no restrictions whatever. Any security may be dealt in and any one can meet there and make prices and have them included in the lists of those who make it a business to furnish daily records of the transactions.

Table with columns: Week ending Jan. 30, Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. This table contains a comprehensive list of securities and their market performance.

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.

Table with columns: ROADS, Latest Gross Earnings (Week of Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows list various railroads like Alabama & Vicksburg, Ann Arbor, A.T. & S.F., etc.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Table with columns: *Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %), *Monthly Summaries (Curr. Yr., Prev. Yr., Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %). Rows show weekly and monthly aggregates for various periods.

* We no longer include Mexican roads in any of our totals.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the third week of January. The table covers 13 roads and shows 2.20% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Road, 1920, 1919, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Ann Arbor, Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Canadian National Rys, etc.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad and industrial companies reported this week:

Large table with 5 columns: Road, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Rows include Alabama & Vicksburg, Atch Top & Santa Fe, etc.

Large table with 5 columns: Road, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Rows include Lehigh & New Eng, Lehigh Valley, Louisiana & Arkansas, etc.

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include Union Pacific, Union RR of Penn., Vicks Shrove & Pac., etc.

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include Alabama Pow Co Inc., Amer Pow & Lt Co., Southern Canada Power Co., etc.

a Net earnings here given are after the deduction of taxes. b Net earnings here given are before the deduction of taxes.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Table with columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include Adirondack El Pow Co, Alabama Power Co., etc.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes.

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Federal Light & Traction Co, Ft Worth Power & Light Co, Honolulu Rap Tran & Land Co, etc.

x After allowing for other income received.

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Fixed Chgs. & Taxes, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Commonwealth Pow, Ry & Lt Co, New York Dock Co, etc.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Annual, &c., Reports.—The following is an index to all annual and other financial reports of steam roads, street railways and other companies published since Dec. 27. This index, which is given monthly, does not include reports in to-day's "Chronicle." Full-face figures indicate reports published at length.

Table with columns: Company Name, Page, Industrial (Concluded), Page. Rows include Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Ry., Cincinnati Ind. & Western RR., etc.

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

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

Denver & Rio Grande RR.

(33d Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1918—Not 1919.) Secretary J. P. Howland, New York, Nov. 1 1919, presents substantially the following review and statistics collected through the co-operation of officers and representatives of the receiver, Alexander R. Baldwin, and officers of the U. S. Railroad Administration, for the cal. year 1918.

Federal Operation.—Since Dec. 28 1917 the operation of the property has been conducted for the Government by the Director-General of Railroads.

Receivership.—On Jan. 26 1918 the property passed into the hands of a receiver appointed by the U. S. District Court for the District of Colorado (V. 106, p. 498, 929).

Federal Compensation.—The standard compensation, namely, \$8,319,377, has been certified by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and is based upon the average annual railway operating income for the three years ended June 30 1917, as provided in the Federal Control Act, and is reflected in the corporate and Federal income account.

Operation.—The total operating revenues of \$31,352,214 represent \$12,008 per operated mile of road.

Freight revenues increased \$2,784,618, or 12.7%. There was an increase of 234,270 tons in total of commodities handled, of which bituminous coal was the largest contributor.

The average haul per ton of revenue freight was 151.71 miles, a decrease of 0.33 miles, but, attributable to revisions of tariffs, the average revenue per ton mile increased 11%. Passenger revenues increased \$186,762, or 3.9%. The number of passengers carried decreased 15.60%. The average revenue per passenger mile increased 15.5%.

The above increases in average amount received per ton mile and passenger per mile are substantially due to the Railroad Administration increasing freight tariffs on June 25 1918, and passenger tariffs on June 10 1918.

Operating expenses increased \$5,565,046, or 28.2% of this amount, substantially \$5,100,000 represents increases in wages and \$1,800,000 in the cost of materials and supplies.

Expenditures for maintenance of way and structures were \$1,775 per operated mile, or \$304 more than previous year. Maintenance of equipment expenses increased \$2,855,428, or 55.1%, the larger increases being in repairs to locomotives and freight cars, which amounted to \$1,399,698 and \$1,198,489, respectively. Exclusive of depreciation, the average expenditure per locomotive equaled \$9,868; per passenger train car, \$836; per freight train car, \$177.

Transportation expenses increased \$2,007,569, or 21.7%, the principal items being \$769,000 for increased cost of fuel and \$1,735,000 for increases in wages. Expenses chargeable to this account consumed 35.92% of the operating revenues, against 32.55% last year.

Funded Debt.—The funded debt in the hands of the public was reduced \$278,000 by purchase of First & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds for sinking fund.

New Lines.—1.90 miles of standard-gauge track from Standardville to Rains, Utah, was purchased at a cost of \$58,500, of which \$30,500 was paid in the current year. This trackage serves an important coal property operated by the Carbon Fuel Co.

Road and Equipment.—Expenditures under this account during the year were: Road, \$1,242,857; additions and betterments to equipment, \$87,352; general expenditures, \$10,428; total, \$1,340,636. The figures represent charges to road and equipment as reported by the Federal Auditor, but they have not all been accepted by the receiver and are subject to a final audit.

New 90-lb. rail, requiring 5,276 tons and replacing lighter rail, was placed in 37 miles of track. Approximately 274,000 tie plates and 80,000 rail anchors were installed. New modern brick freight station with concrete platforms is under construction (about 98% complete) at Salt Lake City expended to date, \$220,000. A coaling station of 240 tons capacity was installed at Canon City, Colo.

Extension of telephone train dispatching system from Denver to Grand Junction, Colo., was completed. The entire main line from Denver, Colo., to Ogden, Utah, 782 miles, is now equipped for telephone train dispatching. Extension of the second main track northward from Eden, Colo., 2.84 miles, was 70% complete Dec. 31 1918.

At Golden, Utah, a new terminal is under construction; the work consists of classification yards, freight and passenger stations, enginehouse, shops, residences for employees, hotel and coal and watering facilities—estimated to cost \$1,185,000, of which \$635,666 has been charged to road and equipment during the current year. No new equipment was purchased during the year.

Unification.—On Oct. 1 1918 unification of the main lines and appurtenant facilities of the Denver & Rio Grande and Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe railroads, between South Denver and Bragdon, Colo., was made by the Railroad Administration and connections for this purpose have been constructed at Sedalia, Spruce, Fountain and Bragdon. Denver & Rio Grande's main line under the unified operation is used for southbound movement South Denver to Sedalia, northbound movement Sedalia to Spruce, southbound movement Spruce to Fountain, and northbound movement Fountain to Bragdon. The Colorado & Southern RR. as a tenant of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe RR., and the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific as a tenant of the Denver & Rio Grande RR., make use of the unified facilities. Final settlement as to the road and equipment charges incurred in the unification, between the Railroad Administration and the interested carriers, has not yet been effected.

Leased Railway.—There was expended \$122,166 account of roadway betterments on the line of the Rio Grande Junction Ry. Co., consisting principally of bank widening, riprapping, elimination of wooden bridges, additional side tracks and telephone train dispatching system.

Equitable Trust Co. Judgment.—On June 14 1917 the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York entered judgment against the company in favor of the Equitable Trust Co., trustee of The Western Pacific Ry. Co.'s First Mtge. gold bonds, amounting to \$38,270,343 (V. 106, p. 85, 188, 1126, 1688; V. 107, p. 1102, 1186), to which has accrued \$3,967,363 interest to Dec. 31 1918. The following amounts have been applied against the judgment:

Cash \$1,367,347
Cash from sale of Liberty bonds 3,003,563
Denver & Rio Grande's equity in 10,000 shares of the capital stock of the Utah Fuel Co. (V. 106, p. 2048, 2559) 3,959,281

leaving a liability judgment of \$33,907,515, as shown in the balance sheet. By reason of this judgment and the attachment of current cash as of Jan. 1 1918, and in order to meet maturing interest payments on the railroad's funded debt, the receiver disposed of certain available securities as follows: \$665,000 Utah Fuel Co.'s 1st Mt. 5% gold bonds; \$537,500 U. S. Govt. Liberty bonds; \$472,650 note of Western Realty Co.

There appeared in the balance sheet of the railroad company at the date of the receivership, charges against the old Western Pacific Ry. Co. prior to March 5 1915, covering sundry items, for which there are no means of collection because of that company passing through a receivership and reorganization; this amount—\$1,256,231—was written off to profit and loss.

REVENUES PER MILE OF ROAD AS OF DEC. 31 1916, 1917 AND 1918, COMPARED WITH JUNE 30 DATES.

RAILS—BALLAST—YEAR ENDING Dec. 31 1918. (1) Rails—Miles Owned, Weight per Yard, etc.

EQUIPMENT AS OF DEC. 31 1918, 1917 AND 1916. Locomotives, Freight cars, Passenger cars, Other cars.

COMMODITIES CARRIED FOR CALENDAR YEARS. 1918, 1917, 1916. Tons—Agricul. Animals, Coal, &c., Ore, Forest, Mfrs. &c.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31, 1918, 1917, 1916. Average miles operated, Passengers carried, etc.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1918, COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS YEAR. Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail, express, &c.

Operat'g income, Joint facility rent, Inc. from lease of road to U.S. Govt, Dividend income, etc.

Gross income, Hire of equip't &c., Joint facility rents, Rent of leased roads, etc.

Net income, Sinking fund, Renewal fund, Bal., to prof. & loss

COMBINED ACCOUNT FOR 1918 AS COMPARED WITH CORPORATE ACCOUNT FOR PREVIOUS YEARS. Calendar Years—Average miles operated, Gross earnings, etc.

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1918, 1917. Assets—Road & equip't, Impts. on leased railway prop., etc.

Liabilities—Common stock, Preferred stock, Bonds (See "Sec. & Ind."), etc.

a Includes in 1918 sinking funds—1st & ref. M. book assets, \$1,532,196, less carriers' own issue, \$1,532,000. b Includes in 1918 stocks (par value), \$74,607,500, book value, \$11,020,274; bonds (par value, \$25,000,000), \$18,750,000, and notes (par and book value), \$14,252,915. c Includes in 1918 stocks (par value, \$9,892,958), book value, \$1,764,530; bonds (par, \$2,054,000), \$1,136,097; notes (par and book value), \$3,670,454, and advances (par and book value), \$276,427. d Includes in 1918 special deposits—book assets, \$7,249,075, less \$7,205,000 carriers' own issue. e Includes in 1918 special renewal fund—book assets, \$327,000, less \$155,000 carriers' own issue. f Includes Western Pacific Ry., viz.: labor, material, rental, &c., \$44,385; receivers' labor, material, rental, &c., \$14,535, and depreciation on equipment returned, \$18,547. g Including \$2,428,124 to pay bond coupons. h Includes \$275,000 par value 5% first & ref. bonds purchased during the year for the sinking fund. i Securities issued or assumed, unpledged, not included in the above total; in 1918, stocks, \$4,130, and bonds, \$4,257,000.—V. 110, p. 339.

cents, making the total fare 8 cents. The court held, in effect, that the 5-cent fare under present conditions was confiscatory and that the company was within its rights in raising street car fares to a figure that would produce a "fair" return on the amount invested in the street car system. The city is preparing to appeal from the decision of the Federal Court and expects to have its case ready to present to the higher court within a short time.—V. 108, p. 683.

Illinois Central RR.—Extension Granted for Acceptance of Chicago Lake Front Improvement Ordinance.

The Chicago City Council has granted the company until Feb. 21 to accept the \$110,000,000 new terminal and electrification ordinance, providing for the Chicago lake front terminal project. The ordinance was passed in 1919 and the railroad was given six months to consider the plan, the time limit expiring Jan. 21 1920. The company asked that the ordinance be amended to provide for the financing of the improvements for which it will pay. The city and the company had been unable to agree upon that amendment.

The "Railway Review" says: "The last obstacle in the path of the \$110,000,000 lake front improvement between 12th St. and Jackson Park, Chicago, was done away with on Jan. 19 at a conference between officials of the Illinois Central RR. and representatives of the city. The conferees decided on the substance of an amendment to the ordinance which provides for the floating of the securities necessary for the colossal engineering task. The city and the railroad have been at loggerheads on the matter, and an agreement was demanded by the War Department before the permit would be issued. Following the conference, it was decided to send Attorney Walter L. Fisher to Washington to lay the situation before Secretary of War Baker and assure him the reservations made by the War Department as to the conditions of the improvement would be respected. It will be necessary to obtain legislative sanction before the city can agree to the Federal demands. It was explained, but no trouble is expected in obtaining this. The South Park Board, which is the third party to the agreement, has already acquiesced in the Federal demands."

Briefly, the ordinance provides for the expenditure of about \$110,000,000 and the electrification of the Illinois Central RR., the construction of an immense new passenger terminal at Twelfth Street, the building of a lake front park, and the formation of a new harbor district south of Grant Park.—V. 109, p. 2439.

Kansas City Railways.—Car Trust Certificates Offered.
Edward B. Smith & Co., Phila., are offering on a 6½% basis \$114,000 J. G. Brill Co. "Birney Safety" Equipment 6% Gold Trust certificates, Trust No. 5, Series "A."

The bankers state:
Dated Jan. 15 1920; maturing \$29,000 July 15 1921, \$28,000 Jan. 15 1922, \$29,000 July 15 1922, \$28,000 Dec. 15 1922. Red. at 100 and div. on any div. date, on 16 days' notice, in order of the priority of the maturity of certificates then outstanding. Divs. payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000 (c*). Fidelity Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee.

Security.—Secured by assignments of leases covering 40 Birney One-Man safety cars, for which purpose money notes aggregating \$187,082 of the Kansas City Rys. Co., to which these cars are leased, have been deposited. This issue of certificates represents about 50% of the selling prices of these cars, the balance having been paid in cash and by an issue of \$56,000 Series "B" certificates maturing in monthly installments from Feb. 15 1920 to Dec. 15 1920, both inclusive. The notes pledged, together with interest accruing, will be sufficient to enable the trustee to meet when due the principal and dividends of the Series "A" certificates, the principal of the Series "B" certificates and other charges.—V. 110, p. 167, 78.

Kettle Valley Ry.—To Ask for \$70,000 Per Mile.
The company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for authority to increase its bonding powers in respect to the proposed building of about 92 additional miles of road to \$70,000 per mile.—V. 108, p. 1721.

Lehigh Valley Transit Co.—Seeks Higher Fares.
The company has filed application with the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission for permission to raise zone fares from 6 to 7 cents on all branches of the system except the Philadelphia line.—V. 110, p. 261.

Lincoln (Neb.) Traction Co.—Fare Increase.
Effective Jan. 1 the Nebraska State RR. Comm. allowed the company to increase its fares from 6 cents to 7 cents, the increase fare to continue for a period of 6 months pending the fixing of a permanent rate. The commission ordered the company to sell 4 tickets for 25 cents and 7 children tickets for 25 cents. Fares between the suburban towns and city of Lincoln were increased from 7 to 8 cents.—V. 109, p. 577.

Manhattan & Queens Traction Co.—Court Decision.
The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on Jan. 23 sustained Supreme Court Justice Edward H. Finch in restraining P. S. Commissioner Lewis Nixon and Receivers William R. Begg and Arthur C. Hume from increasing the fares charged on the co.'s lines. The opinion of the Court was written by Justice Frank O'Loughlin, all of his associates concurring. The court held that neither the P. S. Commissioner nor any one else has authority to authorize the company to charge more than a 5-cent fare, in view of the terms of its agreement with the city, and that relief in the line of increased fare, if needed, must come from the Legislature.—V. 109, p. 1537.

Maryland, Delaware & Virginia Ry.—To Purch. Coupons.
Holders of the \$2,000,000 1st M. 5s of 1905 due Feb. 1 1955, have received a letter from the Pennsylvania RR. Co., offering to purchase the coupons due Feb. 1, but without committing itself as to its future policy respecting the same. The interest has not been earned for many years and it is considered essential to reduce the principal of the mortgage or the rate of interest. A Protective Committee will look out for the interests of the 1st M. bonds.—V. 109, p. 1891.

Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co.—Decision.
Judge Fairchild recently handed down a ruling which holds that the company cannot run interurban cars into the city because it has no franchise for this purpose. The ruling sustains the contention of City Attorney Williams, who was ordered recently by the Common Council to force the company either to take out a franchise or cease using the city tracks for interurban traffic. It is stated that interurban traffic will probably be cut off on Feb. 1.—V. 110, p. 261.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Federal Contract.
Director-General of Railroads Hines has signed the Federal operating contract with this company, fixing the annual compensation at \$2,812,008. See annual report in V. 109, p. 769.

Mount Mitchell RR.—May Be Bought.
A report from Asheville, N. C., says that a temporary organization is being formed with the idea of purchasing the road from Perley & Crockett, lumbermen, at a price said to be \$160,000, so that the line may be preserved and operated for tourist travel. M. A. Eskine, of Asheville, and N. Buckner, Secretary of the Asheville Board of Trade, are, respectively, temporary chairman and secretary of the committee. The line is 22 miles long.—V. 108, p. 1061.

Nassau Electric RR., Brooklyn.—Car Trust Cfs. Offered.
Edward B. Smith & Co., Phila., are offering on a 6½% basis \$208,600 J. G. Brill Co. "Birney Safety" Equipment 6% Gold Trust certificates, Trust No. 4, Series "A," issued under the Philadelphia plan. These certificates will be issued by the Fidelity Trust Co., trustee, and will be secured by assignment of a lease covering 73 Birney one-man safety cars, for which purchase money notes aggregating \$372,926 of Lindley M. Garrison, Federal receiver of the Nassau Electric RR., Brooklyn (N. Y.) Rapid Transit System, have been deposited. These cars were acquired under lease by the receiver, on order of the Court, and with the approval of the New York P. S. Commission. This issue of certificates represents approximately 50% of the selling prices of these cars, the balance having been paid in cash (20%), and by an issue of \$129,000 Series "B" certificates which are deferred in lien.—V. 109, p. 2172.

New York Central RR.—Directors.
Bertram Cutler and Albert H. Harris have been elected directors to succeed Carl R. Gray, resigned and Horace D. Andrews, deceased.—V. 109, p. 2357.

Norfolk & Western Ry.—New President.
N. D. Maher has been elected President to succeed L. E. Johnson who was made Chairman of the board. Mr. Maher was elected a director to fill a vacancy. The following officers were also appointed, all as of March 1: Vice-Pres. in charge of operation, A. C. Needles; Vice-Pres. in charge of traffic, T. S. Davant; Vice-Pres. in charge of purchases, real estate and valuation, C. S. Churchill; Vice-Pres. in charge of finances, E. H. Alden; Treasurer, Joseph B. Lacy; Secretary & Assistant Treasurer, I. W. Booth; Assistant Secretary, L. W. Cox.—V. 109, p. 2357.

Northwestern Pacific RR.—Federal Contract.
Director-General of Railroads Hines has signed the Federal operating contract with this company, fixing the annual compensation at \$1,338,000.—V. 108, p. 379.

Oklmulgee Northern RR.—Sold.
The sale of the road for a sum said to be about \$500,000 by banking interests of Kansas City to a group of Okmulgee men, headed by E. K. Schock and W. O. Schock, has been announced. The road, about 22 miles long, including 9 miles of trackage rights and extending from Okmulgee south to Dewar and Henrietta, serves the coal and oil fields of the country and maintains both freight and passenger service. Capital stock consists of \$242,000 and \$242,000 First Mtge. 6% bonds due in 1921.

Pennsylvania RR.—To Purchase Feb. 1 Coupons.
See Maryland Delaware & Virginia RR. above.—V. 109, p. 1987.

Pennsylvania Utilities System.—Annual Earnings.
Results for 12 months ending—

	Dec. 31 '19.	Oct. 31 '19.
Gross revenue (includes other income)	\$1,827,929	\$1,803,023
Oper. exp., taxes, rentals and miscel. deductions of Eastern Pennsylvania Power Co. & Easton Gas works	1,265,094	1,271,246
Int. on \$738,000 Easton Gas Works bonds (5%)	36,900	36,900
On \$3,889,500 Pennsylvania Utilities Co. 1st Mtge. bonds (5%)	194,475	194,475
On \$1,150,000 Pennsylvania Utilities Co. 6% 2d Mtge. notes	69,000	---
Balance surplus	\$261,860	\$300,402

(Includes Pennsylvania Utilities Co., Eastern Pennsylvania Power Co., and Easton Gas Works).—V. 109, p. 2177.

Pensacola (Fla.) Electric Co.—Receiver.
On complaint of the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Federal Judge Shepard appointed James G. Holtzclaw receiver for the Pensacola Street Ry. Co. Officials of the road declared it was unable to operate at profit on a 5-cent fare. The company recently endeavored to increase fare to 7 cents, but the City Commissioners failed to act.—V. 108, p. 79.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Voting Trust Ends.
The voting trustees for the stock deposited under agreement dated Feb. 20 1911, as extended Feb. 1 1916, having determined that it is no longer necessary to continue the voting trust, have resolved to terminate the same at the close of business on Feb. 12 1920, after which date no voting trust certificates will be transferred. Holders are requested as soon after that date as convenient, to deliver said certificates, duly endorsed in blank or to the names of the voting trustees, to Fidelity Trust Co., 325 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, and receive in exchange therefor certificates of capital stock. The total amount of Extended Voting Trust Certificates, making the total amount of certificates listed on Phila. Stock Exchange at this date is \$25,189,600.—V. 109, p. 2357.

Pittsburgh Railways.—Overdue Coupons.
The receivers announce that interest on the following bonds will be paid on presentation of coupons at the Fidelity Title and Trust Co. (Pittsburgh, Pa.): Duquesne Traction 1st M. due July 1 1919; Central Traction 1st M. due July 1 1919; Federal St. & Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway Gen. M. bonds and Consol. M. bonds, due July 1 1919; Perry St. Ry. Co., interest due July 1 1919; Troy Hill Passenger Railway, Allegheny & Bellevue St. Ry., Allegheny St. Ry. bonds, interest, all due July 1 1919. The following interest, it is stated, has also been ordered paid, as follows: Citizens Traction, April and October; Pittsburgh & Manchester; April and October; Pittsburgh Cannonsburg & Washington, January; Pittsburgh Traction Co., April and October; Millvale Etna & Sharpsburg May; Glenwood Highway Bridge, June.—V. 110, p. 262, 78.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co.—Bonds Listed—Earnings.
The New York Stock Exchange has listed \$10,536,300 Prior Lien M. bonds, Series C already outstanding, with authority to add on notice of issue a further \$61,700, making the total amounts listed or authorized to be listed: Series A bonds, \$93,398,500; Series B bonds, \$25,000,000, and of Series C bonds, \$10,598,000, (sold in Dec. 1918, see V. 107, p. 2477.) The company reports to the Exchange: "The 'standard return' of the Frisco System has been certified by the U. S. C. Commission to be \$18,316,571. No agreement, however, has as yet been reached with the U. S. RR. Administration, as to the amount of compensation to which the company is entitled. Said standard return plus the non-operating income of the company for the fiscal year ended June 30 1919 exceeded interest charges on the outstanding Prior Lien Mortgage bonds (and underlying bonds) by \$4,468,884, and was also in excess of all interest charges, including those on the underlying bonds, on all outstanding Prior Lien Mortgage bonds, Adjustment Mortgage bonds and Income Mortgage bonds. The company has recently been advised that the income received by said Director-General from the operation of the Frisco System during the calendar year 1919 was substantially in excess of said standard return.—V. 109, p. 889.

Saginaw-Bay City Ry.—Extension of \$610,000 Saginaw Valley Traction Co. 5% Bonds, Due Feb. 1 1920 for Three Years at 7%.
The company has sent a circular to the holders of the above bonds which says in part:

The above bonds are secured by a first mortgage on the street railway property in Saginaw, Mich., and an interurban line extending from Saginaw to Bay City along the west side of the Saginaw River. The bonds were issued 20 years ago to the amount of \$850,000 which amount has been reduced by sinking fund payments to the amount now outstanding, i. e., \$610,000 due Feb. 1 next.

The property upon which the bonds are a first mortgage was acquired by the Saginaw-Bay City Ry. Co. in 1910 subject to the mortgage and that company issued its obligations for the sinking fund payments above referred to. It also issued its obligations for additions and betterments to the property upon which the Saginaw Valley Traction Co. bonds are a first mortgage, to the amount of \$821,969.

Earnings.—The earnings of the property on which these bonds are a first mortgage are as follows:

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919. (5mos.to Dec. 31).	1919.
Gross earnings	\$375,457	\$365,878	\$367,954	\$502,487	\$239,272
Oper. expenses	239,986	265,681	386,042	412,166	181,334
Taxes	18,077	19,614	22,151	25,087	13,595

Net after taxes \$117,394 \$80,584 \$97,771 \$65,233 \$44,343

Fares, &c.—The fares prior to July 16 1918 in effect in Saginaw were: cash fares, 5c; regular tickets, 6 for 25c.; labor and school tickets, 8 for 25c. On July 16 1918 fare was increased to a straight 6c. with no reduced rate tickets under an ordinance passed by the City Council, which ordinance, however, was revoked by a vote of the people March 5 1919. On July 31 1919 an ordinance passed by the City Council provided for increased fares as follows: Cash fare, 6c.; labor and school tickets, 5 for 25c. This ordinance was approved by the electors Sept. 9 1919 and the company is at present operating under these rates in city of Saginaw. Substantially all cars in Saginaw are now being operated on a one-man basis.

Interurban Fares.—Prior to Nov. 1 1919 passenger fare on the interurban lines averaged less than 2c. per mile per passenger but on that date company put into effect a new passenger tariff which averages about 2½c. per mile per passenger, this increase having become possible by the enactment of a 2½c. passenger mile law during the 1919 session of the Michigan Legislature.

Bond Extension.—It has been impossible to secure an underwriting of the issue so as to pay off the bonds in cash at the present time and the holders

of the maturing bonds are offered the following terms of extension subject to the approval of the Michigan P. U. Commission:
 Upon the agreement of extension of the maturity of the bonds for three years to Feb. 1 1923 becoming effective, the company under the terms thereof agrees: (1) To increase the rate of interest from 5% to 7%; (2) to deposit \$75,000 in three installments in a sinking fund to be used to acquire bonds at not exceeding 101% and int., bonds so acquired to be canceled; (3) to pay all incidental expenses, including the Michigan mortgage recording tax, the payment of which will make the bonds tax exempt in Michigan.
 The extension agreement further provides that the rights of the bondholders will be fully conserved and the lien of their bonds fully preserved as a first mortgage lien.
 Holders of bonds are invited to become parties to the extension agreement by depositing their bonds, having first detached the Feb. 1 1920 coupons with Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Boston, Mass., depository, on or before Feb. 15 1920. The Feb. 1 1920 coupons will be paid at maturity.—V. 108, p. 1276.

San Antonio & Aransas Pass Ry.—Federal Contract.
 Director-General of RRs. Hines has signed the Federal operating contract with the company fixing the annual compensation at \$456,684.—V. 107, p. 1386.

Sandusky Norwalk & Mansfield Electric Ry.
 An application has been filed by the Guarantee Title & Trust Co., Pittsburgh, requiring C. G. Taylor, receiver, to appear before the Federal Court at Cleveland on Feb. 14 and explain why an order of sale of the property should not be granted. It is stated that the majority bondholders desire to sell the property as junk.
 Receiver Taylor says he will oppose an application for abandonment on the grounds that if gasoline coaches are substituted for the electric cars, \$15,000 a year will be saved and the property can be placed on a paying basis.—V. 109, p. 578.

Sandwich Windsor & Amherstburg Street Ry.
 The Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission has approved the acquisition of the company's lines by the municipalities through which it runs.—V. 109, p. 2263.

San Francisco-Sacramento RR.—Offering of Bonds.
 Blyth, Witter & Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons, San Francisco, and Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, are offering, at prices ranging from 99.76 to 91.83 and interest, yielding from 6 1/4% to 6 3/4%, according to maturity, \$840,000 First Mtge. 6% gold bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920, due \$2,000 annually Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1940, both inclusive.
 Interest payable J. & J. in Chicago or San Francisco. Callable by lot, all or part last maturities first, on any interest date at 102 and int. Denom. \$1,000 e*. Union Trust Co., San Francisco, trustee. Tax-exempt in California. Company will agree to pay any normal Federal income tax which it may lawfully pay at the source to an amount not exceeding 2%.
 Data from Letter of Pres. W. Arnstein, Dated San Fran., Jan. 12 1920.

Company.—Incorp. in California and succeeds the Oakland Antioch & Eastern Ry. (see plan V. 109, p. 1127; V. 109, p. 270; V. 110, p. 78). The road, which runs from 40th St. and Shafter Ave., Oakland, to the Sacramento terminal at Third and I Sts. together with two branches, one extending from West Pittsburg to Pittsburg, and the other through the San Ramon Valley from Saranap to Danville, comprises about 100 miles of main and branch lines, practically all of which is situated on private right-of-way. In addition, there are about 14 miles of second track, sidings, turnouts, &c.
 Company owns 6 substations, warehouses, shops, storehouses, office buildings, freight stations, ticket stations, &c. Equipment consists of 34 passenger coaches, of which 18 are motor equipped, 6 steel locomotives, 74 freight cars, 3 cabooses, and 14 construction and work cars. Power is furnished by the Great Western Power Co. under an advantageous contract. Population served estimated to exceed 1,000,000.

Capitalization (after Present Financing)	Auth.	To Be Presently Outstanding
Preferred stock	\$1,500,000	Not to exceed \$1,330,000
Common stock	6,550,000	Not to exceed 6,550,000
First Mtge. 6% serial gold bonds	3,000,000	840,000

Earnings—	Nov. 30	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Total revenue	\$1,072,884	\$881,796	\$747,112	\$621,096	\$607,951
Net, after op. exp. & tax	296,296	253,648	208,035	153,477	171,226

Annual bond int. on basis of total present issue would have been—
 50,400 50,400 50,400 50,400 50,400

Balance—
 \$245,896 \$203,248 \$157,035 \$103,077 \$120,826

This Issue.—Secured by a first mortgage on the entire property. Escrow bonds (\$2,100,000) can only be issued to reimburse the company for not to exceed 75% of the actual and reasonable cash expenditures for permanent extensions and additions to the property, provided, that annual net earnings, after deducting the amount necessary to retire the next serial maturity have been at least twice the annual interest charges on all bonds outstanding including those to be issued. If any of the escrow bonds are issued, the bonds so issued shall mature not later than Jan. 1 1940, and not earlier than the last maturity of the present issue outstanding. The company is required immediately to expend \$300,000 upon improvements to the property and for new equipment, against half of which expenditure no bonds can be issued.

Franchises.—Practically the entire mileage of the road is located on private right of way. Where franchises are required, they contain no burdensome restrictions, and extend from 1946 to 1964, the shortest, covering only about 5 miles, expiring in 1941.—V. 110, p. 262.

Southern Traction Co. of Ill.—Property Transferred.
 The physical property of the company, recently sold for \$400,000 to C. B. Fox, Pres. of the Aluminum Ore Co. of East St. Louis, was recently turned over to the purchaser by William E. Trautman, receiver.
 A payment of \$200,000 on the purchase price, it is stated, was made when the road was bought. On Feb. 15 \$50,000 is to be paid, and the final payment of \$150,000 is due March 15.—V. 109, p. 2440.

Texas & Pacific Ry.—New President.
 J. L. Lancaster has been elected President to succeed N. S. Meldrum, resigned.—V. 109, p. 2263.

Toledo Rys. & Light Co.—Valuation.
 City appraisers have fixed \$7,111,336 as the price that Toledo should pay if it should decide to purchase the lines (exclusive of power houses) of the company. The appraisers announced that the cost of production at the present time would be \$12,112,437, and cost of production less depreciation, \$10,294,492. The company is understood to value its property as high as \$17,000,000.
 Recent developments in the traction controversy were: (1) Issuance by Federal Judge Killits of an order providing that the Rail-Light cannot at any time discontinue car service without giving 14 days' notice in writing to the Mayor and the Federal Court. (2) Arrangement by which the State Supreme Court will grant a hearing, probably not later than Feb. 10, and render a decision by March 1, in the city's test case to determine the rights of municipalities to issue general credit bonds under existing laws to acquire street railway systems. (3) Defeat in the House of Representatives of the Brach Bill, which was intended to confer specifically the authority upon cities, to issue general credit bonds to buy or build transportation systems.—V. 109, p. 2357.

Trenton, Bristol & Philadelphia Street Ry.—Fares.
 The company has filed notice of advance of fares from 6 to 7 cents with the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission.—V. 104, p. 766.

Twin City Rapid Transit.—Common Div. Resumed.
 A dividend of \$2.50 has been declared on the Common stock payable Feb. 20 to holders of record Feb. 9. This is the first distribution on the Common stock since Jan. 1919, when 1% was paid. Compare V. 107, p. 2290; V. 109, p. 2264.

Underground Electric Railways of London.
 A press dispatch from London on Jan. 24 states that this company, or its representatives, have asked the English Ministry of Transport to take over and operate the company's local and metropolitan roads, including sub-

ways and omnibus lines, as was done in the case of the principal trunk lines of the country. According to the "Mail," the dispatch says, the Ministry is willing to assume the operation of the railroads, but not the omnibuses, for the reason as reported that the greater part of the estimated loss for the coming year (£1,600,000, it is said, out of £2,600,000) is believed to be due to bus-line losses. The recent proposal to ask Parliament to double the statutory maximum fares resulted in a great popular outcry. [S. B. Joel of Barnato Bros., London, recently acquired the interests of Sir Edgar Speyer.—V. 110, p. 168.]

United Verde & Pacific Ry.—To Be Discontinued.
 Recent reports state that application has been made to the Arizona State Corporation Commission for discontinuance of service on this road, which will then be scrapped.—V. 70, p. 177.

Victoria & Sidney Ry.—Possible Distribution.
 In view of the possible distribution in respect of the 5% 1st Mtge. gold bonds, the holders thereof who have not already deposited their bonds are requested to communicate with the International Financial Society, Ltd., 120 Dashwood House, 9 New Broad St., London, E.C. 2, England.—V. 105, p. 1311.

Washington (D. C.) Railway & Electric Co.—Earnings.
 President W. F. Ham, at the annual meeting on Jan. 17, said in part: Since 1914 gross annual business has increased from \$5,048,435 to \$9,003,919, or 78%. In the meantime, however, operating expenses, taxes and miscellaneous charges, not including interest, have increased from \$2,891,112 to \$7,242,293, or 150%, the result being that with a very much larger business now being done than five years ago, we are actually earning much less as a return upon our investment, which has been increased several million dollars during that period.
 Two items alone will indicate the tremendous increase in operating expenses. Wages of conductors and motormen in 1914 amounted to \$560,163; in 1919 to \$1,409,113, an increase of \$848,949, or 151%.
 In 1914 we burned 94,283 tons of coal at a cost of \$3,174,496. In 1919 we burned 213,114 tons at a cost of \$1,220,825, an increase of \$903,328, representing an increase of 284% during the five year period.

Comparative Statement of Earnings—

	1919.	1918.
Gross income	\$9,084,218	\$7,077,248
Operating expenses (incl. taxes and miscel. items)	7,242,293	5,150,961
Interest	1,460,309	1,252,176
Surplus for year	\$381,615	\$674,111
Sinking fund (P. E. P. Co.)	106,000	
Prof. dividend 5%	425,000	
Common dividend 1 1/4%	81,250	
Miscellaneous profit & loss adj. Cr.	59,739	
Profit & loss deficit for year 1919.	170,894	

See City & Suburban Ry. above.—V. 110, p. 300.

Western Maryland Ry.—Federal Manager.
 M. C. Byers has been appointed Federal Manager of this company and the Cumberland & Pennsylvania Ry. to succeed C. W. Galloway.—V. 110, p. 300.

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Acme Wire Co., New Haven, Conn.—Further Data.
 Mention was made in these columns (V. 110, p. 300) of the offering at 100 and div. of \$500,000 8% Cum. Pref. (a. & d.) stock by a syndicate of bankers headed by Richter & Co., Hartford, and the Chas. W. Scanton Co., New Haven. Callable, all or part, for sinking fund at \$115 and div. Div. Q-F. No mortgage without the consent of 3/4 of Pref. stock. Sinking fund to retire each year 3% of the Pref. stock at not exceeding \$115; 20% of the surplus net earnings are to be set aside until a special reserve fund of 16% of the outstanding Pref. stock is formed, which reserve is to be used for payment of Pref. dividends in the event of their not being earned.
Digest of Letter of Pres. Victor M. Tyler, Dated New Haven, Jan. 16.

Company.—Organized in 1904 in Connecticut and started business in New Haven on a small scale manufacturing magnet wire which was used extensively in the electrical business. The company has become one of the large enameled wire manufacturers of the country. In addition to the enameled wire, a big business has been built up in the manufacture of coils and windings of enameled wire. The product is used in automobile lighting and ignition, small motors for vacuum cleaners, washing machines, dental apparatus and all other domestic and office equipment and fractional horsepower motors for factory and industrial users.

Capitalization (No Bonds)

8% Cumulative Pref. stock (par \$100), auth.	\$1,500,000	Outstanding.
		\$500,000
Common stock		1,000,000

Statement of the Annual Gross Business, 1913 to 1919 inclusive.

1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.	1913.
\$3,414,237	\$2,227,198	\$3,214,309	\$2,046,028	\$1,262,023	\$954,751	\$792,277

The average net earnings of the past three years (incl. estimated net earnings for 1919 of \$175,000) were \$105,000 a year, which, with the average interest charges for this period of \$20,000, now being paid on bank loans, gives average annual net earnings of \$125,000 per annum, which is 3 times the Pref. dividend of 8% on \$500,000. Treating the past 7 years in this way, average annual net earnings were \$95,000 per ann., to which, with \$10,000 added for the interest paid, gives an average yearly net earnings of over twice the Pref. stock dividend.

Common Dividends.—Dividends at the rate of 8% are being at present paid on the Common stock. For the years 1909 to 1919 incl. the company has averaged cash dividends of over 10% per ann. on cap. stk. outstanding.
Assets.—If the proceeds of this issue were available to the treasury, this would show net quick assets of about \$161 per share and total net assets of about \$306 per share of this Pref. stock.
Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to increase the working capital.
Officers.—V. M. Tyler, Pres.; E. L. Hartpenco, Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.; L. S. Tyler, Vice-Pres. & Prod. Mgr.; Brower Hewitt, Treas.; J. E. Wheeler, Sec. **Directors.**—V. M. Tyler, E. L. Hartpenco, J. M. Moran, L. S. Horner, S. Tyler, John J. McKeon, New Haven, Conn.; Alexander Harper, Bristol, and John Kwon, New York.—V. 110, p. 300.

Adirondack Electric Power Corp.
 The stockholders will vote Feb. 2 on selling the property to the Mohawk Edison Co., Inc. (V. 109, p. 1614, 2363).—Compare V. 109, p. 2358, 2441.

Alaska Packers' Association.—Special Dividend.
 The directors have declared a special dividend of \$20 per share on the outstanding capital stock and a dividend of \$2 from insurance fund interest income in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share, all payable Feb. 10 to stockholders of record Jan. 31.
 The following officers and directors have been elected: **Officers.**—Henry F. Fortmann, Pres.; William Timson, V-Pres.; R. I. Bentley, V-Pres.; A. K. Tichenor, V-Pres.; Walter D. Motts, Treas. & Sec. **Directors.**—Henry F. Fortmann, William Timson, Balfour D. Adamson, W. J. Hotchkiss, R. I. Bentley, Frank B. Anderson, Warren Gregory, A. G. Griffin, F. D. Madison, C. W. Griffin, O. H. Bentley.—V. 108, p. 2243.

Allied Packers, Inc.—Director.
 R. E. Saunders has been elected a director.—V. 110, p. 79.

American Brass Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Net profits	\$2,856,140	\$3,992,219	\$7,109,177	\$10,991,669
Dividends	1,800,000	3,600,000	6,675,000	3,750,000
Rate per cent	(12%)	(20%)	(44 1/2%)	(25%)
Balance, surplus	\$1,056,140	\$992,219	\$434,177	\$7,241,669

—V. 110, p. 360.

American Caramel Co.—5% on Accumulations.
 An extra dividend of 5% has been declared on account of accumulations along with the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the Pref. both payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Jan. 31.—V. 107, p. 1839.

American Foreign Trade Corp.—Dates for Subscription of New Capital Stock Changed.
 See Tobacco Products Corporation below.—V. 110, p. 1301.

Butte Copper & Zinc Co.—Voting Trust End.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after Feb. 1 1920, of \$3,000,000 Capital stock (par value \$5), on issuance in exchange for outstanding trust certificates. The Voting Trust, under its terms, will terminate Feb. 1.

California Packing Corp.—Income from Sub. Co.—An official of the corporation states that the recent extra dividends of 20% in Liberty bonds, \$2 in cash and the regular quarterly \$2 in cash declared by the Alaska Packers Association means that the California Packing Corporation will profit to the extent of about \$1,100,000. About 80% of the stock of the Alaska Packers Association is owned by the California Packing Corporation, control having been purchased about four years ago for \$156 a share and the remaining small floating supply of stock is quoted at well above \$200 a share.

Cardenas-American Sugar Co., Inc.—To Dissolve.—The stockholders will vote Feb. 14 on dissolving the company forthwith.—V. 109, p. 2435.

Champion-International Co., Lawrence, Mass.—Preferred Stock Offered.—Hayden, Stone & Co., New York, & Co., are offering, at 100 and div., to yield 7%, \$650,000 7% Cum. Conv. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100.

Childrens Company.—Annual Report.—Year ending Nov. 30—1918-19, 1917-18, 1916-17. Net profits—\$1,658,005 \$415,109 \$1,272,657 Preferred dividends—307,090 307,090 307,090 Common dividends—(7%)260,357 (3 1/4%)139,998 (6 1/2%)259,991

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Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.—Notes Sold.—J. & W. Seligman & Co. and A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., New York, announce the sale at 99 1/2 and int., by advertisement on another page, of \$1,500,000 7% 3-year gold notes, dated Dec. 1 1919, due Dec. 1 1922.

Cities Service Company.—Earnings.—Results for December and Twelve Months to Dec. 31. 1919-Dec.—1918.—1917.—1916. Gross earnings—\$1,757,622 \$1,805,815 \$1,977,551 \$2,280,067 Expenses—61,588 54,143 703,835 521,486

Cleveland Drop Forge Co., Cleveland.—Organized.—See Wyman-Gordon Co. below.

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Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—Offering of Bonds.—J. & W. Seligman & Co., Hayden, Stone & Co., and Halsey, Stuart & Co., New York, are offering at 100 and int. yielding 7% by advertisement on another page \$25,000,000 10-year 7% Convertible Debenture bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920. Due

month from an earning viewpoint since May. There has been a steady increase in the monthly earnings of Cities Service Co. since midsummer, and the outlook is that this increase will continue for an indefinite period. The Public Utility department is starting the year with the outlook for the best earnings in its history. The advance in the market price of high grade Mid-Continent oil to \$3 a barrel will result in renewed activities in the oil department, and it being generally believed among oil producers that a higher price must yet obtain. The outlook in all respects in the oil department seems to be that 1920 will be the banner year in its history in all divisions.—V. 110, p. 362.

Cleveland Drop Forge Co., Cleveland.—Organized.—See Wyman-Gordon Co. below.

Clinton Wright Wire Co.—Merger—To Red. Pref. Stocks.—See Wickwire Spencer Steel Corp. below.—V. 110, p. 264.

Columbia Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—Consolidated Earnings for December and Twelve Months ending Dec. 31. 1919—Dec.—1918.—1917.—1916. Gross earnings—\$1,313,118 \$1,123,844 \$1,229,787 \$1,451,863 Oper. expenses and taxes—629,641 507,102 6,249,881 5,873,180

Consolidated Textile Corporation.—Acquisition.—The company has announced that it has acquired the controlling interest and expects to acquire substantially all of the stock of the Windsor Print Works of North Adams, Mass. The price will be paid in stock at a valuation of \$30 a share. No additional financing will be necessary. The Windsor Print Works was established in 1829. Products consist of printed and dyed cotton fabrics.—V. 110, p. 264.

Continental Motors Corporation.—Annual Report.—Years ending Oct. 31—1918-19, 1917-18, 9 1/2 mos. '17. Net profits after mg. maint. & exp.—\$5,125,725 \$1,939,785 \$1,636,814 Incl. deprec. and ord. taxes—1,700,000 not shown 230,000 Federal tax reserve—1,700,000 not shown 230,000 Preferred dividend (7%)—206,625 258,282 178,305 Common dividend—(6 1/2%)944,993 (8 1/2%)1,162,784 (3 1/2%)217,928

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Data from Circular of Jan. 21, Signed, President J. S. Cosden. This change will in no wise affect the proportionate interest which any stockholder has in the company. The Pref. stock will retain its par value of \$5, and sufficient Common stock of the par value of \$5 will be retained for the conversion of the Pref. stock, in accordance with its terms. Certificates of stock of no par value will be issued in the names in which the surrendered certificates stand without payment of any stamp tax. Application will be made to list the new certifi. upon N. Y. Stock Exchange.

The proposed amendment to the articles of incorporation provides that in place of an authorized Capital stock of \$42,000,000 divided into \$5,000,000 Common and \$7,000,000 Pref., all in shares of \$5 each, the total authorized Capital stock shall consist of (a) \$7,000,000 Pref. stock par \$5; (b) Common stock \$2,344,400, par \$5; (c) 1,400,000 Common shares of no par value, these last to be issuable by the company from time to time for such consideration as may be fixed from time to time by the board.

In all respects as to the shares of Common stock of par value except that each share without any nominal or par value shall at all times be entitled to five votes for each one vote of each share of Common stock of par value, and each such share without nominal or par value shall have the same voting right and power in all matters, the same right to share on distribution of surplus, profits and dividends and on distribution of assets and to subscribe for new shares of the company as five shares of Common stock with par value. No such shares without nominal or par value shall be issued on a conversion of Pref. stock, and such Pref. stock shall be convertible only into shares of Common stock of the par value of \$5, as herein set forth [at rate of \$15 of Pref. stock for \$5 of Common].

Also paragraph 9 of Article 4 will read in place of "A sufficient number of said 7,000,000 shares of Common stock of the par value of \$5 each." "A sufficient number of said 468,880 shares of Common stock of the par value of \$5 each."

It is provided that 93,776 shares of the new stock without any nominal or par value shall be reserved for the exchange of the 468,880 shares of Common stock of the par value of \$5 each, heretofore authorized at the company's Transfer Agency [in Baltimore, or elsewhere], on basis of one share for each five shares of \$5 each, surrendered and canceled. [We are officially advised that the capitalization as of Jan. 29 1920 was as follows: (a) Common stock, 3,704,874 shares, par \$5 each (excluding 759,647 shares held by trustee of mortgage securing Series "A" and "B" bonds for the conversion of bonds; (b) Pref. stock, 718,993 shares, par \$5 each; (c) Series "A" and "B" bonds, \$3,204,500, convertible into Com. stock at rate of \$12 1/2 per share; (d) Cosden & Co. 1926's, \$627,000. On Feb. 1 the company will pay a 2 1/2% stock dividend, which will require 92,441 shares of stock. This will reduce the conversion price of the bonds to or about \$12 5/8—Ed.]—V. 110, p. 363; V. 109, p. 2267, 1990.

Crucible Steel Co. of America, Pittsburg, Pa.—To Increase Authorized Common Stock From \$25,000,000 to \$75,000,000 With a View to Paying Stock Dividends From Time to Time for Distribution of Accumulated Surplus.—The stockholders will vote Feb. 16 1920, on increasing the authorized limit of Common stock from \$25,000,000 to \$75,000,000, with a view to stock distributions to represent accumulated surplus when and as the directors shall deem such distributions conservative. The Pref. stock will remain \$25,000,000.

Digest of Statement by Chairman H. S. Wilkinson, Jan. 22 1920. No dividends have been paid until recently on the Common stock. While all other established steel companies during this period of prosperity were paying dividends on their Common stock, your management used the earnings belonging to the Common stock for the purposes of further extensions and accumulating additional working capital. The present management, after carefully considering the advisability of disbursing large cash dividends to the Common stockholders or keeping the present surplus in the business, have decided to recommend an increase of the Common Capital stock by \$50,000,000, which is less than the amount of the surplus belonging to the Common stock, and to issue to the Common stockholders additional shares of Common stock from time to time as the Board may elect. By this plan the large surplus will be converted into fixed capital subordinate to the Preferred stock, thus increasing the security and value of the Preferred shares, and giving to the Common stockholders additional shares in lieu of a distribution of the surplus by way of dividends. A conservative policy will be adopted in issuing this stock, in order to guard the interests of the shareholders.—V. 109, p. 2267.

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* Exclusive of \$3,000,000 deposited as security for the 6% 2-year secured gold notes. x Arrangements for the refunding of these notes have been consummated.

Property.—Owns one of the largest and most modern generating stations in the United States, present installed capacity 60,000 k.w., ultimate capacity of 140,000 k.w., together with distributing systems supplying electricity and gas to Cincinnati, O., and adjacent communities. Population served about 500,000.

The properties are operated by Union Gas & Electric Co. (a subsidiary of the Columbia Gas & Electric Co.) under a 99-year lease, dated Sept. 1 1906, which provides for payment as rental of an amount equal to interest and sinking fund charges on its bonds and dividends of 5% p.a. on cap. stk.

Comparative Statement of Earnings Years Ended, Dec. 31. (As reported by Union Gas & Electric Co., lessee.) 1919. 1918. 1917. 1916. Gross earnings—\$8,024,174 \$7,679,788 \$7,379,700 \$6,170,377 Net (incl. other income)—2,312,411 2,301,243 2,548,410 2,262,027

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Net to com. stk. & res.—\$1,154,675 \$1,353,644 \$1,135,590 \$1,741,728 Securities in hands of public—Series B 7% convertible debentures, \$8,776,820; series C 7% convertible debentures, \$1,741,750; preferred stock, \$73,363,129; preference B stock, \$2,003,890; common stock, \$36,680,289.

President Henry L. Doherty says in substance: The company closed the year with earnings showing good gains, December having been the best

Jan. 1 1930. Convertible on and after Jan. 1 1922 (or sooner if at any time permitted by law) into common stock at \$60 per share. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. (c*). These debenture bonds were very fully described in last week's "Chronicle," p. 363.

Dayton Power & Light Co.—Initial Common Dividend.—An initial dividend of 4% has been declared on the Common stock payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Feb. 2.—V. 110, p. 170.

Delatour Beverage Corp.—Initial Dividend.—An initial dividend of 5% has been declared on the capital stock, payable Feb. 20 to holders of record Feb. 10.—V. 109, p. 581.

Detroit Pressed Steel Co.—Bonds Offered.—McLaughlin, Bowlin & McAfee, New York and Pittsburgh, and W. G. Souders & Co., New York, Detroit, &c., are offering, at prices to net 6 3/8% to 7%, according to maturity, \$600,000 6% Serial Purchase Money Mtge. bonds. Bankers state:

Dated Dec. 1 1919. Due \$100,000 each Dec. 1 1921 to 1926. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Interest payable J. & D. Free of normal Federal income tax. Union Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Bonds are a closed purchase money mortgage on all the property, plant and equipment of the former Detroit Shell Co., conservatively valued at \$900,000.

Assets.—Total assets, including the property covered by this mortgage, are over \$4,750,000, and net quick assets are over \$1,500,000—twice the amount of this bond issue.

Earnings.—The earnings for the past five years have been over eight times the interest on these bonds. For further particulars about the company see V. 109, p. 1612.

Diamond Match Co.—Plans for Financing.—The directors, it is understood, have plans under consideration for raising between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 new capital and will probably present the matter to the stockholders at the annual meeting on March 25.—V. 108, p. 1821.

Dominion Steel Corp.—To Start Mill.—It is expected that rolling operations at the new \$5,000,000 ship-plate mill at Sydney, N. S., which has been under construction since June 1918 and will have a capacity of 12,000 tons a month, will commence in February.—V. 110, p. 264.

Donnacona Paper Co., Ltd.—Bonds Sold.—The Royalty Securities Corporation announce that the entire issue of First Mortgage 6% bonds having been sold, all offerings of this security are withdrawn. See V. 109, p. 680, 1083.

Draper Corporation.—Board Increased.—The board of directors has been increased from 8 to 9 members. Frederick E. Foster has been elected the additional director. All other directors were re-elected.—V. 109, p. 1629.

Eastern Steel Co.—Common Div. in Liberty Bonds.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2 1/2% on the Common stock, payable in Second Liberty bonds on April 15 1920 to holders of record April 1 1920. In Jan. 1920 the Common div. of 2 1/2% was paid in Third Liberty bonds and in October 1919, in Fourth Liberty bonds, previous to which the quar. div. was paid in cash.—V. 110, p. 364.

Elkhart Gas & Fuel Co.—Rates Increased.—The Indiana P. S. Commission has authorized the company to charge from \$1 10 to 75c. net for 1,000 cu. ft. of gas, dependent on quantity used, and to charge a monthly minimum of 75c. The old rates ranged from \$1 05 to 60c., subject to a discount of 10c. a 1,000 ft., and there was a monthly minimum of 50c.—V. 109, p. 984.

Famous Players Canadian Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., Montreal, are placing \$4,000,000 8% Cumulative First Pref. (a. & d.) shares, par \$100.

These shares will be offered publicly at \$100, and div., with bonus of one Common share with each four Pref. shares purchased. Prior to the public issue, Royal Securities Corp. are offering the stock to their clients at \$98.50, and div. to yield 8.12%, with bonus of one Common share with each two Pref. shares purchased.

Dividends cumulative from Feb. 1 1920, payable quarterly. Red. all or part on any div. date at 105 and div.

Data From Letter of Pres. Adolph Zukor, Dated Jan. 15 1920.

Company.—Is in process of incorp. in Canada for the purpose of building and operating, as well as acquiring by purchase or lease, a chain of modern motion picture theatres of large seating capacity in the larger Canadian cities from coast to coast. Corporation will display the very best motion pictures obtainable, including the first run films produced by the Famous Players-Lasky Corp. of New York, or any of its subsidiaries. Leases or controls through subsidiary companies 16 operating properties with a total seating capacity of 15,000. It is proposed to immediately carry into effect the construction of 7 theatres having additional seating capacity of 16,768.

Purpose.—Entire proceeds will be available for construction of additional theatres, which should give the corporation operating theatres with seating capacity of 30,000 by latter part of 1920, and 45,000 by spring of 1921.

Capitalization (No bonus)

	To be Auth.	To be Issued.
8% Cumulative First Preferred shares	\$6,500,000	\$4,000,000
8% Cumulative Second Preferred shares	1,000,000	1,000,000
Common shares	7,500,000	7,500,000

The \$1,000,000 Second Pref. shares are convertible into First Pref. shares only when net earnings, available for Pref. dividends, for the last fiscal year, have been in excess of twice the div. requirements of both classes of Pref. shares outstanding, and then not until the reserve fund reaches \$1,000,000.

Contract.—Famous Players-Lasky Corp., of New York has granted to the Canadian corporation a franchise which gives them the call for display in Canada in theatres operated by them for first run exhibition of all motion picture films made and produced by the New York corporation or any of its subsidiaries. This franchise extends until Sept. 1939.

Earnings.—Present net earnings of theatres already leased or controlled applicable to a. on First Pref. shares, are at the rate of \$200,000 p. a. Net earnings for the fiscal year commencing Sept. 1 1920, applicable to div. on First Pref. shares are estimated in excess of \$650,000 and for 1921 at not less than \$1,200,000.—V. 110, p. 364.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp.—Listing—Earnings.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$10,000,000 8% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock and an additional 14,552 shares of Common stock, without nominal or par value, with authority to add 91,000 shares of said Common stock on official notice of issuance on conversion of outstanding Preferred stock, making the total amounts listed and authorized to be listed: (a) \$10,000,000 Cumulative Convertible 8% Pref. stock; (b) 305,552 shares of Common stock, without par value.

The Preferred stock was sold later in 1919 (V. 109, p. 1708, 2267), and the proceeds have been used "in the extension and enlargement of the production and distribution of motion pictures, the erection of a modern Eastern studio at Long Island City, and of a modern laboratory, and in the acquisition of theatres, including a controlling stock interest in the Rivoli and Rialto theatres in New York City; a new theatre and office building in the course of erection at St. Louis, Mo.; in the acquisition of the stock of Southern Enterprises and of the holdings of S. A. Lynch Theatres, operating 115 theatres in eleven Southern States; in the acquisition of interests in theatres in Los Angeles and San Francisco, Cal.; in Denver, Colo.; Quincy, Mass.; Dover, N. H.; of theatre interests in Texas, and of the New York Theatre building (including Criterion Theatre), and the Putnam Building, both in Times Square, New York City, and in the acquisition of an interest in Charles Frohman, Inc., of an interest in a circuit of 18 theatres in Canada."

The 14,552 shares of Common stock applied for have been issued in the acquisition of an interest in the Stanley Co. of America, operating a chain of theatres in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Atlantic City and adjacent territory.

In the first instance, 182,000 shares of Common stock will be set aside to provide for the conversion not only of the \$10,000,000 Pref. stock now issued, but also of the \$10,000,000 of authorized but unissued Pref. stock.

Earnings Statement to Nov. 29 1919—
(Furnished to N. Y. Stock Exchange)

	48 Weeks to Nov. 29 '19	6 Mos. to June 30 '19
Gross rentals and sale of film	\$22,810,777	Not shown
Sale of investments (\$461,000), accessories, &c.	1,785,727	
Gross income	\$24,596,504	\$13,073,938
Operating and general expenses	20,581,417	10,572,553
Interest	109,077	62,048
Extraordinary expenses, &c.	68,631	
Excess profits tax	285,973	190,649
Dividends	1,001,851	251,903
Balance, surplus	\$1,549,555	\$1,996,786

—V. 110, p. 364.

Freeport Texas Co.—Dividend Omitted.—The directors on Jan. 28 took no action on the declaration of a dividend, owing to the condition of the sulphur market, due to overproduction during the closing months of the war. In Aug. and Nov. 1919 quarterly dividends of \$1 each were paid and in May \$2.

Pres. E. P. Swenson issued a statement, saying in substance: "Whereas, in the opinion of the board it is desirable to strengthen the cash position of the company, it is resolved that no action be taken on the dividend as of this date."

Current liabilities of company as of this date are approximately (estimated) \$100,000

The current assets aggregate \$4,717,596, as follows:
Cash on hand, call loans, accounts receivable subject to a deduction of \$122,000 for Texas taxes due Feb. 1st. \$645,092
Sulphur above ground paid for and figured at market value (90% of which is sold under contract for delivery during 1920.) 4,072,504
Compare official statements, V. 108, p. 1506, 1517, 2633.—V. 109, p. 1984

General American Tank Car Corp.—Offering of Equipment Trust Certificates.—Drexel & Co., Phila., and Chas. D. Barney & Co., New York and Phila., are offering at a price to yield 6.25%, by advertisement on another page, \$2,625,000 6% Equipment Trust Certificates Series 11. Dated Jan. 1 1920. Maturing \$350,000 each March 1 1922 and 1923, \$525,000 March 1 1924 and \$700,000 each March 1 1925 and 1926. The bankers state:

Earnings.—For six months ended June 30 1919, net earnings, after estimated taxes, amounted to \$1,501,433, which is at the rate of about 10 times the interest on Equipment Trust Certificates outstanding. The earnings for the last six months of 1919 are estimated to be at about the same rate as those for the period ending June 30 1919.

The company now has outstanding \$4,000,000 7% First Preferred stock, \$1,000,000 7% Second Preferred stock, and 50,000 shares Common stock (no par) having a total market valuation of over \$12,000,000. For full description of this issue see last week's "Chronicle," page 364.

General Asphalt Co.—Exchange of Stock.—The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$183,000 additional Common stock issued in exchange for \$122,000 Pref. stock surrendered and canceled, making the total amount of Common stock listed \$19,404,700, and reducing the amount of Pref. stock listed to \$7,730,200.—V. 110, p. 364.

General Baking Co.—Bread Prices to Go Up.—According to a number of bakers who attended a conference recently with Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams and U. S. Wheat Director Julius H. Barnes, housewives may expect an immediate advance of 1 or 2 cents a loaf in the price of bread due to the increased cost of flour.—V. 109, p. 2360.

General Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—Bonbright & Co., New York, recommend for investment this company's \$4,250,000 6% Ten-Year Secured Gold bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1919. Due Sept. 1 1929. Bankers state:

Redeemable all or part at par and int. on any int. date upon 3 weeks notice. Int. payable M. & S. at office of New York Trust Co., trustee, New York, without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2%, Pennsylvania State tax of four mills refunded. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100 (c*). A sinking fund of 1% of the amount of these bonds outstanding is to be paid to the trustee each year beginning Sept. 1 1920, to purchase or redeem bonds at not exceeding par and interest.

Company.—Controls through stock ownership 10 public utility operating companies, which in turn, through stock ownership and long-term leases operate 22 additional public utility companies. The utilities are mainly electric and gas properties, located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Ohio, estimated population 1,000,000.

Purpose.—To provide for acquisition of some of the securities, including the entire Common stock of Metropolitan Edison Co. for liquidating floating debt and other corporate purposes.

Management.—All the properties of the companies controlled by this company are operated by the W. S. Barstow Management Association, Inc., New York. Further particulars another week.—V. 109, p. 2443.

General Motors Corporation.—Earnings—Listing of No Par Value Common Shares, Issuable on and After May 3, Ten Shares Thereof for Each \$100 Common; also New 7% Debenture Stock.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after Feb. 2 1920 of: (a) \$217,602,400 of the new 7% Cumulative debenture stock of the par value of \$100 a share (total auth. issue of \$500,000,000), on notice of issuance and payment in full; (b) on and after May 3 1920, 15,703,310 shares of Common stock without nominal or par value (of a total auth. issue of 50,000,000 shares); on notice of exchange for outstanding shares of Common stock of the par value of \$100 each.

As of Jan. 10 the company reports in substance:

This 7% Debenture stock (V. 109, p. 2075) will be [is] offered for subscription at par to the holders of the Preferred and Debenture stock of record on Jan. 9 1920 on the following basis: The holders of each share of Pref. 6% Debenture stock of record on said date will be entitled to subscribe for two shares of the 7% Debenture Capital stock at par, and to pay therefor either wholly in cash or one-half in cash and the balance by surrendering Pref. or 6% Debenture stock at par as stated in V. 110, p. 265.

The proceeds derived from the subscription rights for the 7% Debenture stock, if fully exercised, will result in increasing the Corporation's assets by approximately \$85,000,000, making the corporation's total cash assets approximately about \$175,000,000, which is to be used for the normal and safe expansion of the business, and to develop recently acquired and extremely profitable lines, and to maintain cash reserves sufficiently large to care for a gross business for the calendar year 1920 of approximately \$800,000,000.

All of the 7% Debenture stock not subscribed, as aforesaid, will be sold, or in the discretion of the board, may be issued in payment for property or services, or as bonuses to employees of the corporation or employees of subsidiary companies, or for other assets or securities, including cash, necessary or desirable to be purchased or acquired from time to time for the corporation; or as a dividend upon the Common stock. [Press reports say that negotiations are pending with banking houses for the sale of a large block of the 7% Debenture stock to be listed as aforesaid.]

The Common stock will be exchanged for the present outstanding Common stock on the basis of 10 shares of the common stock without par value for each share of the present Common stock of the par value of \$100 a share. Said exchange may be made on and after May 3 1920 at the office of the corporation, 1764 Broadway, N. Y., after which date no transfers of the old Common stock will be made, nor will dividends be paid thereon.

President McDougall is quoted as saying: "We are improving our physical condition and by further new improvements are made possible without outside assistance by our excellent financial position. Nova Scotia is in position to proceed independently in a most satisfactory manner."
 "We have recently acquired control of the Arcadia Coal Mining Co. and are now studying the question of enlarging production of this as well as other properties of the Nova Scotia Co."
 "The outlook for this year is rather encouraging. We had a fair year in 1919, having earned our dividend."—V. 109, p. 2362.

Ohio Cities Gas Co.—Votes Capital Increase, &c.
 The stockholders have voted to increase the Preferred stock from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000. The stockholders also approved the action of the directors in the purchase of the stock of the Union Des Petroles (Old.) Producing & Refining Co. The matter of changing the name of the company to the Pure Oil Co. was also discussed, and a special meeting of stockholders will be called in the near future to act upon this alteration. About 90% of the company's profits are derived from the oil business and about 10% from public utilities. See V. 109, p. 2444; V. 110, p. 172.

Ohio Iron & Steel Co.—Dividends.
 This company it is stated, will pay dividends of 1% monthly and extra of 1% during 1920.—V. 108, p. 176.

Oklahoma Producing & Refining Corp. of America.
 The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of the \$15,000,000 common stock.
 R. E. McIvain, N. H. Weber, H. N. Cole and B. G. Dawes have been elected directors.

The following officers have been elected: B. G. Dawes, Pres.; T. O. Lilystrand, Vice-Pres.; L. P. Harrington, Treas., and Robert L. Howard, Sec.—V. 110, p. 172.

Ontario Steel Products Co.—Dividends.
 A regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% and 1 1/2% on account of accumulations has been declared on the Pref. stock, both payable Feb. 16 to stock of record Jan. 31.—V. 109, p. 584, 376.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. of Calif.—Bond Application.
 The company and the Northern California Power Co. have made a joint application to the Calif. RR. Commission to authorize the issuance by the Northern company of \$871,000 of its bonds. Of this sum \$375,000 will be used to pay a balance due on debentures deposited with the Anglo-California Trust Co. in payment for stock of the Sacramento Valley Power Co. purchased by the Northern company in 1912; \$192,217 will be used to meet sinking fund payments now due and the balance to meet future sinking fund requirements.—V. 110, p. 172.

Pennsylvania Gasoline Co.—Par Value to be \$10.
 A special meeting of stockholders will be held Feb. 14 at the office in Bradford, Pa., to take action on a proposition to change the par value of the common stock from \$1 to \$10 per share.—V. 106, p. 1235.

Penn Seaboard Steel Corp.—Proposed Purchase.
 Chairman Rodney Thayer, 1417 Sansom St., Philadelphia, Jan. 20, wrote in substance:

"The Tacony Steel Co., which is situated at Tacony, Phila., on the Delaware River, has a long successful history in the manufacture of special alloy steels, nickel, vanadium, chrome nickel, &c., and have on their books a large tonnage of unfilled orders for this class of material and a ready market at high prices for all they can turn out."

"They, however, are handicapped by an inadequate supply of semi-finished steel. Your New Castle plant, which is also situated on the Delaware River, and has been idle for the past nine months, has every modern facility for making and rolling this special semi-finished material. Consequently, this purchase makes possible the immediate resumption of activities of your New Castle plant, with an immediate market for every ton of material they can turn out, at very remunerative figures."

"This purchase should largely increase the volume of your company's business, and to properly handle the same it is necessary to have increased working capital, which is to be provided by the sale of \$1,500,000 3-year notes which you are asked to authorize. Julian Kennedy, of Pittsburgh, reports most favorably as to this purchase."

[Provision for the conversion of the notes is made by a paragraph of the plan which calls for the sale as part of the transaction of 89,223 shares, without par value, of the unissued capital stock on condition that 50,000 shares thereof shall be issued and sold for \$1 per share and when so sold shall be re-delivered by the purchasers to the corporation and by it deposited with the trustee, to be held for the purpose of enabling the holders of the aforesaid 7% 3-Year Sinking Convertible gold notes to exchange the same for stock at any time on or before Feb. 1 1921 at \$1,000 notes for 25 shares of stock; thereafter, before Feb. 1 1922, \$1,000 of notes for 22 shares of stock; and thereafter, before Feb. 1 1923, \$1,000 of notes for 20 shares.] See also V. 110, p. 367.

Pittsburgh Coal Co.—Directors.
 A. K. Oliver and James Carstairs have been elected directors to succeed Henry R. Rea and John J. Fisher, deceased.—V. 109, p. 2270.

Pittsburgh Oil & Gas Co.—Not to Issue Stock.
 The directors on Jan. 20 rescinded the action authorizing the sale of \$500,000 new capital stock. This action was taken because the outlook of the company indicated that any corporate financing contemplated could be done out of earnings. Some time ago its was announced that stockholders of record Jan. 31 would be given the privilege of subscribing for 20% of their holdings in new stock, payment to be made Feb. 1 and 15.
 The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividend of 2 1/2%.—V. 109, p. 2177.

Portage Rubber Co.—Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

1919.		1918.		1919.		1918.	
Assets—		Liabilities—		Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real est., bldgs. & equip.	986,287	1,103,425	Preferred stock, x.	1,326,500	520,200		
Trade marks, pat. & good-will	—	—	Common stock, x.	2,500,000	2,500,000		
Cash	411,943	411,707	Notes payable	475,000	250,000		
Lib. bonds & V. S. S.	30,862	255,661	Accounts payable	159,233	126,435		
Notes & trade accept.	176,209	—	Accrued accounts	35,461	—		
Notes receivable	463,223	36,929	Federal taxes	11,415	—		
Accounts receivable	—	39,098	Discount notes and trade acceptances	110,079	—		
Inventory	2,656,917	1,744,965	Reserve funds	45,000	246,075		
Other assets	27,660	13,045	Surplus	40,702	305,121		
Total	4,704,082	3,947,830	Total	4,704,082	3,947,830		

Authorized, \$5,000,000.—V. 110, p. 367.

Producers & Refiners Corporation, Denver.—Stock—Name to be Changed to the Kistler Company—Larger Board.
 The shareholders will vote Feb. 12 on propositions (1) to increase the common capital stock by 1,000,000 shares; (2) to change the name to the Kistler Co.; (3) to increase the board from 11 to 15 directors.

New Stock—Acquisition.—The increase in stock is to acquire control of the Western Oil Fields Corporation and to provide capital for our program of expansion, including the development of our present holdings and the acquisition of new properties.

About 3,000,000 shares of Western Oil Fields stock have been signed for or deposited in escrow with the Denver National Bank, to be exchanged on the basis of six shares of the Western for one share of Producers & Refiners Common stock. We have until March 6 to make the exchange. To complete the transaction it will require practically 500,000 shares of Producers & Refiners Common stock, leaving the remainder of the increased capital in the treasury available for our general program of development and expansion.

Western Oil Fields Corporation.—This corporation owns (a) oil and gas leases covering approximately 1,068 acres in the Homer, Pine Island and Bull Bayou fields, in North Louisiana, and an undivided one-half interest in the Shaw lease of 120 acres in the Homer field, in which lease the Rowe Oil Corporation owns the other half. (b) Oil and gas leases covering several thousand acres in undeveloped but promising territory approximately as follows: 4,500 acres Bexar County, Tex.; 400 acres Bienville Parish, La.; 400 acres Bossier Parish, La. (c) 46% of the outstanding capital stock of the Rowe Oil Corporation; (d) 33% of the outstanding capital stock of the Claiborne Pipe Line Co. (e) Other assets, including cash, accounts receivable, oil in storage, machinery, equipment and personal property, in excess of current liabilities, to the approximate amount of \$440,000. It is con-

templated that prior to Feb. 12 adjustments will be made freeing both the Western and Rowe corporations from all debt.

Rowe Oil Corporation.—This corporation, the control of which has recently passed to the Simms Petroleum Co. for a consideration in excess of \$3,000,000, owns: (1) Oil and gas leases in North Louisiana approximately as follows: (a) 1,765 acres in the Homer field, including an undivided one-half interest in the Shaw lease, in which the Western Oil fields owns the other half; (b) 40 acres in the Pine Island field with two producing wells; (c) 130 acres in the Bull Bayou field; (d) 784 acres in Bienville and Webster Parishes; (2) Oil and gas leases in Texas as follows: (e) 10 acres in the Iowa Park field; (f) 15 acres in the Burk Burnett district; (g) 5 acres near Center, Shelby County; (h) 4,500 acres in Bexar County. (3) 33% of the capital accounts receivable, oil in storage, machinery, equipment and personal property, in excess of current liabilities to a total of about \$400,000.

The Claiborne Pipe Line Co. owns in the Homer field 4 1/2 miles of 3-inch pipe line, 3 pumping stations, 13,200 barrel storage tanks, &c.

Shaw Lease.—From the Shaw lease, above mentioned, there is now being marketed 4,000 barrels daily. This oil sells for \$2.75 per barrel at the wells. The combined initial maximum daily production from the three second-sand wells on this lease was between 30,000 and 40,000 barrels a day and from six first-sand wells from 1,500 to 1,800 barrels. The Shaw lease is owned jointly by the Western and Rowe corporations, 50% each, but by reason of the Western Oil fields owning 46% of the Rowe stock we would acquire in the lease a 72% interest.

New Pipe Line Facilities.—The production in the Homer field is now limited by pipe line facilities which should be remedied at an early date by new lines being laid to the field, and by tank farms under construction. Plans are now under way between your corporation and the Simms Petroleum Co. for additional pipe line and storage facilities, which should enable us to double or treble our production from the Shaw lease and take care of production procured in the development of other leases.

The Homer district has proven to be the most productive high gravity oil field in the world. The oil is high grade, rich in gasoline content and is in great demand.

In the Pine Island district the Western Oil fields owns a lease on 146 acres with a daily production of 500 barrels, which at small cost should be made to produce 2,000 barrels daily. Pine Island crude oil sells for \$1.50 per barrel at the wells, but we have recently arranged to market it for \$2 a bbl.

Change of Name.—We are often embarrassed by companies using the name "Producers & Refiners," and it is therefore proposed, as a compliment to the efficient management of the Kistler Brothers, to adopt the name "The Kistler Company."

New Directors.—The company is associating with itself men of marked success in the oil world and would make room upon the board for such men. (Signed by directors.—P. J. Queally, W. A. Otis, L. J. Marcell, Merritt W. Gano, Theo. G. Smith, F. L. Griffith, Frank D. McCauley, W. H. Warner, E. P. Shove, W. L. Kistler and F. E. Kistler.)—V. 110, p. 268.

Remington Arms Union Metallic Cartridge Co.—Sale.

The company, it is stated, is preparing to sell plants or part of plants built for war needs and now useless to the company. Five new liquidating companies have been formed to take over and dispose of the five war plants. The new companies are Fairfield Liquidating Co., East End Realty Corp., and the Bridgeport Liquidating Co., Connecticut; the Union Liquidating Corp. of N. Y., and the Swanton Liquidation Corp. of Vermont. The company, it is stated, is paring down its war structure to resume operations on a peace basis.—V. 109, p. 78.

Rowe Oil Corporation.—Control of Properties.
 See Producers & Refiners Corporation above.

St. Lawrence Flour Mills, Ltd.—Bonus of 1%.
 A bonus of 1% has been declared on the Common stock in addition to the regular quarterly 1 1/2%, both payable Feb. 2 to holders of record Jan. 24. On Jan. 6 1920 an extra dividend of 10% was paid. In the four quarters of 1919 an extra of 1% was paid on the Common in addition to the regular quar. of 1 1/2%.—V. 109, p. 2445.

Santa Cecilia Sugar Corp.—To Exchange Each \$100 Common Share for Six Shares of No Par Value.

The stockholders will vote Feb. 4 on changing the number and par value of the shares of the Com. stock from 17,500 shares of the par value of \$100 each to 105,000 shares without nominal or par value. A circular dated Jan. 24 says: In the judgment of the board the interests of the stockholders will be served by the issuance of them of six shares of Com. stock without nominal or par value in exchange for each share of Com. stock of the par value of \$100 now held by them. In this conclusion the voting trustees concur. Robert L. Dean is secretary, 44 Whitehall St., N. Y. Voting trustees: Benjamin L. Allen, Charles H. Buswell, Tracy A. Johnson and Montgomery H. Lewis. Compare V. 109, p. 2438, 78.

Savage Arms Corp.—5% Extra Dividend—Earnings.
 An extra dividend of 5% has been declared on the Common stock, payable April 30 1920 to holders of record March 1. An extra dividend of 5% was also paid on the 15th inst.

The surplus for the calendar year 1919, after deducting charges and taxes, is reported as \$1,612,424 against \$1,374,488 in 1918, when \$6,460,238 was set aside for Federal taxes and reserve.—V. 109, p. 1706.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Annual Earnings.

Calendar Year	1919.	1918.	1917.
Net prof. after chgs. & Fed. taxes	\$18,890,125	\$12,704,064	\$14,119,928
Common dividend	(8%) 5,999,506	(8%) 5,999,188	(7%) 5,549,009
Preferred dividend (7%)	559,188	559,188	559,188

Balance, surplus.....\$12,331,431 \$6,145,630 \$8,011,731
 —V. 110, p. 173, 83.

Seneca Copper Co.—Bond Issue Proposed.

The directors have recommended to shareholders an issue of \$500,000 8% Debenture bonds, convertible into stock at \$20 per share. Shareholders will be given the right to subscribe to the bonds at \$10 to the extent of 16 2/3% of their present holdings. The issue, it is understood, has been underwritten by Lewisohn Bros., New York, and Tucker, Hays & Bartholomew of Boston.

The directors also recommend that the outstanding capital stock be increased to 250,000 shares by the issuance of 50,000 new shares. Of the new stock it is proposed that half be reserved for the conversion of these bonds and the rest held in the treasury. The stockholders will shortly vote on these recommendations.—V. 103, p. 2435.

(Walden W.) Shaw Corp.—Dividend.
 A quarterly dividend of \$5 has been declared on the outstanding Common stock, payable Feb. 14 to holders of record Jan. 26. In Dec. 1919 an extra of \$1 was paid.—V. 110, p. 268.

Sherwin-Williams Co., Cleveland.—Preferred Stock Offering.
 Wm. A. Read & Co., New York, &c., Cleveland Trust Co., and Borton & Borton, Cleveland, are offering (subject to the authorization of the issue by the stockholders on Feb. 19) at 100 and div., by advertisement on another page \$15,000,000 7% Cum. First Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100.

Redeemable all or part at 105 and div. on 30 days' notice. A sinking fund is provided to redeem at least 3% p. a. of the greatest amount of First Pref. stock issued. Div. Q.-M.

Data from Letter of Pres. Walter H. Cottingham, Cleveland, Jan. 26.

Company.—Is the largest manufacturer of paints and varnishes in the world. Business established in 1866, was incorporated in 1884. Volume of gross business has grown from \$1,195,000, in 1897 to over \$54,000,000 in 1919. Products are sold through its own branches and stores to dealers and consumers throughout the civilized world. Principal plants at Cleveland, Chicago, Newark and Bound Brook, N. J., Detroit, San Francisco, Boston, Dallas and Lincoln, Neb. Company manufactures all its own important raw materials. Also owns and operates its own lead and zinc mines. In all, the company with its subsidiaries, owns and operates 35 manufacturing plants and distributes its products through 90 warehouses and 30 retail stores. Its export business is handled by a subsidiary organized under the Webb-Pomerene Law.

Purpose.—To retire \$4,014,000 old Preferred stocks, for additional working capital, and for construction and acquisition of additional properties.

Combined Net Profits after Taxes and Depreciation, Exclusive of Interest Charges Eliminated by Present Financing, and Available for Dividends During the Five Fiscal Years ended Aug. 31.

Table with 5 columns for years 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915. Rows include Net revenue, Interest charges, Preferred dividends, Amortization of discounts, Balance, surplus.

Simms Petroleum Co.—Joint Control of Rowe Oil Corp.—See Producers & Refiners Corporation above.—V. 110, p. 368, 269.

Sonora Phonograph Co., Inc.—Votes Capital Increase, &c.—The stockholders of the Sonora Phonograph Sales Co., Inc., voted on Jan. 20 (a) to change the name of the company to Sonora Phonograph Co., Inc. (b) to create a new issue of \$1,250,000 8% Cumul. Pref. stock.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Annual Earnings.—Calendar Years—1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include Net revenue, Interest charges, Preferred dividends, Amortization of discounts.

President H. M. Bylesby, in advance of the annual report, says in brief: "The company in 1919 had the best year in its history, earning in excess of 7 1/2% on its common stock after the payment of all charges and its preferred dividends.

The Shaffer Oil & Refining Co. is carrying out an extensive construction and drilling program on its large acreage in Louisiana, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma, which it is anticipated will more than double the production of that company during the coming year.

Standard Oil Co. of California.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of \$1 has been declared along with the regular quarterly dividend of \$2.50, both payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 14.

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 3%, along with the quarterly payment of 3%, on the \$30,000,000 outstanding capital stock (par \$100), payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 2.

Standard Oil Co. of Kansas.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of \$3 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$3 have been declared on the capital stock, payable March 15 to stock of record Feb. 23.

Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the common stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of 2% on the common and 1 1/2% on the preferred, all payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Feb. 5.

Suncook Mills.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the common stock in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 3%, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 27.

Thompson (John R.) Co., Chicago.—Ex. Div.—Directors.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% or 50¢ a share on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 10.

Tobacco Products Corp.—Rights—Dates Changed.—As foreshadowed last week (p. 368) the dates with respect to the rights on both Common and Preferred shares of Tobacco Products Corp. to subscribe share for share for the stock of the American Foreign Trade Corp. have been changed.

Transue & Williams Steel Forging Co.—Annual Report.—Calendar Year—1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include Net income, Dividend (per share), Balance, surplus.

Travelers Insurance Co.—Extra Div.—To Increase Cap.—The company has declared an extra dividend of 4%, payable Feb. 14 to holders of record Jan. 24.

Turners Falls Power & Electric Co.—Notes Offered.—Merrill, Oldham & Co., Spencer Trask & Co., White, Weld & Co. and Old Colony Trust Co. are offering Five-Year 7% Coupon gold notes.

Data from Letter of Pres. Geo. W. Lawrence, Turners Falls, Jan. 26.—Purpose.—To provide for the retirement of the greater part of the present floating debt of company incurred for extensions and additions.

Table with 5 columns for years 1918, 1919, 1918, 1919. Rows include Net sales of power, Oper. expenses, Oper. income, Other income.

United Tank Car Co.—Approves Preferred Issue.—The stockholders on Jan. 27 approved the plan providing for the issuance of \$12,000,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock, par \$100.

Union Twist Drill Co., Athol, Mass.—Pref. Stock Offering.—Estabrook & Co., Hayden, Stone & Co., and Parkinson & Burr are offering for sale at 100 and div., by advertisement on another page, of \$3,129,600 7% Cumulative Preferred (a. & d.) stock. Par \$100.

Dividends Q.—J. Red. all or part at \$110 and div. on 30 days' notice. An annual sinking fund beginning May 1 1921 of 10% of the net profits or 2% of the maximum amount of preferred stock outstanding, whichever is greater, will retire the issue at not exceeding \$110 a share and divs.

Data from Letter of Treas. J. H. Drury, Athol, Mass., Jan. 22 1920.—Capitalization after present financing (no bonds). Outstanding 7% Cumul. Pref. stock \$3,129,600.

Purpose.—Of the new preferred stock a major portion has been used to retire the preferred stock of the old Union Twist Drill Co. (V. 109, p. 2445). Additional equity to the amount of \$1,000,000 has been provided by the sale of new common stock.

Company.—Incorp. in Massachusetts [Jan. 2 1920], and has acquired the property and assets of the former Union Twist Drill Co., the S. W. Card Mfg. Co. and Butterfield & Co., Inc. (See plan in V. 109, p. 2445).

Plants are located at Athol and Mansfield, Mass., Derby Line, Vt., and across the boundary at Rock Island, Quebec. The buildings have a combined floor space of nearly 8 acres.

Management.—The same management that has been in control of the former Union Twist Drill Co. for 15 years, and also has controlled the S. W. Card Mfg. Co. and Butterfield & Co., Inc., since 1913, will be in active charge of the affairs of the new company.

Sales and Earnings.—The total sales of the old Union Twist Drill Co. for 1905 were about \$60,000, while in 1919 sales were over \$3,600,000.

The net earnings of the old Union Twist Drill Co. and its subsidiaries, after tax deductions, for the 7 years ended Dec. 31 1919 have averaged \$1,129,155 or 5.15 times the div. requirements for this stock.

United Cigar Stores Co. of Amer.—Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 10% on the Common, payable in Common stock on April 1 1920, to holders of record March 15.

United Gas & Electric Corporation.—Earnings.—12 Mos. Enjng.—Dec. 31 '19, Sept. 30 '19. Rows include Balance of subsidiary operating companies, Reserve for renewals & replacements, Prop'n of earnings, etc.

United Retail Stores Corp.—Sub. Co. Stock.—See United Cigar Stores of America above.—V. 109, p. 2446.

United States Cold Storage Co., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,800,000 1st Mtge. Real Estate Gold 6s.

United States Distributing Corp.—Controlling Interest.—See United States Trucking Corp. below.—V. 109, p. 1531.

United States Gypsum Co.—To Reincorp. in Illinois.—Announcement has been made by the company that a committee of directors has been appointed to draft a plan for changing the company from a New Jersey to an Illinois corporation.

United States Steel Corporation.—Wage Increase.—Albert H. Gary, Chairman, has announced: "The wage rates of day labor at the manufacturing plants of the Steel Corporation have been increased about 10%, to become effective Feb. 1. Other rates will be suitably adjusted."

This increase in wages is the first to be given to the Corporation's steel workers since Oct. 1918, when the eight-hour basic day was adopted, thus giving an automatic pay increase of 10%. The annual pay-roll of the Corporation is raised to about \$500,000,000 by the increase.—V. 110, p. 369.

United States Trucking Corp., N. Y.—Prof. Stock Offered.—Spencer Trask & Co. and Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., N. Y., are placing this company's 8% Cum. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100. (The offering price is thought to be 99 and div., to yield over 8.08%.)

Dividends Q.—J. Red. all or part on any div. date at \$110 and divs. No mortgage other than purchase money obligations without consent of 3/4 of the outstanding Pref. stock.

Data from Letter of James J. Riordan Dated New York, Jan. 16 1920.—Capitalization Authorized and to Be Presently Issued (No Bonds). 8% Cumulative Preferred stock (par \$100) \$2,000,000.

27 representative trucking concerns operating in N. Y. City: Monahan Express Co., John J. Gillen, Inc., P. Reardon, Inc., Edward F. Kelly, Daniels & Kennedy, Halvey Bros., Herbie Transfer Co., E. R. Lowe Co., Oscar C. Brunner, Inc., and F. W. Gebhardt, Inc., John F. Lange, Inc., Robert L. Smith, R. J. Mulligan, D. Gilroy & Sons, James S. Hannon, Inc., Richard Fitzpatrick, Inc., P. Vlane, Inc., and Thompson Bros., Inc., Thos. McLarnon Co., Inc., J. S. Sullivan, John H. Lawrence, Theo. Ficke, Inc., William Casoy, Inc., J. S. Stanton, Kevin Thorsby, Matthew J. Sullivan, Paul Viane, Healey & Callahan, Robert H. Thornberry.

These concerns handle about 80% of all the heavy trucking in N. Y. City except household furniture, office furniture and fixtures and retail coal. **Earnings.**—The accounts of 25 concerns audited by Ernst & Ernst, based upon periods ranging from 1 year to 4 years and 8 months ended Aug. 31 1919, show average annual combined net earnings of \$1,105,902 after depreciation but before executive salaries, Federal taxes, &c. For the year ended Aug. 31 1919 net earnings of these 25 concerns amounted to \$1,352,221. Earnings for the calendar year 1920, after Federal taxes, are estimated to equal nearly 8 times the annual dividend requirements of the Pref. stock and to over 5 times the total annual Pref. stock dividend and sinking fund requirements.

Management.—Controlling interest will be held by the United States Distributing Corp. The directors will include George F. Getz, Chairman; Louis J. Hunter, Treas.; Gardner Patilson, Henry J. Fuller, S. M. Schatzkin; Alexander Levene, Sec.; James J. Riordan, Pres.; James S. Reardon, Edward F. Kelly, William J. McCormack, George W. Daniels, Daniel L. Reardon, Francis J. Kelly, Charles Fleck and John Fitzpatrick.—V. 110, p. 270.

United Water, Gas & Electric Co., Hutchinson, Kan.
The towns of Geneseo and Little River, Kan., have voted bonds to extend the company's line to a distance of about 14 miles north of the present line, which will bring it about 50 miles north of Hutchinson. An effort is also being made in four other towns west of Geneseo to vote bonds, and if these are carried the line will probably be extended 40 miles west of Geneseo.

Work has been started on the construction of the high tension line which is to run south from Hutchinson for a distance of 35 miles. When completed it will supply current to Arlington, Partridge, Langdon and Turon. Another line, which will run westerly from Sterling to Alden, is under course of construction. This line will eventually run west to Great Bend and Kinsley and when fully completed will be about 150 miles long.—"Wall Street Journal."—V. 106, p. 2661.

Utah Copper Co.—Stock Pledged as Security, &c.—See Kennecott Copper Corp. above.—V. 110, p. 270.

Vanadium Corporation of America.—Listing.—Earnings.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after Feb. 5 1920 of 93,334 shares of capital stock without nominal or par value, making the total amount authorized to be listed 373,334 shares. Compare V. 110, p. 174, 369.

Income Account of Vanadium Corporation of America, Sept. 16 1919 to Jan. 21 1920 (Showing Peru and Subject to Correction).

Total sales.....	\$1,383,988
Costs and expenses.....	613,489
Taxes (income, net income and excess profits).....	120,233
Net operating profit.....	\$650,266
Total profit (including other income, \$11,400).....	\$661,675
After deducting organization expenses, \$68,347, a surplus of.....	\$593,328

remains.—V. 110, p. 369.

Vermont Hydro-Electric Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., New York, are offering at 94½ and int. \$1,350,000 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds, Series "A."

Dated Oct. 1 1919. Due Oct. 1 1920. Int. payable A. & O. in New York without deduction for Federal income taxes now or hereafter deductible at the source, not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (e*). Red. all or part on any int. date, upon 30 days' notice, at 101 and int. Tax refund in Penns. Mercantile Trust Co., N. Y., trustee.

Data from Letter of Pres. W. S. Barstow, dated New York, Nov. 14 '19.
Company.—Incorp. in 1913 in Vermont as Colonial Power & Light Co., and in October 1919 acquired the properties of several other hydro-electric companies. Serves electric light and power directly or indirectly to 30 communities located in the southern part of Vermont and the southwestern part of New Hampshire, and supplies electrical energy for the entire light and power requirements of the Rutland Ry., Light & Power Co. The system is protected by one of the largest storage reservoirs existing in the State of Vermont, with a storage capacity of over 3,000,000,000 gallons and an available head of about 1,000 ft. Population served about 60,000.

Capitalization.
First mortgage 6% gold bonds, Series "A"..... (*) \$1,350,000
Preferred stock, 7% cumulative.....\$1,000,000 650,000
Common stock.....1,000,000 550,000

*Additional bonds may be issued from time to time under certain restrictions as the board of directors may determine.
Including \$30,000 in treasury.
Purpose.—Proceeds were used in part payment for the acquisition of the hydro-electric properties forming the present system, for the refunding in part of all previous issues of bonds upon the various properties and for other corporate purposes.

Sinking and Improvement Fund.—Company covenants to establish and maintain a sinking fund beginning Oct. 1 1922 and continuing annually to Oct. 1 1928, equal to 1% of the principal amount of all Series "A" bonds outstanding, to be used for the purchase or redemption of bonds of this series or for the acquisition of additional property, improvements, betterments, &c.

Maintenance and Depreciation Fund.—The mortgage provides for a maintenance and depreciation fund beginning in 1920 and continuing annually thereafter, amounting to 8% of the gross earnings. This fund is calculated to be amply sufficient to prevent any deterioration and to keep the property in excellent physical condition. Whenever this fund shall exceed \$20,000 it is provided that such excess shall be transferred to the sinking and improvement fund.

Income statement for 12 months ended July 31 1919, assuming that the consolidation had been in effect.

Gross earnings, including miscellaneous income.....	\$470,915
Net earnings, after exp. rentals and taxes.....	193,671
Annual int. on \$1,350,000 1st Mtge. 6% requires.....	81,000

—V. 109, p. 1800.

Vulcan Detinning Co.—Plan of Settlement.—The stockholders will vote Feb. 18 on a plan of settlement which is embodied in an agreement dated as of Jan. 19 1920, between (1) a majority of the directors of the company as stockholders therein, (2) certain stockholders in the Republic Chemical Co., and (3) the Continental Can Co., Inc. The following are the main features of such plan:

- (1) That the capital stock of the company be increased from \$3,500,000 to \$5,646,000, by creating (a) a new class of 7% Cumulative Pref. stock "A" \$920,000, and (b) a new class of Common stock "A", \$1,226,000. There will be no difference between the rights of the holders of the present and new Preferred stocks or between the rights of the holders of the present and new Common stocks, except that for ten years from the date of such increase the holders of the present stock will be entitled to vote for and elect six and no more members of the board of directors, and the holders of the new stock will have the right to vote for an elect three and no more members of such board. By vote of two-thirds in interest of each class of stock all of the classes may, however, be given full and equal voting rights before the expiration of such ten-year period.
- (2) That the Republic Company be dissolved and that the Vulcan Company shall acquire all of its assets, property and business, and pay therefor as follows: (a) Such new 7% Cum. Pref. stock "A," \$919,400; (b) such new Common stock "A," \$1,225,800; (c) \$9,193 in cash upon transfer of the assets; (d) \$39,073 payable in cash when the proposed payment in cash in installments without interest from time to time when and as the balance of such dividend arrearages shall be paid. Each of such installment payments are to be substantially in the proportion of the dividend arrearage payment then made as 38 bears to 62.
- (3) That upon such acquisition a dividend of \$4 25 per share (4¼%) shall be declared and paid upon the present Preferred stock on account of the dividend arrearages, which now aggregate 36¼%.
- (4) That for ten years the Continental Can Co., Inc., will sell the tin scrap produced by it to the Vulcan Company as provided in contract.

(5) That such suit shall be discontinued as against all of the defendants with the exception of the estate of Adolph Kern, as against which the claims of the company are to be fully reserved.

The tangible property of the Republic Company is approximately of the same value as the similar property of the Vulcan Company. The business of the Republic Company, as represented by its supplies of tin plate scrap, is approximately 30% greater than that of the Vulcan Co.—V. 110, p. 270.

Western Oil Fields Corporation.—Sale.—See Producers & Refiners Corporation above.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—To Pay Notes.—The \$15,000,000 6% notes due Feb. 1 1920 will be paid off at maturity at office of Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, New York City. The company, it is stated, is planning improvements at its Trafford City foundries that will cost \$2,000,000. The present iron works, it is understood, are to be converted into steel foundries and new plants will be constructed. The company, it is said, will build 500 modern houses for workmen.—V. 109, p. 1230.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co., Wichita, Kan.—Stock.
The directors on Jan. 6 authorized Merrill, Lynch & Co. and Josephthal & Co., 120 Broadway, N. C. City, and Strandberg, McGreevy & Co., Kansas City, Mo., to offer Treasury stock to the stockholders of record on Jan. 15, privilege of purchasing 20% of their holdings at \$22 50 per share, payable (a) A. N. Allen, Treasurer, in Wichita as follows: (a) All cash on or before Jan. 31 1920, or (b) 33 1-3% Jan. 31 1920; 33 1-3% Feb. 28 1920; 33 1-3% Mar. 30 1920 (deferred payments to draw int. at 5% from Jan. 31).

Further Data from Circular of Jan. 10 by President L. L. Marcell.
The proceeds are needed principally in paying for and operating the Fort Worth refinery and tank cars purchased of the Evans-Thwing Refining Co., as well as for other expansion in other departments. The tank cars due to advancing prices are now worth \$100,000 more than they cost us while an appraisal indicates that the refining plant was purchased at about \$100,000 less than it would cost to build. This plant has a capacity of something over 5,000 barrels daily. We ran 50,000 barrels there in December, and hope by spring to run it at its full capacity, adding largely to our profits. The company also owns a 6,000 barrel capacity refinery in Augusta, Kan., and 396 tank cars, and has purchased 50 new cars, shortly to be delivered, and 116 cars under lease making a total of 562 cars for transportation of White Eagle products. It owns 74 distributing stations located in Kansas and Colorado, and has locations and material purchased for 9 additional stations, which include one large station and some filling stations in Kansas City, Mo.

This company is the second largest distributor of gasoline and kerosene in the State of Kansas. Our stations, during the eight months they operate in 1919, sold 8,561,700 gallons of gasoline and kerosene. Our total sales during that period amounted to \$5,000,000. The proceeds of this stock will be used in part for the acquiring of additional oil and gas leases. We now own approximately 23,000 acres of oil and gas leases located in Kansas, Oklahoma, Northern Texas and Louisiana, either in proven territory or near drilling wells. Seven wells are drilling (four near completion), and when these are completed the company should have a production of at least 2,000 bbls. per day. Oil is now sold for \$3 per barrel.

The net profits available for dividends after liberal depreciation charges and provisions for Federal and other taxes, for the eight months ending Dec. 31 1919, were \$501,000, without appreciable earnings from the production department. I estimate the monthly earnings at \$260,000 per month and during 1920, the net earnings after depreciation and income taxes, should aggregate \$2,000,000. Within four months after organization the first dividend of \$2 50 was paid of 50 cents per share and the stock is now paying \$2 per share per year. The next quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share will be paid on April 10. The President and all the directors have subscribed for their full 20% of the new stock. [The total authorized stock, 320,000 shares, will now be outstanding. The bankers named agree to offer to the public any part of the new issue not taken by the stockholders.]—V. 109, p. 279.

(William) Whitman Co., Inc., Boston.—Preferred Stock Offered.—Guaranty Trust Co., New York, First National Corp., Shawmut Corp. of Boston, and Estabrook & Co., Boston, are offering at 100 and div. \$7,500,000 7% Pref. (a. & d.) stock. Par \$100.

Dividends cumulative Q.-J. Red. all or part at 110 and div. on any div. date on 30 days' notice. An annual sinking fund from surplus or net profits of 3% of the aggregate amount of Pref. stock issued shall be provided to retire stock of this issue, but during the first three years may be used for capital requirements. Neither the company nor any of the mills below named has any funded debt or other preferred stock and none may be issued by the company or by any stock-controlled company except with the consent of holders of ¾ of this issue.

Capitalization after present financing (no bonds)—Authorized, Outstanding.

Common stock.....	\$20,000,000	\$5,000,000
Preferred stock (this issue).....	20,000,000	7,500,000

Data from Letter of Pres. William Whitman, dated Boston, Jan. 23 '20.
Company.—Incorp. in 1913 in Mass. to take over the long established business of the partnership of William Whitman & Co. and is now the largest of its kind in the country. Company sells wool and cotton textile products of various mills, assisting in the management of the following mills in which it owns a controlling or substantial interest: (a) Acadia Mills, (b) Arlington Mills, (c) Calhoun Mills, (d) Katama Mills, (e) Manomet Mills, (f) Mary Louise Mills, (g) Monomac Spinning Co., (h) Nashawena Mills, (i) Nonquit Spinning Co.

In addition to selling the entire output of this group of mills, the company buys and sells products of other mills, principally on a commission basis.

Purpose.—To provide capital needed to take care of the company's expanding business.

Net profits, including the proportionate interest in earnings of affiliated (stock controlled) companies on the basis of stock owned Nov. 29 1919, and only the dividends actually received on other shares.

Calendar years.....	1917.	1918.	1919*	3-year Ave.
Net profits before Fed. taxes.....	\$4,509,226	\$5,958,340	\$5,626,700	\$5,698,092
Federal taxes.....	1,774,162	3,872,692	2,308,974	2,650,273
Net profits after taxes.....	2,735,074	2,085,648	4,322,735	3,047,819
Times pref. div. reg. earned.....	5.2	4.0	8.2	5.8

*Partly estimated.

Net sales..... \$22,146,414 \$42,028,342 \$77,046,819 \$119,504,660 \$103,390,000
Sales are now running at an annual rate of about \$135,000,000.

Wickwire Spencer Steel Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.—E. H. Rollins & Sons, Counselman & Co., Spencer, Trask & Co., Naphen & Co. and Merchants Securities Corp. (of Worcester) are offering by advertisement on another page \$7,500,000 First Pref. (a. & d.) stock, 8% Cum. par \$100.

Dividends Q.-P., commencing Feb. 1 1920. Red. all or part for sinking fund, by lot, at 110 and div., on 4 weeks' notice. No mortgage other than the First Mortgage bonds shall be placed upon the property and no bonds or notes, having more than one year to run shall be issued or guaranteed without the consent of 75% in interest of the First Pref. stock. This however does not apply to the present authorized issue of First Mtge. bonds or bonds issued to refund them or to purchase money mortgages under conservative restrictions.

Sinking Fund.—A cumulative annual sinking fund will commence Dec. 31 1922, equal to 3% of the aggregate amount of First Pref. stock at any time issued to be devoted to the retirement of First Pref. stock by call or by purchase at not exceeding 110 and div., and to this fund shall be added all divs. which would have accrued on all First Pref. stock which has previously been redeemed by the Sinking fund. This Sinking fund is an obligation of the company only to the extent that the net earnings of the company after the payment of current and accumulated dividends on the First Pref. shares are sufficient for the purpose.

E. H. Rollins & Sons, Spencer, Trask & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Parkinson & Burr, First Trust & Savings Bank, and Illinois Trust & Savings Bank are offering at 100 and int., by advertisement on another page, \$12,500,000

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Jan. 30 1920.

Despite the shortage of cars and a widespread epidemic of influenza in this country, trade makes no bad showing. In fact, the Western jobbing business is larger than it was recently. In some parts of the East it is also more active. And everywhere there is a feeling of confidence that once these obstacles are removed, trade will go ahead with all the greater impetus from being hampered for a time. The weather has been severe much of the time in the East and also in some other parts of the country. This has hurt retail trade in some centres for the time being. Railroad transportation especially between New York and Chicago has suffered from the epidemic. But in parts of the West the influenza is subsiding. One of the greatest troubles, however, is the lack of cars. The trade of the country has overtaken and overpassed its railroad facilities. That is the long and the short of it. The quicker it is remedied, of course, the better. Another drawback is the shortage of fuel. This naturally results from deficient transportation. The relative scarcity of coal and coke at some centres of iron and steel production is a more or less serious matter. For the country needs all the iron and steel it can get. We are undoubtedly on the eve of a big building boom in this country. It has already started in parts of the South, where the weather has been favorable. The grain and flour trade has been handicapped, too, by the lack of rolling stock. So has the trade in lumber and building materials. In fact this drawback is universal in American trade and manufactures. Happily, the railroads of the country will be returned to their owners on March 1. It is hoped that energetic measures will then, or before then, be taken to remedy one of the gravest evils that confronts American business. Another drawback of course is the steady fall in the rates of foreign exchange. They have dropped to new low levels, and, coincidentally, money has been tight and up to 20% on call. It is satisfactory to notice, however, that food prices are in some cases lower. And there appears to be some prospects of lower prices for clothing, including shoes. It is a fact, however, that there is keener demand for leather both for export and domestic consumption. Lumber interests are buying machinery on a larger scale. In the West the drug and chemical business has expanded noticeably. Speculation, taking the country over, is light under the pressure partly of rising rates for rediscounts. That is causing more or less liquidation of holdings of merchandise of a more or less speculative kind, though there is no undue pressure to sell. The effect, on the contrary, seems to be gradual. The textile trades are still very prosperous. Taking the country as a whole, the feeling is still optimistic. Demand presses production. The regrettable thing is that what with short hours and inefficient labor, the output of things that civilized man requires in the way of such primary necessities as food, clothing and shelter is lamentably deficient.

Some London newspapers have latterly been attacking the United States. This is regrettable. This country is friendly to Great Britain and does not sanction anything that has been said or done during the war or after it that tends to create a contrary impression. The reception given to the Prince of Wales by the American people who had a chance to greet him tells the real story. Is labor amenable law or above the law? That point should be settled at once and settled for all time to come. A strike of 400 miners in Pittsburgh, Kansas district, was characterized by State officials as a challenge to the new Industrial Court law making strikes unlawful. Gov. Allen of Kansas at once proceeded to enforce the law. He said "The State is determined to uphold its sovereignty as against any fraction of its people." This has the right ring. And the miners promptly returned to work. Any grievances that they have will be adjusted. To relieve the immediate stress of the exchange situation in China where American gold is at a discount, 300,000 silver dollars have been shipped by the United States to Tientsin for the payment of troops and local accounts. There is an epidemic of influenza in New York. New working hours have been established to avoid crowding. Nurses are scarce and in the wholesale market drugs also. The U. S. Senate has appropriated \$500,000 to fight influenza. Action may be taken by City officials shortly to hasten the settlement of the local harbor strike which is adding to the influenza epidemic period by tying up tugs required for the removal of city garbage. Influenza now prevails in 20 States. Director General of Railroads says influenza is seriously interfering with the movement of freight, especially between New York and Chicago.

LARD lower; prime Western, 23.10@23.20c.; refined to the Continent, 26 1/2c.; South America, 26 3/4c.; Brazil in kegs, 27 1/2c. Futures declined with hogs and sterling. Packers have been selling freely. To-day prices advanced. They end higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery	cts. 23.60	23.40	23.40	23.80	22.50	22.57
May delivery	24.50	24.25	24.00	23.45	23.35	23.47
July delivery	24.80	24.55	24.35	23.80	23.72	23.85

PORK lower; mess, \$44@45; family, \$52@53; May pork closed at 39.10c., a rise of 5 cents for the week. Beef

dull and lower; mess, \$16@18; packet, \$18@20; extra India mess, \$43@45; No. 1 canned beef, \$3 25; No. 2, \$8 25. Cut meats lower; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 23 1/2@24 1/2c.; pickled bellies, 25@27c. Butter, creamery extras, 62 1/2@63c.; other grades, 51@62c. Cheese, flats, 20@32c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 66@67c.; first to extra firsts, 62@65c.

COFFEE quiet and unchanged; No. 7 Rio 16c. No. 4 Santos 25 1/2@26c.; fair to good Cucuta 28@28 1/2c. Futures advanced here at one time with a rise in Santos and covering of shorts. The market has been rather narrow however awaiting further developments as to possible further sales by the Brazilian Government. Latterly prices have declined. It is feared that Brazil will sell again. At one time there was even a report that further sales had been made by the Brazilian Government supposedly to American buyers. The quantity offered was understood to be 25,000 bags averaging 4s to 5s and the price 23c. cost and freight, American credit. Previous Brazilian Government sales are said to have been 362,000 bags at 22 1/4@22 1/2c., American credit cost and freight. To-day prices declined on disappointing Brazilian cables also on reports of sales of spot coffee at easier quotations. Prices end lower for the week. Closing prices were as follows:

March cts.	15.17@15.18	July cts.	15.60@15.62	Dec. cts.	15.20@15.22
May	15.40@15.42	Sept.	15.40@15.41	Jan.	15.20@15.22

SUGAR in fair demand at unchanged prices; centrifugal 96 degrees test 13.04 for Cuban and 15c. for Porto Rican. Big imports are expected here next week. But the movement is spasmodic. Meanwhile the inability to find out just what the labor situation in Cuba is has a somewhat disquieting effect. Reports are contradictory. And while it is true that receipts of Cuban raw sugar at United States Atlantic ports last week were larger than recently the supply is still deficient. The receipts were 52,207 tons against 32,544 a week previous and 64,893 a year ago. Total stocks were 32,389 tons against 25,182 a week previous and 49,775 in 1919. If the railroad and dock strikes in Cuba can be settled or have been the large number of centrals—169—working would seem to insure a pretty good supply in the near future. Last week (ending Jan. 19th) shipments from Cuban ports to points north of Hatteras, including Canada were 33,504 tons and to Europe 29,125 tons a total of 62,619 tons against 44,763 the week before, 57,562 tons, last year and 35,733 tons two years ago. Receipts in Cuba were 143,000 tons, an increase of 44,802 tons compared with the week before, 85,339 tons more than a year ago and 40,891 tons more than two years ago. That does not look much like serious labor trouble. Stocks at the ports are 211,412 tons against 123,277 tons last year and 167,995 tons in 1918. Porto Rico sold here at 13c. delivered; also Porto Rico early February sailing at 12.75c. c. i. f. delivered to refiners.

OILS.—Linseed firm but quiet. The price basis is \$1 77 for carlots, Jan.-March. Lard strained winter unchanged at \$1 80; extra \$1 70. Coconut oil, Ceylon, barrels, 19 1/2@20c.; Cochin, 20c. Olive still \$3 10@3 25. Corn oil, refined, car lots, 23.56c. Cod, domestic, 1.10c.; Newfoundland, 1.14@1.16c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 95. Common to good strained rosin, \$19 10.

PETROLEUM in brisk demand and steady; refined in barrels, 21@22c.; bulk, New York, 14@15c.; cases, New York, 25.76@26.75c. Gasoline in good demand at unchanged prices; motor gasoline in steel barrels, 26 1/2c.; consumers, 28 1/2c.; gas machine, 45 1/2c. The United States is still the largest producer of petroleum in the world. This country has produced more than 61% of the world's crude petroleum since the discovery of that product, and at the latest report was producing more than 69% of the world's annual supply. Compilation of production statistics just issued by the Geological Survey shows that from 1857 to and including 1918 there were produced throughout the world 7,503,147,138 barrels of crude petroleum, of which the United States supplied 4,608,571,719 barrels. Russia furnished almost 25%. In the latest yearly statistics those of 1918, the United States produced 355,927,716 barrels, while Mexico furnished more than 12% and Russia almost 8%. According to the "Oil City Derrick," Kansas and Oklahoma completed 11,617 wells, with a total initial production of 661,211 barrels. There were 2,905 dry holes and 995 gas wells.

Pennsylvania	55 25	Indiana	33 13	Strawn	33 00
Corning	3 50	Princeton	3 27	Thrall	3 00
Cabell	3 42	Illinois, above 30		Healdton	2 25
Somerset, 32 deg.		degrees		Moran	3 00
and above	3 50	Plymouth	3 27	Henrietta	3 00
Ragland	1 75	Kansas&Oklahoma	3 00	Canada	3 63
Woolter	3 70	Corsicana, light	2 75	Caddo, La light	2 75
North Lima	3 23	Corsicana, heavy	1 30	Caddo heavy	1 50
South Lima	3 23	Electra	3 00	De Soto	2 90

RUBBER has been dull and latterly the tone has been quiet with exchange off. Quotations were 51 3/4 for either ribbed smoked sheets or first latex pale crepe spot, and nearby 52 1/2c. for Feb.-March arrival, 53 1/2c. for April-June and 53 3/4c. for last half of the year. Para up river fine, nominally 46 1/2c.; Central quiet; Guayule wet, nominally 25@27c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been on the whole quiet and rates to all appearance have eased in some cases. The United States Shipping Board has announced a rate of \$1 20 per 100 lbs. or 65c. a cubic foot, for cargo from North Atlantic range ports to Genoa and Naples; to Marseilles and Cette, \$1 60 per 100 lbs. or 75c. a cubic foot; to Liverpool, London,

Manchester, Hull, Avonmouth, Bristol, Cardiff, Glasgow, Leith, Belfast and Dublin, \$1 per 100 lbs. or 50c. a cubic foot. These rates while they are a standard are not binding. Individual operators in some cases are cutting them. Charters included wheat flour from La Plata to Malta, Ellawood at 210s. Feb.-March; steamer 5,700 tons 10% from River Plate to Mediterranean at 200s.; steamer 4,050 to 6,050 tons from San Lorenzo to the United Kingdom 65s.; completing Buenos Ayres La Plata, 62s. 6d.; option Bahia Blanca 65s. Feb. 5-March 15; steamer 5,000 to 6,000 tons from Australia to United Kingdom at 105s. Jan. 29-Feb. 29; steamer 26,000 tons 10% from United States ports to Trieste 17s. wheat and 100s. flour Feb. 10-Feb. 20; steamer about 5,400 tons from Cuba to the United Kingdom at 50s. Jan. 3-Jan. 25; heavy grain from Portland, Me. to West Italy 17s. prompt; steamer 4,000 tons from Huelva to Savannah at 65s. prompt; coal from Atlantic Range to Rotterdam \$21 prompt; coal five trips from Atlantic Range to a French Atlantic port \$21 50 prompt; coal from Atlantic Range to West Italy \$26 50; steamer 6,000 tons from Buenos Ayres or La Plata to Piraeus 10%, 215s. options Jan.-Feb.; steamer 5,800 tons from San Lorenzo to the United Kingdom 10% 63s. option Buenos Ayres or La Plata 62s. 6d. Feb. 15-March 31; steamer 5,800 tons from Virginia to River Plate \$12; steamer 5,000 tons from Rosaria to Continent 100s. Jan.-Feb. A delegation of more than 100, representing Western and Southern Chambers of Commerce, shipping organizations and other interests appeared before the Senate Committee on Commerce on the 27th instant to support the new export rates from the interior to South Atlantic and Gulf ports. The sale of ships to foreign interests by American interests that might abandon the routes from the South Atlantic and Gulf ports is objected to.

TOBACCO has been in brisk demand and very firm on all grades and descriptions. Many think the tendency is distinctly upward. There is a big consumption. Manufacturers' buying of domestic cigar leaf on a scale that makes that sufficiently clear. Foreign tobacco is also in excellent demand and firm. The feeling in the trade is generally cheerful. The year 1920, it is believed, will see a big expansion of business at prices well above the average of pre-war years. Holders in general are therefore confident. Buyers, on the other hand, are doing a good business.

COPPER in good demand and steady; electrolytic, 19 1/2 @ 19 1/4. Copper sales this month are estimated at 250,000,000 lbs., of which 65,000,000 were for export. Tin lower at 61 @ 61 1/2. Lead quiet but steady; spot New York, 8 3/4 @ 8 1/4. St. Louis, 8.35c. Zinc in only moderate demand and slightly lower; spot New York, 9.40 1/2 @ 9.40; St. Louis, 9.05 @ 9.15c.

PIG IRON has advanced to \$40 for basic, \$41 for Bessemer and \$40 Birmingham for No. 2 foundry. In the East prices are raised in proportion. Buying has been brisk, even for the second half of 1920. Lake Superior charcoal iron is up \$5 and buyers have to take allotments of so much to each one. Furnaces are more willing to contract for the last half of the year. This has stimulated business at firm prices. The production of iron ore in 1919 totaled 60,466,000 tons, or 13% less than in the preceding year.

STEEL has been quiet for lack of supplies. Producers have been declining further orders. Scarcity of cars has hampered business. The Railroad Administration calls for a maximum delivery of rails in February. The railroads have been trying to secure supplies on their own account also. They have also been buying tie plates. In all the tonnage thus obtained is considerable. Tin plate is at \$10. There is some speculative buying. Sheet bars are \$55 at Pittsburgh, and are said to be sold ahead practically to the end of the second quarter. Premiums on shapes and plates are being offered there. Plates in some cases are said to have sold there at 4 cents with other business at 3.50c.

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1919 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Table with 6 columns: Receipts to Jan. 30., 1919-20., 1918-19., and Stock. 1920., 1919. Rows include Galveston, Texas City, Aransas Pass, Port Arthur, &c., New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port News, &c., New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table with 6 columns: Receipts at—, 1920., 1919., 1918., 1917., 1916., 1915. Rows include Galveston, Texas City &c., Houston, N. Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, &c., Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port N., &c., All others.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 164,801 bales, of which 116,571 were to Great Britain, to France and 48,230 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1919 are as follows:

Table with 6 columns: Exports from—, Week ending Jan. 30 1920., From Aug. 1 1919 to Jan. 30 1920. Rows include Galveston, Texas City, Houston, Ft. Worth, El Paso, New Orleans, Mobile, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, &c., Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Providence, San Fran., Los Angeles, Seattle, Spokane, Portland.

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.

Table with 7 columns: On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—, Leaving Stock. Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, Norfolk, New York, Other ports.

* Estimated. a Including for Japan 1,500 from Mobile; 5,000 from Savannah.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has not been active; far from it. And fluctuations, so far as net results at any rate are concerned, have not been very wide. But on the whole prices have been very well sustained. Liquidation has been absorbed with no great difficulty. Some big local and Wall Street shorts covered. Spot markets in the main have been reported firm. And Liverpool has been aggressively bullish. That is to say, there has been a squeeze in January there. On the 28th inst. Liverpool advanced anywhere from 70 to 198 American points. January and near months led the rise. Lower exchange rates on this side are believed to have had not a little to do with the Liverpool advance. Sterling, for instance, has fallen to a new "low." But other factors in the Liverpool rise were covering

COTTON

Friday Night, Jan. 30 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 192,343 bales, against 216,881 bales last week and 209,074 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1919 4,644,985 bales, against 3,345,450 bales for the same period of 1918-19, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1919 of 1,299,535 bales.

Table with 8 columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Total. Rows include Galveston, Texas City, Port Arthur, &c., New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port News, &c., New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Table with columns for Towns, Movement to Jan. 30 1920. (Receipts, Shipments, Stocks) and Movement to Jan. 31 1919. (Receipts, Shipments, Stocks). Lists towns such as Ala., Eufaula, Montgomery, Selma, etc.

Total, 41 towns 160,251 4,935,870 179,645 127,309S 126,954 4,332,811 133,240 148,636

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 19,394 bales and are to-night 211,538 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 34,297 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 result for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table comparing 1919-20 and 1918-19 overland movement. Columns: Jan. 30 Shipped, Week, Since Aug. 1, 1919-20; Week, Since Aug. 1, 1918-19. Includes rows for Via St. Louis, Mounds, Rock Island, etc.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 25,919 bales, against 56,630 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 130,134 bales.

Table showing In Sight and Spinners' Takings for 1919-20 and 1918-19. Columns: Week, Since Aug. 1, 1919-20; Week, Since Aug. 1, 1918-19.

* Decrease during week. † These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Table showing Movement into sight in previous years: 1918-Feb. 1, 1917-Feb. 2, 1916-Feb. 4. Columns: Bales, Since Aug. 1, 1918-19; Bales, Since Aug. 1, 1917-18; Bales, Since Aug. 1, 1916-17.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Our telegraphic reports from the South this evening indicate that rain has been quite general during the week and rather heavy in some portions of the Gulf section.

Galveston, Tex.—Rain on one day of the week. Rainfall one inch and sixty-two hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 40 to 72, averaging 56.

Abilene, Tex.—Dry all the week. Average thermometer 46, highest 64, lowest 28.

Brownsville, Tex.—There has been rain on one day of the week to the extent of thirty-four hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 53, the highest being 72 and the lowest 34.

Dallas, Tex.—There has been rain on one day of the week to the extent of eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 41, ranging from 28 to 54.

Palestine, Tex.—Rain on one day of the week. Rainfall one inch and twenty hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 30 to 52, averaging 41.

San Antonio, Tex.—Rain on one day of the week with precipitation of twenty-six hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 48, highest 66, lowest 30.

New Orleans, La.—There has been rain on four days of the week, to the extent of two inches and fifty-three hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 53.

Shreveport, La.—There has been no rain on three days of the week to the extent of four inches and twenty-two hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 33 to 52.

Vicksburg, Miss.—The thermometer has ranged from 33 to 65, averaging 43.

Mobile, Ala.—Rain on six days of the week with precipitation of two inches and eighty-three hundredths. Average thermometer 53, highest 74, lowest 39.

Selma, Ala.—There has been rain on six days of the week to the extent of four inches and twenty hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 48, the highest being 77 and the lowest 36.

Savannah, Ga.—Rain on three days of the week. Rainfall one inch and sixty-one hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 36 to 77, averaging 53.

Charleston, S. C.—Rain on four days of the week with precipitation of one inch and sixteen hundredths. Average thermometer 55, highest 74, lowest 36.

Charlotte, N. C.—Rain during the week to the extent of two inches and sixty-one hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 24 to 64, averaging 40.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table showing Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Contr. Total) for Saturday through Friday.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations of middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table titled 'Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on' showing prices for various cities like Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, etc., from Saturday to Friday.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing New Orleans contract market prices for January through December, listing specific contract numbers and prices.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.—The Alexandria Cotton Co., Ltd., of Boston, has the following from Alexandria under date of Dec. 19:

The main reason for the inactivity of the market must be attributed to the three days' general strike of the native workmen of Minet-I-Hassal, which was caused by the National secret organization molesting and terrorizing the majority of the laborers who were willing to work; the police did not interfere and the British authorities apparently did not think it advisable to use troops to keep the peace.

EXPORTS OF COTTON GOODS FROM GREAT BRITAIN.—Below we give the exports of cotton yarn, goods, &c., from Great Britain for the month of December and since Aug. 1 in 1919 and 1918, as compiled by us from

the British Board of Trade returns. It will be noticed that we have reduced the movement all to pounds.

Table showing cotton exports by month and type (1919, 1918). Columns include Yarn & Thread, Cloah, and Total of All. Rows include August, Sept., October, 1st quarter, Nov., and Dec.

The foregoing shows that there was exported from the United Kingdom during the five months 441,288,000 pounds of manufactured cotton, against 291,155,000 pounds last year, an increase of 150,133,000 pounds.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF COTTON MANUFACTURES.—We give below a statement showing the exports of domestic cotton manufactures for November and for the eleven months ended Nov. 30 1919, and for purposes of comparison like figures for the corresponding periods of the previous year are also presented:

Table showing domestic exports of cotton manufactures by month and value (1919, 1918). Columns include Manufactures of Cotton Exported and Month ending Nov. 30. Rows include Piece goods, Knit goods, Waste cotton, Yarn, and Total man. acres.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table comparing world supply and takings for 1919-20 and 1918-19. Columns include Cotton Takings Week and Season, 1919-20, and 1918-19. Rows include Visible supply, American receipts, and Total supply.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,813,000 bales in 1919-20 and 1,977,000 bales in 1918-19—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners—6,509,416 bales in 1919-20 and 4,744,977 bales in 1918-19, of which 4,451,416 bales and 3,322,977 bales American.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS OF COTTON.—The following are the receipts and shipments for the week ending Jan. 7 and for the corresponding week of the two previous years:

Table showing Alexandria receipts and shipments of cotton for Jan. 7, 1919-20, 1918-19, and 1917-18. Columns include Receipts (cantars) and Export (bales). Rows include This week, Since Aug., and To Liverpool, Manchester, etc.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Jan. 7 were 235,319 cantars and the foreign shipments 31,658 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is strong. American yarns are wanted for export but delivery offered is unsuitable. The market for Egyptian yarns is disorganized owing to the rise in the raw material. We give prices for to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table showing Manchester market prices for 1919-20 and 1918-19. Columns include 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/2 ds. Shortings, and 60s Mid Up. Rows include Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 31, 7, 14, 21, 28, 4, 11, 18, 25, 31.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 164,801 bales. The shipments in detail as made up from the mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table showing shipping news by destination and date (1919). Columns include Destination, Date, and Total bales. Rows include GALVESTON, HOUSTON, NEW ORLEANS, MOBILE, PENSACOLA, SAVANNAH, NORFOLK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, SAN FRANCISCO.

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

Table showing shipping particulars by origin and destination (1919). Columns include Origin, Destination, and Total. Rows include Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Savannah, Norfolk, Boston, Baltimore, San Francisco.

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table showing cotton freight rates by destination (1919). Columns include Destination and Rate. Rows include Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Ghent, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa, Christiania, Stockholm, Trieste, Flume, Lisbon, Oporto, Barcelona, Japan, Shanghai, Bombay, Vladivostok, Gotenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Danzig.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table showing Liverpool market statistics for Jan. 9, 16, 23, and 30. Columns include Jan. 9, Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30. Rows include Sales of the week, Actual exports, Forwarded, Total stock, Total imports, Amount afloat.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table showing Liverpool market tone and prices by day (1919). Columns include Spot, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include Market, Mid. Up'd sales, Futures Market, Market P. M.

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table showing Liverpool futures prices for Jan. 24 to Jan. 30. Columns include Jan. 24 to Jan. 30, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

BREADSTUFFS

Flour has been dull and at times tending downward. At one time wheat fell 5c. A rise of 5c. per bushel at Minneapolis later checked the downward drift, however. But buyers hold off, even although mill quotations were recently

reduced sharply. Buyers are, it is said, pretty well supplied for the time being. The steady fall in foreign exchange to new "low" figures naturally hurts foreign business. Only a moderate export trade has therefore been done. The export inquiry is mainly for the lower grades, of which there is to all appearance an ample supply. Because of an unprecedented shortage of cars for flour shipments, Minneapolis mills have cut their output to less than 50% of normal. Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams, at a conference last Sunday with fifty bakers regarding a contemplated raise in the price of bread to 12 cents a loaf, stated that the Fair Price Committee was opposed to any such raise, especially at the present time. He said he did not doubt the figures of cost submitted by the bakers, but Federal experts would have to verify the figures. Julius H. Barnes, President of the Grain Corporation, believes that the flour situation will ease shortly.

Wheat declined 5 cents early at Minneapolis and later regained the loss and 10 cents besides. Cars are lacking. Of course it hurts business. Foreign exchange keeps falling. New "lows" have been reached. The visible supply fell off last week, however, 2,911,000 bushels, bringing it down to 63,178,000 bushels, against 128,671,000 last year. The Canadian visible dropped 133,000 bushels. It is now 11,029,000 bushels, against 39,843,000 last year. India has a larger wheat acreage. Broomhall says that the first official estimate of this year's wheat acreage in India allows United Provinces 6,500,000 acres, against 5,800,000 last year; germination good; Northwest frontier, 905,000 acres, against 839,000 last year; average prospect in the Punjab, 9,372,000 acres, against 7,819,000 last year; where the crop is irrigated the prospects are good; unirrigated lands are as good as an average. It is unofficially stated that wheat seeding continued until the middle of January. Judging from reports received the final acreage will be equal to a normal year. It has been cold in the Southwest, where there is little snow. The Eastern car situation has continued bad. Though cash wheat advanced at Minneapolis there was no great demand.

English authorities say that the world's wheat supply is adequate. They figure an exportable surplus of 39,000,000 quarters or 312,000,000 bushels. Sir James Wilson says there is enough on hand to meet the present demand despite the falling off in production. He points out that in the United States the crop was officially estimated on June 1 (the harvest to be reaped in July and August) would be 154,000,000 quarters, but now the official estimate of the actual yield is only 118,000,000. Canada, Britain, France and Australia have also suffered severely from drought, and the recent weather in the Argentine has been unfavorable. Altogether these six countries now appear likely to have a yield of wheat about 70,000,000 quarters or 560,000,000 bushels less than there was reason to expect last May. This is equivalent to a loss of 14% of an average world's wheat harvest, which before the war was about 500,000,000 quarters, or 4,000,000,000 bushels. In Chicago wheat supplies last week decreased 927,000. A year ago wheat increased 386,000. Total stocks now compared with a year ago are 12,607,000, against 14,551,000 last year.

In Western and Southern Europe a mild winter continues and crops are generally progressing satisfactorily. In Hungary owing to the Rumanian occupation, it is said that only 25% of the total arable land has been seeded to winter cereals, as against 40% in pre-war years. In Rumania some late sowing has been going on but the acreage to winter cereals is very short. And it is believed that no exports will be made from that country before the summer. In Australia beneficial rains of last week were repeated, and conditions are now very promising. Very little Australian wheat and flour are being offered to European buyers, and that country considers it advisable to await the assurance of the harvest. The estimated total of exportable surplus of wheat there is 64,000,000 bushels. In Italy the outlook is satisfactory. In Belgium the weather has been mild. Importers there are not interested on account of the fresh break in exchange rates.

Reports to the Cincinnati "Price Current" from the winter wheat States indicate as in the past, a very low condition for the growing crop. However, most of the territory is now covered with snow. Yet on the whole the private reports indicate about as low a condition as the plant has been in at this season for a number of years. The Kansas "Weekly Crop Report" said: "Light snow and sleet fell this week in middle third of Kansas and Northeastern counties, but the best part of the State was without measurable precipitation. Wheat continues a healthy green color in the western third and two northern tiers of counties. From Kansas River Valley south and extending as far west as Salina, wheat is generally brown but still alive below the surface of the ground except some of the south central and southeastern counties. In a considerable section east and south of Dodge City a large percentage of the wheat is not up yet and that which did come up is frozen back to the ground. To-day prices advanced 5 cents at the West. It is said that 100,000 bushels of wheat have latterly been shipped daily from Canada to Northwestern millers. Many think this is an over-statement.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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 has been dull and without sharp fluctuations. At one time there was some advance, with a cold wave predicted and hogs up sharply. The visible supply is the smallest in thirty years. It dropped 41,000 bushels last week. It is now only 3,496,000 bushels, against 5,474,000 last year. But rallies have been followed by setbacks. Cars are more plentiful in Iowa and Nebraska. Lower prices for wheat and rye at times have had an effect. Buying has not been aggressive. The rye visible gained 628,000 bushels last week and is now 18,782,000 bushels. The embargo on shipments eastward from western points has been a drawback. It indicated continued congestion at the East. The drop to a new "low" in sterling exchange and also in francs and lire hurts all grain, not excepting corn, oats and rye. Recently rye has fallen over 20c. To-day prices eased slightly owing to lower foreign exchange. There was a rumor, too, that 40 cars of corn have arrived at Little Rock, Ark., from Mexico. It remains to be seen whether Mexico has any to spare. But commission houses were good buyers at Chicago. The firmness of oats, moreover, had some effect. There is a fair cash demand for corn. It is said that high prices are paid to shippers who can guarantee shipments. Of course the point is that cars are still scarce. Prices end slightly higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	172 1/2	170 3/4	169 3/4	172	172 1/2	172 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery in elevator	145	145	145	144 1/2	147	147
May delivery in elevator	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2	135	135 1/2	135 1/2
July delivery in elevator	133	132 3/4	132 3/4	132	132 3/4	132 3/4

Oats have fluctuated within narrow limits. A moderate export business has been done. Clearances on old business have been larger, however. And they are likely to increase before long. The receipts have been only moderate. The bad weather at the West kept down the crop movement. Cars have been scarce. The visible supply fell off 827,000 bushels and is now only 11,661,000 bushels, against 29,526,000 last year. But trading has been light. Exchange has been falling. Cars in some sections are reported rather more plentiful. The market has lacked snap. Export business has naturally lagged.

At Winnipeg prices fell at one time. A sale of 100,000 bushels of rye for export was made on the 28th at 11 1/2c. over May track Baltimore. To-day at Chicago prices advanced. Cash prices there reached a now high level for this crop. No 2 white sold at 90@91c., No. 2 white also sold there at \$1.01 to \$1.01 1/4. No. 3 white from Kansas City sold at Chicago at 8 to 9c. over May for March shipment. There was a sharp Southern demand. Rye was up. There was considerable buying by commission houses. Oats end a fraction higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 1 white	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
No. 2 white	101	101	101	101	101	101

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	83 1/4	83	83	82 1/4	83 1/4	83 1/4
July delivery in elevator	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	172 1/4	169 1/4	168 1/2	168	169 1/2	171 1/2
July delivery	162 1/4	161	161 1/2	161 1/2	163 1/2	166 1/4

The following are closing quotations:

FLOUR.		Barley goods—Portage barley	
Spring patents	\$13 50@14 50	No. 1	\$7 70
Winter straights, soft	10 75@11 25	Nos. 2, 3 and 4, pearl	6 70
Kansas straights	13 00@14 50	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0	7 70@7 85
Rye flour, nom.	8 50@9 50	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0	7 95
Corn goods, 100 lbs.		Oats goods—Carload,	
Yellow grain	\$3 97 1/2	spot delivery	9 20
Corn flour	3 75@3 90		
GRAIN.			
Wheat—		Oats—	
No. 2 red	\$2 36 1/2	No. 1	101 1/2
No. 1 spring	2 34 1/2	No. 2 white	101
Corn		No. 3 white	100
No. 2 yellow	1 72 1/2	Barley—	
Feeding	1 52		
No. 2	1 89 1/2	Maltins	
		1 61@1 65	

The statement of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls 196lbs	bush 60 lbs	bush 56 lbs	bush 32 lbs	bush 48lbs	bush 56lbs.
Chicago	254,000	418,000	2,029,000	1,796,000	182,000	203,000
Minneapolis	2,812,000	230,000	249,000	229,000	209,000	209,000
Duluth	89,000	4,000	5,000	312,000	105,000	105,000
Milwaukee	12,000	84,000	254,000	472,000	171,000	105,000
Toledo	58,000	26,000	56,000	56,000	56,000	56,000
Detroit	19,000	46,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000
St. Louis	122,000	413,000	697,000	986,000	11,000	6,000
Peoria	75,000	17,000	491,000	193,000	4,000	8,000
Kansas City	1,541,000	314,000	144,000	144,000	144,000	144,000
Omaha	274,000	505,000	202,000	202,000	202,000	202,000
Indianapolis	56,000	487,000	224,000	224,000	224,000	224,000
Total wk. '20	463,000	5,781,000	5,109,000	4,368,000	602,000	843,000
Same wk. '19	310,000	5,357,000	6,861,000	6,309,000	2,323,000	1,434,000
Same wk. '18	170,000	2,245,000	6,435,000	5,473,000	1,227,000	128,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1919-20	12,024,000	288,759,000	93,898,000	121,714,000	19,423,000	19,595,000
1918-19	8,862,000	339,962,000	120,858,000	182,712,000	42,879,000	25,426,000
1917-18	8,130,000	131,844,000	78,846,000	181,967,000	26,200,000	16,510,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Jan. 24 1920 follow:

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

Alabama.—Amendments Carried.—At a special election held Dec. 29 two amendments to the State Constitution were carried: (1) Permitting 42 cities and towns in Alabama to increase their tax rate 1/2 of 1% in any one year on property situated therein, to be used only for special purposes by consent of the voters. The vote was 21,539 for to 19,318 against; (2) Granting soldiers, who served in the war with Germany, the right of suffrage without the payment of poll tax until Oct. 1 1923. The vote was 32,013 for to 11,994 against.

The 42 cities and towns affected by the tax amendment are: Tusculumbia, Sheffield, Hurtsboro, Russellville, Lanett, Demopolis, Pell City, Heflin, Columbiana, Carrollton, Opelika, Fair Hope, Scottsboro, Stevenson, Ashland, Brewton, Pollard, Flomaton, Atmore, Inglenook, Tuskegee, Aliceville, Gordo, Reform, Pine Hill, Livingston, Camden, Monroeville, Phoenix and Girard, Birmingham, Bessemer, Florence, Huntsville and Selma, Anniston, Athens, Auburn, Carbon Hill, Jacksonville, Fairfield and La Fayette.

Kansas.—Special Session of the Legislature Adjourns.—The special session of the Kansas Legislature adjourned on Jan. 24. Important among the bills passed are:

1. The establishment of a Court of Industrial Relations.
2. Abolishing the Public Utilities Commission and turning all its powers and duties over to the Industrial Court.
3. Creating a State Free Employment Bureau.
4. Increasing the debt limit of cities of second and third class.
5. Providing for the refunding of outstanding indebtedness by cities of the first, second and third classes.

Nevada.—Special Session of the Legislature Called.—Governor Boyle, on Jan. 26 issued a call for a special session of the Nevada Legislature to convene on Feb. 7 to consider the ratification of the Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment.

Oregon.—Special Session of the Legislature Adjourns.—Highway Bonds Authorized.—The Oregon Legislature which convened in special session on Jan. 12, adjourned at 3 a. m. Jan. 18. In all, 94 bills and several resolutions were enacted. One of these bills calls for a special election to be held on May 21, at which the following constitutional amendments will be submitted to the voters:

- Extending road limitation indebtedness from 2 to 4%.
- Relating to debts and liabilities of counties. Enabling counties to fund their debts.
- Relating to succession to governorship, providing president of Senate succeeds.
- Restoring capital punishment.

Other bills to be approved by the voters are: Providing additional tax levy for operation of soldiers' sailors' and marines' educational aid Act. Levying annual tax of 2 mills for support of public elementary schools. Levying special tax for erection, equipment and maintenance of institution for blind. Providing tax of 1.2 mills for support of University of Oregon, agricultural college and Monmouth normal. (Adopted at 1919 session) relating to acquiring of private land for public purposes.

Among bills which become law five days after being filed with the Secretary of State is one providing for a bond issue of \$10,000,000 for road purposes. This bill, however, is contingent upon the success of a measure to be voted upon at the special election providing for extending road limitation indebtedness from 2 to 4%. The "Oregonian" in commenting on this legislation says:

Should the latter measure fail to meet the approval of the voters at the polls only \$1,989,428.89 of the bonds authorized under the \$10,000,000 Act passed by the Legislature could be issued and the money derived therefrom expended on the roads. Issuance and sale of these bonds in excess of that amount would violate the 2% limitation on road indebtedness now in force in this State.

Based on the assessed valuation of the State the 2% road bond limitation is \$19,508,769.44, against which bonds already have been authorized in the sum of \$17,818,280.55. Of the bonds making up the latter total, \$1,819,280.55 are known as State co-operative securities, issued under the Bean-Barrett Act; \$6,000,000 approved in the year 1917 and \$10,000,000 authorized in the year 1919.

Porto Rico (Government of).—Bid Rejected.—We are advised that only one bid was received for the \$1,000,000 public improvement and \$300,000 high-school 4% tax-free registered gold bonds which were offered for sale on Jan. 8. V. 109, p. 2282. This bid was rejected.

Rhode Island.—Special Election to Vote on Bond Propositions.—The Rhode Island Legislature on Jan. 9 passed the Soldiers' Bonus Act, which gives \$100 to ex-service men and war nurses, and a resolution providing for a bond issue of \$2,500,000 to cover the disbursement. The Legislature also passed a resolution providing for a bond issue of \$500,000 for construction and repair of bridges. These bills were signed by Governor Breeckman and will be submitted to the voters at a special election to be held on Feb. 10.

Wyoming.—Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment Ratified.—The Legislature in special session on Jan. 27 completed ratification of the Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment, when the House of Representatives passed the bill by a vote of 44 to 0. The Senate voted unanimously for the amendment on the preceding day. The States which have ratified the Suffrage Amendment now total 27. 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, Oregon, Indiana and Wyoming.

BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS

Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colo.—Bond Call.—Bond No. 22, for \$250, of Sidewalk District No. 1, and Bond No. 172, for \$500, of Paving District No. 1, have been called for payment at Kountze Bros., New York. Interest to cease after Feb. 19 1920.

St. Joseph School District (P. O. St. Joseph), Buchanan County, Mo.—Bond Call.—A. L. Loving, Secretary of the St. Joseph School District, advises us that the following bonds will be paid immediately upon presentation at his office at par and accrued interest:

Issue—	Rate.	Size.	Outstanding.	Due.
Feb. 1 1900	4%	\$1,000	\$18,000	Feb. 1 1920
June 1 1900 (Library)	4%	1,000	28,000	June 1 1920
June 1 1900	4%	1,000	92,000	June 1 1920
Aug. 15 1900 (District No. 7)	4 1/2%	500	10,000	Aug. 15 1920

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS
this week have been as follows:

ABERDEEN, Moore County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 5 p. m. Feb. 10 by J. L. Rhyne, Town Clerk, for the following 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds: \$45,000 water bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1922 to 1954, inclusive, and \$2,000 1955 to 1960, inclusive. 28,000 sewer bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1949, incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the National Park Bank, New York. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company, or a sum of money for or in an amount equal to 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable, the "Town of Aberdeen" required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mfg. & Trust Co. of New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the town officials and the seal impressed thereon and the successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, of New York City, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the Town of Aberdeen. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

AKRON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Akron), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7 30 p. m. Feb. 3 by C. M. Woodruff, Clerk of the Board of Education, for the \$1,000,000 5% school bonds offered unsuccessfully on Jan. 5—V. 110, p. 278. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First-Second National Bank of Akron. Due \$50,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1940. Cert. or cashier's check on some solvent bank other than the one making the bid, for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Education. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ALACHUA COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 1, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Additional information is at hand relative to the offering on Feb. 10 of the \$310,000 5 1/2% gold bonds—V. 110, p. 184. Bids for these bonds will be received until 11 a. m. on that day by E. D. Turner, Clerk Board of Bond Trustees (P. O. Gainesville). Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in New York. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1925, \$5,000 1926, \$6,000 1927, \$7,000 1928 and 1929, \$8,000 1930, \$9,000 1931 to 1933, incl.; \$10,000 1934 and 1935, \$11,000 1936 and 1937, \$12,000 1938 and 1939, \$13,000 1940 and 1941, \$14,000 1942, \$15,000 1943, \$16,000 1944, \$17,000 1945 and 1946, \$18,000 1947 and 1948, \$19,000 1949 and \$20,000 1950. Cert. check on a national bank, or on a bank or trust company doing business in Florida, for \$6,000, required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mfg. & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the bond officials and the seal impressed thereon and the purchaser or purchasers will be furnished, without charge, the approving opinion of Caldwell & Maslich. Bids must be made upon a printed form which will be furnished by the above clerk or the said trust company. Bonds will be delivered, subject to validation by the Circuit Court of Alachua County, at any place East of the Mississippi River designated by the purchaser on March 12 1920, or as soon thereafter as the bonds can be prepared. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation of taxable property, 1919	\$5,200,000
Actual valuation of taxable property, 1919	15,000,000
Acreage	450,000
Population	about 26,000
Principal City, Gainesville, the Seat of the State University and U. S. Experimental Station.	
* District owes no other debt of any character.	

ALBION, Orleans County, N. Y.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$12,500 4.65% registered and coupon sewer bonds offered on Jan. 26—V. 110, p. 384—were rejected.

ALLIANCE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alliance), Box Butte County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—An issue of \$100,000 high school bonds may be soon voted upon, it is reported.

AMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Idaho Falls), Bonneville County, Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$50,000 school bonds was voted by 80 "for" to 8 "against."

ANACONDA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Anaconda), Deer Lodge County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—On April 3 \$65,000 school bonds are to be voted upon.

ANNISTON, Calhoun County, Ala.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—We are in receipt of the following financial statement issued in connection with the sale of the \$353,000 5 1/2% bonds awarded during December, as reported in V. 110, p. 184:

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation:	
Real estate	\$4,593,558 00
Personal estate	3,611,646 00
Intangible estate	915,412 00
Total	\$9,119,616 00
Actual estimated value	\$15,000,000 00

Debt Statement.

Refunding bonds, due 1950	\$85,000 00
School bonds, due 1940	25,300 00
School bonds, due 1936	35,000 00
This issue refunding bonds, due Dec. 1 1939	353,000 00
Total debt	\$498,300 00
Total debt permitted	\$638,373 12
Population 1910, 12,794; present (estimated), 20,000.	

ARCADIA PARISH (P. O. Crowley), La.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Crowley was awarded on Dec. 30 the \$400,000 5% road bonds—V. 109, p. 2456—at par and int. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. J. & D.

AUGUSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Augusta), Lewis and Clark County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—Newspapers state that the election to vote upon \$75,000 high school bonds has been postponed until the bonded indebtedness is accurately ascertained.

BAKER, Fallon County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Warren A. McDonald, City Clerk, will sell at public auction 8 p. m. March 2, \$50,000 6% sewerage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Interest semi-annual (J. & J.), payable at the office of the City Treasurer, or, at option of holder, at some bank in New York City, N. Y., to be designated by the City Treasurer. Due Jan. 1 1940, optional on or after Jan. 1 1930. Certified check for \$5,000, payable to the City Treasurer, must be deposited 24 hours before the sale.

BOND SALE.—On Jan. 12 the Bankers Trust & Savings Bank of Minneapolis, bidding \$75,026 (100.03) and expenses, was awarded, it is stated, the \$75,000 6% 10-20-year (opt.) gold funding bonds dated Jan. 1 1920 (V. 109, p. 2374).

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by Smith Carmichael, County Treasurer until 10 a. m. Feb. 3 for \$26,000 4 1/2% 10-year serial W. S. Fitzpatrick et al Hawrock Twp. road bonds.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY (P. O. Dillon), Mont.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—The "Montana Record-Herald" of Jan. 17 states that \$70,000 high-school dormitory \$100,000 Federal aid road and \$50,000 central heat plant bonds will be submitted to the voters at an election to be held during April.

BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bedford), Bedford County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—On Feb. 5 bids will be opened for \$200,000 5 1/2% 1-40-year serial school bldg. bonds, which were voted by 321 "for" to 117 "against" at the Nov. 4 election.

BEE COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered \$9,000 5% 40-year bonds on Jan. 12.

BELL COUNTY (P. O. Belton), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller recently registered \$94,000 3-40 year, \$408,700 40-year and \$180,000 40-year 5% road bonds.

BELLEFONTAINE, Logan County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 14 the following 3 issues of 5 1/2% bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 94—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit for \$110,301 (102,139) and interest; \$92,000 water-works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on March 1 and \$3,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years from 1921 to 1938 incl. and \$2,000 March 1 1939.

10,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 1939. 6,000 special assessment sanitary sewer bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$600 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1921 to 1930 incl.

BELLEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Belleville), Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 5% 1-40-year serial coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds dated Jan. 1 1920, which were offered on Jan. 27—V. 110, p. 385—have been awarded to J. S. Ripple & Co. and A. B. Leach & Co. for \$150,400, equal to 100,266 for \$150,000.

BELMONT, Gaston County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 19 an issue of \$20,000 6% street impt. bonds was awarded to the Citizens' National Bank of Gastonia at 101. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1919. Int. semi-ann. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1920 to 1929, incl.

BICKNELL, Knox County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 28 1919, \$35,000 5% tax-free school bldg. bonds were awarded to the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis, for \$35,500, equal to 101,428. Denom. \$500. Int. M. & N. Due yearly as follows: \$1,000, 1920 to 1933, incl.; \$2,000, 1934; \$5,000, 1935; and \$6,000, 1936 to 1939, incl.

BILLINGS, Yellowstone County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on Mar. 2 of the following two issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$475,000—V. 110, p. 385.—These bonds will be sold at public auction at 2 p. m. on that day by E. H. Sackett, City Clerk.

\$400,000 sewer bonds. Cert. check on some reliable bank for \$25,000, payable to the City Treasurer required.

75,000 park bonds. Cert. check on some reliable bank for \$7,500, payable to City Treasurer required.

Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the option of the holder, the Chase National Bank, New York City, N. Y., to be designated by the City Treasurer. Due July 1 1939, optional July 1 1934 or on any interest paying date thereafter. The approving opinion of Chas. B. Wood of Chicago will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. The said bonds will be printed and furnished by the city, at its expense, and will be ready for delivery at the time of sale. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BILLINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Billings), Yellowstone County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—On April 3 \$600,000 high school bonds are to be voted upon.

BLOOMINGTON, McLean County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the people by a vote of 125 to 7 authorized the issuance of \$180,000 high-school-building bonds, it is stated.

BOISE, Ada County, Idaho.—BOND ISSUE CONSIDERED.—The City Council is considering issuing \$30,000 paving bonds.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon, Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD—RE-ADVERTISED.—The \$40,000 5% funding bonds, dated Dec. 15 1919 and maturing Dec. 15 1920, offered on Jan. 5—V. 109, p. 2457—were not sold on account of an error in the order. This issue is being re-offered on Feb. 16.

BRAZORIA COUNTY (P. O. Angleton), Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—On Jan. 24 the \$100,000 road bonds (V. 110, p. 94) were defeated.

BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tallmadge), Summit County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received on Jan. 18 for the \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon school bldg. bonds offered on that date.

BURKE, Gregory County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 13 the John F. Sinclair Co., of Minneapolis, was awarded \$6,500 6% electric-light bonds for \$6,525, equal to 100,384. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 10 1918. Int. J. & D. Due Dec. 10 1938.

BUTTE COUNTY (P. O. Oroville), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The San Francisco "Commercial News" in its issue of Jan. 21 states that the Capital National Bank of Sacramento, bidding in conjunction with the First National Bank of Chico, was the successful bidder for \$500,000 5% highway bonds for \$504,100. The maturities range from 1925 to 1944, incl.; and the premium paid is equivalent to a price of about 100.82. The "News" also states that "These bonds were a portion of an authorized issue of \$1,800,000—V. 110, p. 94—which was put up at auction. The Bank of Italy submitted the highest bid for the entire \$1,800,000, offering a premium of \$10,500. The Supervisors concluded, however, to dispose of only \$500,000 at this time.

"In all, six buyers were present, but as it was an auction sale, some did not file their bids. The National City Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons and the Anglo & London Paris National Bank were represented at the sale, as were R. H. Moulton & Co., Cyrus Peirce & Co. and McDonnell & Co."

CALIFORNIA (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—The San Francisco "Chronicle" of Jan. 21 says that Friend W. Richardson, State Treasurer, will receive bids until Feb. 26, for \$12,000,000 highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. The "Chronicle" also quotes the State Treasurer as saying: "These bonds carry 4 1/2% interest and were authorized at a special election on July 1 1918." He added:

"The continuance of highway construction during the present year depends on the sale of the bonds. The State has gone as far as it can in financing construction out of its surplus funds.

"At present the market is very low and it would not be possible to sell these bonds at par, but I am in hopes that five weeks from now the market may be improved so that the bonds may be sold and work on the highways continued.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—On Jan. 26 the \$70,000 dependent aid notes, maturing Nov. 3 1920—V. 110, p. 385—were awarded, it is stated, to S. N. Bond & Co. on a 5% discount basis.

CARBON COUNTY (P. O. Price), Utah.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 14 an election will be held to vote on issuing \$150,000 6% road bonds. H. C. Smith, Clerk.

CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The Wells-Dickey Co. was awarded on their bid of par the \$12,500 5 1/2% refunding bonds offered on Jan. 22—V. 110, p. 184. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Jan. 2 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Wells-Dickey Trust Co., Minneapolis. Due yearly as follows: \$1,000 1930 to 1939, incl., and \$2,500 1940, subject to call 1 year prior to their respective dates of maturity or on any interest paying date thereafter upon giving 30 days' notice.

CASS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 15, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—Recently \$25,000 5 1/2% 20-30-year road bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Imperial County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 2 by M. S. Cook, Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. El Centro), for \$150,000 5% 5-24-year school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 5 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treas-

urer, Cert. or Cashier's check for 5% of the amount of bid, payable to the Chairman Board of County Supervisors, required. Bonded debt, \$200,000. Assessed value of taxable property 1919-20, \$11,925,184.

CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Chagrin Falls), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—An issue of \$20,000 5% school bonds has been purchased by the Chagrin Falls Banking Co., at 100.005.

CHEROKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cherokee), Alfalfa County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Newspapers say that the \$60,000 high-school-building bonds voted on July 26 (V. 109, p. 601), have been awarded to the Alfalfa County National Bank at par.

CHESTER COUNTY (P. O. Henderson), Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports state that \$90,000 road bonds have been voted.

CHESTERHILL, Morgan County, Ohio.—CORRECTION.—Using newspaper reports, we stated in V. 110, p. 386, that \$7,000 6% road bonds had been sold to the First National Bank of Chesterhill. We now learn that the correct amount was \$3,500. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. M. & S. Due \$500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1928 to 1934 incl.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Jan. 23 a temporary loan of \$300,000 dated Jan. 26 and maturing Nov. 17 1920 was awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Springfield on a 4.85% discount basis.

CHOCTAW COUNTY (P. O. Hugo), Okla.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—It is stated that the voters of this county are petitioning the County Commissioners to call an election to vote on \$600,000 highway bonds.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the three issues of bonds, aggregating \$2,350,000, offered on Jan. 30—V. 110, p. 386—the \$1,250,000 5% 25-50 year (opt.) rapid transit system bonds, dated Jan. 2 1917 were awarded to a syndicate composed of Harris, Forbes & Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., Estabrook & Co., Hayden, Miller & Co., and the National City Co., at 100.941.

CLAREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fresno County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5% school bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 109, p. 2283—were awarded on Jan. 14 to Fresno County for \$15,040 (100.266) and int.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Celina), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed (or verbal) bids will be received until Feb. 18 by H. B. Plumlee, County Judge, for \$30,000 5% 25-year school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cleveland Heights), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 5% coupon school-building bonds offered unsuccessfully on Dec. 26—V. 110, p. 94—have been awarded to the First Trust & Savings Co. of Cleveland at par. Date Dec. 31 1919. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1922 to 1927, incl.; \$10,000, 1928 to 1946, incl.; \$5,000, 1947 to 1952, incl.; and \$50,000, 1953.

CLINTON (P. O. Churhuseo), Clinton County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$2,696 5% registered town hall bonds has been disposed of at par. Denom. \$100 and \$74. Date Feb. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the First National Bank of Chateaugay. Due \$674 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1921 to 1924, incl.

CLOVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clovis), Curry County, N. Mex.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—Additional information is at hand relative to the sale of \$100,000 5 1/2% school building bonds awarded on Jan. 14 to Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver at 101.13—V. 110, p. 386. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the Treasurer Board of Education or at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City. Due Jan. 1 1950; optional Jan. 1 1940.

Financial Statement. Actual value of taxable property, estimated \$11,000,000 Assessed valuation, 1919 3,700,000 Total bonded debt, including this issue 211,000 Population, 1910, 4,500; present population, officially estimated, 8,500

CODY, Park County, Wyo.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—An issue of \$110,000 water-works bonds is soon to be voted upon, it is reported.

COLORADO SPRINGS, El Paso County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—On April 1 an issue of \$19,000 4% water refunding bonds was sold locally at par. Date July 1 1916, due 1946.

COLUMBIANA COUNTY (P. O. Lisbon), Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were submitted for the \$9,300 5% road bonds offered on Jan. 5—V. 110, p. 95.

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—During the three months ending Dec. 31 1919 the Sinking Fund purchased at par the following bonds:

Table with columns: Purpose, Amount, Date, Int., Due. Includes items like Electric light plant, Water main, Sewer, Flood protection, etc.

Total \$820,566

* Optional March 1 1921. a March 1 1925.

COMAL COUNTY (P. O. New Braunfels), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Jan. 24 \$175,000 5% 10-30-year road bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

CONCORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$20,000 issued in anticipation of revenue, dated Jan. 26 and maturing Oct. 27 1920, has been awarded, it is stated, to Grafton & Co. on a 4.84% discount basis.

CONTINENTAL, Putnam County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7.30 p. m. Feb. 16 by Paul Mootz, Village Clerk, for \$4,450 5 1/2% coupon street impt. (village's portion) bonds. Auth. Sec. 3821 and 3939 Gen. Code. Denom. 1 for \$450, 8 for \$500. Date Feb. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Due \$450 Sept. 1 1921, and \$500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1922 to 1929, incl. Cert. check on some bank doing business in Putnam County, for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

COOK COUNTY (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.—The sale of the \$2,000,000 4 1/2% road bonds—V. 110, p. 279—has fallen through because Wood & Oakley of Chicago refused to approve the issue while it was dated Jan. 1 1920. The County Commissioners have changed the date to April 1 1920, which has the approval of the attorneys. The bonds will be reoffered early in the spring—about April 1.

COOKSVILLE, Perry County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by C. E. Coulter, Village Clerk, until 12 m. Feb. 23 for \$120,000 6% funding bonds. Auth. Sec. 3916 Gen. Code. Denom. 23 for \$500 and 10 for \$100. Date day of sale. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 23 from 1923 to 1934, incl. Deposit of 5% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CORYELL COUNTY (P. O. Gateville), Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held Jan. 10—V. 109, p. 2457—the \$1,000,000 road bonds were voted down.

DALLAS AND KAUFMAN COUNTIES, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$414,700 6% serial bonds was registered on Jan. 7 with the State Comptroller.

DAVIS COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1, Utah.—BOND OFFERING.—At 2 p. m. Feb. 7 the \$60,000 5-40-year (opt.) bonds recently voted—V. 110, p. 279—will be offered for sale at 708 Boston Bldg., Salt Lake City. Interest is not to exceed 6% and will not be sold for less than 90% of par value. N. Y. payment. D. M. Hunter, Chairman of Board of Supervisors (P. O. 708 Boston Bldg., Salt Lake City).

DELTA COUNTY LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Jan. 5 an issue of \$120,000 6% serial bonds was registered with the State Comptroller.

DOUGLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Castle Rock), Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held Jan. 10 an issue of \$100,000 high school bonds was decisively defeated.

DUNKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Kennett), Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held Jan. 20—V. 110, p. 279—the \$1,200,000 road bonds were voted.

DYER COUNTY (P. O. Dyersburg), Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that at an election to be held March 6 \$350,000 road bonds will be voted upon.

EAST LAS VEGAS, San Miguel County, N. Mex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election has been called to vote upon issuing \$100,000 high-school bonds. P. O. Blood, Mayor.

EASTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Easton), Northampton County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held Jan. 20 the proposition to issue \$1,000,000 4 1/2% 30-year high-school-bids, bonds carried by a vote of 1159 "for" to 1091 "against"—V. 110, p. 279.

EAST YOUNGSTOWN VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Youngstown), Mahoning County, Ohio.—PURCHASE PRICE.—The \$50,000 5 1/2% 1-25 year serial school bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920, which were awarded on Jan. 5 to W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, were sold at 101.69375 (not 102.71 as reported in V. 110, p. 185). Other bidders were: Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Tol., \$81,118; Sidney Spitzer & Co., Tol., \$80,777.70; Stacy & Braun, Tol., 80,925; Seasongood & Mayer, Cin., 80,062.50; Ots & Co., Cleveland, 80,875.

EL CENTRO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Imperial County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 2 by M. S. Cook, Clerk of Board of County Supervisors (P. O. El Centro), for \$150,000 5% 5-29-year serial school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 5 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Certified or cashier's check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the Chairman of Board of County Supervisors, required. Bonded debt \$120,000. Assessed value of taxable property, 1919-1920, \$7,240,354.

ELLIS COUNTY LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The William R. Compton Co. has purchased \$484,000 6% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 10 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at the National Park Bank, N. Y., at option of holder. Due yearly on April 10 as follows: \$2,000 1921 and 1922, \$10,000 1923 to 1930, incl., \$20,000 1931 to 1946, incl.; \$25,000 1947 and 1948, and \$30,000 1949.

ESTANCIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Estancia), Torrance County, N. Mex.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—An election is soon to be held to issue \$22,000 school bonds.

ETNA CIVIL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Columbia City), Whitley County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward D. Scott, Township Trustee, will receive proposals until 1 p. m. Feb. 7 for \$6,500 5% 10-year school bonds.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—The County Treasurer will receive proposals until 12 m. Feb. 2 for a temporary loan of \$200,000, issued in anticipation of taxes, dated Jan. 15 and maturing Nov. 15 1920.

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbiana), Columbiana County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—No bids were submitted for the \$8,500 5 1/2% 1-8-year serial school bonds offered on Jan. 2—V. 109, p. 2467.

FAIR OAKS IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Fair Oaks), Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that this district will, Feb. 2, sell \$20,000 bonds.

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Benito County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—According to newspaper reports, \$15,000 school bonds were authorized by a vote of 34 to 1 at the election held Jan. 12 (V. 110, p. 95).

FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Jan. 28 a temporary loan of \$200,000, dated Jan. 29 and maturing Nov. 5 1920, was awarded. It is stated, to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of Boston on a 5-3/4% discount basis, plus a premium of 7%.

FORSYTH, Rosebud County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—H. V. Beaman, City Clerk, will sell at public auction 8 p. m. March 5, \$45,000 6% sewerage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the option of holders at some bank in New York City, to be designated by the City Treasurer. Due Jan. 1 1940, optional Jan. 1 1935 or on any interest paying date thereafter. Cert. check for \$2,500 payable to the City Treasurer and must be deposited at or before the time set for the sale. The bonds will be printed and furnished by said City at its expense and will be ready for delivery at the time of sale. The approving opinion of Ambrose, Tighe, of St. Paul will be furnished to the purchaser, without charge. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Herbert E. Stone, Town Treasurer, will receive proposals until 12 m. to-day (Jan. 31) for the purchase at discount of a temporary loan of \$10,000, maturing June 19 1920.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY (P. O. Woodbury), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Feb. 19 by Geo. E. Pierson, County Collector, for an issue of 5% registered reconstruction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Farmers & Mechanics National Bank of Woodbury. Due \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1930, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Freeholders required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

GRANTVILLE, Coweta County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 26 the \$32,000 water-works and \$18,000 sewer 6% gold bonds (V. 110, p. 279) were awarded. It is stated, to F. H. Cole, of Newman, at 106.612.

GREAT FALLS, Cascade County, Mont.—BIDS.—The following bids were also submitted for the \$225,000 5 1/4% water-works bonds awarded on Jan. 12 as reported in V. 110, p. 278: Walls-Dickey Co., Gt. Falls, \$228,410; Union Trust & Savings Bank, Gold-Stebeck Co., Gt. Falls, \$228,000; Spokane, \$226,600.

GREENSBURG, Decatur County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 21 the \$20,000 5% 1-20-year serial refunding bonds dated Jan. 1 1920—V. 110, p. 279—were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis at 100.475 and interest. Other bidders were: Fletcher-Amor, Co., Indpls., \$20,070; Greensburg Nat. Bank, \$20,015; Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Ind., 20,015.

GREENVILLE, Darke County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held Jan. 15 a proposition to issue \$135,000 water-works bonds failed to pull the necessary two-thirds vote. The final vote stood 582 "for" to 346 "against."

GRUNDY COUNTY (P. O. Coalmont), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—Caldwell & Co., of Nashville, were awarded, it is reported, at 102 for \$358, on Jan. 16, the \$200,000 1-40-year serial road bonds (V. 110, p. 185).

GUADALUPE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$100,000 5 1/4% 10-30 year bonds was registered with the State Comptroller on Jan. 19.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Corydon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 2 by William Taylor, County

Treasurer, for \$7,000 4 1/2% 10-year serial Hays Crossler, Boone Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$350. Date Nov. 4 1919. Int. M. & N. Due \$350 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

HIGHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Hillsboro), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,500 5% road bonds offered unsuccessfully on Dec. 1—V. 109, p. 2190—have been purchased by the First National Bank of Sardinia. Date Dec. 1 1919. Due each six months from March 1 1920 to Sept. 1 1921, inclusive.

HIGHLAND PARK (P. O. Dallas), Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Jan. 20 the Stock Comptroller registered \$110,000 5% serial bonds.

HIGHLANDS SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT, Pasco County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 12 m. March 1 by J. M. Mitchell, Chairman Board of County Commissioners (P. O. Dade City) for \$250,000 5% road bonds being part of an authorized issue of \$750,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at any bank in Dade City or at the National Park Bank, N. Y. Due Jan. 1 1960, optional on or after Jan. 1 1935. Certified check for \$250, payable to the County Depository, required.

HILLSBORO, Montgomery County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that a bond issue of \$180,000 for a high-school-building carried by a vote of 428 "for" to 305 "against" at an election held Jan. 10.

HINDS COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Miss.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 9 \$75,000 5 1/2% 18-year (aver.) road bonds authorized by a vote of 97 to 17 at an election held Dec. 23 were sold to local banks at 102.

HINGHAM, Hill County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$50,000 municipal water system and electric light plant bonds has been voted. It is stated.

HOLDENVILLE, Hughes County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—An issue of \$20,000 water bonds is soon to be voted upon.

HOLMES LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Crawford County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held Dec. 23 the voters defeated a proposal to issue \$100,000 school-bids, bonds by 157 to 145.

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Kokoma), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—T. C. Sanders, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 3 for \$13,600 4 1/2% 10-year serial Howard Fryer et al road bonds.

INDIANAPOLIS, Marion County, Ind.—LOAN OFFERING.—Robert H. Bryson, City Controller, will receive proposals until 12 m. Feb. 10 for two temporary loans, one for \$350,000 and the other for \$140,000. Denom. \$5,000. Date Feb. 10 1920. Due July 10 1920.

INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis), Marion County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by the Board of School Commissioners until 2 p. m. Feb. 14 for \$390,000 4 1/4% coupon school bldg. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 10 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at Winslow, Lanier & Co., of New York. Due Feb. 10 1940. Cert. check on a responsible local bank or trust company, for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of School Commissioners, required.

IONA, Bonneville County, Idaho.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 21 \$5,000 water-works-extension bonds are to be voted upon. J. C. Rushton, Clerk.

IOSCO COUNTY (P. O. Tawas City), Mich.—BOND SALE.—Keane, Higbie & Co. of Detroit and P. C. Hoehler & Co., Toledo, were on Sept. 18 1919 awarded at 100.22 an issue of \$54,000 5 1/4% road-impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 15 1919. Int. M. & N. Due \$6,000 yearly on May 1 from 1921 to 1929, incl.

ISANTI COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Cambridge), Minn.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 2 an issue of \$2,500 5 1/2% 15-year school-building bonds was sold to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Interest semi-annual.

JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On April 17 1919 an issue of \$59,500 5% paving bonds was awarded to the Continental & Commercial Savings & Trust Co., of Chicago, and the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, jointly, for \$59,501.39 (100.002) and interest. Denom. \$500. Date April 15 1919. Int. A. & O. Due 1922 to 1938.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Brownstown), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 3 by J. P. McMillan, County Treasurer, for \$3,600 4 1/2% 10-year serial O. M. Koontz et al Brownstown Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$180. Date Jan. 15 1920. Int. M. & N. Due \$180 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, inclusive.

JACKSON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Idaville), White County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Wilbur Timmons, Township Trustee, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Feb. 8 for \$6,000 5% school deficiency bonds. Denom. \$600. Date Feb. 5 1920. Interest semi-annual. Due \$600 each six months from Feb. 5 1922 to Aug. 5 1925, inclusive.

JACKSONVILLE, Onslow County, N. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 5 by R. P. Hinton, Financial Officer, for \$50,000 water-works and sewer bonds. Bids are requested for bonds bearing 5%, 5 1/4% and 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000 or less. Interest semi-annual, payable at such place as may be agreed upon by the Board of Town Commissioners and the purchaser. Due for a period of not less than 30 years nor more than 40 years. Certified check or cash for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above officer, required.

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jacksonville), Athens County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 22 the \$12,000 6% coupon deficit bonds, offered on that date—V. 109, p. 1813—were awarded to Terry, Briggs & Co. of Toledo for \$12,165.50, equal to 101.379.

JEROME COUNTY (P. O. Jerome), Idaho.—BOND SALE.—The \$410,000 road bonds recently voted (V. 110, p. 280) have been awarded to Ferris & Hargrove, of Spokane.

JULESBURG, Sedgwick County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Benwell, Phillips, Este & Co. of Denver have purchased \$40,000 5 1/4% water extension bonds. Due 1935 and optional 1930. Dated Feb. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. and N. Y. payment.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation 1919 \$1,000,560. Total debt (all water) 99,000. Sinking fund 22,000. Net bonded debt 77,000. Population, 1,500.

KAUFMAN COUNTY LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 8, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$50,000 6% serial bonds was registered on Jan. 13 with the State Comptroller.

KAUFMAN COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Jan. 22 the following 5% 10-40 year bonds were registered with the State Comptroller: \$700,000 Precinct No. 1 bonds, 400,000 Precinct No. 7 bonds, 150,000 Precinct No. 8 bonds.

KENEDY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5, Karnes County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 18 by J. H. Holtzhus, Secretary (P. O. Kenedy) for \$300,000 5 1/2% gold coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 8 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. Due yearly from 1 to 30 years inclusive with option to redeem all bonds after 10 years. Certified check for \$5,000, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

KERN COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 2 by F. E. Smith, Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Bakersfield) for \$200,000 5 1/4% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$40,000 yearly on Jan. 5 from 1925 to 1929, incl. Cert. check or cash for 10% of amount of bid, payable to the Chairman Board of County Supervisors required. Assessed value of taxable property 1919, \$64,919,387.

KING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 11 a. m. March 18 by Wm. A. Galbreath, County Treasurer (P. O. Seattle), for \$25,000 bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Denom. \$500. Principal and annual interest, payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$5,000 in 1925, 1928, 1930, 1932 and 1935, optional in 10 years or any interest-paying date thereafter. Certified check or draft for 1%, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bonds will be ready for delivery May 1 1920.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$150,000, dated Jan. 29 and maturing Nov. 26 1920, was awarded on Jan. 28 to H. C. Grafton Jr. on a 4.84% discount basis.

XENIA, Greene County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by Geo. H. Stokes, City Auditor, until 12 m. Feb. 21 for \$325,000 5% coupon water-works bonds. Auth., Secs. 3942 and 3943, Gen. Code, Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1919. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.), payable at the Citizens National Bank, of Xenia. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1921 to 1925, inclusive, and \$11,000 1926 to 1950, inclusive. Certified check for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

YALOBUSHA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3, Miss.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made of the \$60,000 5% road bonds offered on Jan. 20—V. 110, p. 282.

We are further advised that at the next meeting of the Board of County Supervisors they will be asked to raise the interest rate.

YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Youngstown), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk of the Board of Education is receiving proposals until 12 m. Feb. 16 for \$460,000 5% coupon school bonds. Auth., Sec. 7629, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the First National Bank of Youngstown. Due \$30,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1921 to 1934, inclusive, and \$40,000 Sept. 1 1935. Certified check for 5% of amount of issue required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the Clerk's office on or about March 1. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALBERTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Alta.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Separate sealed tenders will be received by J. T. Ross, Deputy Minister of Education of the Province of Alberta, until 4 p. m. Feb. 5, on the following school debentures, issued on the serial plan at the rate of 6 1/2%. Tenders in each case should include accrued interest from the date of the debenture until date of payment:

	Date of Issue.
1. Rural—10 years—Nacmine S. D. No. 3804.....\$5,000	Dec. 1 1919
(Four debentures of \$2,000 each.)	
2. Rural—12 years—Berg S. D. No. 3675.....1,200	Dec. 1 1919
3. Rural—15 years—Snake Valley S. D. No. 3812.....2,500	Dec. 20 1919
4. Rural—15 years—Pine Grove S. D. No. 2865.....700	Dec. 20 1919
5. Rural—10 years—Flying Shot S. D. No. 3399.....1,800	Dec. 20 1919
6. Rural—10 years—Tullyby Lake S. D. No. 3758.....500	Dec. 20 1919
7. Rural—10 years—Purple Springs S. D. No. 3597.....800	Dec. 20 1919
8. Rural—10 years—Lotus S. D. No. 3725.....1,800	Dec. 20 1919
9. Rural—15 years—Eaton S. D. No. 3636.....2,250	Feb. 2 1920
10. Rural—10 years—Spiritt River S. D. No. 2109.....600	Aug. 1 1919
11. Rural—10 years—Currie S. D. No. 3767.....1,800	Aug. 1 1919
12. Rural—10 years—L'Abbe S. D. No. 1842.....1,000	Feb. 2 1920
13. Rural—10 years—Morrin S. D. No. 2513.....3,000	Feb. 2 1920
14. Rural—10 years—Zehring S. D. No. 3258.....1,200	Feb. 2 1920
15. Rural—10 years—Upland S. D. No. 3372.....1,200	Feb. 2 1920
16. Rural—10 years—Polska S. D. No. 1948.....2,000	Feb. 2 1920

BRIDGEPORT, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 6% 30-installment debentures has been purchased by A. E. Ames & Co. at 98.19.

CHARLOTTENBURGH TOWNSHIP (P. O. Williamstown), Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Feb. 16 by Geo. A. Watson, Township Clerk, for \$60,000 5 1/2% 20-installment debentures.

Debenture Election.—According to reports, on Feb. 9 a by-law to issue \$6,000 electric power debentures will be voted upon.

COBOURG, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—O. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto have purchased, according to reports, the \$5,000 5 1/2% 20-installment factory bonus debentures recently offered unsuccessfully.—V. 110, p. 390.

ESQUIMALT, B. C.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.—A by-law to issue \$23,000 town hall debentures was defeated by a vote of 276 to 192 at a recent election.

FLAXCOMBE, Saak.—DEBENTURE SALE.—W. L. McKinnon & Co. of Toronto have purchased the \$1,000 debentures recently authorized.—V. 109, p. 2192.

GOOSE LAKE, C. S. D., Man.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Feb. 13 for \$25,000 6% 20-installment school debentures.

HAMILTON, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The Hydro-Commission has purchased \$607,173 hydro-electric debentures.

HAVELOCK, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—On Jan. 15 the voters by 135 to 4, passed the by-law to issue \$28,900 6% 30-year hydro-electric-light-system bonds (V. 110, p. 99).

MANITOBA (Province of).—DEBENTURE SALE.—A syndicate composed of R. A. Daly & Co., W. A. MacKenzie & Co., A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., Brent, Noxon & Co., and Dominion Securities Corp., has purchased an issue of \$2,498,000 6% 10-year debentures.

NANTON, Alta.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Jan. 17 the \$6,000 6 1/2% (not 6 1/4%) 10-year installment debentures, which were offered on Jan. 15—V. 109, p. 2380—were awarded to S. L. Armstrong at par. Date Jan. 17 1920.

SAKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The following debentures, aggregating \$34,750, were reported sold from Dec. 15 to 31 1919:

School Districts.—Whitfield, \$3,400; Uxbridge, \$3,500; Ackerman, \$2,800; Ormsby, \$2,000; Roseneath, \$3,200; Waterman-Waterbury Mfg. Co., Regina, Fairdale, \$11,000; Souris Flats, \$5,000; Great West Life Assurance Co., Winnipeg. Proude, \$1,150; Canada Landed and National Investment Co., Winnipeg. Mount Murray, \$400; Rush Lake, \$1,000; Regina P. S. Sinking Fund, Regina, Georgovia, \$900; C. M. Gripton, St. Catharines, Cherry Grove, \$400; J. E. Noonan, Regina.

SASKATOON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Morris Bros., Inc., of Portland, have purchased an issue of \$210,000 6% gold school debentures. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Date Jan. 15 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable in gold coin of the U. S. in New York, Seattle or Portland. Due Jan. 15 1950.

SASMAN RURAL MUNICIPALITY, Saak.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$12,500 7 1/4% 20-year debentures recently authorized—V. 109, p. 1914—have been awarded to Harris, Read & Co. of Regina.

STRASBOURG, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—The voters on Feb. 9 will decide on the issuance of \$6,000 cement sidewalk construction debentures.

TORONTO, Ont.—DEBENTURES OFFERED BY BANKERS.—On a preceding page of this issue, Wood, Gundy & Co., are offering to investors at a price to yield 6.10% the \$2,000,000 4 1/2% harbor debentures. The details of the sale of this issue are given in V. 110, p. 391.

VICTORIA, B. C.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.—The voters defeated a by-law to issue \$20,000 municipal golf links debentures.

WAPELLA, Saak.—DEBENTURE SALE.—A local investor has purchased \$8,000 debentures of this town.

WILCOX, Saak.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$7,000 debentures has been sold locally.

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Both principal and interest of said bonds shall be due and payable at the office of the Treasurer of Road District No. One of the Parish of West Feliciana, in the Town of St. Francisville, Louisiana, or at some bank in the City of New Orleans or at some bank in the City of New York, as may be stipulated by the purchaser of said bonds, at the option of the holder of said bonds or coupons.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the Police Jury of the Parish of West Feliciana, Louisiana, governing authority of Road District No. One of the Parish of West Feliciana, for the sum of Sixty-Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$6,250.00), being two and one-half per cent of the amount of said bonds, on some National Bank doing business in the State of Louisiana, or some solvent bank organized and doing business under the laws of this State. Checks of unsuccessful bidders to be returned to them promptly; and the check of the bidder whose bid is accepted to be returned to him upon his taking and paying for said bonds in accordance with the terms of his bid, or will be held forfeited as full liquidated damages in the event of his failure to take and pay for said bonds in accordance with his said bid.

There may be also coupled with the bid for the purchase of said bonds the conditions that the proceeds of all said bonds shall be deposited in some designated bank to act as fiscal agent of the Road District for the road fund, the said fiscal agent to pay no interest for the deposit as part of the consideration for the purchase of the bonds.

The award of said bonds shall be at a price not less than the price fixed by the Constitution; and the Police Jury shall have the discretion to reject any and all bids.

For further information address C. F. Howell, Laurel Hill, Louisiana, or J. R. Matthews, St. Francisville, Louisiana.

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First Mortgage Six Per Cent Five Year Gold Notes.

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and

To the Holders of Certificates of Deposit issued under the Plan and Agreement of Readjustment, dated August 30, 1919, for the above mentioned securities.

Announcement is hereby made by the Committee as follows:

1. The following amounts of securities have been deposited under the plan:

Stock of Maxwell Motor Company, Inc.	66 per cent.
Notes of Chalmers Motor Company	11 per cent.
Stock of Chalmers Motor Corporation	79 per cent.

2. The foregoing amounts of securities deposited, and particularly the amount of notes of Chalmers Motor Company, are not in the judgment of the Committee sufficient to enable it to declare the Plan operative.

3. The Committee has been unable to secure from the Bankers a positive commitment for an extension of the time for the purchase by the latter of the \$10,000,000 of new Notes referred to in the Plan, and the agreement between the Bankers and the Committee for the purchase of said Notes has therefore lapsed.

4. The time for the deposit of securities under the Plan is hereby extended to and including JANUARY 31, 1920. If, prior to said date, sufficient additional deposits are received, the Committee will again endeavor to effect arrangements for the sale of the \$10,000,000 of Notes of the New Company.

5. The Committee believes that the prompt carrying out of the Plan is of the utmost importance to security holders, and therefore urges the prompt deposit of their securities.

Copies of the Plan and Agreement of Readjustment may be obtained from the Secretary of the Committee, or from the office of the Maxwell Motor Company, Inc., Detroit, Michigan.

Dated, New York, December 16, 1919.

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